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MISSIONARIES SEE PROGRESS ON HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS

One of the most hopeful signs of Southern Baptist support for a great, new world mission program is the fact that 4,000 young people have volunteered for mission service and are now in correspondence with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Reporting this to the Woman's Missionary Union, in its 86th session at the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, last week, the Rev. Elmer West asked for assistance from Baptists all over the nation in finding and encouraging other volunteers. Mr. West, secretary for missionary personnel of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, pointed to many other encouraging signs.

The annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering sponsored by the WMU of the Southern Baptist Convention each year for the support of foreign missions is setting new records, he said. This fund now totals \$4,977,000, for the current year, and is expected to reach \$5,200,000 by the time all contributions have been totaled. The total last year was \$4,600,000, breaking all previous records.

Southern Baptists now have 1,127 missionaries under appointment in 38 foreign lands, for the largest foreign missions staff in their history, West reported. Expansions are being made in types of service as well as geographically. Recently the first professionally trained agriculturalist was sent as an agriculture missionary to North Brazil.

The most urgent need at the present time is for a minimum of 25 missionary nurses to serve in some of the 13 hospitals and 32 clinics operated by the Foreign Mission Board around the world, Mr. West said. At present the Board has only three prospects for this phase of its program.

This year the Foreign Mission Board hopes to appoint a record-breaking 130 missionaries. But this will be just a little more than a fourth of the 500 new missionaries now urgently requested by missions leaders on the field.

"The hunger of millions of people in

many lands for a better life constitutes an open door of tremendous opportunity for Christians with their message of the gospel of Christ," Mr. West concluded.

Foreign Student Work

Because of the new prominence of America's universities and colleges as world leaders in the field of education, large numbers of foreign students are now being attracted to the United States, Miss Ruth O'Dell, of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, reported. There are now about 40,000 foreign students studying in the United States, she said.

Miss O'Dell serves as a Baptist missionary to the 1,080 foreign students currently enrolled at the University of California, at Berkeley.

In a series of lectures on the Book of Colossians, Dr. Heber F. Peacock, of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., said:

"There is no such thing as a Christian who is not called to be a missionary. The only question is where and how God wants to use us.

"The church stands between the cross and the world in God's purpose to redeem the world from destruction."

The Tuesday night session included talks by Miss Elsie Rives, secretary of the Sunbeam Band Division of the WMU of the Southern Baptist Convention; Mrs. Carl Hunker, missionary to Formosa; and a drama by the Betty Rickertson Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, Little Rock.

Highlights of the program Wednesday and Thursday included addresses by Dr. Albert McClellan, director of publications and associate secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Clyde Hart, director of Negro work, Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Mrs. Vernon Hall, Little Rock; Mrs. Hunker; Dr. Peacock; and a panel discussion by Misses Elma Cobb and Nancy Cooper, assisted by Mrs. Edward Nelson, on Baptist mission work in South America.

MISSIONS, ONE PERSON

Speaking on the topic, "Missions Is One Person," Dr. Albert McClellan used the account of the siege of Jerusalem by the Assyrians, as recorded in Isaiah 22, to picture the challenge to the church of world conditions today, in a message to the WMU convention here. Dr. McClellan is director of publications and associate secretary of the Executive Committee



Dr. McClellan

of the Southern Baptist Convention, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn.

More formidable than hunger, nakedness, or sickness is the spiritual darkness in the hearts of the people of the world, he said. It is this darkness which is responsible for the terror in the world today between the nations, he continued.

"This is a darkness which learning by itself cannot dispel," Dr. McClellan said. "Neither can it be lighted by culture. It is only through the experience of the new birth through Christ and the law of God as a moral norm that this darkness can be dispelled.

"This darkness is the enemy of the churches of Christ."

Today the churches of Christ have a four-fold challenge, Dr. McClellan declared:

1. We have an enemy, but have we faced him?
2. Some of our leaders have died but not in battle. They have died in spirit either by joining the darkness or by running away from it.
3. We expect to face the darkness but do we expect to win? The enemy is overwhelming, but is our faith and confidence equal to his size and power?
4. Are we willing to take the battle to the darkness rather than wait till this darkness brings itself to us?

NEW OFFICERS OF WMU

President.....	Miss Elma Cobb, Little Rock
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Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. C. M. Holmes, Pine Bluff
Assistant Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. Floyd Chronister, Little Rock
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Community Missions Chairman.....	Mrs. R. E. Snider, Camden
Trustee, Carver School of Missions.....	Mrs. H. L. Robinson, Jonesboro

NEW PRESIDENT

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Her popularity in college is revealed in the fact that she was president and vice president of a half dozen councils and clubs. She was the college prankster to those who knew her best at Ouachita. A Ouachita Annual gives her "A merry twinkle in the eye and character in the chin." To BSU and YWA groups she is "Miss Transportation" in person. No one knows how many cars she has worn out transporting Baptists and students to retreats, conferences and conventions. To those who have worked with her she is the paragon of efficiency. To all who know her she is a devoted, consecrated Christian philanthropist.

We speak of the newly elected President of Arkansas' Woman's Missionary Union, Miss Elma Cobb.

Miss Cobb is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, and the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Ky. She supplemented her religious training with a course in business administration and in the words of Mrs. W. D. Pye, her first employer, she came to work as office secretary for WMU during the 1930s in a minor position and at depression wages in order to get experience and to become established in Christian service. She served in that capacity nine years. Her training and competency was such that she was soon made office manager, while Mrs. Pye and another associate, Miss Margaret Hutchison, did field work for Arkansas' WMU.

Mrs. Pye recalls the one thing Miss Cobb refused to do in the office was art work, claiming she could not trace, much less draw. An emergency forced her to draw something on one occasion. She did so well she was encouraged to keep trying and at once became the office artist, which was an example of her ability to achieve.

Miss Cobb has served Woman's Missionary Union in many capacities. In Arkansas she has been assistant recording secretary. For two years she was president of the BWC Federation. She has been state stewardship chairman the past five years. She served Pulaski County BWC Federation four years as program chairman. She has been a trustee of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, and was chairman of the Southern Baptist WMU Margaret Fund Committee.

But she has another denominational interest. She has rendered valuable service to the Baptist Student Union. She attended the first BSU meeting held in the state and was vice president of the BSU Council while a student at Ouachita.

Miss Cobb left the WMU office in 1943 to initiate a religious program at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital as BSU Secretary. John Gilbreath, present administrator at the hospital, declares that Miss Cobb developed a brand new attitude in student life at the hospi-



Miss Cobb

tal. The first thing she did was to create a chapel for religious services. A large bare room had been consigned for that purpose. She engaged architects to draw plans, furniture for the rostrum was ordered especially for the chapel, the walls were paneled, she donated the grand piano, and with the help of others provided appropriate chairs. It is called the Florence Rudisill Memorial Chapel.

Mr. Gilbreath also recalls that a standing joke among her friends is Miss Cobb's driving. When she used to drive 25 miles from Keo to Immanuel Church in Little Rock every Sunday morning, they accused her of studying her Sunday school lesson as she drove.

One evening Mr. Gilbreath and Miss Cobb each took a carload of student nurses to a church for a student program. On the trip back Mr. Gilbreath tried to pass Miss Cobb. She speeded up and forced him to remain behind. He took a short cut and she did not know he had turned off the road. Presently a highway patrolman pulled up behind the lady driver and blew his horn for her to stop. She blew her horn back at him and speeded up. When he finally stopped her, says Mr. Gilbreath, "She talked her way out of it like only she can."

All who know Miss Cobb are impressed with her efficiency and her willingness to go the second mile. When she was BSU secretary at the hospital she did much more than her job required. She provided recreation for the students, gave them trips to Ridgecrest, to student retreats and conferences. She was at the hospital before a chaplain was employed and did a great deal of visitation work among the patients.

In Immanuel Church, where she is a member, she has been active in youth work, both as teacher and superintendent. She now teaches the Gleaners Class, a group of young married women.

Miss Cobb is a native of Keo, where she resided until the recent death of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Cobb. She now lives in Little Rock.

Miss Cobb is peculiarly fitted for the presidency of Woman's Missionary Union, having served in so many capacities in the organization. She has made four trips abroad in the interest of missions. She feels that Southern Baptists are in a day of advancement both materially and spiritually, at home and abroad.

Wherever she has been she has found the same basic needs for more workers, for more American ministers for evangelism, and the necessity to train native workers. She is deeply impressed with the work our seminaries are doing in foreign lands in training native workers, who understand their own people and have unique opportunities to take them the Gospel.

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Every Christian A Missionary

"Every Christian is called to be a missionary — it is just a question of where and how the Lord wants to use us."

In making this statement last week to the Arkansas WMU Convention, Dr. Heber Peacock, of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, was not trying to be original or sensational. He realized that one who has even a casual acquaintance with the New Testament will find no new knowledge here. But the thing that makes this statement timeless in its urgency is that the world is in a constantly dying condition and its only hope is Christ.

