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Arkansas All Over

April 7-14

Lifeline, Little Rock, Lawrence Kendrick, pastor; Dr. J. Paul Palmer, Memphis, evangelist.

Bellefonte, Pastor Dennis James, evangelist.

Elmwood, Lowell Wright, evangelist. Grubb Springs, Edward Powers, evangelist.

Jasper, First, James A. Askew, evangelist.

Walnut Grove, Homer Allred, evangelist.

Eagle Heights, Stanley Cooper, evangelist.

Northvale, Joe Melton, evangelist. Valley Springs, H. W. Barton, evangelist.

April 7-21

Union Church, Boone-Newton Asso., Jack Barnes, evangelist.

Bentonville, First, B. G. Hickem, pastor. Assisted by J. Harold Smith, Wayne Smith and James West.

April 14-21

Grace, North Little Rock, Pastor L. C. Tedford, evangelist.

Alpena, Clifford Palmer, evangelist. Batavia, Edward Power, evangelist.

Harrison, First, Lehman Webb, pastor; Morris Ashcraft, evangelist.

Oregon Flat, Lowell Wright, evangelist.

Parthenon, James A. Askew, evangelist.

April 17-21

Calvary, Benton, J. W. Royal, pastor; Carroll Caldwell, Southern Seminary, evangelist.

First Church, Dardanelle, Morris S. Roe, pastor; C. W. Caldwell, evangelist.

April 14-20

Cherry Road, Memphis, Tenn., Dr. Richard Brannon, pastor of First Church, Batesville, evangelist.

Baptist Hour Sermon Topics April, 1957

April 7—

"The Call of Our Day"

April 14—

"Serving the Lord Christ"

April 21—

"The Power of His Resurrection"

April 28—

"Not After Our Sins"

CITY	Station	Time
BATESVILLE	KBTA	6:30 p.m. Sat.
BENTON	KBBA	1:30 p.m.
CONWAY	KCON	7:00 a.m.
DeQUEEN	KDQN	(See Local Paper)
EL DORADO	KELD	2:30 p.m.
FAYETTEVILLE	KGRH	9:30 a.m. Sat.
FORREST CITY	KXJK	9:30 a.m.
HOPE	KXAR	5:00 p.m.
LITTLE ROCK	KLRA	9:00 p.m.
MARKED TREE	KTML	2:00 p.m.
MENA	KENA	1:30 p.m.
PARAGOULD	KDRS	8:30 p.m.
POCAHONTAS	KPOC	1:00 p.m.
SILOAM SPGS	KUOA	7:30 a.m.
WYNNE	KWYN	10:00 a.m.

IN THE ABSENCE of Pastor Russell Clearman, who was away for a revival at First Church, Forrest City, Editor McDonald supplied the pulpit of Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, March 24. Gaines Street has cleared the ground for beginning the erection of its auditorium.

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MISS LOIS GARDNER, assistant professor of French and Spanish at

Ouachita, plans to resume her teaching soon. Miss Gardner recently underwent surgery to correct a split retina of the left eye, and has since been at her home in DeQueen.

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THE UNIQUE architectural design of Little Rock's Calvary Baptist Church won for its designer second place in the annual Southern Baptist Convention's Church Buildings and Architectural conference held at Nashville, Tenn., March 14-15.

Bruce Anderson, local architect, was one of 16 architects from 27 states so honored. About 137 architects participated in the two-day conference.

Calvary Church, located at 1901 North Pierce, was completed December 7, 1956, and dedicated January 20. General contractor for the project was Phil Baldwin. The Rev. Wayne S. Smith is interim pastor.

First Baptist Church of Conway won third place in educational buildings. Morris Smith and Norris Sparler, Little Rock, were the architects. These were the only churches of the state to place.

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FIRST CHURCH, DECATUR, purchased lots adjoining their property on March 6, giving the church an additional 64,000 square feet of space. A house on the lots will be remodeled for the pastor's home. Sardis Bever is the pastor.

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William West, pastor at Piney Church, Hot Springs, for the past three years, has accepted the pastorate of Second Church, Conway. He succeeds O. M. Stallings, who is leaving the Conway church on April 15.

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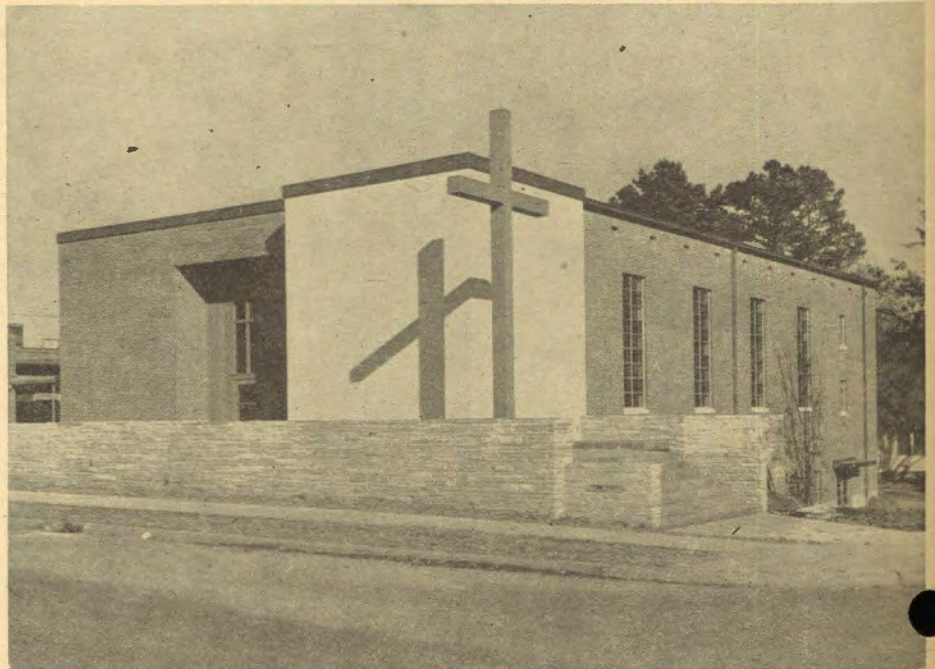
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Calvary Church, Little Rock
Unique design wins acclaim

The Cover

OBC TIGER DAY

Friday, April 12, will be annual "Tiger Day" on the campus of Arkansas' senior Baptist College, Ouachita, Arkadelphia.

On this gala occasion the college will be "at home" to high school seniors and current graduates of junior colleges from all sections of the state.

President Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., aided by his faculty and staff and a committee of more than 100 students, is planning a day of activities that will show visitors what life is like at Ouachita. There will be visits to classrooms, meetings with faculty members, a tour of the campus, lunch in the college dining hall, and various programs and contests, including the annual "Tiger Day Queen" contest.

The friendly spirit of the Ouachita campus is reflected in our cover photograph of Jerry Leazure, Fort Smith, and Carolyn Royal, Benton. Jerry, a senior with major in Biology, is an officer in Beta Beta, men's social club; a representative on the Baptist Student Union Council; a member of the Biology and Chemistry clubs; a past president of the International Relations Club; serves as second vice president of the Student Senate; and is a letterman in track. He is a son of E. Leazure.

Carolyn, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. J. W. Royal, of Calvary Baptist Church, Benton, is a Home Ec major in her junior year. She belongs to Gamma Phi, women's social club; and to the Young Women's Auxiliary, Future Teachers of America, and Colhecon, home economics club. She is on the Women's Council and is secretary of the Student Association.

In the background is the marble tiger, symbol of the college spirit, which was carved by B. F. Worley while a student at OBC in 1934-35.

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RUSSELL DUFFER, pastor of East Side Church, Paragould, since October 1951, has resigned to assume the pastorate of Ardmore Church, Memphis, Tenn., on April 28. During his ministry at Paragould, 205 persons were received by baptism and 235 by letter. Offerings totaled \$100,000. The entire church plant was redecorated. A home for the pastor was purchased and paid for. The Sunday school grew from four departments to 12. The Ardmore Church has a membership of 1,200, with 600 in Sunday school. They are engaged in a building program. The Duffers have two sons, Bob and Jerry.

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FIRST PLACE WINNER in the piano division of the 17th biennial audition of the Arkansas Federation of Music Clubs was Miss Martha Harris, Ouachita sophomore from Little Rock.

Wins Sunday School Citation



MRS. WALLACE WILBOURN, superintendent of Primary I Department, Second Church, Little Rock, has earned the highest award offered by the Sunday School Board, "The Sunday School Worker's Citation." Her pastor, Dr. Dale Cowling, made the presentation at the morn-

ing worship service, March 10. This award represents the completion of at least 64 books. Mrs. Wilbourn has been a primary worker at Second Church 45 years. She has been a superintendent since 1933. Her department has led the church in training for the past two years.

