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Executive Board News and Promotion-

PER CAPITA GIFTS

A FEW WEEKS ago we gave a figure picture of the first 20 churches in total gifts through the Cooperative Program for the last associational year.

This week we want to give a picture of the per capita gifts. Even though a church has a small membership and the total gifts through the Cooperative Program may seem small, the per capita gifts may be high.

Here is a picture of the first 20 churches in per capita gifts for the associational year 1957-58:

- 1. Park Hill, N. Little Rock, \$22.94.
- 2. Pulaski Heights, Little Rock, \$18.05.
 - 3. Joyce City, \$17.80.
 - 4. El Dorado, First, \$17.27.
 - 5. Little Rock, First, \$17.04.
 - 6. Campbell Station, \$15.53.
 - 7. Waldron, \$15.07.
 - 8. Beech Street, Texarkana, \$14.41.
 - 9. Little Rock, Second, \$14.28.
 - 10. Amboy, North Little Rock, \$13.37.
 - 11. Elliott, \$13.19.
 - 12. Fordyce, First, \$13.06.
 - 13. Huttig. \$12.91.
 - 14. Immanuel, El Dorado, \$12.70.
 - 15. Immanuel, Little Rock, \$12.47.
 - Stuttgart, First, \$12.45.
 Stephens, First, \$12.38.

 - 18. College City, \$12.32.
 - 19. Almyra, \$12.09.
 - 20. Springdale, First, \$11.82.

The average per capita gift of these first 20 churches was \$14.56. If every church in Arkansas could give an average of \$14.56 per member this year through the Cooperative Program, the receipts would be \$4,281,455.36. With the income of our people larger than ever before and with our church budgets larger than ever before, surely it is not asking too much of our Baptist people when we plead for them to give \$14.56 per member, per year, to world missions, through the Cooperative Program. This would be \$1.21 per month, 28 cents per week, and less than four cents per day.

The average per capita gift of Arkansas Baptists through the Cooperative Program last associational year was \$5.02. This means that the average Arkansas Baptist gave to world missions, through the Cooperative Program, a little less than 42 cents per month; 81/2 cents per week, or less than 11/2 cents per day.

Would you allow me to preach a little right here and now? This kind of a picture makes us unhappy. In fact, we have a deep-down hurt feeling. Not because Baptists failed to raise a certain amount of money, but because we know that God is displeased with the picture, and we know the inevitable results of God's people withholding the tithe from God's treasury.

It would be well for our churches to look at the percentage of their total receipts to missions instead of the dollar amount. Too, it will be a great day among Arkansas Baptists when they give as much per day to Kingdom work as they give to the frivolous things of life. Forgive me for mentioning it, but Arkansas Baptists spend more on tobacco per year than they give to world missions. That's not all! Arkansas Baptists spend more money for "drinks" (of all kinds) than they give to world missions through the Cooperative Program. We all know that this is sinful on the part of our people. But, here is another side of the picture. When we, as leaders, know this and then do nothing to get our people to change their way of serving our Lord, we are guilty, yea, thrice guilty, in the sight of God!

Thank you for letting me preach a little. Now it's time for all of us to repent! Let me stop writing and get on with this matter. - Ralph Douglas, associate secretary.



FOR MANY, spring is the favorite season of the year. One of the oft' heard expressions during these days is: "It is good to be alive!" But we are fully alive only when we are alive through Christ.

Let us be reminded anew of the purpose of our Lord's coming into the world:

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John

Annuity Board Aids 30.000 Movement

HE FOLLOWING statement of policy by the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will be of special interest to those churches establishing new missions and churches in the 30,000 Movement. and also to the brethren who are now receiving or drawing annuity payments from the Relief and Annuity Board. It reads as follows:

"We recommend that as our part in the 30,000 new churches and missions program of the Southern Baptist Convention we extend to age annuitants on our rolls the privilege of some service to these new churches and missions without relinquishing their annuity payments. We recommend that the places of service as approved by the state executive secretary, be not more than one year old; that the state secretary advise the congregation that within six months after the annuitant begins such service, enlistment in the retirement program will be anticipated with 10 per cent of some salary figure a part of the budget. We recommend that the age annuitant be permitted to serve any one such church or mission point for as long as twelve months without such service affecting his regular receipt of annuity check. This program is to continue through 1961

at which time it will be studied as to cost and advisability of continuing through 'Jubilee Year' 1964."