It is true today that no people under God have ever done more toward winning a lost world to Christ than the people called Southern Baptists. And this is not to lose sight of the fact that there are many sheep of other folds. It is also true that no people have ever been blessed with a greater opportunity and responsibility than Southern Baptists have today.

But in the light of these facts, as we realize how far short we Southern Baptists come from what, under God, we might mean to a lost world, we certainly lose all inclination to boast. With more than 8 millions counted in our ranks, we have an all-time high of 1,127 foreign missionaries divided among 38 countries. That is about one foreign missionary for every 8,000 members; one missionary for every 30 local churches.

Last year we missionary Baptists gave more for foreign missions than ever before — an average of \$1.43 each. This was 15 cents more than the per capita average for the previous year and 42 cents more than the average for 1942. But who would dare compare this with our per capita spending for chewing gum, candy, soft drinks, picture shows, etc.?

It may be that God has been blessing Southern Baptists not for what they are or have been as a denomination but for what he knows they can and will become. It is encouraging to know that there are today no less than 4,000 Southern Baptist boys and girls and young people who have felt God's hand upon their lives and have said publicly they are willing to march under His orders. As the crying needs of people without Christ come more sharply into focus, there will doubtless be thousands of others volunteering. The present plans that are fast taking shape for Southern Baptists to double the number of preaching stations by 1964 — 30,000 new pulpits in operation! — will make it more than ever essential for every one of us to be a missionary.

Where does the lost world begin? Does it begin across the oceans in faraway places? Does it begin in Africa? In Asia? For Arkansas Baptists, the lost world begins in Arkansas. For each lost person, the lost world begins with himself. For a husband or wife who has a life companion or a son or daughter who is lost, the lost world begins at home. For the Christian who has a neighbor down the street or across the yard who is lost, the lost world begins in the local neighborhood. The lost world begins with the lost person closest to a Christian and reaches out to the last, lost person in the most remote place on the face of the earth. Foreign missions starts at home. And let us remember that God calls no one to go to faraway places to win lost souls who is not a soul winner at home.

The statement with which we began this article will bear repeating — "Every Christian is called to be a missionary . . ." And there need be no doubt as to where — it is where the Christian is and wherever he goes. Neither do we need to be perplexed as to how we shall be missionaries. We are to be missionaries by living Christ-like lives, by witnessing, serving, and giving, out of the love of Christ and His compassion for the lost. —ELM.

Personally Speaking . . .

"What...to worry about?"

As a cotton-topped boy going to school at Lone Gum, I used to spend a night occasionally, especially when the weather was bad, in the home of Uncle Jim and Aunt 'Lissa McAlister, who lived near the school. They were like second parents to me. They fed me cornbread and sweet milk and other substantial items of diet like streaked middling meat and turnip greens.



But the one thing above all else that has carried over from visits in the long ago is the heart-warming recollection of the evening prayers. When it was bedtime, all of us would kneel together in the living room, and Aunt 'Lissa would lead in prayer. It seemed to me on those occasions that heaven was very near as she poured out her heart to the Lord in thanksgiving and in petition.

Aunt 'Lissa never failed to mention by name Uncle Jim and their three children — William, Scott and Katy. And, always, when I was there, she included my name in her prayer.

Now Uncle Jim is gone and the children have their separate homes. And Aunt 'Lissa, at 86, lives alone. I visited her on a recent Sunday. Her hearing is defective and her eyes have grown dim. But her love for the Lord abides. Sitting near her so that she could hear me, I read to her from her Bible which she can no longer read for herself:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . 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."

Turning a radiant smile upon me, Aunt 'Lissa said: "Erwin, what have I to worry about!"

Then we got down on our knees the way we used to in the long ago and she prayed that prayer again — and put my name in!

Erwin L. McDonald

Arkansas All Over

DR. DALE COWLING, pastor of Second Church, Little Rock, was evangelist in a revival at First Church, Starkville, Miss., from March 24 to 31, which resulted in 68 additions to the church. Former Arkansas D. C. Applegate is the pastor.

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THIRTY-SEVEN persons in First Church, Mulberry, earned awards in a recent study course conducted by the church. Robert H. Moran is the pastor.

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THREE ARKANSANS are listed on the honor roll for the first semester at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss. They are Miss Martha Seaton, Little Rock; Miss Ruth Johnston, Blytheville; and Miss Carolyn Benn, Hoxie.

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FUTURE TEACHERS of America at Ouachita recently elected Patsy Keller, Scott, as president; Bill G. Holmes, Story, and Bendette Johnson, DeQueen, vice presidents; Carolyn Deal, McGehee, secretary; Albert Riusech, Cuba, treasurer; and Janet Larson, Kansas City, Kans., reporter.

The Cover Mission Leaders

Missionary-to-Formosa Mrs. Carl Hunker, center, reads from a Chinese Bible for the Rev. Elmer West and Miss Ruth O'Dell.

Mr. West is secretary for personnel of the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board, and Miss O'Dell is the Home Mission Board's missionary to foreign students enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley. All three were featured speakers on the program of the Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union Convention in Little Rock, last week.

THE ORVILLE TAYLORS, missionaries to Nigeria, announce the arrival of a daughter, Priscilla Evelyn, on March 20.

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THE EDITOR of Arkansas Baptist supplied for Pastor Luther Dorsey at Forest Park Church, Pine Bluff, March 31, while Brother Dorsey was in a revival at Gould.

BOONE COUNTY has two pastoral changes. Russell Dodd has gone to Hopewell Church for half-time. Dennis James has accepted Everton Church half-time. He also serves Bellefonte Church.

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TEN MEMBERS were received on profession of faith and eight by letter in a revival at First Church, Dell, March 3-10. Jesse Holcomb is the pastor and Russell Duffer, pastor of East Side Church, Paragould, was the evangelist.

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LARRY D. O'KELLEY, of Russellville, recently accepted the pastorate of First Church, Rogers. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College and Southern Seminary. For the past two years he was a chaplain in the U. S. Navy.

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FOREIGN MISSIONARIES announce the births of two sons. The Alvin Hattons, in Brazil, are the parents of John Hurley, and the Melvin Wassons, Nigeria, announce the arrival of Ronald Eugene. Mrs. Hatton is a native of Dermott, and Mrs. Wasson, of Nashville.

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THE PH.D. degree was conferred on Boyce A. Drummond March 15 by the University of Chicago. He is the son of Mrs. B. A. Drummond, of Little Rock, and professor of history and political science at Ouachita. He is a graduate of Baylor.

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O. M. STALLINGS retired from pastoral work last December 31, but continued to serve Second Church, Conway, as interim pastor during the first quarter of this year. Rev. William West of Piney Church, Hot Springs, is his successor.

Mr. Stallings preached his first sermon on September 20, 1908, at Mt. Harmony Church, Greenwood. He served pastorates at Sparta, Tenn., Addison, Tex., Tulsa, Okla., and Mena, Greenwood, Batesville and for the past four years at Second Church in Conway. He served seven years in associational and state mission work and was moderator of a number of associations.

He has led in nine church building programs and has preached in 500 revivals. Mr. Stallings says, "From now on I'd prefer to hold some meetings, do pulpit supply work, but am willing to do what I can by the grace of God and the good will of the people in the churches." He will live in the farm home of his son, Paul, near Conway.

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MUSIC EDUCATORS National Conference has elected Miss Joye Kersh as its president. She is a senior student at Ouachita. Her home is in Dermott.



MISS NANCY COOPER, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas Baptists, studies earliest minutes of the organization, dating back to 1883, with the two oldest members registered for last week's convention: Mrs. E. J. A. McKinney, 88, left, of 1800 West 10th Street, and Mrs. W. I. Moody, 83, of 4710 Crestwood Drive, both of Little Rock. Mrs. Moody was the first secretary of the Young Woman's Auxiliary, which this year is observing its 50th anniversary.



New Home of Second Baptist Church, Pine Bluff

BROOKS HAYS, Little Rock, Arkansas Congressman, participated in the week-long dedication services of Congress Heights Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., March 17-22. The new building includes a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 800, and education facilities providing for 1,200. It is a Southern Baptist church. The pastor is Dr. Alva Lincoln Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Smith, Arkadelphia.

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THE FIRST ANNUAL associational missionaries' workshop will be held at Southwestern Seminary from June 24 to July 19. Classes will be from Tuesdays through Fridays. Round-table discussions by the missionaries concerning their mutual problems will be conducted each afternoon. Denominational leaders assisting in the workshop will be Dr. E. Stanley Williamson and Maines Rawls from the Sunday School Board and Dr. S. F. Dowis from the Home Mission Board. The missionaries will have opportunity to observe all sizes and types of churches among the 300 Baptist churches in the Fort Worth-Dallas area. They may participate in the daily chapel services and will have access to one of the largest theological libraries outside the New York and Chicago areas.