FIRST CHURCH, England, recently ordained five deacons: Harold Thompson, W. F. "Bill" Foster, Herman Perry, Jack Bain and J. T. Ross. Pastor Harold White served as moderator of the ordaining council. Charles D. McKenzie was clerk. Floyd Hoggard presented the candidates to the Council. Association Missionary Don Williams questioned the candidates. H. R. Boyd, pastor of the Wattensaw Church, led the ordination prayer. John Holston, pastor of First Church, Lonoke, delivered the message.

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E. CLAY POLK recently began his seventh year as pastor of the Piggott Church. During this time a two-story educational building and a parsonage has been erected at an approximate cost of \$50,000. Four hundred and forty persons have been added to the membership of the church, of which 227 were by baptism. Mission gifts have increased from \$3,818 in 1950 to \$9,024 in 1956. Gifts through the Cooperative Program, in 1951, were \$2,465; in 1956 Cooperative Program gifts totalled \$5,824. The church now gives 30 percent of her undesignated gifts through the Cooperative Program.



Mr. Duffer
Resigns Pastorate

THE QUILL AND SCROLL club of Hope high school recently had J. E. Redden as guest speaker at their annual banquet. Mr. Redden is head of the journalism department at Ouachita.

Christian Education Crisis

THE LIFE OF one of our great American institutions — the Christian college — hangs in the balance. It is rather ironic that the church college, which "lighted the lamps of learning on the American continent," should be facing the question of its survival at a time in history when it is needed as never before and as a bright new day for education is dawning upon our favored land. Of the first 118 colleges to be established in what is now the United States, 104 were church colleges founded with a distinctly Christian purpose. Not only was this true in New England where Harvard University opened its doors to the sons of the first settlers, but the church and the church college moved with the hardy frontiersmen across the continent.

NO ONE KNOWS today how many church colleges have been founded. It is estimated that of those started before 1861, the dead ones outnumber the living ones four to one. Of the 182 colleges founded before 1861 which still exist, 163 are church schools, 17 are state schools, and 2 are municipal. But today only a little more than a third of the colleges and universities of our country are church-related, and the trend is for the non-church schools, particularly those tax-supported, to take over more and more. As late as 1900 there were five times as many church colleges as tax-supported colleges, with twice as many students. Now there are 733 church colleges, 643 tax-supported colleges, and 513 colleges independent of both church and state. Now only about one-fifth of the students enrolled in college are in church colleges. Since World War II it is true for the first time in the history of the nation that the state schools have more students enrolled than church and private colleges combined, the ratio being about 55% to 45%.

AGAINST THE BACKDROP of the future it seems almost absurd to ask, "Is the church college here to stay?" Here we face our greatest opportunity to shape and mold the world through the lives of our young people and we are being forced to ask, "Are we to stay in the business?"

THE QUESTION REALLY gets back to this: Do churches and denominations regard Christian Education on the higher educational level as a necessity or as an elective? Will we do just as well for our cause of winning a lost world to Christ if we close our colleges and turn our young people all over to the state and to private interests to educate? Or is the Christian college a vital link in our world mission program? To ask the question is to answer it.

IN A WORLD SWEEPED by godless communism that seeks by means fair and foul to take away from man his God-given rights and make him a slave of the State, we need as never before the bulwark of the Christian college that seeks to set men free through Christ, who is the truth and the light of the world.

In a world largely controlled by those who teach that man is just an animal, that there is no more of the divine in him than in a rabbit, and that man, like the rabbit, is expendable at the whims of the State or the party, the world needs the ministry of the Christian college which accepts man as made in the image of God and as having unlimited possibilities for growth mentally, morally, socially, and spiritually.

In a world in which many have fallen in love with the things of the world and are saying by the lives they live that all we need is newer and better gadgets, we need upon the lives of our young people the stamp of the Christian college and its true sense of values.

In a world shrouded in the darkness of ignorance, superstition and unholy fear, we need the Christian college with its light that cannot be overcome.

In a world in which men and nations are set at each other's throats, we need the Christian college which teaches men to live together in Christian love, finding lasting peace through allegiance to Christ, the Prince of Peace.

In a world that is lost in the darkness of sin and death, we need as never before the Christian college as the great training center for pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and dedicated laymen in all honorable walks of life.

We must maintain our Christian colleges at all cost. —ELM.

Personally Speaking . . .

A Chain's Strength

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link.

The truth of this old saying is being reemphasized by two new submarine



MR. McDONALD

telephone cables recently laid from North America to Europe.

First under-ocean telephone lines to be laid, the two cables, each about 2,250 land miles long, stretch from Clarenville Newfoundland, to Port Lathaiche on the Firth near Oban, Scotland.

Built at a cost of \$42,000,000, the submarine system already has doubled the number of overseas calls. And the cost of a three-minute, person-to-person call has dropped from \$75 when radio telephone service opened in 1927 to \$12 on week days and \$9 on evenings and Sundays.

But each of the cables is only as last- ing as its weakest tube. The engineers hope they will last at least 20 years. But the moment one tube "blows" an entire cable will be out. And it would probably be simpler to lay a whole new cable than to find the defunct tube and replace it, the engineers report.

This has a lesson for us church members. Every one of us is important to the work of the church. Fortunately, a church does not have to close when one of its members quits. But no church is big enough or strong enough not to be hurt when one member becomes cold, indifferent, or worldly. The importance of every individual member to the life of the church is seen in Paul's classic statement:

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office;

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

—Romans 12:4-5

It is amazing that our churches accomplish so much, with only about 50 per cent of their members qualifying for the designation of "active"; with our total giving (Southern Baptist) being only about a fourth of what it would be if all of us tithed; and with not more than three church members out of a hundred (Southern Baptist) ever engaging in personal soul winning.

Erwin L. McDonald

"To Improve Democratic Processes"

Unsigned communications cannot be published. —Editor

The Executive Committee will recommend at Chicago amendment of two of the Convention's By-Laws, (11, 12) "to improve democratic processes."

In place of number eleven they will recommend the following: "The President, on the first day of the Convention, shall appoint a committee on resolutions to consist of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee at each session of the Convention to prepare and submit to the Convention all resolutions which it deems appropriate for adoption, and to report on all matters submitted to it by the Convention, with or without recommendation or amendment."

This Language is Not Clear

If it means that the committee shall prepare and submit all resolutions which may come before the Convention, then the next clause "and to report on all matters submitted to it by the Convention," is superfluous, or resolutions would be submitted to the resolutions committee; and the first clause says "all resolutions which it (the committee) deems appropriate for adoption."

By normal construction of language that by-law, if adopted, would prevent any resolution's coming before the Convention which was not originated by the committee on resolutions.

Now think how autocratic that would be. Could any democratic body be foolish enough to give dictatorial power to five persons over what should or should not be considered by the whole assembly? What becomes of the rights and freedom of nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-five other messengers of the Convention under such rule of an oligarchy of five?

Yet, we are blandly told by the Executive Committee that this is: "To improve democratic processes." Marvelously democratic when the President will appoint the committee and the committee of five will control the Convention!

The second recommendation (for by-law 12) at a glance may seem less dangerous, but really is no less objectionable.

In the first place the Program Committee already has, under by-law 12, all the authority it needs, and all this amendment proposes to give it, to make adequate provision for consideration of the Convention's business. The by-law says: "The Committee on Order of Business shall consist of seven members and shall suggest an order of business for the next meeting of the Convention. In so providing, that committee shall have due regard to the customary practices and precedents of the Convention and also special matters in ar-

ranging for the orderly and efficient conduct of its business and discussion of its work (see Section 19)."

Violative of the "Customary practices and precedents" of the Convention for a hundred years the program committee at Houston some years ago cut out all afternoon sessions of the body. A motion to go back to afternoon sessions prevailed at St. Louis by eight or nine thousand affirmative votes, with two or three negatives only.

The second amendment recommended by the Executive Committee says: "The Committee on Order of Business shall provide periods of time during the early days of the Convention for the introduction of miscellaneous business, and when introduced (unless the Convention then gives its unanimous consent for its immediate consideration) shall fix times for consideration of the same."

Note the Contradictions

1. The Committee has already not only the power but the duty, by the present by-law and by "the practices and precedents" of a hundred years, to fix times for miscellaneous business, and to suggest, only when it should be considered.

2. This amendment would bind the Convention so that the body itself could not change the time for consideration of any matter whatsoever after it had been put in the hands of this autocratic committee.

3. In the third place this amazing amendment, if adopted, would establish the absurd rule of a unanimous vote for the Convention itself to decide the time of consideration of any matter. Now that, we are told is "to improve democratic processes." In other words one vote could defeat the will of nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine other persons who are supposed to have the same rights as the one.

4. Note also that this recommendation takes no notice of the parenthesis at the end of by-law 19. And what does "19" say? It says: "One third of the time for consideration of all reports before the Convention shall be reserved for discussion from the floor." Was the elimination of this expressed right of the messengers caused by an oversight or an insight?

