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Louis C. Williams

Dogwood Blossoms — Harbingers of Spring

Open Letter To Dr. Lee Roberson

Dr. Lee Roberson,
Highland Park Baptist Church
Chattanooga, Tennessee
Dear Dr. Roberson:

I am here in San Antonio, Texas, in a revival meeting in Baptist Temple. I am pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. For the past two years I have been president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and am at present serving on our Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia. Just this past week I read of your decision to organize a new Baptist fellowship. I am now not speaking for my church or for my people but just for myself when I say that I feel this is the greatest mistake you have ever made — and I will tell you why.

1. No denomination is perfect and never will be. If you are looking for a perfect denomination here on earth you will never find one, and moreover you will never build one.

2. Some men, who can't be elected to leadership in their own groups feel that they just must lead something, so they organize a

new group. Groups organized under such conditions never amount to much. Men like Ben Bogard and Frank Norris come along and sparkle for a little while then they are forgotten.

3. It is quite easy to find fault and criticize — it is exceedingly hard to lift, to build, to correct evil and wrong. What our Southern Baptist denomination needs most is men who are willing to pray and work for a greater, stronger denominational program.

4. I am glad that our Southern Baptist Convention does not have a Pope, for if she did I suppose you would be excommunicated. But the Southern Baptist Convention as such will never take any action of what you have done. In fact the Southern Baptist Convention will hardly realize that anything has happened. Eventually you will be the loser and will join the ranks of those who found it impossible to cooperate.

These are my reasons to believe you are wrong. I have written in the spirit of love and friendship.

Sincerely,
W. O. Vaught, Jr.

Insurrection By Religious Fanatics Costs England Freedom of Worship

LONDON, February, 1661 (BP) — The declaration of religious toleration which won for King Charles II the British crown has been rendered null and void less than a year after the monarch ascended the throne.

The return of rigid controls which have throttled freedom of worship in England was hastened by the recent attempted insurrection by Thomas Venner and his Fifth Monarchists, a small band of religious fanatics.

Declaring that they were "establishing the kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth," the insurrectionists marched on London last month. They inflicted a four-day reign of terror before they were quelled and the few survivors imprisoned.

Venner was hanged in front of the meeting house of the Fifth Monarchists January 19 and nine other survivors of the fiasco were hanged in other parts of the city. The Fifth Monarchists are believed to have been wiped out, but retaliations against other liberal religious groups for the insurrection have only begun.

Fearing that the band of fifty or more who marched on London last month are only part of a strong subversive movement and that other uprisings may be forthcoming, the Duke of York has persuaded the king not to disband the army under General George Monck. The army is being used to put down any further disturbances.

Restrictions were at first clamped down on "all unlawful and seditious meetings and conventicles," but this order has since been expanded to forbid "all Anabaptists, Quakers and Fifth Monarchists from meeting or assembling together under the pretense of worshipping God except in churches or chapels or in their own homes."

Baptists and Quakers were included in the order because they are suspected of either participating in or sympathizing with Venner's rebellion. Many prominent Baptists are among the four hundred Protestants arrested and committed to Newgate prison following the uprising. Mobs have pillaged many Protestant churches and meeting places.

There is genuine alarm on the part of many Baptist leaders, who at once protest their innocence in the rebellion and deplore the stringent measures restricting religious freedom. Government officials on the other hand insist that the bold and daring violence of the Fifth Monarchists could not have been the work of an unaided small group.

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The Ministry of Silence

By RICHARD N. OWEN

For those who long to escape the blaring of the juke box, the suggestion has been made that it ought to be possible to drop a nickle in the coin-slot of the juke box and "buy a period of silence" for those who desire it in a crowded restaurant as it is now possible to drop in the coin and in return hear some hot music.

Silence indeed is a beautiful thing. This is true if it is written into a score by a composer. When that occurs it is a part of the music and it ought to be heard. This is what Mr. Uecke, who is called "the world's authority on silence," has to say upon that topic. He is on the job with one of the recording companies to see to it that every bid of silence in every bit of the music is heard. He tells us that the arch-foe of silence on the recording is "background noise" which can utterly destroy the composer's most meaningful silences. All this he tries to ferret out. He wants to get rid of "electrical distortion," "muddy separation," "musical imbalance" and produce hi-fidelity to such an extent that you hear the silence as part of the music.

The great Creator is saying to us that we must be still, and then in the meaningful silence that we experience come to a deeper understanding of God. "Be still and know that I am God."

—Baptist and Reflector

Excess Victories

A Devotion By The Editor

"We are more than conquerors through him that loves us."

"More" is a characteristic word of the New Testament language, and refers to an excess life quality exclusively Christian.

The grace of God is more abundant than sin, for "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." The followers of Christ do more good in the world than anybody else, "What do ye more than others?" Christian people have more life than others, "I am come that they might have life; and that they might have it more abundantly." Christian victories are more than mere triumphs over adversaries.

Paul here sets forth a long list of adverse circumstances and hostile powers, the combined purpose of which is to defeat the disciples of Christ, rob them of their faith, break down their courage, sap them of their strength, destroy their hope, and circumvent their love for God.

These things hound their every step, even death stalks their pathway throughout the day, they are considered as sheep for the slaughter. Theirs is a continuous martyrdom, making up and rounding out to completion the sufferings of Christ.

What chance do they have of victory? Any more than a lamb among a pack of wolves? Surely they will be torn apart and dissected, fed to the ravenous appetite of the unfriendly and enemy forces of life.

And right in the midst of this whole array of adverse forces and powers of life, which are set in determined opposition to the sons of God and whose purpose is to defeat and destroy, there is interposed a shout of victory unlike anything the world has ever heard. "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

Here is "A holy arrogance of victory, not selfish, but in the consciousness of Christ." The adversaries are not only overcome and disarmed, but they are brought over to our side. "This is a new order of victory, to conquer by means of our adversaries."

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

"Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:37-39).

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From The Editor's Desk

Another Splinter Movement

You will find on page two an open letter to Dr. Lee Roberson of Chattanooga, Tennessee, by Dr. W. O. Vaught of the Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

This open letter was occasioned by a report that a group of 152 pastors, evangelists, and laymen set up an organization of "like-minded Baptists" independent of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Lee Roberson, pastor of the Highland Park Baptist Church of Chattanooga, was named chairman of the organization committee. Plans for the formal organization are scheduled for November 26-28 in Atlanta.

Creed!

It is stated that the sole purpose is to provide fellowship for like-minded Baptists who subscribe to the articles of faith. That would indicate that the group plans to prescribe a creed to which those joining the fellowship must subscribe.

Baptists have traditionally declined to require those joining their fellowship to subscribe to a creed. They have issued at various times certain confessions of faith but they have never required anyone to sign on the dotted line.

This is another example of men who are unwilling to integrate their ministry and their lives into a great denominational program. As pointed out by Dr. Vaught, no denomination is perfect, but history has proven that those who pull off from the denomination and start a new movement or denomination are less perfect than the original denomination from which they withdrew.

History

Also, history proves that those strong-willed men who cannot merge and integrate their ministries into a great denominational program would not have withdrawn and started their own denomination if they had been elected to leadership and given the control over the denomination from which they withdrew. Dr. Vaught refers to Dr. Ben Bogard and Dr. Frank Norris. Both these men were strong-willed, dominant personalities. If they had been given the dominant leadership roll among Southern Baptists and Arkansas Baptists, it is inconceivable that they would have withdrawn and started their own movement. Since they were not allowed to domineer the conventions of which they were part, they chose to withdraw and establish their own organizations which they could domineer. This is said not to detract in any way from any good that these men may have accomplished. It is simply stating facts.

Dr. Lee Roberson has been carrying on an extensive work independent of the Southern Baptist program and giving only token support to the Southern Baptist Program. Like others who have come and gone, he will find that the glitter of his present movement will fade into obscurity while Southern Baptists march on to greater achievements in

an ever-expanding program of witnessing for Christ around the world.

Really I feel sorry for these men who are unable to integrate their ministry into a great world-encircling program of Southern Baptists. There is something obviously wrong in the makeup of one's personality who cannot lose himself in a great program of service to his Lord, one who must seek prominence, publicity, and even notoriety, one who must lead or else he will not work on the team.

Example

I think of John the Baptist. His disciples came to him and reported that Jesus was preaching and baptizing, though Jesus Himself baptized not, but His disciples, and that all men were going to Him. John's disciples thought that since he started this movement that he should still be in the lead. Whereupon John the Baptist said one of the most amazing things which should be a pattern for every Christian in every generation: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

In this statement, John reaches his maximum height, his greatest nobility, his full stature. He realizes his supreme joy when people turn from him to Jesus, when his audiences grow smaller because "all men come to Him." "This my joy, therefore, is fulfilled," he says. Here is something startling, unique, revolutionary! A man is willing to lose his identity in order to establish the identity of Jesus. He wants to be known only as a "voice" announcing the presence of Jesus. His supreme desire is that Jesus shall fill the thoughts and visions and desires and affections of the people, and that he himself shall drop out of the public eye and take his place among the people as a worshipper of the one all sufficient and adequate Christ.

Is it stating the situation too strongly to say that if Dr. Lee Roberson and the 152 other pastors and evangelists and laymen had the spirit and attitude of John the Baptist, instead of pulling off and organizing another fellowship they would submerge their own personal ambitions and lose themselves in the great world-circling Southern Baptist Program. There is no indication that these men hold to different doctrinal views, that they are out of harmony with the historic and traditional Baptist doctrines. There is something else back of this movement. These men claim to be Baptists. Then why should they break fellowship with other Baptists. The answer must be for personal reasons. It is a great personal loss to the individual who cannot put the full force of his ministry into a program in full co-operation with his brethren in Christ.