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THE CHEMISTRY CLUB of Ouachita recently elected officers for the spring semester. They are: Jerry Leazure, Fort Smith, president; Jerry Stewart, Benton, vice president; Mike Cowart, Fort Smith, secretary-treasurer; Billy Eason, Muleshoe, Tex., program chairman; Bill Blake, Hope, sergeant-at-arms; and Phil Snodgrass, Little Rock, reporter.

JESSE REED, state evangelist, and Mark Short, evangelistic singer, assisted First Church, Mount Ida, in a recent revival. There were 24 additions to the church by baptism and one by letter. Eddie L. McCord is the pastor.

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"I CANNOT lay it down until I have read it through," says Pastor Ivan R. Davis, First Church, Hardy, of the new Arkansas Baptist. The Hardy Brotherhood presented a program recently for the Brotherhood of First Church, Thayer, Mo.

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AMBOY CHURCH, North Little Rock, recently presented 71 awards for completion of a Sunday school study course and 78 for Training Union study course. Arnold Teel is pastor of the church. C. E. Patton is Sunday school superintendent, and A. A. Lack is the Training Union director. The church is erecting a new education building.

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BILL DEVINE and Bill Landers, students of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, are currently engaged in a youth revival with First Church, DeValls Bluff. Mr. Devine is the speaker and Mr. Landers, the song director. (DP)

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H. L. LEWIS, Welch Street Church, Little Rock, assisted his son, Robert D. Lewis, and First Southern Baptist Church, Richmond, Calif., in a two-week revival recently which resulted in 24 decisions. One young woman surrendered for foreign mission work. The Sunday school attendance increased from 225 the first Sunday to more than 300 the third Sunday, while the Training Union reached an all-time high of 179.

THE BAPTIST Student Center in Honolulu won a young science student to Christ who, upon returning to his native Japan, "will be a strong Christian witness," according to Miss Josephine Harris, Southern Baptist missionary and student worker in Honolulu. Miss Harris is a former Arkansan.

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B. H. EUSTIS, former pastor at First Church, Siloam Springs, has resigned the pastorate of Southern Hills Church in Tulsa, Okla., effective June 1, to devote his time to evangelistic work. He may be contacted at 5600 S. Lewis, in Tulsa.

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WHITE COUNTY ASSOCIATION closed its simultaneous crusade with 59 additions to churches by baptism and 22 by letter. Twenty-five made profession of faith without joining a church, and one surrendered for special service. Eighteen churches participated. Reese Howard, First Church, Beebe, is moderator of the association and E. E. Boone is the missionary.

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E. E. GRIEVER, pastor of First Church, Hamburg, assisted Guy McGee, former Arkansan, now pastor of First Church, Caruthersville, Mo., in a recent revival.

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GALILEE CHURCH, El Dorado, had the services of State Evangelist Jesse Reed in a revival from March 24 to 31. There were 23 received for baptism and two by letter. Pastor Jack Livingston directed the music.

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DR. C. W. CALDWELL, superintendent of missions, conducted two revivals in March. At Barton's Chapel, in Tri-County, the church received 24 by baptism in a meeting from March 17 to 24. They have no pastor. At First Church, McGehee, from March 24 to 31, there were 18 received by baptism and four by letter. Cline Ellis is the pastor.

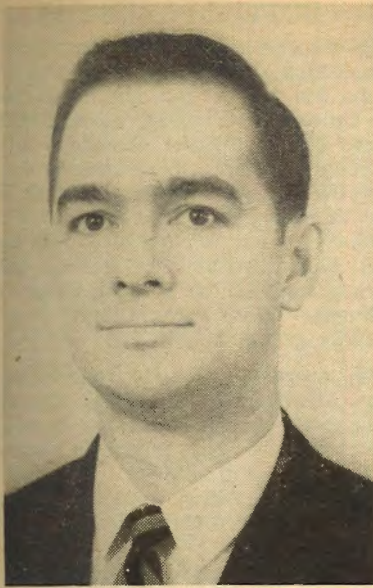
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GROSS ROADS CHURCH in Mississippi County has remodeled and redecorated its auditorium and purchased new furniture. The church voted to build a pastor's home and has raised the pastor's salary twice recently. An all-time high has been reached in Arkansas Baptist subscriptions. Allen VanHorn is the pastor.

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SECOND CHURCH, Pine Bluff, recently moved into its new building. The building is of contemporary design and brick construction. The interior is laminated wood of Honduras mahogany. Opera seats were installed to accommodate 602, while seating may be increased to 1,000 by utilizing the balcony and other features that were incorporated for future expansion.

The Sunday school average has increased from 300 to 375 since November. An all-time high in Training Union was reached March 24 with 124 present. Floyd B. Caldwell is the pastor.



Lucien E. Coleman, Jr.

A VISITATION REVIVAL will be conducted the first week in May by the University Church in Fayetteville. The workers will meet at the church each evening for a prayer period and then go out to visit prospects, both saved and unsaved. The book, "The Ministry of Visitation," will be discussed by Pastor Walter L. Johnson each Wednesday evening through April as a means of preparation.

W. A. PRUITT has resigned First Church, DeValls Bluff and assumed the pastorate of Greenlee Memorial in Pine Bluff. The DeValls Bluff Church gave the Pruitts a love offering and other gifts. (DP)

LUCIEN COLEMAN, JR., formerly of Little Rock, and president of the Arkansas group at Southern Seminary, Louisville, will receive his Th. M. degree at Southern in May. Lucien Coleman, Sr., was former associate secretary to Dr. B. L. Bridges, of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and is now secretary of the Brotherhood Department for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

THE ARKANSAS Baptist School of Nursing has been approved for "continued full accreditation." The school was first accredited in 1955, the second diploma school in the state to receive the recognition.

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THE OUACHITA BAPTIST College Choir will sing at First Church, Mountain Home, Easter Sunday, April 21, at the evening service. James E. Birkhead is the pastor.

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THE BROTHERHOOD of First Church, Mansfield, has completed its first project, a lighted bulletin board in the church yard. Clifford Lyons is the pastor. (CB)

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BATESVILLE, FIRST, observed Christian Home Week March 17-22. Activities of the week were directed by Mrs. J. O. Williams, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Richard S. Brannon is the pastor.

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IMMANUEL CHURCH, Texarkana, is without a pastor. W. T. Byrum, after four years at Immanuel, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Idabel, Okla.

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BRIAN NELSON, First Church, Huntsville, surrendered to the Gospel ministry in a recent revival. Garland W. Morrison is his pastor.

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DEAN Y. ROWELL, superintendent, and Chaplain E. A. Richmond of the Arkansas Boys' Industrial School, Pine Bluff, have been given the "green light" to go ahead with plans for the construction of a chapel on the campus.

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W. P. MEARS, pastor of Calvary Church, Texarkana, assisted Northside Baptist Church, Texas City, Tex., in a recent revival which resulted in 56 additions to the church, 37 by baptism.



Cecil Fuller

NINETEEN WERE RECEIVED for baptism and two by letter in a recent revival at First Church, Dewitt, Norman E. Lerch, pastor. Jack Edmonds, Shawnee, Okla., was the evangelist and Jamel Body, Lawton, Okla., led the singing. (CB)

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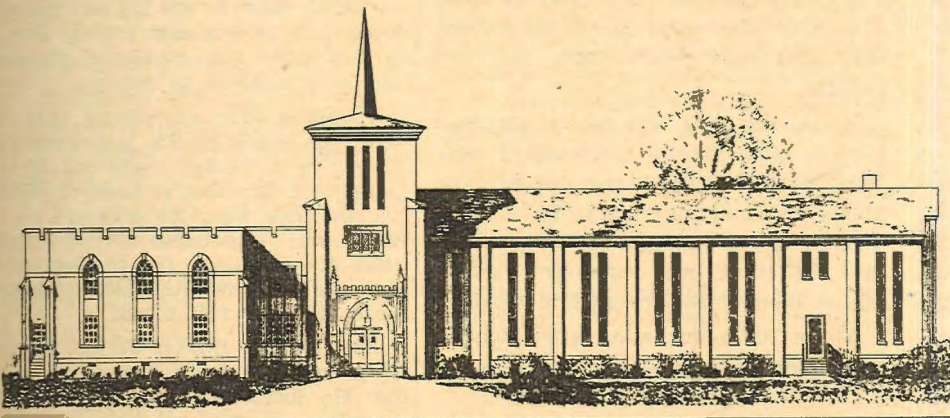
A GRANT FOR LSU for \$1,500 was given Billy Eason, senior chemistry major at Ouachita, for next year, according to Dr. E. A. Provine, chemistry professor at Ouachita. Eason is from Muleshoe, Texas.

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OUACHITA ASSOCIATION had a Vacation Bible School Clinic at First Church, Mena, April 9, according to Lewis K. McClendon, missionary. Jay W. C. Moore, Faulkner County missionary, led the clinic.