If there is any question concerning this policy we would be glad to have you write us.

WE NOW have a supply of registration cards to be used in certifying messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville, May 19-22. You know, of course, that each regular Baptist church in friendly cooperation with the Convention is entitled to one messenger and then one additional messenger for each such church for every 250 members or for each \$250.00 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting, with no church appointing more than ten messengers.

If you will please drop us a card immediately and let us know how many of the registration cards you need, we shall be glad to send them to you.-S.A. Whitlow, executive secretary.

JACK BLEDSOE, 35, a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, has assumed duties as pastor of Memorial Church, Waldo, succeeding John Harrison, wh accepted the pastorate of 1st Church Nashville. Mr. Bledsoe has been serving as associate pastor for a Ft. Worth Church. (DP)

Pomeroy Against Gambling Bill

By FRITZ E. GOODBAR

Our sincere congratulations go to Jim Pomeroy, Representative from Union County, in our discovery of his action regarding the gambling proposal in the House of Representatives.

The voting machine record showed that he had voted for the gambling proposal and it was so reported in the Arkansas Baptist, but the machine did not show that he requested his vote be changed from "aye" to "no," but his request was so recorded on the House Journal.

The writer was surprised when he checked the machine vote for Representative Pomeroy has consistently voted against all immoral proposals. It has developed that a vote was called for during Mr. Pomeroy's brief absence from the chamber and a colleague, as a joke, cast his machine vote for the measure. Immediately upon his return to the chamber the request was made publicly that his vote be corrected, which was granted and so recorded.

We are most happy to give the facts and to express our sincere appreciation of Jim Pomeroy.

Attendance Report

(Mar. 22)

410		Training	
Church	School	Union	tions
Berryville,	4.00	04	
Freeman Hts.	127	81	
Clinton, 1st	142	67	
Cullendale, 1st	468	225	1
Fayetteville, 1st	822	274	2
Ft. Smith, Rye Hill	102	71	2
Mission	13	9	
Gentry, 1st	244	85	
Hot Springs, Pk. Pl.	424	137	3
Jacksonville, 1st	543	221	1
Ft. Smith, Calvary	382	149	3
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	420	170	
Huntsville, 1st	106	40	
McGehee, 1st	583	273	3
Magnolia, Central	842	429	
Mission	64	36	
Mena, 1st	338	125	2
Mission	27	15	
Pine Bluff, South Side	642	229	1
Rose City, Calvary	404	127	
Springdale, 1st	495	149	
Warren, 1st	665	261	17
W. Memphis, Calvary	240	148	

Lottie Moon Offering Tops 1957 Total

THE 1958 LOTTIE Moon Christmas Offering reached a total of \$6,307,239.91, according to Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. This is \$185,654.91 more than the grand total for 1957 and \$833,908.54 more than was received by the same date last year. The grand total for 1958 will not be known until books are closed on the offering May 1.



CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE—Fifteen Arkansas students are among the candidates for graduation at Southwestern Seminary, May 15. They include, left to right, for B. D. degree: top row, Merle A. Johnson, Jr., North Little Rock; Walter H. Nelson, Strong; Clayton D. Peoples, Greenwood; William L. Prince, Cotton Plant; Arthur W. Upchurch, Pine Bluff. Second row: Thomas C. Urrey, Camden; George T. Blackmon, Arkadelphia, Th.D.; William G. Ferguson, Pine Bluff, B.C.M.; Robert R. McCollum, Calion, B.C.M.; Veo T. Gray, Little Rock, M.C.M. Bottom row: Mrs. Bonnie J. Peoples, Greenwood, A.R.E.; Mrs. A. W. Upchurch, Pine Bluff, A.R.E.; Alton Butler, Wynne, M.R.E.; Robert I. Carter, New Edinburgh, M.R.E., and Rowland E. Carter, Pine Bluff, D.R.E.

Missions and Evangelism

Now the Western Crusade!

THE SIMULTANEOUS revivals in Eastern Arkansas are over and the date (Apr. 12-26) for the Western Crusade is near. We cannot report yet the total results in the Eastern Crusade. We urge the Associational Chairmen to give us a report as soon as possible — church by church.