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Vision

Only he who can see the invisible can do the impossible.

—Quote

More Double Talk

Religious News Service reports that "Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia, told a meeting of Roman Catholic teachers in Washington, D. C., that Catholic schools should not seek federal money for construction or operating purposes."

That statement is made together with other statements from prominent Catholics throughout the country to allay the fears of all those who oppose public tax monies for Catholic schools, while at the same time the Catholic hierarchy is working to secure public tax funds for their schools. If by such statements as quoted above the Catholic hierarchy can lull the people of America into a false sense of security concerning this issue, then the Catholic hierarchy can put over their scheme of federal and state support for their schools before the people wake up again to this menace both to the public school system of America and to the principle of separation of church and state.

We make these statements because we have in our files at the Arkansas Baptist abundant documentary evidence that the Catholic hierarchy is relentless in seeking federal funds for its parochial schools of America. Also we have evidence that the Catholic hierarchy has defeated every bill that would provide federal funds for public schools alone. They contended that private and parochial schools should be included in any benefits that accrue to the schools of America from federal funds. If federal funds were granted for public schools only, that would in itself mark private and parochial schools as ineligible to receive public funds. The Catholic hierarchy has not wanted that mark of distinction between public and private schools. Everywhere they are seeking to have their parochial schools incorporated into the public school system. This has been accomplished in Arkansas and several parochial schools are listed in the public school system and receive public school tax funds. The Catholic hierarchy does not want the distinction drawn between public and parochial schools. Therefore, they have fought every bill in the national Congress that proposed such distinction in the use of federal funds.

If the American people are not eternally alert to this danger, you may expect the Catholic hierarchy to make further inroads on the public treasury and to breach the wall of separation of church and state.

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Indestructible

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Among all the philosophies that have claimed the loyalties of men, none can compare to Christianity for its ability to withstand opposition and to endure punishment. In the past thirty years, several dynamic forces have failed against the cross, thousands of churches have been destroyed, literally tens of thousands of pastors and priests have been exiled, imprisoned or killed — even unto our own day. Still the cross stands triumphant and unweakened, while the symbols of its enemies lay strewn in defeat about its feet. History has seen nothing comparable; truly it is of God more completely than anything else that has ever been revealed.

Kingdom Progress

Assistant In Church History



DR. HUGH WAMBLE

Dr. Hugh Wamble, of Cairo, Ga., has been elected assistant professor of church history at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Dr. Wamble, a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and of Southern Seminary, has been instructor at the Seminary during the past year.

Bayless Completes Five Years With Central, No. Little Rock

C. Gordon Bayless and Central Church, North Little Rock, observed their fifth anniversary together on Sunday, April 1.

There have been 386 additions to the church during this time, 199 for baptism; Sunday school enrolment has increased from 465 to 577; two new departments were added bringing the total to nine with 45 classes. An indebtedness of \$15,000 has been paid; the budget increased from \$16,000 five years ago to \$41,000 for this year; \$156,562 has been raised for all purposes.

An educational building has been completed and an auditorium is under construction, at an estimated cost of \$120,000.

During these five years Dr. Bayless has served other churches in revival campaigns which resulted in 472 additions. He is the author of two books; "And Be Ye Saved" and "God at Your Door."

Mrs. Bayless has served Central Church as Young People's Superintendent; Sunday school teacher; W.M.U. president; Vacation Bible School Principal; and Associate Adult Training Union director. She has also served as Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

Ground Breaking and Note Burning At First, Fayetteville

A ground breaking service was held at the site for the new Ridgeview Chapel of First Church, Fayetteville, on Sunday afternoon, March 25. At the same time a note burning was held commemorating the debt free Garland Heights Chapel. Pastor Floyd Titsworth and Finance Chairman W. C. Whitfield, Jr. led in the latter service.

Ouachita's Baccalaureate By J. Harold Smith

Dr. J. Harold Smith, pastor of First Church, Fort Smith, will preach the baccalaureate sermon and William J. Holloway, attorney in Oklahoma City, Okla., will bring the commencement address at the Ouachita College commencement May 21, it was announced by Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, president.

Holloway, a native of Arkadelphia and a 1910 graduate of Ouachita, was governor of Oklahoma 1929-1931. He has been prosecuting attorney, senator and Senate president pro tempore, and lieutenant governor for Oklahoma.

He attended Cumberland University in Tennessee and is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and Harvard Law School. He received an honorary degree of bachelor from Ouachita in 1930.

His wife is the former Amy Arnold of Texarkana. They have one son, William J. Holloway Jr., who also practices law in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Smith, a native of Woodruff, S. C., is a graduate of Furman University. He has one daughter, Martha, who is a member of the Ouachita graduating class.

He is former pastor of the Woodlawn Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn. and former president of the Southern Baptist Bible Institute in Knoxville, Tenn.

He is president of the Independent Broadcasting Co., Knoxville; president of the Radio Bible Hour, Fort Smith; president of the Miracle Tent and Seat Co., Fort Smith, and a director of the Pioneer Life and Casualty Insurance Co., Gadsden, Ala.

He is a member of the Ouachita Board of Trustees.

62 Received In Revival First Church, Van Buren

Dr. Wade Armstrong, pastor of Second Church, El Dorado, was the evangelist and Paul McMillan was in charge of the music at the revival meeting March 4-14 at First Church, Van Buren. There were 51 additions by baptism and 12 by letter. Two young men surrendered to the ministry and a young woman surrendered to the call to be a missionary. T. H. Jordan is pastor.

East Side, Trumann, In Revival

Allen Van Horn, pastor of West Side Church, Forrest City, was the evangelist in a revival meeting at East Side Church, Trumann, March 9-13. There were four additions to the church by baptism and two by letter. Two deacons of the Trumann church surrendered to the ministry. They were Frank Bufford and William White.

Thomas Ray is pastor.

Dumas, First, Receives 19

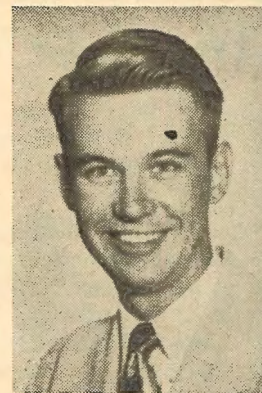
There were 15 additions by baptism and 4 by letter to the First Church, Dumas, in the recent revival meeting. Ed McDonald, pastor of First Church, Morrilton, was the evangelist, and Harrell Wood was in charge of the music. Minor E. Cole is the pastor.

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Sometimes when we stop to think before we speak, it doesn't sound any smarter than if we had blurted it out in the 1st place.

—Maurice Seitter

Assistant Professor Southern Seminary



JOHN MCCLANAHAN

John McClanahan, Little Rock, has been named assistant professor of psychology of religion at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Mr. McClanahan is a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, and Southern Seminary, where he is currently serving as instructor.

Mr. McClanahan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McClanahan of North Little Rock. He was a member of Immanuel, Little Rock, Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor.

Cabot, First, Dedicates Building

First Church, Cabot, dedicated a new educational wing Sunday, March 25, during the morning worship service. The design was suggested by the Department of Church Architecture of the Baptist Sunday School Board. The exterior is old brick veneer. connects to the present sanctuary.

The first floor contains a large dining area which will seat approximately 100, a kitchen, the church office, pastor's study, equipment room. The dining area is also to be used for recreation and Sunday school classes. The second floor contains the Primary and Junior Departments.

The building, partially equipped, cost approximately \$31,000.

W. W. Bodie, chairman of the finance committee, read the scripture in the service, and E. H. Lenderman, chairman of the building committee, offered the prayer of dedication. Dr. Ben L. Bridges delivered the sermon.

Arkansas Baptist TV Program KARK-TV, 12:45 Saturdays

April

- 14—Arkansas State Convention; Ralph Douglas.
- 21—Ouachita College; President Ralph A. Phelps.
- 28—Bottoms Baptist Orphanage; H. C. Seefeldt.

May

- 5—Mr. and Mrs. Don Orr, Baptist Foundation.
- 12—Baptist Hospital; Administrator John A. Gilbreath.
- 19—Evangelism; I. L. Yearby.
- 26—State Missions; C. W. Caldwell.

June

- 2—To be Announced.
- 9—Home Missions.
- 16—Southern College, Walnut Ridge; H. E. Williams. Training Union, Ralph Davis.
- 23—Brotherhood; Nelson Tull
- 30—Sunday School; Edgar Williamson.

Plans Announced For Audio-Visual Workshop

The Baptist Sunday School Board and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will conduct an Audio-Visual Aids Workshop May 15-18 at the Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

The worship will be led by Earl Waldrup, secretary, Audio-Visual Aids Department, Sunday School Board, and Joe Davis Heak, of Southwestern, assisted by William A. Cox, Jr., and Lloyd Barnes, of the Board's Audio-Visual Aids Department.

The workshop is planned for pastors, education directors, audio-visual directors advisory committees, Sunday school workers, Training Union leaders, Woman's Missionary Union officers, Brotherhood officers, and state and associational leaders.

Corder Has Venezuela Evangelistic Tour

Lloyd Corder, secretary of Direct Missions, Home Mission Board, left March 26 for a month-long preaching mission in Venezuela at the invitation of the Venezuela Mission, Foreign Mission Board. Corder will visit some eleven cities and speak several times in Caracas in an evangelistic tour through the country. He will spend two or three days in each place, preaching and assisting the mission in evangelistic organizational strategy.