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MOUNTAIN SPRINGS MISSION, sponsored by First Church, Cabot, J. Samuel Phillips, pastor, has extended a call to Cecil Fuller to be their pastor. For the past 18 months Mr. Fuller was pastor at Chambers Baptist Church in Caroline Association.



Earle Builds

THE EARLE BAPTIST CHURCH is in the process of erecting a new building. Cost of the structure and new furnishings will approximate \$100,000. J. T. Kendrick, Memphis, is the contractor. Robert Martin, Memphis, is the architect. Charles T. Bernard is chairman of the building committee, and Dr. E. Butler Abington is the pastor.

The Reverend B. H. Duncan

The best thing about Rev. B. H. Duncan was B. H. Duncan. One of the most precious gifts that God has given me across the years has been the friendship of this great Christian spirit who was the emblem of kindness, courtesy, loyalty, honesty, and devotion to all that is highest and best in life, including service to our Lord, Christ Jesus.

An old Methodist minister once said, "God does not give us more than two or three true friends in a lifetime, the kind who remain loyal and true regardless of what may happen." In B. H. Duncan I found such a friend.

Though he was fifteen years my senior, it was friendship at first sight, beginning that afternoon twenty-five years ago when we met on the street of Augusta, Ga. I had gone from Southern Baptist Seminary to my first pastorate in South Carolina. Duncan was serving a pastorate in the same state about fifteen miles from my field. It was a happy day for me—a day that stands out among other days like the Morning Star.

I find it hard to believe that twenty-five years of correspondence has come to an end; our hours together during conventions are over; our visits in his home and my home will be no more. Did I say they will be no more? Please don't believe it.

The day before he died I saw him in the Arkansas Baptist Hospital where he had been a patient for three months. For four days I had been in Little Rock, spending an hour with him the first day, four hours the next, four hours the next, and thirty minutes on the final day. Briefly at times he showed signs of recognition. Only three words did he speak to me during the time. On the first day I asked, "Do you remember Bruce?" His weak reply was, "I remember Bruce." Before taking my final leave, I stood in prayer by the side of his bed holding his hand. For a few moments, now and then, he seemed to know I was there. It was not easy for me to go. Walking across the room I opened the door and hesitated, taking one last look and waving goodbye. To my surprise his dim eyes turned toward me and his thin, white hand—that gifted hand which had written editorials for ten years in his paper, the *Arkansas Baptist*, and had written sermons since college and seminary days; that hand which had once been strong and I had often clasped—raised slightly. My heart was full, very full. From the depths of my soul, through my trembling lips, came the words, "I'll see you again."

Death was not a stranger to B. H. Duncan. For eighteen months he struggled with leukemia and he knew it was

a losing battle. But he was not afraid. He talked about his condition as a doctor talks to a family about a patient. He wrote an article entitled, "My Rendezvous With Death," revealing to the readers of his paper that a fatal killer was in his blood stream. The Associated Press took the message and sent it over the country, and his picture, with a summary of the article, was published in *Time* magazine.

Later, with his beloved wife, he went to a funeral home and selected his casket. How could he do it? He could say with Paul, "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain."

I am glad it was in the springtime that his body was taken to his native Kentucky and at Marion, near the place of his birth, his remains were committed to the grave while all about the cemetery, nature in its glory was budding, flowers were beginning to unfold and green blades of grass were peeping from behind the brown leaves on the ground. Music was furnished by the birds as they swayed on the overhanging twigs. All nature was rejoicing. It was near Easter Day, a reminder that there is no death to those who live in the Lord. Is there one among us who cannot see and hear this parable of the resurrection and the songs of the heavenly chorus giving a welcome to Rev. B. H. Duncan?

So in newspaper language it is Thirtieth, but in the Christian language it is, "I'll see you again."

—Bruce H. Price
Newport News, Virginia

"1959 IS CLOSED!"

We can accept no more applications for schools of missions for 1959, in which Home and Foreign missionaries are requested as speakers. All such applications will, necessarily, request dates for 1960. If your association desires a school of mission—with Home and Foreign missionaries—in 1960, please do not deceive yourself by thinking you have plenty of time, because schools of missions are becoming so popular that each year's quota fills up rapidly.

There are plans in which you can have a most successful school of missions without visiting Foreign and Home missionaries. I will be glad to visit your association and explain several different and attractive plans. Please contact me for such a service.

Yours for more and better schools of missions.

—Leo B. Golden
State Director
Schools of Missions

Radio and television we recognize as a medium of education and entertainment, but we feel that the home should be protected from all harmful influence. There is some obnoxious advertising of alcoholic beverages, program showing folks quarreling, fighting, vulgar dancing, prolonged kissing, killing people, a woman giving birth to a baby, and women moving before the public almost nude. Such programs have bad influence upon the children, and especially young people.

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Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends. We get these lines from John 15:15. Our Lord did just this when he died on the cross of Calvary—He gave His life that we, you and I, might live. He did this because He loved us. What love could be greater than the love our Master has for us?

God is love in its highest degree. I know love is God and God is love. He is not only the plenitude of mercy, but he delighteth in mercy.

I believe that everything that lives feels the touch of His love, even every flower in a garden could tell of some particular care that is given it. He does for the rose what He does not for the sunflower; something for the daisies that He does not for the geraniums. Yet each knows His touch and grows until it is in full bloom.

And like the flowers we feel our Master's touch and His love will lead us for He loves us better than we love ourselves.

—Newitt V. Ponder, Emerson

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON
Premonition of Death

QUESTION: When I was about 12 years of age I began wondering if I would like to be 16, thought I would die before then. I finished high school and entered nurses training, but that fear still persists. Now I am 28 and my fear is that I will not live to be 30.

What I'd like to know, do you think it is a premonition that I will die young or just a phobia? I have thought that it could be something that happened in my childhood, but as I look back I can't find anything.

ANSWER: Of course you cannot remember anything that may have caused your fear. In fact, there may not be any one thing. If there were, you would not likely turn it up like a mouse out of a new plowed furrow. Psychotherapy is a slow painful process.

Your problem is an overdeveloped conscience. This may sound strange, but some people's consciences get all twisted and enlarged and corrupted. Some have too much conscience; some too little. The Apostle Paul is enough to prove that consciences are not, by themselves, trustworthy. He persecuted the church "in all good conscience."

Chaplains in GRAY



by Charles F. Pitts
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION —

What Makes Baptist Colleges

By DR. A. DONALD BELL

Southern Baptists have lost some of their strongest colleges because they did not remain truly Baptist. It is difficult to list those characteristics which keep a college "in the fold" because Christian education is a broad and intangible influence. Some requirements of a senior Baptist College might be formulated, however. They would include: 1. College operation and ownership by a Southern Baptist convention (usually a state convention); 2. College board appointed or approved by that convention; 3. Christian interpretation

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given to all subjects taught by the school; 4. A faculty composed of active Baptists; 5. Specialized training afforded to pre-seminary volunteers to service; 6. Courses in religion (usually biblical survey) required of all students; 7. Provision for a Christian social recreational campus program; 8. Required chapel attendance.

Let us look at two of these.

Required Courses in Religion

The writer surveyed the recent bulletins of our thirty senior Baptist colleges and found that 26 of the colleges require as much as six semester hours of courses in religion; three of the colleges require more than six semester hours; and one college makes no requirement in this field.

What are the values of required courses in religion? If our college students were mature they would not have to go to college. Therefore, we prescribe certain courses which prepare them to do certain things with their lives. Thus, to require English, but not require Bible and religious education, is inconsistent.

We invest denominational dollars in colleges so as to reap the revenue of Baptist workers in our homes, churches, and communities. This investment is sound only if these graduates know how to live and believe like Baptists.

No, you expect to die because you have repressed some guilt feelings. If you cannot forget your fears, see some good counselor. My guess is that you will live to be at least eighty.

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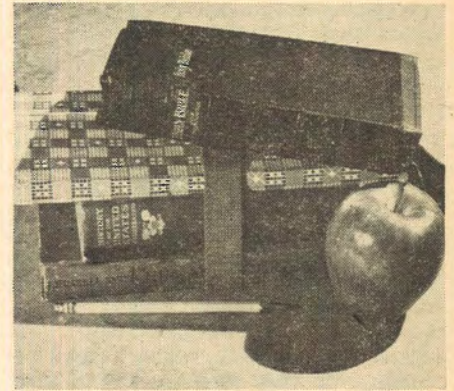
First Church, Monticello, April 21-28, Evangelist E. V. Appling. Thomas J. Welch, pastor.

First Church, Clarksville, April 21-28, Evangelist Dr. Wade Armstrong. J. L. Hall, pastor.

Frankfort Ave., Russellville, April 21-

Compulsory Chapel Attendance

The study of chapel attendance revealed that 26 of the colleges require chapel attendance and four colleges "encourage" attendance. The chapel for a Christian college is as much a



part of the curriculum as are the classes. Therefore, students ought to be in regular attendance. Recently a vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention said that attendance at Chapel in school had meant as much to his life and ministry as his class-work.