There are no short cuts to revivals. There is a price to be paid. A church that experiences a spiritual travail will see souls born into the Kingdom. But certain plans and procedures should be followed. The people must be willing to work and pray. The attention of the public must be captured through publicity; the compassionate spirit in church members must be aroused through testimonies and inspirational services. People must be called to pray through definite plans. Procedures for reaching the lost people must be set up.

The Baptists in Eastern Arkansas should be very much in prayer for the Western Crusade in April. To the pastors and churches in the western area we would offer the following suggestions in giving your best to the crusade.

1. Be sure to get your prospects listed and enrolled in Sunday School.

2. Stress the importance of prayer.

Plan special prayer meetings. Dr. O. L. Bayless, 2nd Church, Hot Springs, has arranged for 92 cottage prayer meetings. Dr. W. O. Vaught, Immanuel Church, plans an all day prayer meeting on Sunday.

- 3. April 6 is a date for associational evangelistic rally. In Georgia they are calling the rally day, E-Day. We hope that every association in Western Arkansas will have a glant rally and the masses will attend.
- 4. Make much of your fellowship clinics. The revival fires begin to spread when encouraging reports are given.
- 5. Take advantage of the suggestions in the Revival Plan Book, especially the Sunday School sponsored attendance plan to "pack the pew."
- 6. Set high attendance goals for Sunday School and Training Union attendance on the second Sunday. The object of course is to get the prospects in a preaching service where they can be won.
- 7. Enlist as many soul winners as possible and follow some plan of visitation. The pastor and evangelist can't do all the visiting. Now for a great Western Crusade! Dr. C. W. Caldwell, secretary.

Arkansas Baptist Giving

AT WILL be a great day among Arkansas Baptists when we start giving as much of our money to our churches and the mission causes as we already spend regularly for "drinks," or for tobacco, or any one of many other frivolities, Dr. Ralph Douglas declares this week (page 2) in his

report on our per capita giving last year.

This reminds us of a story Dr. O. W. Yates used to tell about the Southern Seminary student who had been extended a call to become pastor of a Kentucky church. When the matter of fixing the salary came up. the young man agreed to serve for an amount equivalent to half of the total the members of the church were spending for their tobacco. This sounded like a bargain and the deacons said they would recommend the plan to the church.

The pastor thought everything was as good as settled. But when he next came to town, for his first sermons as pastor, the deacons were waiting anxiously for him at the railway station. "We had no idea how much we were spending for tobacco," they explained. "We just couldn't afford the salary we had agreed on!"

Heading the per capita giving for the state for the associational year 1957-58, with an average of \$22.94, were the members of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, R. L. South, pastor. The average for the top 20 churches of the state, as Dr. Douglas reports, was \$14.56. If the Baptists of the state would but rise to this average, the total giving per year would be \$4,281,455.36, or nearly three times the amount given last year,

the Douglas figures reveal.

Yes, it will be a wonderful day for Arkansas and for the world when we Baptists begin taking our Christian stewardship seriously. For stewardship takes in our lives as well as our purses. There is no better approach to revival than through the teachings of the Bible on total stewardship. Adherence to the challenge of one verse of Scripture. Matthew 6:33, would bring remarkable changes in our hearts and our attitudes. and in the abundance of God's blessings upon us: "Seek ve first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto

The man who jumps from the window of the top floor of a 20-story building does not break the law of gravity — he breaks himself. And the man who tries to withhold from God that which belongs to God is not

robbing God, but robbing himself. -ELM

Indulgence for Discipline

BLAME FOR America's mounting crime wave among juveniles is laid squarely on the doorstep of Mr. Average Citizen by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a memorandum issued recently "To all law enforcement officials."

"Assuredly," declares J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, "a major factor in the youth crime problem is our present society which has substituted indulgence for discipline, pleasure for duty, and money

for morals.

In 1952, the memorandum states, "no less than 477,000 members of the 10-to-17-year-old group were arrested. Since that time arrests in these age brackets have increased more than 55 per cent. The foreboding prospects, based on the alarming present rate, are that more than 1,000,-000 10-to-17-year-olds will be arrested in 1962, and in each succeeding

year."