If this goes over, messengers will be told to keep their seats and sign on the dotted line. But remember that it is all "to improve democratic processes," Kerfoot — the Convention's parliamentary authority — and all other manuals to the contrary notwithstanding.

—L. E. Barton
Montgomery, Ala.

College Campaign

No official action taken by our Baptist people in recent years has pleased me any more than passage of the motion authorizing a campaign for \$100,000 this year for our Baptist college for Negro students.

This campaign presents an opportunity to demonstrate our interest in the minority racial group and will be a splendid symbol of the sympathy we have with their aspirations for educational advancement. Throughout the Southland where Baptist influence and Baptist resources are great, there is an awakened interest in the welfare of our Negro people and we are seeking practical ways of equalizing educational opportunities and opening doors for advancement of the race in all areas of life.

In spite of the fact that utmost good will persists among the members of each race for the other, we have not always seized opportunities for substantial service for the less favored group, and the current campaign for contributions to the Arkansas Baptist College will present one of the finest opportunities of the year for service on a grand scale. It will hearten our Negro people and will build another bridge of understanding between the groups.

Negroes have historically demonstrated a preference for Baptist principles. If our influence is to be maintained in the Negro community we must exert ourselves to provide enlarged educational advantages for them. For these reasons I earnestly hope for success in the June campaign.

—Brooks Hays

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Love and Trust

I was reared in a Christian home, my father a Baptist minister, also my grandfather. So God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Christ. But I am what I am more because of what my father and mother wanted me to be and were willing to set an example before me. I believe the attitude of a man's heart is what convicts him. I am a Christian first, a Baptist next, have been 55 years. Man believes according to his power to reason, based on knowledge and experience. But this will not save him. In believing man can exercise faith only when he is willing to trust. And that strange force, love, is what makes him willing to trust. It must be of the heart, not the mind alone.

—Earl C. Crist
Jonesboro

THE SEMI-ANNUAL meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Board will be held July 24-25 at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, has announced. Board committees will begin meeting on the evening of the 23rd.

The 50-member board will meet in connection with the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Assembly and the dedication of the Children's Building, which was completed last year. Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the dedication speaker.

Dr. John L. Dodge, pastor, First Church, Hot Springs, is the Arkansas member of the Board.

THE CHRISTIAN Education Commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas has approved a recommendation that the new Baptist college proposed for Dallas be started under a common charter with Baylor University.

THE SECOND Southern Baptist church in Nebraska to affiliate with the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists was constituted Feb. 13 as First Southern Baptist Church, Omaha. (BP)

JASPER L. MEMORY, JR., is the new chairman of the department of education and Henry L. Snuggs is the new English department chairman at Wake Forest College, four-year Baptist college in Winston-Salem, N. C. (BP)

C. THOMAS BENNETT, JR., pastor of Red Bluff Church, Sylvania, Ga., has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. (BP)

D. LEWIS WHITE, pastor of First Baptist Church, Denham Springs, La., has accepted a call to First Church, Natchez, Miss. (BP)

AL MAYTON, Dallas, has been appointed artist for the **Baptist Standard**, weekly Baptist paper of the Baptist Convention of Texas. He replaces Miss Marcia Boyer, who resigned. (BP)

TEXAS BAPTISTS have been asked by Dr. C. C. Warren, SBC president, to spearhead the Southern Baptist Convention's gigantic "jubilee advance" program by establishing 3,700 new churches and missions during the next seven years.

Dr. Warren said completion of the Texas goal would mean doubling the present number of Southern Baptist churches in the state. It would also mean establishing an average of 528 new churches per year, or five times the number Texas Baptists are establishing at the present time.

A TELEVISION PROGRAM "to show the hand of God at work to the unchurched and indifferent" is the aim of Protestant leaders who have invited Catholics and Jews to join in producing a weekly national program to promote spiritual values without reference to special religious beliefs. The invitation was extended by the National Council of Churches Broadcasting and Film Co. and is designed to replace present shows, "Frontiers of Faith" and "The Catholic Hour." (RNS)

THE BRITISH government has been required by the National Christian Council of Japan to halt hydrogen bomb tests planned for the South Pacific this month. The council urged the abolition of nuclear weapons, asked that adequate provision be made for farmers in Okinawa, who have been dispossessed of their land for military installations, and that atomic tests not be made in Japanese fishing areas. (RNS)

THE MINISTER of Health in Communist China has legalized abortion and sterilization according to a report by the Peiping radio. (RNS)

THE 1956 LOTTIE MOON Christmas Offering topped the 1955 total when it reached \$4,645,362.48 March 21, according to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Treasurer Everett L. Deane, with more than five weeks to go before books are closed. This is \$16,671.45 more than the 1955 grand total of \$4,628,691.03 recorded on May 1, 1956. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is sponsored each year by the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. T. ELLIFF, former pastor of First Church, Fordyce, has completed four years in the pastorate of Bethany Church, Kansas City, Mo.

VIOLENCE AND HATE is a problem that concerns the entire nation according to six prominent Protestant and Catholic clergymen who have requested President Eisenhower to exert "stronger leadership in quelling anti-Negro activities in the South." The group deplored the fresh outbreak of the Ku Klux Klan, also the distribution of propaganda designed to arouse hatred and incite violence. (RNS)

A MODERNISTIC, circular two-and-one-half story church requiring two years to build was opened in Oklahoma City recently with six Methodist bishops participating in the ceremonies. The blue granite building was erected at the cost of \$1,500,000. Designed to maintain "eye contact" between the speaker and congregation, the sanctuary, seating 1,700, was so planned that the most distant pew is only 80 feet from the pulpit. Sloping passageways were included for wheel chair worshippers. Unusual features include a fountain in the narthex, blue ceiling with floating clouds and the controls of the \$93,000 pipe organ hidden from public view. (RNS)

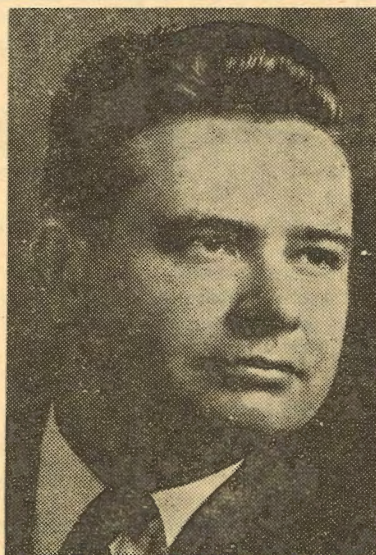
DR. DALE MOODY, Joseph Emerson Brown Professor of Christian Theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., has been selected to receive a \$4,000 grant for study at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, next year. The award was announced by the Commission on Faculty Fellowships of the American Association of Theological Schools, of which Southern Seminary is a member.

Dr. Moody, a member of the Southern Seminary faculty since 1945, is among the first group to receive this type of grant. It was one of the largest of 25 awards made available for the first time this year from a gift of \$500,000 from the Sealantic Fund for the "strengthening of faculties." The total grant is expected to be used over a five-year period.

Dr. and Mrs. Moody and their four children hope to leave for Europe as soon as possible after the end of the current academic year, and will be there through the school year 1957-58.

At the University of Heidelberg Dr. Moody will study the doctrine of the church with special reference to the Christian view of the ministry.

FIRST CHURCH, Conroe, Tex., took a note from Producer Cecil B. DeMille and staged its own version of the Ten Commandments, "to give the people a basic understanding of the Decalogue and events surrounding its divine Authorship before they saw the film." Pastor Ray V. Mayfield, Jr., said scenes were set up from the pattern given in Nehemiah 8. Dr. Ralph L. Smith, professor of Old Testament in Southwestern Seminary, supervised the play and conducted five periods of study.



Dr. Dale Moody
Heidelberg Scholar

News Of Other Days

50 Years ago

The press is justly commending Mrs. Russell Sage for her generosity in giving ten million dollars to the cause of charity. The Literary Digest says:

"The fund, which will supply an income of more than four hundred thousand dollars per year, is to be known as the Sage Foundation."

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We found the work in a thriving condition at all places we visited. I baptized 46 candidates, settled a fuss, and established work (or rather, recognized it as already established) at one new place.

—African notes, by J. S. Compere

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We once had a dog that, while a good dog in many respects, had one serious fault. He stressed things alike when he treed anything. People always knew when he had found something by the noise he would make. But he made little or no distinction between crickets and bears. Since he more often met the crickets he gave them the most attention. The result was that when Spot barked, we would usually say, "It is only a cricket." Cricket-barking men will sooner or later come to the same sad reputation; so that when they find a bear people will not believe it. —Editorial.

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Total contributions of Arkansas Baptists from May 1, 1906, to March 10, 1907, for Home Missions \$617.28. Total contributions of Arkansas Baptists for Foreign Missions from May 1, 1906, to March 15, 1907, \$2,856.40.