The spiritual morale of a church-related school is fired in its chapel exercises. It does for the school family (administration, faculty and students) what regular church attendance does for the family at home. College administrators who allow their students to avoid chapel services are not fulfilling the stewardship responsibilities which the denomination has given them.

Some Conclusions

Although every Southern Baptist College will want to retain all eight characteristics mentioned, these two are most urgent. Constantly enriched courses in religion must be required to give spiritual leaven to the future leadership of many spheres of our denomination. Worshipful, Baptist-centered chapel services must be provided for students who are yet finding maturity. They must attend these services!

28, Evangelist Carl Kluck, W. C. Blanton, pastor.

First Church, Hot Springs, April 28-May 5, Evangelist Dr. Ralph Phelps. Dr. John L. Dodge, pastor.

Baring Cross, No. Little Rock, May 12-19, Evangelist Angel Martinez. Dr. D. David Garland, pastor.

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ARKANSAS' MOTHER OF THE YEAR is Mrs. C. A. Dawson, Marked Tree. Mrs. Dawson will go to New York City to represent Arkansas in the national Mother of the Year contest. (DP)

PERSONALITIES *Miss Nancy Cooper*

An Uncle Taught Her To Tithe

Arkansas' WMU executive secretary, Miss Nancy Cooper, was "hired" to begin tithing, she recalls.

As a young woman just beginning her career as a "working girl," in Little Rock, Miss Cooper accepted an unusual proposition from an uncle, Hugh Standley, who was at the time a deacon in the Caney Creek Church, between Lonoke and England.

"If you will agree to give a tithe of your income to the church, I will stake you to your support for your first month," Mr. Standley told his red-haired niece. "You can save all your salary for the first month above your tithe and have a nest egg," he continued.

"So, I really began tithing to please Uncle Hugh," Miss Cooper recalls. "I was earning \$15 a week and giving \$1.50 of this to Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, where I belonged. But I soon was tithing because of my own conviction and the joy it brought me."

Miss Cooper, who has the distinction of being the only woman executive officer in the Arkansas Baptist Building, cannot remember when she first began attending church. Her parents, George C. and Nancy Caskey Cooper being devout Baptists, took her to church from the time she was an infant.

Among her earliest recollections are the mussel-shelled streets of her native town of DeValls Bluff, where the button industry used to flourish, and the annual church bazaars her mother and other members of the Ladies' Aid Society used to hold to raise money for missions.

Miss Cooper's first impression of missions came at the age of nine. She was a member of the Sunbeam Band in DeValls Bluff. The group was taught a book, "Going Somewhere," written by Amy Compere, daughter of the J. S. Comperes, while they were missionaries to Nigeria. The story was about their native houseboy. Thirty-five years later Miss Cooper and party visited Nigeria and the former houseboy was their host as they visited historical points in Ogbomosho, the first Baptist mission in Africa. He is now a teacher in the seminary.

Miss Cooper was active in YWA work through the years and taught Junior girls at Second Church. But it was Miss Margaret Hutchison, when she was State WMU Young Peoples' Secretary, who gave Miss Cooper her opportunity to serve in young peoples' camps. In the Spring of 1940, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell was

conducting a revival at Second Church when Miss Cooper began to think seriously of special service, and that fall she made a public dedication of her life.



Miss Cooper

She went to Louisville, Ky., entering what is now the Carver School of Missions and Social Work. Following her graduation in 1942, she returned to Little Rock to become secretary to Dr. C. C. Warren, who was the pastor of Immanuel Church. She later served the church as education director. She resigned that position to spend two years as field representative for the Home Mission Board.

On January 1, 1949, Miss Cooper became executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union in Arkansas. In this position she directs the promotion of all phases of WMU work, including the auxiliaries, YWA, GA, and Sunbeam work. She has five paid staff members, who are office and field assistants and many volunteers.

If she has a hobby, it is travel. She has visited 33 countries, her major interest being missions and missionaries.

Notable increases have been made in WMU work during her eight years in office. Organizations have increased 76 per cent, with a membership increase of 72 per cent. Gifts through the special offerings, Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, and Dixie Jackson, have increased 125 per cent. Her hope for the immediate future is to increase WMU organizations ten per cent.



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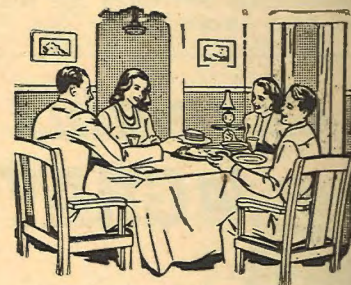
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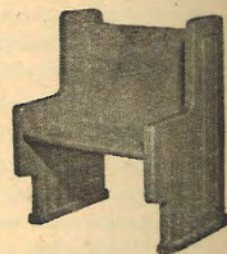
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EVANGELISM:

Simultaneous Crusades

By I. L. Yearby

The best method yet discovered in promoting evangelism is the Associational Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. This means all the churches in a given association will do the same things



DR. YEARBY

at the same time. There is great value in all working together in soul winning.

The following associations engaged in Crusades during the month of April: Ashley County, Boone County, Little Red River, Newton County, Pulaski

County. It is incumbent upon all Baptists in Arkansas to pray for the churches and pastors who are in revival during this month. Let us all earnestly implore God, at a Throne of Grace, for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the churches as they enter evangelistic meetings in the interest of winning the lost to Christ. The phrase of one of our popular Gospel songs, "It is no secret what God can do, what He's done for others, he'll do for you," is eternally true. In 1858 the whole land was alive with daily prayer meetings. In answer to the prayers of Christians ascending from all parts of America, the Spirit of God was poured out and the Great Awakening was realized. The same God who heard and answered prayer then will do so again today.

One of the secrets of the success of the Billy Graham crusades is the united prayers he is able to get from the Christian people of the world. At this time, thousands of Christians are praying for the Crusade in New York City which opens May 15. If united prayers mean great revival for Billy Graham and his team, united prayers will do the same for our churches, pastors and evangelists.

Remember, prayer changes things. Conditions which make it hard to realize an effective evangelism can be met and overcome by united believing prayer. PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

A Deserved Salute

By E. Stanley Williamson

Perhaps less has been written in appreciation of associational missionaries than of any other group in Baptist life, and yet these men (and sometimes women) of God have more to do with the trend of our denominational life than any other group. They are the behind-the-scenes, unsung heroes who perform tremendous tasks, knowing they will receive little praise for their work.

All of us who are Sunday school workers thank our associational mis-

sionaries from the bottom of our hearts for the help they give us, and for their unselfish contribution to the cause of Christ.

A look at the man and the many responsibilities of our associational missionaries will give us an even greater appreciation of them and the work they do.

Knowledge of Needs: As in any phase of work, the needs must be known before an intelligent, helpful program can be planned. The associational missionary, through visitation to the churches, conferences with key leaders, and through associational meetings, learns the main needs of the association. He knows the strong and weak points, and plans with key leaders from the churches a program to meet the needs of the association.

A Philosophy To Go By: The association is a service organization. It exists to help the churches win the lost to Christ and lead the saved to acknowledge the lordship of Christ in daily living.

The associational missionary is the leader of this service organization. He knows that his primary responsibility is to lead the associational organizations in such a way that they serve and help every church in the association.

Organized Responsibilities: Your associational missionary heads up and works with the associational organizations the same way your pastor works with the organizations in your church.

New Churches: Growth in an association comes more rapidly through new churches than through any other means. Here is another place where our missionaries have made lasting contributions to the cause of Christ.

Pastorless Churches: Of course the associational missionary has no authority in relationship to any church, but as churches turn to their associational missionary, he forwards the work in a wonderful way as he suggests possible pastors who are capable of aggressive leadership.

Meetings: Much of the associational missionary's time is spent in meetings. It is in meetings of small groups of leaders that the missionary projects a program that helps every church in the association.

Personal Relations: An associational missionary is not only a servant, but he is also a leader. A knowledge of the work, plus a genuine understanding of self and appreciation for others, makes possible the outstanding work being done by many missionaries. Southern Baptists can be proud of this God-called, consecrated group of denominational servants.

Your State Sunday School Department agrees 100% with Dr. E. Stanley Williamson, Secretary of Cooperative Sunday School Field Promotion for the Sunday School Board, in this tribute to our associational missionaries.

W.M.U.

In Chicago, May 26-28

By Nancy Cooper

Chicago! The hub of the nation in population, location, industry, transportation and American culture, is making ready for the convention-wide Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting. Members of Illinois Woman's Mission-



NANCY COOPER

ary Union are creating more "hustle and bustle" in the already "Windy City" in preparation for our arrival.