The starting point in the long-overdue attack on juvenile delinquency must be in the home, the FBI declares. "Too often the quest for material things breeds delinquency," the memo continues. "There are too many parents who devote all their attention to acquiring an impressive house equipped with plush surroundings, and in so doing they have no time for making a home founded on parental love, devotion and moral guidance. In the so-called modern home, the home as a place of learning how to live as well as a place of living has almost disappeared. The criteria of right and wrong have been replaced by more convenient yardsticks of material wealth, social prestige and easy living. There is an urgent need (Continued on page 5)

Personally Speaking . . . "... only the strong ..."

DURING THE Great Depression of the 1930's one of our young friends who had no job accepted our sugges-



tion and signed up with a large publishing firm to sell books during a summer. The first half day he worked, in county-seat Our town of Russellville, he made commissions totalling \$25.

Now that Was mighty good wages, especially for who had no income

whatever. That was even better than I was earning as city editor of the Daily Courier-Democrat. The young fellow was walking on air as he reported to me at noon. I rejoiced with him.

Seeing him a day or two later, I asked him how his work was going, expecting to hear reports of new achievements.

"Oh, I quit!" he reported.

"Quit?" I asked, dumbfounded. "Why in the world would you quit after such a good start?"

It developed that he had run into a shrew of a housewife on his first call out, after his glorious first half a day. and she had bawled him out for knocking on her door and had paid her disrespects to book agents in general and to him in particular.

That was all it had taken to remove this ambitious young man from the book-selling business. He did not have anything else to do, but he quit! His shell was too soft. He just couldn't get up the courage to make another

Across the years I have often thought of this young man whose nerve failed him and I have tried to imagine what the story might have been like if he had been able to just "consider the source" in the matter of his "bawling out."

Certainly, this is a cruel, hard world for people with soft shells! And this is no less true for church people than for others. For this reason pastors have a difficult task as they try to lead their members to take seriously their assignment from God himself to be "salesmen for Christ," selling a way of abundant living through Christ.

Christians, of all people, cannot afford to be soft-shelled. We are called to be cross bearers. We are warned by our Lord who sends us out that the going will often be hard. But he has promised us the blessing of his presence and grace that is sufficient.

"The coward never starts, the weak fall by the way, only the strong come

through!" -ELM

Letters to the Editor

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Committee Commendation

ON BEHALF of our Civic Morality Committee I want to thank you for the wonderful job you have done to help us during the recent legislature. Your personal interest and the fine way the Arkansas Baptist has kept the people informed is certainly to your credit.

If I can be of service to you and yours, feel free to call. - Rheubin L. South, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock.

Singer Recommended

KNOWING THAT it is often difficult to find an evangelistic singer, I would like to recommend Willie Knox Andress, 537 Gladstone, Shreveport, La. I have just been in a meeting with Mr. Andress at El Dorado and find him to have a good spirit, one easy to work with and interested in churches and people. He is an Arkansas boy, now in school, but interested in doing evangelistic work in Arkansas and plans to come back to the State when he completes his education. -Bernes K. Selph, 1st Church, Benton.

INSOMNIA IS when you can't sleep, even on the job. - Cy N. Peace.

SOME OF today's musicians carry a tune as if it were too heavy for them. -Morris Bender.

EDITORIALS (continued from page 4) for a return to a sound sense of values."

Public awareness by all our people to the problem before us and the taking of remedial steps are urged by the FBI, which declares: "These are matters of vital concern to every adult organization comprising parents, teachers, religious leaders, business men, civic authorities, community leaders and individuals interested in the future of the nation.

"For the good of our youth and the welfare of our communities." adult examples which set a premium upon good citizenship and programs which discourage crime demand immediate nationwide attention," concludes the report.

Here is just another way of saying that there is no substitute for Christian character in all age groups. Our only hope is for the three great institutions primarily charged with character development — the church, the home, and the school — to turn back to God. —ELM

The Bible Says



Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in ECC. 12:1 them.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON (Author of For Our Age of Anxiety, at your Baptist Book Store.)

Ugly Gossip

QUESTION: What can parents and grandparents do to help ignore ugly gossip about a young couple's first baby



that is born prematurely? A beautiful wedding in the early summer attended by many friends and then the tiny mite in the winter slandered because nine months hadn't elapsed. Shouldn't our grief and anxious hours be sufficient?