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25 Years ago

Every church in the state certainly should do its utmost in cash on Cooperative Program during April! By all means Arkansas should raise \$75,000 during the month of April. —J. S. Rogers.

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Members of the Ouachita College faculty of the Fine Arts department will give a recital at the Second Baptist Church Monday evening, April 11, under the auspices of the Little Rock Ouachita College Club. Mr. William F. Dusinger, violinist; Mrs. Maude Wright, pianist; Dr. E. A. Pessard, baritone, and Miss Margaret Beck, reader, will render numbers on the program.

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Perryville.—This church has called the writer as pastor for half time. Had three fine services there yesterday; good crowds.

—J. W. Ramay.

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The First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, has on a drive for 1,200 Sunday school attendance by Easter Sunday. The campaign is being led by Mr. Perry, Educational Director, and Mr. J. R. Gregson, Superintendent.

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10 Years ago

There is no power on earth that can halt a group of Christian people whose hearts are united in prayer for some object which God has promised. —B. H. Duncan, in weekly devotion.

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Wynne Church is showing marked progress under the leadership of Pastor W. R. Woodell. Ambitious plans are made for the future. Easter Sunday will be building fund day.

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Pastoral changes: J. T. Elliff from First Church, Lake Village, to First Church, Fordyce; Jimmy Harris, student in Ouachita College, to Central Church, Mineral Springs; Larry O'Kelly, student in Ouachita College, to Anderson Union Church, Hope Association; Harrison Pikes, student in Ouachita College, to Tennessee Church, Hope Association.

THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY of the Philadelphia Baptist Association in Pennsylvania was celebrated March 19 with a jubilee dinner at Convention Hall. The association, the oldest Baptist association in the country, includes 120 congregations. They have launched a campaign for \$305,000 in local church expansion in the coming year.

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C. SPURGEON McCLUNG is available for evangelistic and supply work. He has served as pastor in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Missouri. He may be reached at 2815 Montgomery Place, Wichita Falls, Tex.

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THE FIFTH Baptist Youth World Congress will be held in Toronto on the University of Toronto campus, from June 27 to July 2, 1958. This will be the first time for the Congress to meet in North America.

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TWO STATES relaxed divorce laws recently. New Hampshire reduced the waiting period from three years to two, involving desertion, non-support and drunkenness. Colorado approved a bill—despite vigorous protests by church and women's groups — eliminating a six-month delay between interlocutory and final decrees. (RNS)

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A PLAN worked out between the police and clergymen in Allentown, Pa., requires juvenile delinquents to report to their churches rather than police headquarters. (RNS)

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THEOLOGY OF PEACE is a new course of study added to the department of Bible at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa. The course will include biblical revelation, historical attitudes of the church and current writings as related to the problem of war and peace. (RNS)

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS in box-car letters will be displayed in every classroom in Wisconsin public schools if a proposed bill is passed by the legislature. (RNS)

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BILLS HAVE BEEN introduced in the Pennsylvania legislature that would remove the three per cent state sales tax from building materials used in repair or construction of buildings for religious or education purposes and to exempt religious organizations from the one percent levy on real estate transfers. (RNS)

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A SHORT-WAVE radio transmitter is to be installed at the cost of \$250,000 by the National Council of Churches. The 100,000-watt giant will be beamed to the Arabic speaking world and will be heard as far away as Indonesia and South Africa. Its programs will be educational, cultural and religious, according to Dr. W. Burton Martin, broadcasting executive for the Council. Location of the transmitter has to be worked out.

M. T. McGREGOR has rounded out nine years of service as superintendent of missions for Hope Association. Among other things he preached 797 sermons; conducted 143 prayer meetings; assisted in 46 revivals; witnessed 304 professions of faith; helped to ordain 49; organized five churches; taught 38 study courses; built a new missionary's home; and traveled 195,000 miles. He saw Hope Associations' gifts increase from \$23,000 in 1948 to \$73,000 in 1956. Mrs. McGregor assisted in all WMU activities, teaching study courses, giving book reviews, and "1001 other things," according to the missionary. (CB)

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ONE FLOOR of the girls' dormitory at Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock was recently renovated at a cost of \$22,000. The Arkansas Baptist State Convention contributed \$10,000 to the project and the Consolidated Missionary Baptist Convention (Negro) paid the balance. Said Editor U. S. Parr of the *Baptist Vanguard*, "This proves what can result from the cooperative efforts of the two races. We thank our white brethren for the \$10,000 and for their interest."

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CINDY IS THE LATEST addition to the Jamie L. Jones, Jr., household at Fayetteville. Mr. Jones is the BSU director at the University of Arkansas.

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you for the many comforting messages — wires, calls and cards — received during my bereavement. I am deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness.

Mrs. B. H. Duncan

SEDGWICK BAPTIST CHURCH recently experienced a successful revival under the leadership of Evangelist Billy Walker, according to Pastor Jeston Goza. There were 20 professions of faith, 15 additions to the church by baptism and one by letter. Miss Nina Hamilton, student at Southern College, Walnut Ridge, surrendered for special service.

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Mrs. H. M. Howard, wife of Pastor H. M. Howard, Dalark, died in a Little Rock hospital on March 22. She is survived by her husband, one son and three daughters. Rev. Tom Pool conducted the funeral services at Dalark.

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NINETY-FIVE workers and pastors from 12 churches in Dardanelle-Russellville Association attended "a very successful" Vacation Bible School Clinic recently at First Church, Dardanelle, according to Pastor Morris Roe. James Chatham, education director of Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, was the leader.

BAPTISTS OF BOTH the white and colored races are joining forces for an all-out soul winning campaign in Pulaski County during the month of April. Directing the campaign is Dr. I. L. Yearby, secretary of evangelism for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, with the Rev. M. W. Williams, pastor of the Greater Arch Street Baptist Church, Little Rock, as associate director.

Participating in the simultaneous revivals will be 42 white Baptist churches and 14 colored Baptist churches. First of the series will begin Sunday, April 7.

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BOO HEFLIN, sophomore in Central High School, Little Rock, spoke at Second Church, Little Rock, Wednesday evening, March 27, on the subject, "And There Were Three Crosses." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Heflin. Upon graduation from high school he plans to enter Ouachita College as a ministerial student. (DP)

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GOVERNOR ORVAL FAUBUS signed the bill that was passed by the Arkansas Legislature in March appropriating \$15,000 toward a chapel for the Boys Industrial School in Pine Bluff provided it is matched by an equal amount by the citizens of the state. Chaplain E. A. Richmond, whose service is provided the school by the missions department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, reports that \$3,480 has been raised, with \$11,520 still needed.



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The Book Shelf

BEMIS, JOHN QUINCY ADAMS AND THE UNION. Alfred A. Knopf, 1956, \$8.75.

In this, his second volume on the life of John Quincy Adams, Samuel Hays Bemis, Sterling Professor of Diplomatic History and Inter-American Relations, at Yale University, covers Adams' "second career." First he presents the early American leader in the White House as an exponent of Liberty with Power, and, later, in the national House of Representatives, as champion of the Union and of the forces of human freedom in the sectional controversy preceding the Civil War.

In this interesting addition to the shelves of American biography and politics, Professor Bemis has succeeded in his aspiration to combine "the canons of historical scholarship with the interest of the novelist and the insight of the psychologist."

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Books Received:

Harrell, **PLANNING BETTER CHURCH BUILDINGS** (Revised Edition). Convention Press, 1957, \$2.50.

Milam, **BLUEPRINT FOR VICTORY.** The Bison Press, Shawnee, Okla., 1956, \$3.25, Special Convention Price, \$2.50.

Habel, **THE TWELVE APOSTLES.** Creighton's Restaurant Corporation, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 1956, \$2.95.

Clark, **WHO WALK IN FAITH.** (The Saga of the Peter H. H. Lee Family). Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1956, \$1.

Library Emphasis

CHURCH LIBRARIES are listed on the Denominational Calendar for special emphasis during the month of April. If you are planning to have a Library Emphasis Week in your church, it is time now to be making preparations.

Here are some suggestions for the week's emphasis:

Preliminary Work

Call a meeting of the library staff, library committee, pastor, educational director, and other leaders to:

1. Decide on definite week and theme
2. Plan publicity
3. Appoint committees: publicity, program, reception, decorations, etc.
4. Plan for thorough cleaning of library. Ask the group to study the library arrangement objectively. Analyze the needs for additional shelving, equipment, etc. All libraries need a thorough cleaning at least once a year - this is a good time!
5. Set goal for increased number of new readers and book circulation this week.

—Church Library Bulletin

Does Your Church Have A Library?



A library in every Baptist church is the aim of the Church Library Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The church library is a spiritual ministry reinforcing the entire religious education program of the church.

Miss Florida Waite, secretary, Church Library Service, says that the library should include well-chosen books for each age group, should be staffed by mature Christians who will make this their major activity in the church, and should be properly

housed and equipped so this ministry can be accomplished.