Mrs. Paul Hays, president of Illinois WMU, writes "Being your host this year is of double importance; first, because

we are happy to have you as our guests; second, because we want you to have fellowship with us during our Fiftieth Anniversary as a WMU organization and the fiftieth year that Illinois Baptists have been affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention."

The annual meeting will be held in the beautiful Medinah Temple. Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, is planning a program of information, interest and inspiration. The Fiftieth Anniversary YWA presentation will be spectacular. And Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo., and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, will be preaching at the opening session Sunday night, May 26.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of Carver School of Missions and Social Work will be observed at a luncheon at the Medinah Temple, Tuesday, May 28. Tickets are \$2.50 and may be secured at the State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Bldg., Little Rock.

The state's delegation with voting privileges will be limited to the first 46 members of Woman's Missionary Union who register. "First come, first served" is now the policy for registration.

DAY OF PRAYER

Suggestions for the observance of the Day of Prayer for Community Missions, May 6, are being mailed to all organizations. The material was prepared by the following: WMS, Mrs. L. D. Mack, State Community Missions Chairman; BWC, Mrs. H. L. Lipford; YWA, Mrs. Roy Snider; GA, Mrs. R. B. Whitecotton; Sunbeam Band, Mrs. G. I. Haynie. Any organization failing to get the material should immediately notify the State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Building.

MISSIONS:

Annual Missionaries' Retreat

By C. W. Caldwell

The Associational Missionaries' Retreat will be held at Lonsdale May 6-8. In this conference for the missionaries every phase of missionary and denominational work will be discussed. We will have representatives of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, as well as a number of our State leaders to appear on the program. It is very important that every missionary attend. This conference will enable us to correlate our mission program and to project our work along similar lines.



DR. CALDWELL

Brother Missionary, this conference will mean more to your associational program than a revival meeting engagement! We urge you to arrange your schedule to attend. It will also be a time of delightful fellowship with other missionaries.

STATE-WIDE SURVEY

We are now in the process of completing a State-wide survey which is our first step in cooperating in the movement in establishing 30,000 more preaching places by 1964. This survey will give us the number of Southern Baptist Churches in the cities, towns, villages and communities of our state and in addition we will also know the number of other Baptist churches, and whether or not there is need for any new work. I might state that a similar survey will be made in every state of the United States. What a revelation we will have when the total survey is completed!

At this writing we have not heard from the following associations: Current River, Little River, Dardanelle-Russellville, Central, White River, Black River, Concord, Carroll County. We are waiting for this material so the summary can be completed and sent out to all the associations for them to begin projecting the work through the local churches.

We will be launching this movement following our Missionaries' Retreat in Lonsdale. The State Convention with all its departments will cooperate in the fullest extent. We must have the help of the missionaries and the Associational Missions Committees. Then the local churches must help in actually getting the work done out in the areas where new preaching places should be established. You will be hearing and reading more about this in months to come.

TRAINING UNION:

Correction!

By Ralph W. Davis

We are indeed sorry, but a mistake was made in announcing the sword drill winner who will represent Arkansas at Ridgecrest. Miss Linda King, 5114 South 24th Street, Fort Smith, who is a member of Temple Church, was the sword drill winner. She will go to Glorieta. Mr. David Brantly, of Forrest City, will represent Arkansas at Glorieta.

20 Percenters Honor Roll Continued
Dardanelle-Russellville — Bellville; Bluffton; East Point; Frankfort, Russellville; London; Pleasant View; Rover.

Delta — Crooked Bayou; Lake Village; Oak Grove; Portland.

Faulkner — Beryl; Cold Springs; Holland; Pleasant Grove.

Gainesville — Greenway; New Hope. Greene County — First, Paragould; Rock Hill; Vines Chapel.

Harmony — Central; Greenlee Memorial; Johnson Chapel; First, Kingsland; Lee Memorial; Moores Chapel; Wabbaseka.

Hope — Bradley; Fouke; Genoa; Guernsey; Lewisville; Mandeville; Memorial, Waldo; Rocky Mound.

Independence — First, Batesville; Floral; Salado; White River.

Liberty — Caledonia; Temple, Cullendale; Parkview; Harmony; Maple Avenue; Three Creeks; Northside, El Dorado; Grace, Camden.

Little Red River — Brownsville; First, Concord; Mt. Zion.

Little River — Ben Lomond; State Line; Washington.

Mississippi County — Boynton; Neal Chapel; New Providence; Wardell; Yarbro; Carson Lake.

Motor Cities, Michigan — Bethany; Bethel; Bearing Cross; Bethlehem; Eber Memorial; First, St. Clair Shore; First Southern, Wayne; Ypsilanti; Glen Eden; Brooklyn Ave.; First, Adrian; Columbia Ave.; Berrien Springs; First Missionary; Francis Street; Harmony; Immanuel; Merriman Road; Motor Cities.

(To be Continued)

MUSIC:

Camps and Schools

By LeRoy McClard

June 17-21, Music Camp and Leadership school on Ouachita Campus.

August 19-23, Music Camp and Leadership school on Siloam Spring Assembly Grounds.

114 Definite Registrations for Ouachita Music Camp.

186 More may register. Nearly a hundred of these have been promised.

12 Definite reservations for Ouachita Leadership School.

SUMMER FIELD WORK

Summer Field Workers already have been engaged for the first three weeks of the Summer Music Program. The following dates remain open: July 2-12, 14-19, 21-26, 28-Aug. 2, Aug. 4-9, Aug.

11-16, 18-23. Until May 1 Associations requesting the services of all seven field workers will be given first preference. The cost per worker is \$10 transportation fee, food and lodging and a free will offering. Buckner and Rocky Bayou Associations have reserved dates with our office.

ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOLS

This year greater emphasis is being given to Associational Schools of Music. Successful schools have been held in Delta, Bartholomew, Harmony, Pulaski, Mt. Zion, and Rocky Bayou associations. Perhaps the reason these schools have been so successful is the fact that all but one of these associations are completely organized. The one that is not organized is in the process of doing so right now.

HYMN SING REPORTS

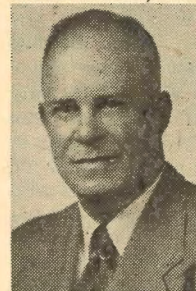
The Rocky Bayou Associational Hymn Sing met March 31 in the Mount Pleasant Church. There were 94 attending from 8 churches. Mr. Herman Dover directed the music and Rev. Homer Shirley, Jr. led the devotional. The accompanists were Kathy Cooper and Lela Carpenter. The Evening Shade Baptist Church and the Melbourne Baptist Church brought special numbers during the Hymn Sing.

BROTHERHOOD:

Anniversary In Arkansas

By Nelson Tull

The Brotherhood Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention was opened on April 1, 1946, which is eleven years ago. At that time there were about 23 active Brotherhoods in the state.



MR. TULL

God has smiled on the work, and there are now 575 church Brotherhoods of record, 43 associational Brotherhoods, 15 regional Brotherhoods; and the Arkansas Baptist Brotherhood Convention is thoroughly organized and functioning effectively as a

state organization.

Since January 1, 1953, the Department has promoted Royal Ambassador work in all its phases. And since January 1, 1956, the Department has had the full responsibility for Royal Ambassadors. There are 566 Royal Ambassador Chapters in the state, 18 associational Royal Ambassador Conclaves, five area Royal Ambassador Congresses, and the State Royal Ambassador Congress.

Thus the Brotherhood Department is at present working to help maintain 1,224 organizations throughout the state, and to promote new organizations continuously.

These figures reflect the fact that the Brotherhood Department is growing up!

The scope of the work has been greatly enlarged during these eleven years. Arkansas has pioneered in Brotherhood promotion of Royal Ambassador work; and the Arkansas pattern is now the pattern of the whole Southern Baptist Convention.

We are grateful to God for his blessings on the work of the Brotherhood Department during these very fruitful years. And we pray God's continuing blessings upon Brotherhood work in the years ahead.

Every church needs a Brotherhood. Every church needs one or more Royal Ambassador chapters.

BSU.