DR. HUDSON ANSWER: are facing one of the most difficult of human situations. It hurts to be punished by society for sins we have committed. It hurts even worse to be punished when we are innocent.

What can you do?

First, don't get mad. That is, don't express your anger. Revenge would be the most natural response, but it is unchristian. Besides, it does no good.

Under such circumstances people tend to get cold and bitter, to move out of the community, to quit going to church, or to say ugly things about those who have said ugly things about this fine young couple.

What Christ did was to bear the sins of those who hurt Him. "When He was reviled, (He) reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously" (I Peter 2:23). This is the Christian way.

Finally, let this be a lesson to you. Gossip is one of the meanest things in the world. Do everything you can to counteract it and never have part in spreading it. There ought to be a special place in hell for gossips. But who has not had part in gossip at one time or another?

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

Really Co-operating

ARE WE really co-operating? Oh yes! We call ourselves a co-operating Southern Baptist Church. We give through the co-operative pro-

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gram. We use convention literature. We utilize plans and procedures from "headquarters." But are we co-operating? Co-operation is a two-way affair. It means "operating togeth-

er." As long as we just take in, we are going only one way.

What I have in mind is our responsibility to our sister churches. Our church membership is over 800. At the last associational workers' conference there were six from our church. We have over 100 on our Sunday School faculty and staff. On several occasions only the pastor and minister of education have attended the associational conferences.

Are we 'co-operating? Are we being fair with our sister churches who need our help? Are we responding to our responsibility to help others when we keep everything within? Are we too concerned and pre-occupled with self? We may be sending money to the ends of the earth, Samaria and Judea, but we are failing to share with our sister churches right here in "Jerusalem"! Are we co-operating? - Robert L. Hartsell, South Side, Ft. Smith.

The Stars Also

By JOHN CAYLOR (Home Mission Board)

aral human desire to do something big someone great. Nobody wants to be ordsomething little, to work in the backhaps it might be well to suggest that it of greatness for one to be interested in In Genesis 1:16 attention is called to the e greater lights, the sun and the moon; if it were an afterthought, the three tars also." Who would deny the importars? They have been discovered by the ne are larger than the better known sun ho ever worshipped the stars? Both the moon have come in for their share of on, — but the stars!

ntion is given to earthquakes. They take property and human life. They are imgravity is much more important. The truction of the earthquake demand attenquiet working of the law of gravity atlotice. In fact, an apple had to fall on a

sent the fundamentals of Sunday School work in a practical manner. There will be simultaneous enlargement campaigns in the churches of the Miami Associa-

Dr. Williamson Director For Southwide Clinic

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)—Edgar Williamson, Arkansas' secretary, will serve as a campaign director in the Southern Baptist Convention-wide Sunday school clinic Apr. 5-12 in Miami, Fla.

The clinic is sponsored by the Sunday school departments of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, and the Baptist Association.

A. V. Washburn, of the Sunday School Board, will direct the clinic, assisted by C. F. Barry of the Florida Baptist Convention.

The purpose of the clinic is to pre-

Nashville Contractor

Nashville Contractor Foundation President

NASHVILLE — (BP) — A Nashville contractor, Stirton Oman, has been elected president of the directors of Southern Baptist Foundation here. Walton N. Smith, Clarksville, Tenn., realtor was elected vice-president, and Noble C. Caudill, Nashville, vice-president of a national shoe manufacturing company, is recording secretary of the directors.

scientist's head before he would pay any attention to gravity. The earthquake is to be dreaded, but gravity is a servant of great usefulness.

In the Middle West practically every home has its storm cellar. The cyclones come sweeping with terrible fury. Places of safety must be provided. The awful winds of the cyclone are not half so important a the balmy breeze. Floating on the breeze is pollen from plants which must reproduce themselves. The gently changing air keeps proper mixtures for the life of plants and animals alike.

Contrast the lightning with the daybreak. Sharp, piercing, frightening flashes of light and deafening thunder attract immediate attention. Man shudders and shrieks as he runs to shelter. Greater than the lightning is the quiet of dawn. The refreshing light sets nature to work on a new day. Every day we witness the dawn with indifference. One flash of lightning startles us.