Corder, a ventriloquist, will be accompanied on the evangelistic tour by "Joe the Baptist." "Both" will speak in Spanish.

The itinerary for the trip was arranged through the Foreign Mission Board with Baker James Cauthen and Frank Means and Venezuelan missionaries Clyde Clark and Uiman Moss.

Corder attended the Cuban Baptist Convention in Santa Clara (Cuba) March 26-28 and made a short stop-over in Panama en route to Venezuela.

Jewish Fellowship Week Is April 23-29, 1956

Jewish Fellowship Week is being observed in churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention April 23-29. The week will emphasize visitation in Jewish homes, encourage friendship with Jewish people, and close with a special preaching service for Jewish people on April 29.

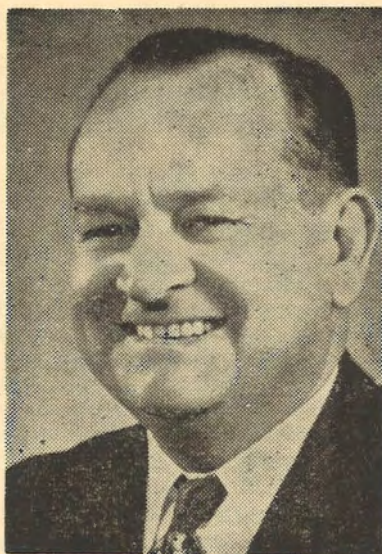
Churches planning a Jewish Fellowship Week should: 1— Secure a list of names of Jewish people in the church community (from latest religious census or from Baptists who have Jewish friends in the community); 2 — Select groups of workers to visit in Jewish homes. These should be people familiar with beliefs and traditions of Judaism and will invite the Jewish people to church; 3 — Sunday, April 29, pastor should deliver message on the Saviourhood of Jesus.

Further information and tracts are available from the Home Mission Board.

Missionaries Will Be Honored at Reception

An informal reception honoring Southern Baptist foreign missionaries will be held in the Little Theatre of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, on Friday, June 1, following the afternoon session of the Southern Baptist Convention. Furloughing missionaries and new appointees, grouped together by areas, and members of the Foreign Mission Board headquarters staff will be on hand to greet friends who want to drop by for a moment of fellowship.

Lasater to Cullendale



LONNIE LASATER

Lonnie Lasater has accepted the call to Temple Church, Cullendale. He began his work there on March 15. Mr. Lasater is a native of Clinton. He worked for the Mo. & N.A. railroad until he surrendered to preach, leaving the railroad in 1938. He finished Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary. He was pastor of West Side church, El Dorado for five and one-half years before going to Nashville, Ark. During his pastorate at Westside he led the church in building a new church plant, and averaged receiving 100 additions a year to the church. He went to First Church, Nashville, November 1, 1953. While there they constructed a \$100,000 educational building and had 104 additions to the church. Temple Church plans to start construction on a new auditorium in the very near future.

Attention, All New Orleans Seminary Alumni

The alumni luncheon at the Southern Baptist Convention will be held in the Colonial Room, the Muehlebach Hotel, 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 30.

President Paul Brooks Leath promises a rip-roaring good program. Tickets cost \$2.50 and must be sold before the Convention because the luncheon is on the first day. Tickets can be procured from the state alumni president, Riley Munday, Calvary Baptist Church, 1901 North Pierce, Little Rock, or from Mr. Robert Cook Buckner, director of Public Relations, 3939 Gentry Boulevard, New Orleans 22, La. —Riley Munday

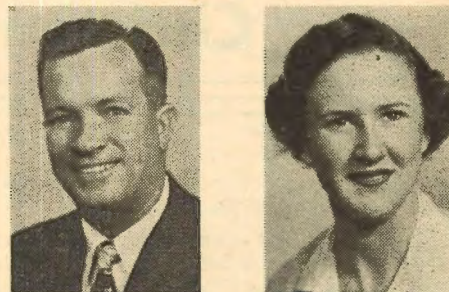
New Camp For Boys and Girls

A new camp for RA boys and GA girls is being established near Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weaver of Hardy are leasing their 400 acre farm near Hardy without cost to the Big Creek Association to be converted into an assembly ground. The Association has accepted the offer and the Baptist men of Hardy have already completed a tabernacle and are working diligently to get other buildings and equipment ready. It will be dedicated at a mass meeting on Sunday afternoon, July 15. The first meeting for boys ages 9-16 will begin July 23. Assistant Brotherhood Secretary, C. H. Seaton, will be in charge.

Big Creek Association is desirous of receiving donations of used furniture from people over the state who are in a position to make such contribution. Items listed as

Commencement Exercises At Golden Gate



MR. AND MRS. HOLLAND



MRS. FULLER

Commencement exercises at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California, will be held April 26-27. Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, executive secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D. C., will preach the baccalaureate sermon and Dr. Harold K. Graves, president of the seminary will deliver the commencement address.

There are 49 candidates for degree.

Pictured above are the Arkansas candidates: Charles F. Holland, Hamburg, B. D. degree; Mrs. Ruth Holland, Heber Springs, M. R. E.; and Mrs. Frances Anderson Fuller, Wynne, M. R. E.

Deacons Ordained

Milburn Taylor, W. C. Whitney, Bill Nutt, and Bill Kirkpatrick were ordained as deacons by First Church, Amity, March 25.

W. O. Miller, associational missionary for Caddo River Association, served as moderator. The opening prayer was offered by Charlie Hughes, a deacon from Sulphur Springs. Floyd Johns, a deacon of the Amity church, presented the candidates. The sermon and charge was given by R. E. Walker, pastor. The examination was conducted by Paul Mitchell, pastor of Norman Church. The ordination prayer was offered by Steve Taylor, also a deacon in the Amity church.

First, Fayetteville, Has Unique Experience

On Sunday, March 25, First Church, Fayetteville, experienced a memorable occasion. At the 8:30 A.M. worship service George Conine, a Junior student at the University of Arkansas, came during the invitation and surrendered to the call of foreign missions. At the 11 o'clock service Freshman Jim Braden made an identical decision. The church was overwhelmed with joy on Sunday night when another Freshman, Orman Simmons, came with his decision to also enter foreign missionary training.

—Mrs. Jack Roberts, Sec'y.

needed are: A piano, electric refrigerator, stove, tables, cooking utensils, beds, springs, mattresses, dishes, chairs and benches for the tabernacle. Anyone who has these used items that they are willing to contribute call or write Ivan R. Davis, First Church, Hardy, phone 2071.

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By Religious News Service

Lawyers Lecture On Legal Aspects of Jesus' Trial

Six local attorneys spent many hours during Lent presenting a lecture on "The Trial of Jesus" before scores of religious and secular organizations.

Leader of the group is Francis L. Dale who has undertaken to learn everything possible about Jesus' trial. He says that "not only have I found satisfaction for my interest from the legal standpoint but by such pursuit my own faith has been enlarged and enriched."

Mr. Dale has addressed 150 organizations in the last three years on how the trial of Jesus looks to a lawyer today.

But public interest made such demands on his time that the speakers' bureau of the Cincinnati Bar Association listed Mr. Dale's lecture among its available addresses. This year, the bureau had more calls for this lecture than any other. Using Mr. Dale's script, five other attorneys were kept busy making the presentation.

They are David P. Tarbell, John H. Ritter, Charles W. Creger, Lee J. Hereth and Robert G. McIntosh.

They, too, speak of the personal inspiration and spiritual enrichment they shared with their audiences.

How do these attorneys characterize the trial and conviction of Jesus? Legally, they say, it was a travesty. Their lecture cites 43 direct and specific violations of law.

Swedish Parliament Gets Proposal For Church-State Separation Inquiry

A bill proposing an inquiry into the "forms of and foreseeable results of" disestablishing the Swedish State Lutheran Church was introduced in Parliament by Rolf Edberg, Social Democratic Party representative who recently was named ambassador to Norway.

Observers said the proposal clearly aims at the separation of Church and State.

Svenska Morgonbladet, Free Church daily newspaper, endorsed the idea of a study but expressed hope that it would be carried out in a completely objective manner and not be "aimed directly at a future separation of Church and State."

Communists Inviting Refugee Clergymen to 'Return Home'

Clergymen are among former refugees settled in Minneapolis who are now receiving invitations from Iron Curtain countries to "return home."

Communist propagandists have reached them in their new homes — despite changed names — and are bombarding them with pleas to "return to your fatherland and all is forgiven."

The Reds also are deploring the "tortures" the former DP's allegedly are undergoing in the western countries.

One of those receiving literature mailed from East Berlin but printed in the Latvian language is the Rev. Rudolfs Krafts, pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Circle Pines. He is a former Latvian DP.

Mr. Krafts thinks "it wonderful that nobody in this country cares what we get in our mail" but he is disturbed, nevertheless,

Soviet Baptists Send Easter Greetings to Co-Religionists

Easter greetings to Baptists everywhere from the All-Soviet Council of Evangelical Christians were received by the Rev. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, in Richmond, Va.

The greeting were sent in a cablegram signed by Jacob Zhidkov, Council president, Nicolai Levindanto, vice-president, and Alexander Karev, secretary. Mr. Adams replied by cabling the Russian Baptists his own. The Soviet group's message said:

"The All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists heartily greet you and all the Baptists throughout the world on the happiest feast of the Christian Church, the feast of Christ's Resurrection. May Christians all over the world experience the power of Christ's Resurrection and may Christ's peace abide in every man's heart and in every family and among all mankind."