Student Retreat Speaker

By Tom J. Logue

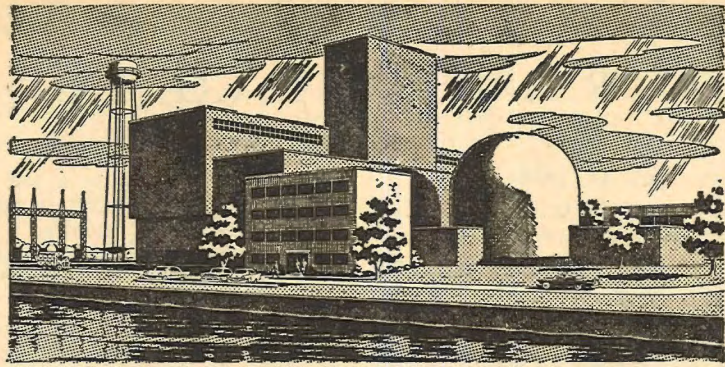
One of the speakers at the 1957 Baptist Student Retreat at Ferncliff, April 12-14, will be Dr. T. B. Maston of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Dr. Maston has been professor of Christian Ethics at the seminary since 1922. He is the author of *Handbook for Church Recreation Leaders, Of One, The Christian in the Modern World, A World in Travail, and Right or Wrong.*



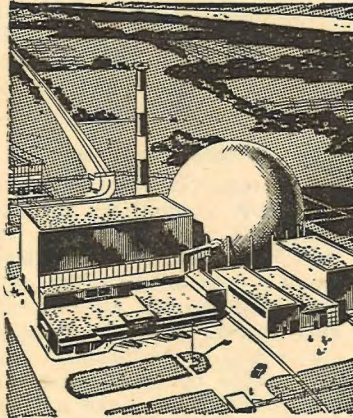
Dr. Maston

A graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Seminary, Dr. Maston also has attended the University of North Carolina, the University of Chicago, and Yale University. It was at Yale that he received his Ph. D. degree.

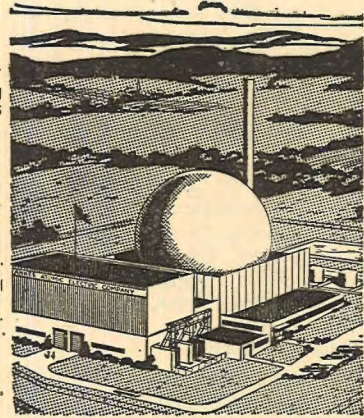
Also appearing on the retreat program will be Miss Jane Ray Bean of the Nashville Student office, Dr. B. L. Bridges, Dr. Gerald Smith, T. K. Rucker, Dr. Thomas Welch, Dr. Edgar Williamson, Robert Dowdy, C. H. Seaton, Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, Miss Elma Cobb, Miss Nancy Cooper, Mrs. W. C. Ferguson, Dr. Clyde Hart, and the Baptist Student Directors of the state. The Retreat theme will be "Commissioned and Committed."



Enrico Fermi atomic power plant is under way near Detroit through the joint efforts of 18 electric companies. A group of equipment manufacturers and the Atomic Energy Commission are also associated in the project.



Dresden, Illinois, plant is being developed by 7 electric light and power companies, their equipment manufacturers, with AEC co-operation.



Yankee atomic-electric plant, being developed by 12 New England electric companies. Equipment manufacturers and AEC are participating.

What will atomic-electric power plants look like?

Among the atomic-electric power plants now under way, three will look like the drawings above.

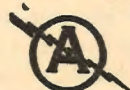
Although they appear somewhat alike, each involves different methods, different materials, a different type of atomic reactor or "furnace." That's because the electric companies, the equipment manufacturers and the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission — who are all participating in atomic development — are searching for the best ways to produce electricity, using atomic energy as fuel.

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JESUS PRAISED AND CONDEMNED

By BURTON A. MILEY

April 14, 1957

Matthew 21:1-11; 27:20-26

Crowned or crucified? This question can be asked each individual. It is imperative that he answer it in relation to Christ Jesus. Christ has been both crowned and crucified. Any strong character will have his devout followers and

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his avowed enemies. Today's lesson material deals with this wide span of acclaim toward Jesus. Part of the lesson material is drawn from behind that which was studied last Sunday. Friday afternoon Jesus came to Bethany to lodge there with Martha, Mary and Lazarus for his last week. He spent the Jewish Sabbath with his disciples in this pleasant environment. He entered Jerusalem on Sunday in what is known as the Triumphant Entry. This entrance provoked a demonstration of praise and adoration from the people.

Public Demonstration

The road from Bethany to Jerusalem went through the little village of Bethphage. Jesus sent two of his disciples on to the village to secure a donkey and her colt. Jesus was not going to enter Jerusalem as other conquerors had come. He would not ride a prancing charger with the helmet of war upon his head and a weapon in his hand. He would enter upon a lowly donkey in peaceful salutation. Jesus assured the two men whom he sent for the animals that the simple statement to the owner that the "Lord hath need" would settle the request. Evidently these were magic words to the owner. He sent his animals for the Master's bidding without restraint. What became of those animals we do not know. Were they returned to the owner that evening? Was Jesus a Master of detail? The question holds more interest than value.

Meekly Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem astride the foal of the ass. Some of the disciples of Jesus threw their outer robes across the donkey for a cushion for the Master. It was kind of a saddle blanket affair without the saddle. Others of the multitude spread their garments in the way and brought green branches, possibly broken from roadside trees, to straw the way over which Jesus rode. The group that was with Jesus met a group that came from Jerusalem and together they joined in the salutation of "Hosanna" to the Son of David. This was a form of a prayer for help. It was also the expression of a titled position. The Son of David meant the continuation of the rulership promised by God, hence the Messiah. This

company created quite a stir in Jerusalem. The whole city, prepared for festive activities, inquired "Who is this?" The friends with Jesus did not hesitate to acclaim him the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

This triumphant entry Jesus made amidst the praise of the people was not the type expected by his friend or enemy. It was too mild for the friends of Jesus who expected him to set up an early kingdom. It was too well received for the enemies of Jesus to be happy about it. It was completely out of character from any conqueror that they had known before. Jesus fulfilled in meekness that which was spoken by the prophet Zechariah in 9:9.

His Official Condemnation

The triumphant entry of Jesus was the spark which fired the public consciousness of his presence and power that last week. Political rulers in Jerusalem looked upon him as a potential threat to the government. Religious leaders knew he challenged the status quo of established religion. The two groups bound together their energies in order to make a united stand against Jesus. After the institution of the Lord's supper and arrest by the temple police, Jesus had his trial. Really there were six trials — three before the Jewish groups and three before the political rulers. The religious group tried Jesus first before Annas, the high priest's father-in-law. Then Jesus was brought before Caiaphas, the high priest, and, finally, before the Sanhedrin, the official ruling body of the Jews. The Jewish trials before Annas and Caiaphas were held in the very early morning and the one before the Sanhedrin after "the morning had come." The verdict was "guilty of blasphemy." He was bound officially to the Roman court for his punishment of death. The Sanhedrin did not have the power for punishment by death. Pontius Pilate was the first to try Jesus. He found him innocent of any crime worthy of death. A chance remark made Pilate place Jesus in the province of Herod, governor of Galilee. Herod was present for the feast so Jesus was rushed off to him. However, Herod did not want any truck with the matter and after much mockery and horseplay, charged that Jesus should be back before Pilate. (Luke 23:11) Pilate could find no fault with Jesus and was ready to release him. He thought that his project was certain to clear the hurdles through the exercise of a Jewish custom of liberating a prisoner at the festival season. He called for another prisoner to place by the side of Jesus and asked whom he should release. The crowd shouted, "Crucify Jesus, release

Barabbas!" Barabbas was an insurrectionist and murderer. The crowd had the stirrings of the religious leaders to cry this verdict against Jesus. Despite the fact that Pilate's wife had advised him to have nothing to do with this fair and just man, Pilate bound Jesus to crucifixion. He had little consolation in the proposition of the mob which said his blood should be on them and their children. Pilate had more on his hands than he knew what to do with. Jesus was on the cross by nine o'clock. How swift the mockery of justice works.

Practical Lessons

ATTACHMENT TO JESUS SHOULD BE PERMANENT. The circus comes with crying posters, banners, and the blare of drums. It draws the attention of people who will laugh and cry at its performance. Tomorrow all that is left is the trampled posters, the strewn waste and litter upon the location where the circus was. People are the same. The response was only for the moment. People who follow Jesus because of the blare of drums or the waving of pennants leave him when the blare becomes louder elsewhere or the pennants flutter more gaily. It is good for a man to see whether he is following Jesus because of his heart's devotion or because there is pressure from the hour for him to be with the crowd. Surely there were some of the same individuals in the crowd which shouted "Hosanna" who later shouted "Crucify Him!"

CONDEMNATION IS EASY. Especially when everyone is doing it and one can be lost in the mob. It is reported that the famous Grenfel, Missionary to Labrador, was not particularly religious in his youth. One night at the close of the service, under the appeal to decide one small lad stood. Grenfel stood too. Not so much on the proposition but for moral support to the lad. Grenfel said: "I saw that lad stand and knew the taunts, sneers and persecution that would come to him and I thought that it would be a little easier on him if another stood." It would have been easy not to have been counted. "Crucify" may be easier to say than "Crown Him." How have you reacted to Christ when the crowd was against Him? Where were His disciples? The record speaks of those who were "against". Surely someone was for Him. Were they like Peter, following afar off?

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GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD

By THELMA C. CARTER

Shaking hands with another person is our way of showing a friendly greeting. Handshaking, in America, is a sign of friendliness. President Eisenhower has shaken hands with hundreds of people each day, and thousands each month.