April is Library Emphasis Month. Churches are urged to observe one week for this special emphasis. If help is needed in building a meaningful program, Miss Waite invites requests for information from the Church Library Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

Of the 1,176 churches in Arkansas, 214 have a church library. During 1956, 13 new church libraries were established in the state.

A NEW BOOK BY

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PERSONALITIES

Ralph W. Davis

He Trains Church Leaders

By Mrs. Homer D. Myers

When better Training Union directors are grown, Arkansas no doubt will grow them! We may seem slightly smug in assuming such, but we feel safe in saying that Ralph W. Davis is one of Southern Baptists' top promotional directors.

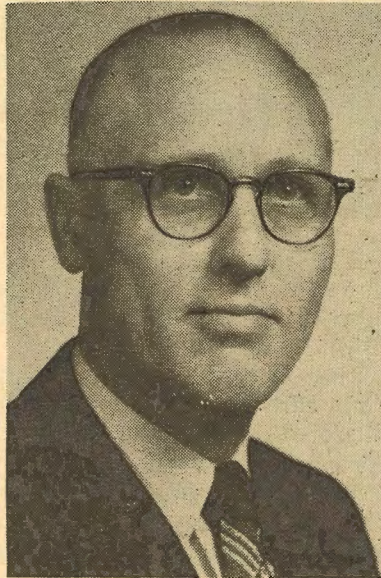
A native of Stephens, Ark., Mr. Davis grew up in Baptist work — his father, the late K. P. Davis, being a pastor. He was licensed to preach at the age of 16 and became a pastor at 21. He went to Texas to get his education, graduating from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, and receiving his Th. M. degree from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

Mr. Davis returned to Arkansas in 1936 to serve in three pastorates, Ashdown, Bauxite and Central Church in North Little Rock. He resigned Central Church to become Training Union director for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention on January 1, 1945. Training Union work was in a primitive state at that time, when only 50 per cent of all Southern Baptist churches had the organization. Only 47 per cent of Arkansas churches conducted training services. In the 12 years following, Davis has seen South-wide training unions move up to 75 per cent, while Arkansas churches have moved ahead to 83.5 per cent! He has been around long enough to see Training Union enrollment in Arkansas churches almost triple — from 33,000 to more than 95,000.

Perhaps his greatest satisfaction has been realized in his ability to enlist, train and employ 250 college students in summer field work. Many of them are in important places of leadership and at least one is a foreign missionary. Isn't there a claim abroad that 80 per cent of all Baptists engaged in Christian service received the inspiration to serve, and their basic training, in Training Union — or what was once known as B. Y. P. U.?

Every Training Union worker knows that success is the result of hard work. But merely to say that Ralph Davis is a hard working man is the understatement of the day. Among scores of

other things, his department has 300 one-night conferences scheduled for this year, in every corner of the state. Davis will personally conduct 100 of them. His ability to plan and execute a convention program is widely known.



Mr. Davis

But to "keep from getting in a rut," beginning in 1958 all phases of the work conducted in the annual meetings previously will be handled separately. There will be workshops in September for the leadership from nursery workers to officers. There will be eight district one-day conventions in March 1958. And a one-day youth convention is tentatively planned for April where intermediates and young people will preside over the services and 75 youth will participate in the program.

Does he have a hobby? Yes, he likes music, symphony and opera.

Mrs. Davis is a native of Abilene, Tex. She is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons. She taught in the public schools nine years. Denominationally speaking, she majors in Junior work.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have one daughter, Joy Vee, who is 14. The family resides in Pulaski Heights.

DR. DUKE K. McCALL, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at Ouachita's commencement exercises on May 19.

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THE RIFLE TEAM of Ouachita Baptist College will participate in the Governor's Cup competition on April 27. The other Arkansas teams will be Henderson, the University, Arkansas Tech, and Arkansas State.

MR. RALPH KIRKMAN, dean of students at Ouachita Baptist College, spoke in chapel at Decatur Baptist College, Decatur, Tex., recently on the subject, "Christ in My Education."

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LANDSCAPING the campus is underway at Southern College, Walnut Ridge. Wooden poles in front of the new administration building has been replaced by cement light posts.

THE BSU REVIVAL at Southern College, Walnut Ridge, will be conducted next Fall by J. Richard Perkins, pastor of First Church, Nashville, Ark.

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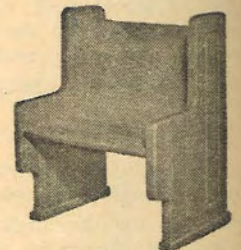
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MISSIONS:

The Harvest Came

By C. W. Caldwell

In some mission work we often reap an immediate harvest, but in many cases the real harvest comes several years later.

I wish all our Baptists could witness this truth as often as I do. Here is one example:



DR. CALDWELL

Ten years ago Otis Denny went to Newton County as Missionary. In a revival meeting he conducted in Mt. Judea community, only two or three people were saved. He conducted regular services there for awhile, but finally had to give up without establishing permanent work. But that revival was not a failure. Ten years have passed and we can now see some of the results.

Recently I had a letter from the boy who was saved in that revival. He is James C. Hefley, pastor of Pontchartrain Baptist Church, New Orleans, La. Two of his sisters were saved in the revival and both graduated from Ouachita College; one of them is now in the Seminary, training and waiting her appointment as a Foreign Missionary. Shortly after the revival another girl, Marvel Kent, was saved. She took up nurses' training and was recently graduated from Arkansas Baptist Hospital. No sir, that mission effort was not a failure, not when it produced a Baptist preacher, a Baptist Foreign Missionary, and a Baptist trained nurse.

Brother Hefley has just closed a revival meeting in the Mt. Judea school house. I have not received the final report of the results, but have learned that Missionary Lowell Wright will conduct regular services with the hope of finally organizing a church.

I am wondering if some strong church in Arkansas would like to sponsor the Mt. Judea Mission. There is no church near of sufficient financial strength to sponsor it. Distance should not keep some good church in Arkansas from adopting this Mission as a special project.

CHURCH MUSIC:

Assembly Reservations

By LeRoy McClard

Reservations should be made for Ridgecrest and Glorietta Music Weeks now! Several directors are planning to take some of their choir officers to these important meetings. A new feature of both weeks will be a prescribed course of Ministers of Music. You cannot afford to miss the opportunity of these weeks. I hope Arkansas will have at least 50 at Glorietta and 25 at Ridgecrest. Write to Willard K. Weeks, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N.

C., for reservations at Ridgecrest, June 27-July 3, or to E. A. Herron, Glorietta Baptist Assembly, Glorietta, N. M., for reservations at Glorietta, July 11-17.

SHOW MUSIC FILM

A very fine film has been produced by the Baptist Sunday School Board entitled, "The Heart That Sings." It is designed for the entire church membership. It can be secured through the Baptist Book Store on rental basis of \$6. Every church will receive a blessing from viewing the film. The story is heart warming, there is humor and drama; there is human interest and appeal. Many churches are scheduling the showing at the close of their Sunday night service. How about your church?



MR. McCLARD

OUACHITA MUSIC CAMP

One hundred twelve have definitely registered for Music Camp on Ouachita campus June 17-21. Another church has money collected for 45 young people, leaving only 143 vacancies. First come, first served! Send Registration fee of \$1 with name, address, church, age and instrument, if any, to the Church Music Department. Total cost \$16.

OUACHITA LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Leadership School faculty will include Dr. J. Campbell Wray, former director of School of Sacred Music, Southwestern Seminary; Farold Stephens, voice instructor, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. B. W. Niminger, church music consultant, Little Rock, and the entire Music faculty of Ouachita College and full-time ministers of music from Arkansas. Send \$1 registration fee with your name, church, and position.

EVANGELISM:

Will Revival Come In 1957?

By I. L. Yearby

Some things we can do:

- (1) Pray! Pray! Pray! There is no substitute for prayer.
- (2) Set up and use Evangelism Church Council to plan an adequate and effective program of evangelism in every church.
- (3) Every one of our 1,169 churches hold two revivals every year — one a simultaneous revival in cooperation with all other churches in each association;



DR. YEARBY

the other, a local church revival at such time and with such emphasis as the pastor and church may wish to make.

(4) Make perennial evangelism the supreme objective of each and every church. Every pastor and church try to win and baptize someone every Sunday.

(5) Teach and train every Christian in each and every church to become a personal soul winner through witnessing. Remember, no preacher can win as many people by himself as a group of disciples witnessing all the time.

(6) Plan revivals at least a year in advance. Secure and engage the evangelist a year ahead for such revival. Follow Southern Baptist program of Evangelism fully. Make adequate preparation for every evangelistic effort.

God grant that it may be a sweeping revival in 1957.

"Ye Shall Be Witnesses . . . Unto Me."