Mr. Adams cabled back:

"Thank you for your Easter greeting. May the peace of this glorious day and the power of the Living Christ abide in all your hearts and homes and bless all your churches."

Plan Drive Against Liquor Calendars With Religious Illustrations

A crusade started by a Philadelphia clergyman against the use of religious pictures on liquor store calendars is to be extended over the country.

Clayton M. Wallace, executive secretary of the National Temperance League, said that 100,000 reproductions of one of the calendars will be sent to religious groups. They will be asked to request anyone displaying such a calendar to remove the religious picture from it.

The churchmen also will be urged to campaign against the distribution of such calendars next year.

"This is the first time liquor interests have gotten so bold as to use religious themes directly in their advertising appeal," Mr. Wallace said.

"They are seeking to exploit religion by giving the impression that churches approve their product and that they themselves are religious."

The Philadelphia minister, Dr. W. Hamilton Aulenbach of Christ Church and St. Michael's in Germantown, found two liquor distributors in his area giving out 1956 calendars bearing religious illustrations. One of them was the Head of Christ and the other da Vinci's "Last Supper."

The pastor conducted a successful campaign to stop display of the calendars in his section. He also learned that similar calendars were in use elsewhere.

"that they should allow stuff like this to come into this wonderful country."

He has been getting issues of a publication called "About Returning Home." Judging from its contents, Mr. Krafts believes that the text is prepared in several languages for distribution to former DP's in the free world from all the Iron Curtain countries.

A Smile or Two



You got a birdie! You got an eagle!
Why didn't you bring them home?

"Golf! Golf! Golf!" wailed the wife, as her husband, clubs in hand, started for the door. "I really believe I'd drop dead if you spent one Sunday at home."

"Now, now," repl'd the husband, "there's no use talking like that. You know you can't bribe me."

—Quote

Uncle Mat tells about his young daughter returning from her first dinner away from home. Her mother asked her if she was a good girl and remembered to say something nice to Mrs. Brown after dinner. "Yes, indeed," she said smiling sweetly, "I said 'I enjoyed myself, Mrs. Brown. You had 'ot better dinner than I thought you'd have'."

—Indianapolis News

In a New York school, located in a crowded tenement district, the teacher was talking about George Washington. She illustrated her remarks by showing the youngsters a picture of Mt. Vernon. "This," she explained, "is where George Washington lived."

One little fellow looked at the picture earnestly for a moment and then asked, "What floor?"

Another Texas yarn has one of them thar tycoons rushing into an airport terminal and demanding: "Gimme a ticket."

"Where to, sir?" asks the agent.

"Anywhere, son!" booms the Texan. "I've got business all over."

Two chance acquaintances from Ireland were talking together.

"An' so yer name is Riley," said one.

"Are yez any relation to Tim?"

"Very distantly," said the other. "Oi was me mother's first child, an' Tim was the seventeenth."

A friend of ours is convinced that his small son has a great future before him. Says he is thoroughly practical. The other day he was forced to inflict upon the youngster the indignity of a spanking. An hour later his heir presented himself at the living room door. He was dressed for the road. In his hand he gripped a small suitcase. He announced that he was leaving. "And I'm never coming back," he said, "except for meals."

—Montrealer

News From Baptist Press

Merger Recommended For State Paper Committees

Merger of two Southern Baptist Convention committees — both having to do with Baptist newspapers — has been proposed.

The Convention at its annual session in Kansas City, Mo., May 30-June 2 will be asked to approve the merging of the committees.

B. J. Murrie, Carbondale, chairman of the committee on Baptist state papers, says a merger of that committee with the committee on Baptist papers circulation campaign will reduce duplication.

The single committee on Baptist newspapers would give continued emphasis to obtaining new subscribers but would reduce duplication and time on the Convention's annual program and in the Convention's Annual, its yearbook.

The committees report separately to the Convention and the two separate reports are carried in the Annual.

The aid of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee is asked in preparing tracts, posters, and other promotional material for increasing circulation of the papers, published in each of the state conventions affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The state conventions, in the recommendations of Murrie's committee, are being asked to provide more financial support to their newspapers.

Churches are requested to buy the state paper for every family in the membership.

Recommendations of Baptist State Papers Committee

B. J. MURRIE, *Chairman*

In view of the historic contribution the state papers have rendered in the phenomenal growth of the convention since special emphasis has been given through the Circulation Committee in 1940; second, the expanding benefits derived from an increased circulation to the churches, agencies, and denomination as a whole; third, and the increased cost to meet the present need and the expanding growth and demands on the state paper; we recommend the following that:

1. We ask the pastors and deacons of the churches to use their influence in leading the membership to include the state paper in the church budget or purchase it for the entire church families as they have been purchasing the Sunday School literature. 2. We ask the various departments, boards, agencies, and institutions of the states and Convention to take notice of the circulation of the state papers and include a word suggesting the budget or "Every Family Plan" of the State Papers in their various publications and promotional materials.

3. We ask the various state conventions to make a fair study of their budget appropriations in order to give more financial support to state papers so they can meet the growing demands and cost.

4. In order to give continued emphasis to the circulation campaign and reduce duplication and time on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention and cost in producing the Annual, we ask the Southern Baptist Convention to combine the committee on Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign and the committee on Baptist State Papers and provide proportionate time on the program in relation to other agencies which serve the denomination.

5. We ask the Executive Committee of the

Southern Baptist Convention to consider and work out with this new committee suggested above promotional material, such as tracts, and posters, on increasing the circulation of the state papers.

Film Committee Seeks Year For Script Study

The Baptist film committee wants to be continued another year to study the production of a film on religious liberty.

Continuation of the committee will be asked at the Southern Baptist Convention annual session this year by Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, and committee chairman.

"Our committee has asked a subcommittee to make a study of preliminary script for a film on religious liberty," Newton said.

"This subcommittee," he continued, "will report to our full committee in a meeting in Kansas City on Tuesday afternoon, May 29," the afternoon before the start of the Convention.

Action at the May 29 meeting "may justify an amendment to this report for the Convention," according to Newton.

At the same time, the film committee reports it is awaiting action which other Baptist groups in the world may take toward producing the film cooperatively.

"Thus far, no word has come to us of actual action by any of these bodies, though we have continued evidence of interest," Newton said.

Illness Prevents Ray From Moving to Denver

Willis J. Ray, newly-elected executive secretary for the Colorado state convention, is reported suffering from a heart ailment.

Doctors said Ray will have to rest and later undergo surgery. The diagnosis prevented his moving from Phoenix to Denver to assume duties with the Colorado convention.

Ray, who is the immediate past executive secretary of the Arizona convention, was to have taken the Colorado office effective Mar. 15.

Barry Garrett, editor of the *Baptist Beacon*, newspaper of the Arizona convention, is serving as interim executive secretary in Arizona.

Riley Resigns Negro Seminary Presidency

Ralph W. Riley, for 12 years the president of American Baptist Seminary in Nashville, Tenn., has resigned effective June 1 and will re-enter the pastorate.

Victor T. Glass has been chosen acting president of the seminary. He is the first white man ever to serve as head of the seminary, which trains Negro religious workers.

The seminary is jointly supported by the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Riley will become pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church, Newark, N. J. Before coming to Nashville, Riley served as secretary of the benefit board for the National convention, a Negro convention. He also was pastor of Dexter Ave. Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

Glass, a native of North Carolina, has been with American Baptist Seminary since 1946 as professor of New Testament and Christian ethics. Since 1952, he has been academic dean.

He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southern Baptist Seminary.

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Disagreeable Deacon

Question: What should a Baptist church do with a deacon when he refuses to cooperate with anything his brother deacons, the pastor, or the church wants to do? One of our deacons opposed building a church. Now he is opposing the building of a parsonage. He talks against the Cooperative Program, and about everything else progressive.

Answer: First, I would get the whole church together and study this remarkable new book called *THE BAPTIST DEACON* (by Robert E. Naylor — consult your Baptist Book Store.) People don't generally know what a deacon is supposed to do. They do not know how to elect a deacon and for how long. This is a matter of training. This book will do the job and it costs only \$1.75.

It is just as wrong for a deacon to get out among the membership and talk down a church program as it is to drink too much or to lie. First Timothy 3:8-13 does not mention the "aginners" in his list of qualifications, but he does say that a deacon should be "proved" before he is selected. Apparently your church failed here.

Of course, he may have changed since he became a deacon. That is why every church should have the rotation system. Good men sometimes backslide and deteriorate. To elect for life is contrary to good sound judgment.

Deacons are to help the pastor, not block him. They were elected to stop a fuss, not start one (See Acts 6:3-8).

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Noel Taylor Has 10th Anniversary

Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association (convention), was recently honored by employes and the executive committee of the state association.

The occasion was his 10th anniversary as executive secretary of Illinois' Southern Baptists.

During the decade since 1946, the number of Illinois Southern Baptist church has increased from 577 to 734 and membership from 92,023 to over 131,000.

In 1946, gifts for missions and benevolences were \$375,168 and in 1955, the same gifts were \$830,042.

Central Seminary Picks 'Rural Church of Year'

A Southern Baptist church in northwest Missouri has been designated the outstanding rural Baptist church of the year by Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Kans.

The honor went to First Baptist Church, Kearney, Mo., whose pastor is Glen E. Municy. The church was 334 members and last year had total gifts of \$30,447.

It is in Clay-Platte Baptist Association.

The seminary limited consideration to Baptist churches located within 150 miles of Kansas City.