Long ago, people did not shake hands in a spirit of friendliness. Tradition tells us that men first held out their hands, palms up, to show they carried no weapons. Cave men were expert sleight-of-hand performers when it



came to concealing sharp stones and shells in their hands. Seldom did they wander far from their homes unarmed. And, when they met another person, they never quite trusted him. Neither did they know what ambush lurked nearby.

The act of clasping hands to show that there was no knife or weapon hid-

den between the fingers came about slowly. But when it did, tradition tells us the people "beamed happily" for it was a proud and courageous moment to meet up with another — unarmed and empty-handed.

For a long time, only men shook hands. Then as the custom grew, women began shaking hands to show a friendly spirit. Later, children and young people extended their hands in friendliness.

Our handshake conveys a message. We can "beam happily" while we extend a proud, sincere handshake. Proverbs 18:24 gives us wise advice: "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly."

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QUESTIONS

Of course I've seen the man in the moon,

But what of the Milky Way?

Is it a place where the angels walk,

Or the wee star babies play?

And what of the bear that lives in the sky,

Not far from the milky brink,

Does the big star dipper hold water enough

For the big Star Bear to drink?

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THE TINIEST STAR

By Wanda Allen Moore

Out through my window the other night

I saw the tiniest star,
Gleaming and beaming its steady light
From the sky way up so far.

There was the star and here was I

So far, so far apart;

Farther away than a bird can fly

Or a baby wind can dart.

But the star and I, the wind, the bird

Are blessed by God above;

Wherever we are, together we share

The blessing of His love.

BIBLE PEOPLE PUZZLE

By Bertha R. Hudelson

Change these letters around and you will have the names of Bible people.

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| 1. HURT | 6. MESH |
| 2. HEAL | 7. NAILED |
| 3. WANDER | 8. NOSE |
| 4. GO | 9. SOIL |
| 5. BALE | 10. RAZE |

ANSWERS:

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| 5. Abel | 10. Ezra |
| 4. Or | 9. Lois |
| 3. Andrew | 8. Enos |
| 2. Leah | 7. Daniel |
| 1. Ruth | 6. Shem |

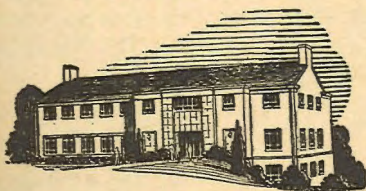
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Big Mouth!

Two ladies who had not seen each other for a long time met on the street. "Oh, Mary!" exclaimed one of them. "So many things have happened to me since I saw you last. I've had my teeth out and an electric stove and refrigerator put in."

—Capper's Weekly

Nine out of ten women would like to look younger. The tenth would like to look still younger.

—D. D. Dunlea

"Were you copying his paper?"

"No, sir, I was only checking to see if he had mine right."

Professor: "What happens when the human body is immersed in water?"

Student: "The telephone rings."

A young woman who was driving a car after two lessons, with her father as passenger, exclaimed: "Doesn't speeding over the beautiful country make you glad you're alive!"

"Glad isn't the word," muttered her father. "I'm amazed."

—Pen-Prints

Hear about the terrible accident in Edinburgh? Two taxis collided and twenty-three Scotsmen were injured.

CHUCKLE: The best illustration of confused arguments over cause and effect I have had is the one about the Californian traveling to Florida. The conductor on the train found him constantly tearing up bits of paper and strewing them out the window. "What are you doing that for?" the conductor asked, and the passenger said "To scare the crocodiles away." "Man, there isn't a crocodile in 500 miles," the conductor said, to which the passenger replied, "Effective isn't it?"

—Brooks Hays

His Wife: "So your client was acquitted of murder. On what ground?"

Lawyer: "Insanity. We proved that his father had spent five years in an asylum."

His Wife: "But he didn't, did he?"

Lawyer: "Yes. He was a doctor there but we had no time to bring that fact out."

Two little boys, in from the country for a visit to their grandmother, wandered down the street to inspect the brand-new school that was just being finished. They found two electricians working in one of the rooms.

"Whatcha doin'?" inquired one of the little visitors.

"We're just putting in the new electric switches, sonny," replied one of the workmen.

"Man," said the other boy, after a pause, "I'm sure glad we still got our old country school."

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Another Forward Program of Church Finance Campaign

The First Baptist Church in Memphis, R. Paul Caudill, pastor, will launch a five-week campaign for \$600,000 beginning April 7 and ending May 12. The objective will be to secure three-year pledges toward the construction of unit 3 of the church's long-range building program.



DR. DOUGLAS

The church will use the new Forward Program of Church Finance, adopted for building fund purposes, to secure the funds.

This new Program of Church Finance is a plan to enlist the entire membership of a church in the whole program of the church. This includes giving of self, in service, and the giving of money.

This program can be used to plan, prepare and promote the annual budget of the church. It can, also, be used as one over-all campaign to promote the annual budget and the building fund drive. Then, it can be adopted for a building fund campaign.

We will look forward with eager anticipation to the results of the campaign in the First Baptist Church, Memphis. Yes, we will be doing more than looking forward. We shall be praying for them as they set the pace in using the Forward Program of Church Finance.

Many associations have planned for ten hours in a clinic on the Forward Program of Church Finance. If your association has not scheduled one, we shall be glad to help arrange for such a clinic, and give our time in making it profitable to all who attend.

We already know, from actual tests and experience, that this program will produce miraculous results when it is entered into wholeheartedly and followed completely. But it is not easy. It takes work and more work, planning and more planning, preparation and more preparation, prayer and more prayer. But, it will produce fellowship and more fellowship, workers and more workers, Christians and more Christians, money and more money.

Any program that has the possibilities of bringing so many desired results deserves at least an all-out effort by every church. At least, it deserves a second look before anyone turns "thumbs-down" on a campaign.—RD.

Do You Know:

1. That when you contribute money to a church that gives a portion of its dollar through the Cooperative Program:
 - (1) You really are going, unnoticed, on a long missionary journey to find a lonely family that needs Jesus Christ?
 - (2) Through the Cooperative Program you become a seminary professor or a college professor, teaching young people Hebrew and Greek?
 - (3) You become that unsung woman who cares for little orphan children, teaching them to say their prayers and listening to their troubles?
 - (4) You become an evangelist, winning lost humanity on many continents?
 - (5) You stand as a preacher heralding the Gospel in remote and destitute places?
 - (6) You visit the slums and minister to those on Skid Row?
 - (7) You embrace a lost world and extend a helping hand to fallen humanity?
2. That the Cooperative Program is love staying on:
 - (1) The last hour of the longest day?
 - (2) For the glory of Christ?
 - (3) That the lost may be won?
 - (4) Until the last mile of the longest road has been reached?
 - (5) Until victory has been won?
3. That God has abundantly blessed the efforts of Baptists because:
 - (1) We get more Kingdom work done with our mission dollar through the Cooperative Program?
 - (2) We have learned how to cooperate in a world-wide effort of evangelization?
 - (3) We do things for the glory of Christ, unnoticed, unheralded unpraised and unashamed, through the Cooperative Program? —RD

LIPFORD AND BRINKLEY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Brinkley, has increased its gifts for the Cooperative Program. The increase for 1957 will be about 11¼ per cent. You will notice, too, that the church where H. L. Lipford is pastor always measures up in loyalty and in the support of the cause. We thank the Lord for the saints in Brinkley and for the leadership of H. L. Lipford. — BLB.

They Get Married

Our girls at Baptist Headquarters, one by one, get married and take on the responsibilities of home life. In December, Miss Diana Fish of Star City, who was the General Secretary's private secretary, married a fine young man of her town.



DR. BRIDGES

He was a student in the college at Monticello and is now working at the Arsenal near Pine Bluff.

This time it is Dorothy Gray of Pine Bluff. She married a young man of Little Rock. Their work will be in Louisiana and they will live in Baton Rouge.

There are some other very fine young women in our employ here at Baptist Headquarters. We are not surprised at the attention that young men pay to them, and although we believe that it is the natural thing and the religious thing for them to get married, and although we rejoice with them in it, still we miss them because all our workers are excellent and it isn't easy to get someone to fill their places. And some of us do not believe that married women ought to engage in public employment. The New Testament says that they should be keepers at home. —BLB

J. D. Passmore Available

Some of our people will remember that J. D. Passmore was Training Union director and deacon in Memorial Baptist Church, Hot Springs. Recently, Brother Passmore has surrendered to the full gospel ministry and will enter the seminary next fall in Fort Worth. At the present time, Brother Passmore's address is 726 South Beech Street, Kennewick, Wash., but he plans to come to Arkansas in June and after June 15 he will be available for supply work or for interim pastorates. After June 1 he may be addressed at Oxley, Ark.—BLB

Change of Address

Rev. Ray Tweed has resigned Dover Baptist Church, Dover, to become pastor of Curtis Baptist Church, Curtis. His new address is Box 11, Curtis, Arkansas.—BLB

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