Someone has said, you may give your wealth to the poor, you may die a martyr in a good cause, you may relieve human distress and earn the gratitude of millions. But no philanthropist ever did so much for any man, as he who told him the gospel and taught him to trust Jesus. It is only through Christ one can obtain peace of heart and forgiveness of soul. How important then to offer sinning, trouble people the soul peace that comes with salvation. If you would be wise, tell people everywhere you go the words of Jesus, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Here is reason enough for winning souls and proof that "he that winneth souls is wise."

BROTHERHOOD:

R. A. Congress

By C. H. Seaton

The Northwest Area Royal Ambassador Congress will be held at the Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Smith this week, April 5-6. The Northwest

Area includes the following associations: Benton County, Clear Creek, Boone, Carroll, Concord, Dardanelle-Russellville, Newton County, Stone-Van-Buren-Searcy, Washington-Madison, and White River.



MR. SEATON

This is an opportunity for Royal Ambassadors, pastors, and counselors to learn more about missions, about Royal Ambassador work, and the program of Arkansas Baptists and Southern Baptists.

If your church does not have a Royal Ambassador program, it will be a wonderful opportunity for the Junior and Intermediate boys to learn something about the work and have fellowship with a fine group of boys from other countries.

There will be a Recognition Service on Friday Night that will include the ranks of Page, Squire, and Knight. There will be a model chapter demonstration on Saturday morning.

Included in the program will be representatives from the Home Mission Board who will bring information regarding the work among the Indians.

Departments

There will be information about work on Foreign Mission Fields by two fine young men who are products of mission work. There will be good singing and special music and a fine inspirational message. It will truly be a program of information, inspiration, consecration, fellowship and fun.

The cost will be 50 cents registration fee for all attending the Congress. Bed and breakfast will be furnished free by the churches in Fort Smith to all who desire it. Registration will begin at 2:30 and a rehearsal for the Recognition Service will be at 4:00 p. m. The Evening Session will begin at 7:00 p. m. The Saturday Morning Session will begin at 9:00 a. m., and close at noon.

Pastors, counselors, and parents, make arrangements to have your boys present at this Area Congress, April 5-6, at Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith.

WMU:

For Intermediate Girls

By Nancy Cooper

May 3-5 are important dates for members of Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary for it is then that the annual state house party will be held at Hardison Hall, Petit



Jean Mountain, under the direction of Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, State Youth Secretary.

Outstanding program personnel will include Mrs. Carl Hunker, missionary to Formosa; Miss Mildred Matthews, missionary emeritus to Cuba; Miss Naheel Jeries, native of Israel, now enrolled at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.

Detailed information may be secured at the State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock, where advance reservations should be made.

Concerning Narcotics Education

Enthusiastic reports come concerning the work of Mr. D. J. Blaylock, Narcotics Education Consultant who has been in many of the public schools of the state working with teachers in the development of a program of continuous narcotics education. He also conducts discussion groups for the young people. Through the summer months he teaches in college summer school.

This work is supported through gifts to the Narcotics Education Fund promoted by the women's groups of seven different denominations. Our state Woman's Missionary Union has a \$1,500.00 goal for this cause and every WMS is urged to have a worthy share in it. It should be sent to the State WMU Treasurer, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Is this education program needed?

This startling statement will answer. Total estimated expenditure for alcoholic beverages was \$60.15 per capita last year. The total consumption has more than doubled since 1941.

NOTICE, GA COUNSELORS!

Due to illness of the one who is re-writing the *Girls' Auxiliary Counselor's Guide* it will not be available until July 15. Orders for the GA Leadership Course should be held until after that time.

TRAINING UNION:

20 % ers Honor Roll

By Ralph W. Davis

The following churches were on the 20 percenters honor roll in 1956. This means that they had at least a 20 per cent increase in enrollment in the fall of 1956 compared with the enrollment in the fall of 1955.

Arkansas Valley — Helena, 1st; Marianna.

Ashley County — Calvary; Crossett, 2nd; Fellowship; Meridian; Mt. Zion. Bartholomew — Cominto.

Benton County — Garfield; Pleasant Hill, Rogers; Sugar Creek; Sulphur Springs, 1st.

Big Creek — Mt. Zion.

Black River — College City; Diaz; Grubbs; Hoxie; New Hope No. 2; Pleasant Ridge; Pleasant Valley; Swifton.

Boone County — Elmwood; Everton; Gruff Springs; Harrison, 1st; Prairie View.

Buckner — Clark's Chapel; Dayton; Fellowship; Friendship; Hon.

Caddo River — Pine Ridge.

Carey — New Hope.

Caroline — Coy; Des Arc.

Carroll — Berryville; Cabanal; Rock Springs.

Centennial — Stuttgart, 1st.

Central — Antioch; Benton, Calvary; Gilead; Jessieville; Malvern, 3rd; Mountain Pine; Mt. Vernon; Owensville; Riverside.

Clear Creek — Mountainburg; Oak Grove; Spadra; Van Buren, 1st; Woodland.

Concord — Branch; Bluff Avenue; Highway 96; Kelly Heights; North Side, Ft. Smith.

Conway-Perry — Adona; Harmony; Plumerville.

Current River — Reyno.

(To be Continued)

IN EARTHEN VESSELS

A weary pastor was conducting the mid-week prayer service at his church. After asking for special requests for prayer and receiving several, he added: "Now, are there other requests you would like to indicate merely by raising your hands?" Several hands went up. Then, momentarily forgetting that he was in a prayer meeting and not a business session, the tired pastor intoned: "All who are opposed, likewise." No hands went up, but numerous mouths flew open.

"... That the World May Know"

Men sometimes "give" money in such a way as to buy an escape from larger responsibility. The tithe seems to be a pretty big price until the preacher keeps hammering away. Finally, 10 per cent is accepted as the cost of a clean conscience; and John Doe becomes another on the roll of generous "givers" belonging to a church.

Now if you let him get away with that misconception, he will miss the blessing about which Jesus was talking when he said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

This blessing comes to those whose outgoing spirit is concerned with others. The basic principle is that "a man wrapped up in himself makes a pretty small bundle." Concentrating on his own welfare he ends up by being sick spiritually and psychologically and often physically.

Likewise, a church or denomination, being made up of redeemed individuals, reacts just like folks. Let a church or denomination concentrate on its own welfare, get completely absorbed in building bigger and better barns — excuse me, I meant buildings — concentrate on its own growing statistics. Pretty soon you will have a church or denomination that is spiritually sick.

At such a time World Missions Year (beginning October 1, 1956) — which is an emphasis on doing everything possible to give the gospel to the whole world — is just what we need. Every church and every part of our denomination is going to prosper spiritually when we pause during this special year to realize how much we have to give and how much the world needs it. We have know-how; we have young people whom God will call out of every church; we have money; we have a wonderful experience to share, an inspired Bible to guide, the Holy Spirit to empower, a God who is love, and a Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for the world. Let us give "that the world may know."

—Duke K. McCall

President, Southern Baptist Seminary

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WISCONSIN ISSUES churches restaurant licenses without inspection, upon request, and payment of a \$10 fee, it was revealed in Madison. Efforts are being made to exempt churches and non-profit organizations from the licensing provision. (RNS)

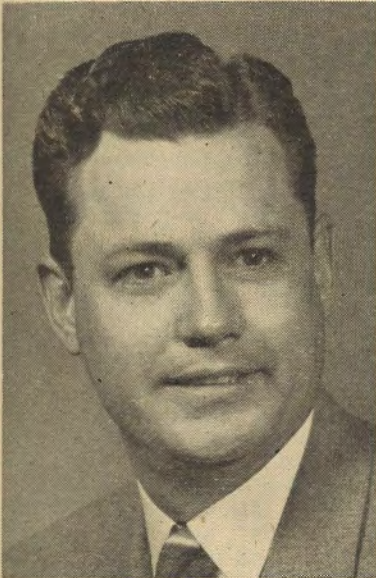
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PANAMA HAS DESTROYED a set of 12 commemorative stamps honoring Popes. The stamps were criticized when issued in 1955 because a group of American financiers underwrote the cost and expected a cut in the proceeds. The stamps were never recognized by the major publishers of stamp catalogues and were boycotted by dealers as "labels."

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Assembly Good News

By Edgar Williamson

Fortunate are we to have enlisted the services of Charles C. Bowles of Birmingham, Ala., to serve as the night speaker for the second session of the 1957 Arkansas Baptist State Assembly at Siloam Springs. Dr. Bowles is the pas-



Dr. Bowles

tor of the Hunter Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. He is a much sought after speaker at conventions, encampments, assemblies and revivals. He is an attractive, interesting, forceful, dynamic speaker. This will be his first service in Arkansas. We shall be praying for Dr. Bowles as he prepares for this engagement.