The American Institute of Public Opinion (Gallup Poll) reports that there has been a 7-point increase in the number of total abstainers since 1945. In that year total abstainers represented 33 per cent of adult population, while today the figure stands at 40 per cent. The report reveals that the percentage of non-drinkers increases strikingly in the population group above fifty years of age, and that only 25 per cent of persons living in large cities are total abstainers.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Kansas City, Missouri

May 30 - June 2, 1956

Your Committee has given due and diligent attention to the instruction given it at the 1955 Convention in Miami, which was:

(1) That a committee be appointed to further study the need of Theological Education and, if deemed advisable and necessary, recommend the location of an additional seminary. At least half the members of this committee shall be pastors of rural churches or other special rural workers.

(2) That the action of the 1950 Convention regarding the relationship of the Southern Baptist Convention to Bible Schools be reaffirmed.

(3) That the Committee be instructed to bring to the next Convention a detailed report of the financial relationship between the Carver School of Missions and Social Work and the Program of theological, religious, and missionary education of the Southern Baptist Convention and make recommendations concerning the future relationship of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work to the Southern Baptist Convention at the next session of the Convention.

Due to the most regrettable and continued illness of the wife of Brother E. V. Peyton, of Virginia, the Committee has been deprived of the assistance it would have otherwise been given by Brother Peyton.

Your Committee, at its initial meeting, set up two sub-Committees. The sub-Committee to act on the first recommendation, i. e., "to further study the need of theological education, and, if deemed advisable and necessary, recommend the location of an additional seminary," consists of Louie D. Newton, Chairman, Carl Clark, E. V. Peyton and Garland Hendricks. The sub-Committee on recommendation 3, "to bring to the next Convention a detailed report of the financial relationship between the Carver School of Missions and Social Work and the program of theological, religious, and missionary education of the Southern Baptist Convention and make recommendations concerning the future relationship of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work and the Southern Baptist Convention at the next session of the Convention," consists of H. H. Hobbs, Chairman, J. William Lester, Douglas Hudgins, J. S. Bell and Forrest Feezor.

We bring to the Convention the reports of these two Committees:

Committee to Study Needs of Additional Theological Training and Schools

Your sub-Committee to study needs of additional theological training and schools has received a number of inquiries and suggestions from widely scattered and representative communities within the Convention territory. We have sought to give due consideration to every suggestion and proposal, having invited conference and discussion with several such groups, as reflected in the file of our Committee's work.

At the invitation of the President of the Board of Trustees of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, our Committee met the Executive Committee of their Board of Trustees at the Seminary, February 14, 1956. In their approach to our Committee,

they reported that two-thirds of their students, at this time, are from Southern Baptist Churches, and they inquired on what grounds the Southern Baptist Convention would give financial aid to Central Baptist Seminary. They made a statement regarding the history and operation of Central Seminary. We explained the plan by which Southern Baptists own and operate our Seminaries. After full discussion, they suggested that they would report this information to their full Board, indicating that they might approach our Committee at a later date.

Your Committee received a proposal regarding a site near Topeka, Kansas. After careful investigation we decided that it was not suitable for seminary purposes.

In reviewing the work of our five Seminaries, we are particularly impressed with their broad program of service on and off campus. They are ministering to the needs of Southern Baptists in four ways: On the campuses for degree credit for college graduates; on the campuses for diploma or certificate credit for persons without college degrees; in extension centers over the territory of the Convention for extension certificate credit; and in correspondence courses for correspondence certificate credit. There are now 5,428 students enrolled in the five Seminaries. Reverend Lee Gallman, Director of the Extension Program, reports that we now have 3,317 students enrolled in the Extension Centers, and 1,717 students enrolled in correspondence courses. We also express appreciation for the work of our Colleges in this field of Extension and Correspondence courses. The splendid cooperation of our Seminaries and Colleges makes it possible for any Baptist minister to receive theological training.

Committee to Study the Financial Relation of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work to the Southern Baptist Convention

Your Sub-Committee to study the financial relation between the Carver School of Missions and Social Work to the Southern Baptist Convention met in Nashville on February 24, 1956, with a committee of five from the Woman's Missionary Union: Miss Alma Hunt, Mrs. George R. Martin, Mrs. H. G. Hammett, Miss Emily Lansdell, and Dr. Olin T. Binkley. It was the purpose of the group to find the best possible solution to the matter before us. Prayerfully and with much amicable discussion we had a meeting of minds and hearts.

The representatives of Woman's Missionary Union reported concerning the Carver School of Missions:

Carver School is jointly supported by the Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention. The school received \$61,000 from 1955 Cooperative Program receipts and \$45,500 from W. M. U. state apportionments. Total expenditures for the current operating budget in 1955 amounted to \$132,210.84. The total assets of Carver School, including buildings, endowments, and all funds are \$1,565,813.19.

The Woman's Missionary Union Training School was founded to meet a distinctive

need in the denomination, and the school is now in process of adjusting to current need in training of Christian workers. A distinctive service in the total program of training as sponsored by Southern Baptists can now be rendered in the fields of church social work and specialized missionary training.

The program at Carver School is still in process of being developed. Consideration is being given to the kind of supporting and controlling framework the school needs for the full realization of the proposed program. We need a program of social work where the concepts and skills are taught in a Christian climate and where the Christian philosophy of man's need for God through Christ is the foundation for training. The school needs the support and cooperation of the Southern Baptist constituency — men and women.

Mrs. George R. Martin, president of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, gave the income report of Carver School as follows:

Cooperative Program	\$ 70,000.00
Room, Board, etc.	35,000.00
Woman's Missionary Union	58,000.00
Interest on Endowment	7,000.00
Sunday School Board	500.00
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	\$170,500.00

Recommendations

The reports of the sub-Committees were received, and after due consideration we present the following recommendations:

1. That the Southern Baptist Convention approve the establishing of a new seminary as soon as it can be determined where such a school should be located and when such an undertaking can be financed without impairing our present seminaries and the Cooperative Program allocations to all of our agencies and institutions, the time and location to be recommended to the Convention by its Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education.

2. That it be the policy of the Southern Baptist Convention that beginning now it will not undertake joint ownership, support and administration of any theological institution with any other Baptist body.

3. That Bylaw (g) (5) 9 of the Convention's Bylaws be amended to read: To recommend to the Convention a comprehensive budget for the Convention and for all its agencies, which budget shall include the budgets of all the agencies of the Convention as approved by the Executive Committee, together with the percentage of Convention funds which may be allocated to each cause. **The Executive Committee shall not recommend any percentage allocation of funds for any agency or institution for which the Convention does not elect trustees or directors.**

4. Believing that there is a definite place for the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in the areas of church social work and missionary training, we recommend with regards to the Carver School:

(1) That if the Southern Baptist Convention is to allocate funds on a percentage

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basis to the Carver School it do so only upon provision that the Woman's Missionary Union amend its charter and bylaws.

(2) That when the charter and bylaws of the Woman's Missionary Union be changed to permit it, the trustees of the Carver School shall be elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, one-half of whom shall be nominated by Woman's Missionary Union to the Committee on Boards of the Convention and elected by the Convention, and that the Carver School shall then operate as an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention within the business and financial plan of the Southern Baptist Convention.

(3) That in the event Woman's Missionary Union shall be agreeable to the above recommendations, the Committee on Theological, Religious, and missionary Education of the Convention be authorized to work with Woman's Missionary Union in matters pertaining to details of agreement, such details to be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention for consideration as soon as possible.

5. We further recommend that the work of this Committee be continued, and that its study be based upon the findings reported to the 1955 Convention, with such additional data as it finds available in current efforts to determine when the Southern Baptist Convention should establish a new seminary, where such a seminary shall be located, and when such an undertaking can be financed without impairing the present Seminaries and the Cooperative Program allocation to all Convention agencies and institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Storer, Chairman

L. D. Newton

H. H. Hobbs

J. S. Bell

Carl Clark

T. E. Capell

Forrest C. Feezor

Douglas Hudgins

J. W. Lester

Mrs. George Martin

Garland Hendricks

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If You Forgive Not

"I did not think I could ever forgive the great wrong which my relative had done to me," remarked a wonderful Christian woman. "After four years a letter came asking my forgiveness. Not knowing what to do, I walked the floor and prayed.

Smiling, she continued, "A voice seemed to tell me to turn to the Bible for help. Picking up the Bible I opened it and my eyes fell on these words, 'If ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive—'" (Mark 11:26).

This led her to write a letter offering forgiveness. But for a long time she had to do a great deal of praying and seeking divine help in order that confidence in the relative might be restored.

Now after many years have passed she looks back with gratitude to God on that happy day when she read, "If ye forgive not—"

Bruce H. Price

Newport News, Virginia

Even if you can't take it with you, it can sure brighten up the port of embarkation.

—Cy N. Peace

In Appreciation

Brother Editor, have you ever been swamped with accumulated mail? No doubt you have; but what would you do if the letters ran into the hundreds? I suspect you would do what I am now doing — reply through the use of your paper.

On Tuesday night, March 13, the annual joint meeting of Trustees and Faculty and Staff of Southern Seminary was held. Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon and I were called on to talk about the Seminary, its past and its future. We knew that our "retirement" was being recognized but we were not prepared for the appreciation showered upon us and our wives. The letters that had come from trustees, colleagues, and former students from around the world were presented in two large bound volumes. Two silver bowls, appropriately inscribed, were provided in the event that they should be needed to catch the overflow of our tears!

How can we say "thank you" adequately for all these expressions of interest and love? Professors do not usually get many kind words from students while they are in school. Professor George Betts, who taught in Northwestern University for many years, reminisces about the teacher whom he remembers best. "He is dead now," Dr. Betts writes, "and I have forgiven him. And that is the chronology of it!" But in our case the professor's chronology is somewhat upset — we have been not only forgiven but gratefully remembered while we are still living.

As my wife and I go for these remaining "unretired" years of service on the faculty of Golden Gate, we carry with us many precious memories of the years spent in the service of Southern Seminary, among the most treasured of which will be these letters from friends, to whom we make this grateful acknowledgement by courtesy of the editor.

—G. S. Dobbins

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Ten Years of Progress Since Change of Name

By ROBERT COOKE BUCKNER
Director of Public Relations

Ten years ago the name was changed to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. This action was taken at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami, Fla., in May, 1946. "Some may say that this changing of the name is a small thing . . . Yet, that change-in-name came at the beginning of an era of marvelous growth of the entire school."

The very next significant action of the trustees of the school, which formally had been called Baptist Bible Institute, was to select Dr. Roland Q. Leavell to be president. Under his leadership, during the decade that is coming to a close, the school has become the third largest evangelical seminary in the world. (Southern Baptists have the three largest.)

The progress which has brought New Orleans Seminary into the position of great usefulness now, and of even greater potentialities for future service, will be the theme at the ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON to be enjoyed at the forthcoming Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City. Alumni planning to go to this convention should secure tickets for this luncheon, which is to be held at 1:00 p. m., Wednesday, May 30, at Muelebach Hotel.

Write Robert Cooke Buckner, Director of Public Relations, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans 22, La. Interested friends are invited, also.

Evangelistic Teams Are Ready

By C. E. AUTREY

From the classes in evangelism Southwestern Seminary now has available about 100 teams (of two) of young men ready to go afield to conduct youth-led revivals this summer. Most of these young men are graduates of colleges and universities from various parts of the world, mostly from the South. They are well prepared to conduct revivals in all sizes of churches.

These evangelistic teams will consist of a preacher and a singer, in some instances, or two preachers who will alternate, one preaching one night and the other preaching the next night. They will teach classes in evangelism and lead the members of the church out to do visitation evangelism while they are conducting the meeting.

These men have been in school here at Southwestern from one to three years and have taken two or more courses in evangelism. Their minds have been prepared by years of hard study and they are literally afire with the spirit of evangelism. They are ordinarily more mature than the average college youth and are as zealous. I believe these men will bring a blessing to any pastor and church who use them.

The teams are available to all Baptist churches, regardless of size or location. Churches requesting a team for a week will be expected to pay expenses one way and take a love offering and, of course, lodge them while in your midst. Since many of our students will be back home for the summer, we shall make up a team of students from the area of the inviting churches, unless otherwise requested. This will cut expenses to a minimum.

If you should desire one of these teams to come to your church to do personal soul winning, singing, and preaching for a week, or if you merely desire more information, please write to the Department of Evangelism, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Box 6921, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth 15, Texas.

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Danger Ahead

Addressing the Eighth National Conference on Church and State, on "Intrusions Upon Our Liberties," Dr. Frank H. Yost, editor of *Liberty*, declared that:

"In respect to the hierarchy we may say that the leopard has not changed its spots. We condemn now the same system which produced the union of church and state from the time of Constantine the Great, with such disastrous results to personal freedom. Under Roman Catholicism as a prevailing religion, in Catholic country after Catholic country, the rights of religious minorities have been not only restricted, but denied . . .

"We insist that the safeguards of separation of church and state must be maintained in this country, or we shall find reproduced here some of those dark pages which past Christian history presents . . . The man who transgresses upon your religious liberty is your enemy at that moment, no matter how much he might be your friend all the rest of the time."

—POAU News

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A scientist says it is the lower part of the face, not the eyes, that gives away one's thoughts. Especially when one opens the lower part of the face.

—Phil Mann

State-Wide Church Recreation Workshop

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 1956



LEE PORTER



MRS. AGNES PYLANT



MISS ADELLE CARLSON

PROGRAM

Monday Afternoon Ralph W. Davis, Presiding

- 1:00 Registration
- 2:00 Praise Him! _____ George Stark
- 2:15 Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements _____ Ralph W. Davis
- 2:30 "Recreation in the Education Program
of the Church _____ Mrs. Lake Pylant
- 3:15 Panel _____ Mrs. Pylant, Miss Adelle Carlson, Mr. Lee Porter
- 4:00 Church Recreation in Action _____ Mr. Porter, leading

Monday Night

- 6:00 Banquet _____ Mrs. Bert Haley, in charge
- 7:00 Praise Him! _____ George Stark
- 7:15 Announcements
- 7:30 Film: "Leisure for the Lord"
- 7:50 Panel: "Setting Up a Program of Church
Recreation" _____ Mrs. Pylant, Miss Carlson, Mr. Porter
- 8:30 Playing Spaces and Equipment _____ Mr. Porter
- 9:00 Get-Acquainted Fellowship _____ Miss Carlson

Tuesday Morning Miss Carlson, Presiding

- 9:00 Praise Him! _____ George Stark
- 9:15 Discussions on Social Recreation
_____ Mrs. Pylant, Miss Carlson, Mr. Porter
- Fellowship
Parties
Banquets and Eating Affairs
- 10:30 Recess
- 10:45 Demonstration of Techniques _____ Mrs. Pylant, leading
- 12:00 Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon Mr. Porter, Presiding

- 1:00 Praise Him! _____ George Stark
- 1:15 Discussion: "Drama in the Churches" _____ Mrs. Pylant
- 1:45 Church Camps and Retreats _____ Miss Carlson
- 2:15 Handcrafts _____ Mr. Porter
- 2:45 Looking to the Future _____ Mrs. Pylant
- 3:00 Adjourn

At least one worker from each department of your church should attend. For pastors, educational directors, and all interested in church recreation and fellowship.

SPICE OF LIFE BANQUET

Monday Evening, April 2, 6:00 P.M.

Program

- Invocation
- Agitation _____ Toastmaster
- Mastication _____ Everybody
(The heart of the banquet—food)
- Thunderation _____ Toastmaster
- Singspiration — for the Hobos _____ George Stark
- Dramatization — in the Gay Nineties
- Presentation of - - - A Gal at Sea _____ Miss Adelle Carlson
- Flirtation . . . Pioneer Style _____ Mrs. Lake Pylant
- Inspiration _____ Dr. Dale Cowling
- Separation _____ Benediction

REGISTRATION

There will be a 50c registration fee to be paid in advance or at the workshop. The banquet ticket Monday night, April 30, is \$1.25 and the noon meal Tuesday, May 1, is 75c. These two tickets should be purchased NOW. We need to know the approximate number who will attend the banquet and the noon meal. The deadline for banquet and lunch tickets is April 23.

(Please detach and mail)

STATE RECREATION WORKSHOP

2nd Baptist Church, Little Rock

April 30 - May 1, 1956

Promoted by Training Union Dept., 306 Baptist Bldg., Little Rock

I am enclosing \$ _____ for:

1. Workshop Registration (50c) _____
 2. Banquet ticket, Monday night (\$1.25) _____
 3. Lunch ticket, Tuesday noon (75c) _____
- (Banquet and lunch tickets must be purchased by April 23)

Name _____

Address _____

Church _____

Association _____

Training Union Department,
Ralph W. Davis, Secretary
Robert A. Dowdy, Associate

Fordyce, First, Enters New Sanctuary



First Church, Fordyce, entered their new sanctuary on March 18. The new structure includes an educational building consisting of 16 class rooms, office, and study. The cost was \$185,000. The sanctuary is air conditioned, and has a seating capacity of 650. Lawson Hatfield is the pastor. C. W. Caldwell, former pastor, preached the dedication sermon.

CORRECTION

In last week's issue of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST, the above news story was to run beside a cut the same size for Clarks Chapel Church, Paragould. The Clarks Chapel cut had to be removed and repaired several times, and finally replaced with another story.

The pressman unintentionally transposed the cuts, and a number of people received papers which pictured the Fordyce church as Clarks Chapel and vice versa.

We regret this error and run this correction for the benefit of those who received those papers. —Editor

Demand For Baptist Hymnal Greater Than Production

The unprecedented demand for the new Baptist Hymnal at the moment is greater than its production, according to H. S. Simpson, manager, Merchandise Control Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

More than 150,000 copies of the regular edition of the Hymnal and 21,457 of the special binding have already been sold. The printing of the first edition of 500,000 has not as yet been completed.

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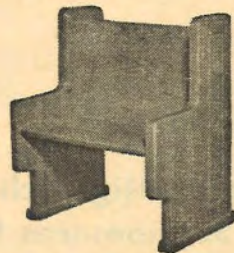
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Russian Couple Appointed For Miami, Florida

Mr. and Mrs. John Sylvester have been appointed missionaries to the Russians, Miami, Florida. The Russian-Ukrainian Baptist Church, of which Sylvester has been pastor since 1953, is a member of the Miami association of Baptist churches. A native of Poland, Sylvester became an American citizen in 1938. The church has 16 members and an attendance of more than 30 and gives about 25 per cent of their total gifts through the Cooperative Program. The group at present meets in the Central Baptist Church building in Miami.

Missionary's Son Has Polio

Robert Lee (Bobby) Harris, two-and-one-half-year-old son of Missionary and Mrs. Robert L. Harris, Southern Baptist missionaries to Peru, has been stricken with polio. Upon doctors' advice he will return to the States for treatment and rehabilitation, accompanied by Mrs. Harris and seven-year-old Mary Carol. Mr. Harris will remain in Peru.