NEW KITCHEN STAFF

Your Assembly management has made arrangements with Mrs. H. H. Hudgens, of Fayetteville, to supervise the Assembly dining hall kitchen. Mrs. Hudgens is the manager and supervisor of the school system cafeteria service in Fayetteville, and has served in this position for a number of years. She is a qualified dietitian and will bring her own staff of cooks and helpers to prepare the meals for those who will attend both sessions of the 1957 Assembly.

SPRING IS HERE

Spring is here and it will not be long until the time for the two sessions of the Assembly will be at hand. Applications for those who wish to serve at the Assembly are coming in along with reservations. Reservations for accommodations in Assembly-owned dormitories, cabins and Deluxe rooms are accepted on a first come, first served basis. So we advise that those who plan to attend and desire Assembly-owned accommodations send in reservations as soon as possible. Be sure to send the \$2 reservation fee for each person for whom reservation is made to Edgar Williamson, 314 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark.



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JESUS FACES THE CROSS

By BURTON A. MILEY

April 7, 1957

Matthew 26:26-29, 36-46

The depth of Jesus' feeling is too deep for human probe. Jesus had lived up his life in the will of God. One more week was left before his crucifixion. Two elements filled this last week. The strain, physical and mental, of fulfillment of his purpose was one. The second was the effort to break through the barrier of their dullness to get his disciples to accept the fact of his crucifixion.

The principal events of this last week are recorded in daily sequence. The Friday evening before his crucifixion on the following Friday he and his disciples arrived at Bethany. He stayed in the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus each night through Wednesday. Saturday, which was the Jewish Sabbath, was a day of rest. Sunday Jesus made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. (The following Sunday was really triumphant — it was his resurrection.) Demonstrations were made in his favor as he entered the city. He returned to Bethany and as he went back into Jerusalem on Monday he cursed the fig tree and did the second cleansing of the Temple. Each evening he returned to spend his time in Bethany. Tuesday records the fullest record of any day of the last week. His opponents sparred by asking questions which they hoped would entrap him. He pronounced the woes to the scribes and pharisees. (These have been studied in a previous lesson.) He gave the discourses of Matthew 24 and 25 regarding the latter days. Wednesday apparently was a day of rest which he spent with his disciples at Bethany. Thursday was given entirely to the disciples until his arrest in Gethsemane after midnight. The events of the lesson have to do with Thursday.

The Lord's Supper Instituted

The disciples followed the popular conception that the Messiah would be an earthly ruler. Jesus had a hard time telling about the cross so that his disciples would accept his message. He stated in Matthew 26:2 the fact that the Son of Man was to be betrayed and crucified. Was Judas the "practical man" when he responded by going to the chief priests to arrange the sale of Jesus for thirty pieces of silver? (26:14)

The time came to eat the unleavened bread commemorating the passover back in Egypt. Arrangement was made to eat it in Jerusalem. Note the tender pathos shown in the eighteenth verse when Jesus sent word, "The Master saith, my time is at hand." As the supper commemorating the passover was partaken Jesus instituted the Lord's supper. It was given to permit his dis-

ciples to grasp the fact of his impending crucifixion. It was also a memorial established so that after his crucifixion his church may use it as a time to draw memory to the blessed Person who died on the cross.

The details of the supper are well known. Jesus took unleavened bread and blessed and broke it and said to his disciples, "Take, eat, this is my body." He took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them saying, "Drink ye all of it." The unleavened bread and fruit of the vine became the ingredients of the Lord's supper. Some call it communion. Others call it sacrament. Some say the Eucharist, but the ingredients are the same. Baptists prefer to call it the Lord's supper because it is a memorial created by the Lord himself and passed to the church as one of two ordinances. (I Corinthians 11).

How deep the feelings of Jesus must have run as he used this visual aid to attempt to break through the dullness of the disciples that his death was imminent and of the cross. How beautiful for the church to come as a body to review in memory and show in drama the Lord's death until he come again. The Lord's supper is valuable in every Christian's experience. The Bible does not state how often to do it. It charges that "as oft as ye do it, ye do it in remembrance of me." Churches have different schedules of time. Some observe it every Sunday plus special occasions. Some observe it once a quarter, others once each month at a stated time. One cannot say that one church is more scriptural in observance as far as time is concerned than the other. The real purpose is not in how often the act is done but in the memory of his death and the true showing of the Lord's death until he come again. The Lord's supper does not carry grace into anyone's heart. It is an act of obedience — not an agent of salvation.

Verse 29 is not easy to interpret but the principal meaning seems to be that Christ would not be physically present with them in any more of the observances of the Lord's supper until the new order of the consummated kingdom.

Jesus' Warning

Immediately after the institution of the Lord's supper they sang a hymn, a portion of the Psalms, and went out from the room to the Mount of Olives. Jesus discoursed that all would be offended that very night. He knew the events were fast closing the net in human affairs which would place him upon the cross. Still the disciples had not grasped this imminent death and they ignored the warning that they would be smitten and scattered abroad.

Jesus walked before them toward Gethsemane and Peter offered his resolution that he would not be offended. He would stand apart from and stronger than all others. It was a direct thrust against the truth spoken by Jesus. Jesus foretold the event which later came to pass that very night: Peter would deny him three times before the cock crowed. Once again verse 35 shows Peter as the spokesman but the same sentiment resided in the heart of all the disciples. (vs. 35).

The Garden of Sorrow

Jesus moved in to Gethsemane and separated himself from eight of his disciples. He took the inner three, Peter James and John, and moved apart from the others while he requested them to "watch with me." Others had turned from Jesus — was there a threat that these would also desert? Was their temptation the greater so that they needed to be closer to Jesus? Jesus had exceeding agony, hard to fathom with any human measuring stick, and faced Gethsemane alone. One is familiar with his prayer, "Let this cup pass from me." The disciples did not stay awake and watch. They surely lost a blessing that night when the Saviour prepared for Calvary.

One word can be said concerning the cup. It is not the cup of the Lord's supper, previously instituted. It is not the cross itself, though it has indirect reference to it. It is the cup of rejection by men. He came to do a work and men would not permit him to do that work through their rejection individually and nationally. Crucifixion must be the result of that national, official rejection. Even his disciples could not support him in one hour of requested prayer. The hour ended with the last of human events playing to the drawing of the net, the arrest by the betrayal of Judas.

Practical Lessons

WAS THE CROSS VOLUNTARY?
The stage for the cross was set by events in human affairs. However, the cross of Jesus was voluntarily chosen, else no power could have placed him there. When one bears a cross, he bears something which he voluntarily chose — not something forced upon him. The Christian work is as voluntarily given as Christ voluntarily went to the cross. This lends dignity and power to the Christian ministry. Those things which keep this thought uppermost in one's mind are indeed valuable.

WAS THE CROSS ALL OF JESUS' SUFFERING? Gethsemane came ahead of the cross. Rejection by national Israel, desertion by disciples, unbelief by the leaders, came ahead of the cross and caused Jesus to suffer. It is in this sphere that men suffer today for Christ. Are you sensitive enough to feel the sting because of concern for his cause?

GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD

By THELMA C. CARTER

Have you ever thought about how big things, inventions, discoveries, historical events, and famous people have their beginnings in little things?

The raindrop is a tiny thing. The biggest raindrop scarcely measures one-fourth of an inch in diameter. The usual size is one-twentieth of an inch! Our Bible tells us in Job 36:27-28: "For he maketh small the drops of

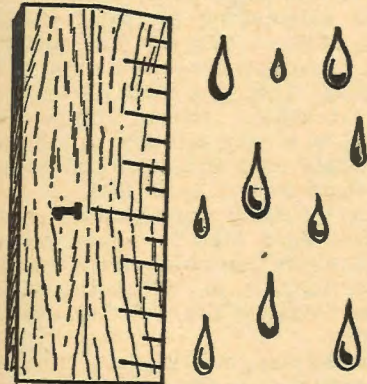
water: . . . which the clouds do drop . . . upon man abundantly."

The single raindrop is not only a very tiny part of the tons of rainfall and snow that fall on the earth year by year, but it is also a part of the millions of drops that make the clouds, fog, and dew.

Early day settlers looked for the path of the raindrop where, nearby, they might build the waterwheel to grind raindrops, collected together along with the turbine and generator, produce the power and electricity we use in our homes and industry.

It sounds unbelievable, but it's true that a tiny creek or stream, small enough for a boy to jump across, will provide enough "raindrop wallop" to produce the electricity for an average home!

Many times "little things" appear unimportant until they become the "big thing!" We never know how important are small gestures of friendliness and invitation until they lead the way to our friend's decision for Christ!



The Big Fish of the Ocean

By VERA DOLORES BROMLEY

You often hear about fish traveling in schools. That means that a lot of fish travel together. But there is one fish that always travels alone. That is the swordfish.

The swordfish is often referred to as a "Mighty Hunter." He likes to go after a school of fish and gobble them up one after the other when he gets hungry. He can eat and eat until he is filled.

The swordfish has a long, sharp beak that can even go right through the side of a boat.