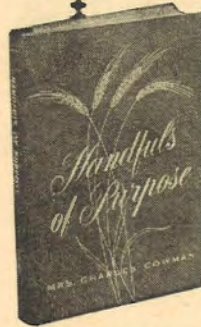
Mr. Harris is a native of Chapel Hill, N. C., and Mrs. Harris is the former Mary Lillian Culpepper, native of Fort Valley, Ga.

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*George Starke
Little Rock*

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION HAS MUSIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

There were approximately 200

who attended the Music Education Conference in Central Association. Mr. Fred Spann is the Music Director for this association. There were 20 Pastors and Music Directors — 80 in the Junior Choir Conference — 85 in the Youth Choir Conference and 3 who attended the instrumental conference. Immediately following the Conference there was an Associational Hymn Sing with 262 attending representing 9 churches. Special numbers were rendered from the different choirs of Park Place Baptist Church, Hot Springs — Second Baptist, Hot Springs and First, Bauxite.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PARK PLACE, HOT SPRINGS

Park Place Baptist Church, Hot Springs, reports a music department that includes 5 graded choirs with 223 enrolled, 2 vocal ensembles with 12 enrolled, 4 graded choir directors, 10 departmental song leaders, 10 departmental pianists, and 2 ensemble directors. The choirs from this church had 24 rehearsals and made 14 appearances last month. Ninety choristers attended the associational Hymn Sing. The Cherub Choir sang in the State Primary Choir Festival. Congratulations to Miss Lillian Rutherford and co-workers.

HYMN SING REPORTS
Conway-Perry Association: The

Conway-Perry Associational Hymn Sing met March 4 with the Plummerville Church. There was a total of 107 attending from 10 churches. Mr. Earl W. Smith was the director and Mrs. Ed F. McDonald and Mrs. Merle Johnson were the accompanists. Floyd Wright led the devotional. Special numbers were rendered by Perryville, Solgohatchia, Plummerville and Union Valley.

Pulaski County Association: There was a total of 46 present from 6 churches at the Pulaski County Associational Hymn Sing held March 11 in the Pike Avenue Church. Mr. B. H. Ball directed the music and Mrs. Robert George and Mrs. Rose Ann Smith were accompanists. Pastor Dorris led the devotional.

Rocky Bayou Association: The Rocky Bayou Associational Hymn Sing met March 25 in the Mount Pleasant Church. There were 150 attending from 7 churches. Mr. Herman Dover directed the music and G. M. Roberts led the devotional.

Newton County Association: On March 25, the Newton County Associational Hymn Sing was held in the Deer Church with 52 attending from 5 churches. Mrs. Bill Fowler directed the music and Miss Jimmie Lu Allen was the accompanist. Troy Eoff led the devotional.

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Children's Page

Jimmy Lights A Candle

By GRAYCE KROGH BOLLER

Jimmy sat down quietly in the Sunday school room. He was so early, no one else was there yet. Only Miss Nancy, the teacher.

"Would you like to look at our songbook, Jimmy?" she asked kindly. "Perhaps you would like to pick out our first song for today."

"Thank you, Miss Nancy," Jimmy smiled, taking the book carefully.

The book was nice. Every song had a picture with it. The pictures were gay and colorful. Jimmy liked to look at them. He liked one best of any. It was "I Can Light a Candle, God Can Light a Star." There was a picture of a boy just like Jimmy, lighting a candle. There were other happy boys and girls watching.

After Jimmy had decided they would sing that for their first song, other boys and girls began to come in. One was Mark, the new boy from down the street. This was his first Sunday here. He stood right by the door. Miss Nancy did not notice him. Jimmy got up and walked over to him. He smiled.

"Hello," Jimmy nodded. "Come over and sit with me. We have a song here."

"Hi," Mark smiled back, and walked over with Jimmy.

"This is Mark, Miss Nancy," Jimmy told their teacher. "This is his first day here."

"Well, hello, Mark," Miss Nancy smiled. "I'll introduce you to all the children. You'll soon know everybody."

Mark sat down beside Jimmy. Jimmy gave him a song book in case he did not know some of the songs.

"After this, we go into the big room for a while," Jimmy whispered just before the class began to sing.

Mark nodded gratefully. It was nice to know what came next when you were new. It was nice to have someone be kind, the way Jimmy was. Mark's eyes were shining with happiness.

All the boys and girls were singing, "I can light a candle." Jimmy smiled as he sang. He looked at Mark. He saw how happily Mark looked.

"His eyes are shining like candles," Jimmy thought. "Why, I guess those are candles of happiness that I lit in his eyes. It is like the song we are singing!"

Jimmy felt very happy. It was lots of fun to light candles of happiness in the eyes of other boys and girls. Jimmy planned to see how many candles he could light all day long.

"I can light candles in Mother's and Daddy's eyes, too," he smiled to himself.

After Sunday school was over, Jimmy led Mark into church. When church was over, he introduced Mark to several of the other boys and girls and their parents.

"I'll walk home with you if you like," Jimmy offered.

"You make me feel good," Mark smiled, as they went along. "I felt so alone and strange. Now I feel as if I know lots of people. As if I belong. I feel warm and shiny inside."

"That is because I lit a candle," Jimmy laughed.

Then he explained about the

Missionary Limbert Has New Address

Miss Rosemary Limbert, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, has moved from Tobata to Kokura, where her address is Seinan Jo Gakuin, Itozu, Kokura, Japan. Miss Limbert is a native of Grubbs, Ark., where she makes her permanent American home.

song and lighting candles of happiness.

"I'll try it, too," Mark promised. "It sounds like fun."

"It is fun," Jimmy nodded. "It is the most fun there is!"

That afternoon when he told his mother about his experience she said, "Jimmy, just why did

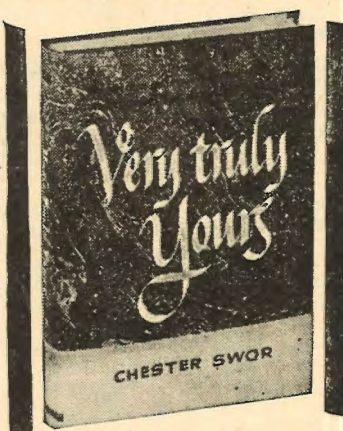
you do it?"

He answered, "I remembered what the pastor said in Vacation Bible School last summer. He told us, 'A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly' (Prov. 18:24).

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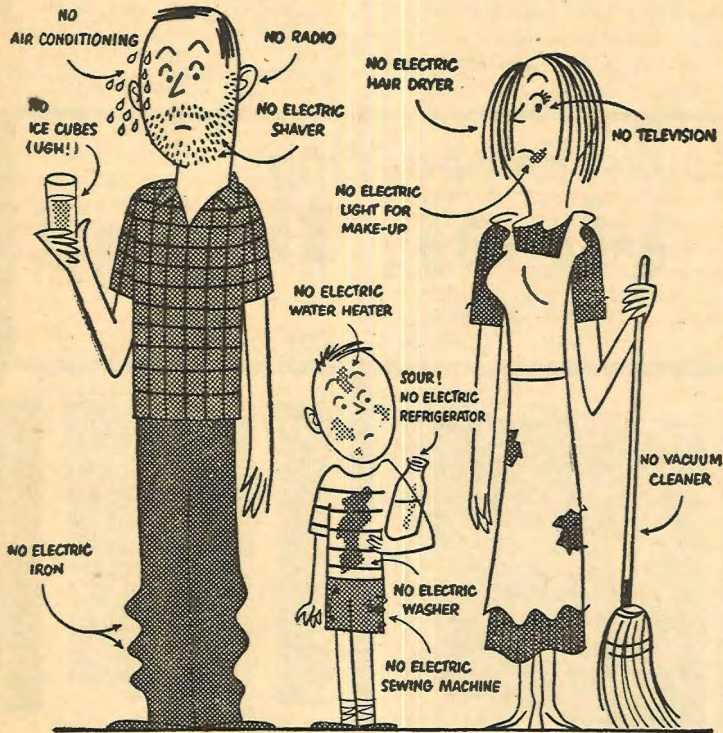
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The Courage of The Early Christians

By BURTON A. MILEY

Two people whose actions cannot be predicted are a scared man and a coward. A scared man does not act normally. The coward is likely to do the unusual. However, there is one type whose actions follow a definite pattern. He is the bold, courageous soul whose courage is generated by his conviction that he is doing right. The early disciples of Jesus were filled with this kind of courage. Neither civil officers nor religious leaders were able to keep their message from going out. Religious leaders tried to hush their testimony without avail. There was something inside which dictated a bold approach and courageous testimony (Jeremiah 23:29).

The governing body which resisted the work of the early Christians was the Sanhedrin. This body had full supreme authority over Jewish custom and rites. The early Christians preached "Christ of Nazareth whom ye crucified whom God raised from the dead" (vs. 10). This threw the court into position to be questioned. It must defend its honored power and prestige. It violently opposed Christians who threatened its power. This is the back stage setting Luke paints for this lesson.

OPPOSITION REGISTERED

Someone has said that the only church which has no problems is a dead church. It also has no program. Wherever an aggressive program exists, problems arise. The early Christians had a bold program to tell the message of salvation and love. They were faithful and loyal to worship and used the temple. Peter and John neared the temple at the hour of prayer when a cry came from one of the charity cases for help. Silver and gold were expected but not given. The command was spoken in the name of Jesus to arise and walk. This he did. His feet and legs supported him. His praise was vocal and physical as he entered the temple with Peter and John. The miracle created a stir among the people.