When men go fishing for the swordfish they use harpoons. They have to be very careful because the swordfish is very strong and dangerous. He gets very angry when he is harpooned and can run his "sword" right through the boat and wreck it.

The swordfish lives in warm climates where the seas are warm, too. They are related to the mackerel family, a fish that you can often see in the market when Mother takes you shopping.

Swordfish are very good to eat and leave an almost meaty taste. The fish market sells them in steaks.

Sometimes swordfish grow as big as 800 pounds, so you can just imagine how hard it is to catch them and how big a fight they put up to keep from getting caught.

The swordfish swims very fast and likes to stay on the surface of the water.

The next time you get to go to a city where they have an aquarium, ask

Mother and Dad to take you so that you can see the huge swordfish, who gets his name because his long, sharp snout is shaped like a sword, and is his weapon for taking care of himself and finding his food.

God prepares every creature in the water and the sky, as well as on earth, to fit its surroundings. God gave the swordfish his sword so he could hunt for his food to keep himself alive.

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Rhyme Time

By Mildred L. Ackerman

Here are seven words which rhyme with O A T. Can you fit them into the spaces where they belong?

Note 1. Jesus sometimes preached from a _____.

Quote 2. Joseph had a beautiful _____.

Boat 3. Noah built the ark so it could _____.

Wrote 4. Many of the psalms David _____.

Coat 5. Jesus spoke of the beam and the _____.

Float 6. When Jesus spoke the people took _____.

Note 7. Bible verses are a comfort to _____.

Answers

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| 4. Wrote | 1. Boat |
| 3. Float | 2. Coat |
| 7. Quote | 5. Note |
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A grammar teacher asked her pupils to supply antonyms for certain words. "What is the opposite of sorrow?" she asked.

"Joy," was the quick response.

"That's correct. Now what is the opposite of misery?"

"Happiness," called out one student.

"Right. Now give me the opposite of woe."

"Giddy-up!" came a voice from the rear.

—E. E. Kenyon, *American Weekly*

Backbone can help you to success if the knob at the top isn't made of the same material.

First Woman: "Whenever I'm down in the dumps I always get myself a new hat."

Second Woman: "Well — I've often wondered where you got them!" (CB)

Some folks don't let the right hand know what the left hand is doing because they don't want to embarrass the right hand. (CB)

A housewife called in a plumber and while he went to work fixing the kitchen sink, her cat watched with deep interest.

"That's quite a cat you have," the plumber remarked. "Seems to know just what is going on."

"Yes," agreed the woman. "It's a Siamese, you know."

"A Siamese, eh?" said the plumber. Then, glancing around the kitchen, he asked, "What happened to the other one?"

—Capper's Weekly

One good thing can be said of Rip Van Winkle. He finally woke up.

Young Harry: "Father, what's the difference between a gun and a machine gun?"

Dad: "There is a big difference. It is just as if I spoke, and then your mother spoke."

State's Attorney: "Are you sure this is the man who stole your car last Thursday?"

Much befuddled plaintiff: "Well, I was. Now after cross-examination, I'm not sure I ever even owned a car."

After you lose your membership in it, the younger generation seems pretty bad.

Rastus and Liza were married on Christmas day and the following night he came home with washboard, a big wash tub and a three-foot mirror.

"What's all dat truck you bring?" asked Liza.

"It ain't truck," replied Rastus, "an yo kin take yo pick. Yo kin take de washboard and tub an' go to work, or yo' kin take de mirror an' set down an' watch yo'self stahve to death."

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April Cooperative Program Goals For Arkansas

1. One thousand one hundred sixty-nine churches giving \$31,203.58 each week.
2. One thousand one hundred sixty-nine churches giving a total of \$124,-814.33 for the month.
3. One thousand one hundred sixty-nine churches meeting the needs of world missions.
4. One thousand one hundred sixty-nine churches remembering the words of the Lord Jesus when he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
5. One thousand one hundred sixty-nine churches proving the words of Jesus, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." RD

Simultaneous Revival In Liberty Association

It was our distinct pleasure and privilege to work with and enjoy the fellowship of the saints in Liberty Association during the month of March in a simultaneous revival campaign. Under the excellent leadership of the moderator, W. Walter Warmath, pastor, First Baptist Church, El Dorado; Dale Taylor, chairman of Evangelism, pastor, First Baptist Church, Smackover; and W. F. Couch, associational missionary, the work was well organized.

The fellowship was superb and we mean just that. The daily breakfast meetings were most helpful and well attended.

Dr. W. R. White, President of Baylor University, spoke on "The Bible and the Pastor as Administrator;" Brother Lawson Hatfield, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fordyce, spoke on "The Bible and the Pastor's Study"; Dr. Marshall Craig, evangelist, spoke on "The Bible and the Pulpit"; Dr. J. H. Hankins spoke on "The Bible and Personal Soul Winning"; and the writer tried to speak on "The Bible and World Needs." The brethren in Liberty Association are doing things in a fine way.

It was my privilege to preach in the West Side Baptist Church, El Dorado, during the crusade. We can truthfully say that we have never tried to serve in a church where there was a better spirit. The pastor, W. M. Pratt, loves his people and they love him. He is one of the very best men among us.

—RD

Baptist Leader Dies

DANIEL WEBSTER, SR., charter member and long time deacon of Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, was claimed by death on March 26. He had been in ill health several years. Mr. Webster was a former member of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital board of trustees.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Annie Joyner Webster; one son, Lt. Col. Daniel Webster, Jr.; four daughters, Mrs. Rel Gray, Helena; Mrs. Patterson Moseley, Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. Ray Gardner, Wyandotte, Mich.; Mrs. Jay H. Cox, Little Rock; two sisters, Mrs. Ed Felton, North Little Rock; Mrs. Merle Stowe, Tucson, Ariz.; and 13 grandchildren.

Brother Webster was an outstanding leader and a deacon in Baptist churches. He was consecrated, thoughtful and dependable. He was a prayerful man. He was the head of a useful Baptist family. Not only was Mrs. Webster a leader in Baptist's work, but also his children. Daniel, Mary Alice, Imogene, Virginia and Rosealee are all consecrated and useful servants in the Lord's cause. —BLB

More Proof!

The Norbone Avenue Baptist Church of Lomita, Calif., is the first Southern Baptist church in California to use The Forward Program of Church Finance, according to the news release of Dr. Edmund Walker.

The church budget was raised from \$52,000 to \$75,000. The number pledging increased from 203 in 1956 to 461 in 1957. During the campaign gifts averaged \$375 per week more than last year. The increase in giving more than paid for the cost of the campaign.

In commenting on The Forward Program, pastor Robert Wells said, "Attendance at every service raised the record levels. The highlights of the campaign were the tithing testimonies of the laymen of our church at all services, the banquet and the children's party. There were conversions and other additions during the campaign."

This has been the story in every church where The Forward Program of Church Finance has been used. Read again what the pastor, Robert Wells, had to say and you will see that this is not only a money raising plan, but also a plan of reaching more people for Christ and the Kingdom. Every church in our state should explore the possibilities of putting on a campaign this year. —RD

What Kind of Bible (Translation) Do You Use?

The writer has long felt that the 1881 translation of the Bible, called the American Revised Version (not the "Revised Standard Version" that was translated in 1952) is the most accurate translation of the Scriptures to be found today. Our confidence in this conviction was strengthened recently when we read the words of Dr. W. Graham Scroggie of England. Dr. Scroggie is 80 years old. During his early ministry, from 1916 to 1933, he was pastor of Charlotte Chapel Baptist Church in Edinburg. Then, for about four years, he traveled and lectured and preached. Later, he became minister of the Spurgeon Tabernacle in London and was pastor there from 1938 to 1941. He is the author of many works. Among them is "Know Your Bible," in four volumes. Dr. Scroggie urges his younger brethren in the ministry to study both the King James Version and the 1881 Revised Version.

Dr. Scroggie observes that "the literary excellence of the Authorized Version (King James) is not open to challenge; neither is the greater accuracy of the Revised Version (1881) . . . doubtless the Authorized Version will continue to be the people's Bible, but the preacher and teacher must familiarize himself with both versions."

The writer has also read a similar comment from the celebrated Dr. G. Campbell Morgan of England. Personally we like to read the King James Version. Its language is exceedingly stately, with no slang or "street vernacular." We believe there are many inaccuracies, of course, but we have learned to watch for italicized words which give us sufficient warning. Moreover, the "Authorized" or "King James Version," is the most widely used version in our country, and people are familiar, more or less, with its terminology. At the same time we feel that the 1881 Revised Version is the most accurate one in print and should be in every preacher's study. — B. L.B.

Building Material

We know where a gymnasium, which was erected in 1939, is being dismantled. The building has trusses, braced with steel, made of 2" x 10" material for sale. The building is about 44 feet wide and 80 feet long. If some church would like to buy these trusses, at a bargain, we will be glad to give further information. —RD

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