The miracle itself was not the bone of contention. It was the power of Christ by which the miracle was done. Opposition is usually aroused by definite work. Evil is never disturbed by flowery plans and worthy resolutions. It becomes immediately disturbed by any act that invades its dominion and threatens its power. Peter did not hesitate to preach to the crowd that had gathered about the healed man. He pointed the group to Jesus. This led to arrest by the temple police. They became the first apostles to be arrested and persecuted. They were jailed over night and the next day were brought to the Sanhedrin. The disciples gave answer to the court's ques-

Sunday School Lesson

April 15, 1956

Acts 4:13-20, 29-31

tions by witnessing to Jesus and His purpose in redemptive act. This Jesus was the same one which the Sanhedrin had condemned and ordered to be crucified.

COURAGE AND BOLDNESS EXERCISED

The disciples were arraigned for trial. The first question by the court was "By what power or by what name have ye done this?" (vs. 7). Peter prompted and empowered by the Holy Spirit preached Christ in his testimony. He lifted him high and called the court's attention to its part in the crucifixion of this noble character. The court could say nothing against the miracle — the healed man stood before them. Since the court had condemned Jesus, it would be expected to condemn any follower of Jesus. Peter and John had no thought of personal safety when they boldly gave their testimony.

The Sanhedrin perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men. That is they did not have the academic training of the rabbinical school. They were ignorant in the sense that they were not officials among the people. They were laymen not officials. It is sufficient to note that the controlling body of all Jewry "took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus" (vs. 13). They turned aside to confer among themselves what judgment should be given. Their verdict was that it would be sensible to instruct the men to teach and preach no more in the name of Jesus. This would bring the conclusion to the matter. Peter and John, who were Jews, would certainly listen to the instruction given by the controlling body. However the court failed to evaluate the courage of one who has been saved by the blood of Jesus. Peter and John gave answer to them that they must speak the things which they had seen

and heard (vs. 20). Threats and court instructions were no match for the raging compulsion inside. Further threatenings were spoken by the Sanhedrin and the disciples were let go. They reported to companion disciples all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

PRAYER FOR ADDITIONAL COURAGE

When the recitation had ended of the arrest and appearance before the Sanhedrin, the Christians lifted their voice to God in an earnest prayer. The burden of the prayer was that additional boldness would come to the disciples.

It is well to note that prayer was not for persecution to cease. It was not that the situation of the disciples should be made comfortable but that boldness would excel threats and temptations which were about them. This is excellent praying. It does not reduce the challenge to the size of the man, but raises the man to the size of the challenge.

God answered their prayer and the place was visibly affected. They went forth filled with the Holy Ghost to speak with boldness. Each added support to the other because they were of one accord.

How wonderful it would be today if when the teacher visited absentees from Sunday School or church service they could be in one accord. Discouragement would be eliminated, and disappointment in fellow Christian brethren would be brought to non-existence. Persecution is not the lot of today's Christian. Indifference and coldness are likely to make shy the worker who goes with his testimony. Boldness and courage are needed to face passive resistance so much so as active persecution.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

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A Good Name Ruined

Another Resurrection season, (called by the Pagan name Easter) has come and gone. During that time a few names stood out in every story — Jesus, Pilate, Herod and Judas.

We started thinking about these names and what they stood for, and how the name of Jesus is honored and revered by people everywhere. Then we remembered that the name "Judas" has a lot of ignominy attached to it.

The name "Judas" was at one time a greatly honored name among the Jews. One man, Judas Maccabeus occupied about the same place in Jewish history as George Washington occupies in the history of the United States. No man rated higher in veneration among the Hebrew people than this man Judas. He was a great statesman, patriot and liberator. In 161 B. C., Judas defeated Nicanor in a decisive battle at Adasa which won Jewish independence. Under this man, Judas, the people resisted the authority of Antiochus Epiphanes, King of Syria. But today, the name "Judas" is held in ill-repute.

Can you imagine what would happen if a nurse went into a hospital room with a birth certificate to register the new-born infant and asked, "what is the child's name?" and the mother would speak up and say "Judas Iscariot Jones."

I do not know all that might happen, but I imagine the nurse would start writing, then stop, look up and say, "That's an unusually rare name. In fact this is the first time I ever filled out a certificate with that name on it." Then I imagine she would go to the hospital files and start checking to see if any other child, born in that hospital had ever been named "Judas Iscariot." That incident would not only be the talk of that hospital, but when the hospital administrators came together in their National Convention, the administrator of the hospital, where little Judas Iscariot Jones was born, would have a place on the program to tell them of the events which led to naming the Jones baby "Judas Iscariot." After the Convention was over, all the hospital administrators would go back home, check their records to see if any baby born in the local hospital had ever been named "Judas Iscariot." Then when they found that no other child in America had ever been given such a name, the hospital and the administrator, where little "Judas Iscariot Jones" was born, would be names of distinction. Perhaps, the administrator would give up his job for a more lucrative position after many TV and radio appearances.

What Ruined the Name Judas?

One man! He heard that great throngs of people were going out to the Jordan River. He went out to see what was taking place. At about the time he arrived, Jesus of Nazareth appeared, and John said, "Behold! The Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Judas was intelligent enough to see that this Kingdom movement could be a world shaking affair. Thought he, "This will call for men with business acumen and men with talent to steer events into the right channels." So, he "joined up" with the others.

He played his part of being a hypocrite so well that he was soon put into the most trusted positions.

Judas was so sinful that his heart rebelled every time he heard Jesus speak. His black soul resented the pure Holy Soul of Jesus. Too, no doubt, he had a suspicion that the others about him were beginning to get wise to his hypocrisy. Then, he began to pity himself, taking care of all the bills, as treasurer, providing provisions for the whole group, and there never had been any money left over for him to use as he saw fit. Besides all that, there came a time when it looked like the whole venture would fail and he found himself tied to a failing cause. It was time, he thought, to get what he could before a complete collapse.

Judas conspired to sell Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. He guided the Romans, over 100 of them, armed with swords and clubs out the city gate across the brook Kidron, and up the slope to Gethsemane. He had said, "Whomsoever I shall kiss that shall be he." When the party arrived, Judas stepped forth in the darkness and said, "Hail, Master," and planted a kiss on the face of Jesus, just like he had done many times before. Jesus replied, "Betrayest thou the son of man with a kiss." Judas stood grimly aside as the soldiers rushed in to arrest Jesus.

From that moment forward, the mob forgot and therefore ignored Judas. He walked back through the dark streets rubbing the 30 pieces of silver, when suddenly remorse gripped him. Judas went to the leader of the mob and offered to give the money back to him, but the crowd allowed him to take it. So he threw the money away and went out and hanged himself.

Is it any wonder that parents do not want to name their child "Judas Iscariot." That name has been ruined forever!

Be careful, you can not only ruin your good name, but you can also disgrace the name Christian. — R. D.

Look at Lewis and Bald Knob

We have just looked over a bulletin from Central Church in Bald Knob. Pastor Bill Lewis has been on the field eleven months and the bulletin calls attention to the fact that during this eleven months there have been 141 additions to the church. The Bald Knob field is not as large as many other fields, but Pastor Lewis has found lost people and has been busy winning them.

One failure that characterizes so many of us preachers is our failure to recognize the vast amount of work to be done and the numerous prospects that are available. It is easy indeed to say, "I have done all I can do in my field and I am ready to move." We would reply to that statement by saying, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, they are white already unto harvest." There is much to be done on any field if we will but open our spiritual eyes to the fact.

Bill Lewis has found the work that should be done in Bald Knob and is doing it. The

Going to Southern Baptist Convention On the Train?

The Missouri Pacific has a train directly from Little Rock to Kansas City. It leaves Little Rock about 8 o'clock in the morning and arrives in Kansas City at 10:45 at night. This is a local train and does not carry pullman. The railroad company, however, has agreed to put on a parlor car that will accommodate about twenty-three people, and has also agreed to put on a dining-lounge car consisting of a small dining room and seats for twelve in the lounge end of the car, provided enough passengers sign up for the trip to justify these accommodations. These accommodations will be somewhat more satisfactory than the regular coach accommodations, but there will be room in the coaches for additional passengers.

Now, we need thirty-five people to agree to make this run on Tuesday, May 29. We can also arrange for the same accommodations on a return trip for Saturday following. If you agree to accept these accommodations, you will be expected to eat two meals in the dining car, because that goes with the deal. The round trip fare and these accommodations is approximately \$36.50. If man and wife go, they can take advantage of the family rate in which the fare of the wife would be approximately \$16 instead of \$31.79, and of course, the seat fare would be about \$5 additional. If you want these accommodations you should write this office within the next two weeks. BLB.

Thanks to You!

Thanks to our churches, they have given sufficient funds to cover our budgetary needs for the first quarter in 1956. We cannot give the exact figure yet, because our books are not yet balanced, but we are over the top for this first quarter. Thanks again and again. BLB.

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Child Guidance

The best time to tackle a minor problem is before he grows up.

—Ray Freedman

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Service

When God wants a man to do an important work for Him, He does not call on the idle, but those who are already busily engaged in useful service.

—Megiddo Message

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Church Contributions

"I have always said the poor were welcome in this church," said the minister, "and I see by the collection the past few Sundays that they have come."

—Texas Outlook

church is enjoying a marked growth under his ministry. We predict that you will also see this progress projected in their contributions to Missions. In fact, this is already the case. Although they may not have changed their percentage to Missions as much as some others, yet in dollars and cents their contributions have materially increased. We predict they will step up their percentage in the near future. Thank Lord for a ministry like this. —B.L.B.

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