Life is made up of little things. How important they are!

Just as we overlook the commonplace in nature, so we minimize little sins. We call some sins little and some big; but in reality sin is sin. For the sake of emphasis let us differentiate.

The Mississippi River goes on a rampage. Great damage is done. And yet, computing the damage to farm crops in the South, the Mississippi floods pale in comparison with the little boll weevil.

Cyclones take their toll; but grasshoppers do more damage to American crops in one year than all the

cyclones in a generation.

We have seen farms, forests, and cities ravaged by hailstorms; but the little cutworm wields a mightier weapon than the storm.

In Holy Writ account is taken of the little foxes, whose damage is greater than that of grown animals. They gnaw the vines and destroy not only the fruit but the vine itself.

Murder is one of the cardinal sins. Jesus calls definite attention to hatred, vexation, and strife. These latter are little sins; but they lead to the greater of murder. Who is not troubled with vexation? Nerves are "shot to pieces" and one becomes irritable unpleasant and unfit.

Falsehood is sin. Little sins begin with "white lies" and exaggerations and "dressed-up" truth. Gossip may make bad matters of little things.

Glaring sins are self-announced. They are easily shunned. What we call little sins may be the big sine of our lives.

Baptists to Continue Evangelism Emphasis

DALLAS (BP) — "North Americal Baptist evangelism participation in the 1959 simultaneous crusades has resulted in a prolonged revival emphasis through the Baptist Jubilee Advance ending in 1964," said Leonard Sanderson, director of the Home Mission Board's division of evangelism here.

Sanderson, who was recently name chairman of the Jubilee Advance Col mittee for the Crusade, said the advance period "will be years of unparalled Baptist soul-winning efforts."

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Louisville Weather Unpredictable in May

LOUISVILLE — (BP) — What about weather conditions in Louisville for the

middle of May?

In a special report to Southern Baptist Convention messengers, the weatherman has this to say: The average high and low temperatures in the city for the third week of May are 79 and 45 degrees respectively, making the mean temperature for that week 67.5.

For the entire month of May, the average humidity ranges from 90 per cent at daybreak to 20 at night. Humidity averages 30 to 40 per cent in the after-

noons.

Water-Tight Topcoat

In planning a wardrobe for your convention trip "preparedness" should

be your guide.

Try to include medium-weight clothing which can be worn with a jacket or sweater to add warmth. A topcoat for the men and spring coat for women is necessary — all the better if it is water-repellent.

Local clothing styles certainly will not frown on any messenger's Sunday attire. And don't forget to stick a pair of comfortable shoes in your bag for shopping tours and sightseeing.

Pay Day in Costa Rica

ON FEB. 1 of this year the Baptists of Arkansas and other Southern Baptists had a pay day in Costa Rica. There were very few of them who knew about it at the time, but never-theless it was their pay day, too. This could never have been possible without the investments of many of you.

First, there was the investment of love and Christian guidance of a dedicated mother. This was the greatest and most sacrificial investment of all.

This was also a pay day for a faithful pastor who has invested many years of Bible preaching and constructive guidance.

Then there were also the many investments of college and seminary professors that bore fruit on this day.

These are the more direct investments. Also there has been the investments of preachers, doctors, farmers, lawyers, merchants, and many other people. These investments of love, prayers and tithes were all rewarded that day.

But for the language school student who had invested his life in preparing for the mission field and the last six months of his life in an intensive study of the Spanish language this was a very special pay day. He had just preached his first sermon in Spanish and was not even sure that the people had understood him. But till it was a wonderful pay day as the crippled lady, using her one leg and a crutch, came down the aisle and trusted Christ as her Saviour. — Gilbert Nichols, Apartado 4035, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Social Security Deadline

MINISTERS who have not yet enrolled in Social Security as self-employed individuals, have until April 15, 1959, to do so. This deadline was extended from April 15, 1957. If you were eligible for Social Security before the 1957 deadline and are taking advantage of this extension, earnings must be reported and taxes paid for 1956, 1957 and 1958.

Ministers ordained in 1957 have until April 15, 1959, to file the waiver form 2031 and join Social Security. If they had earnings of more than \$400 in 1957 and 1958, they must pay self-employment

taxes for both years.

The deadline for ministers ordained in 1958 is April 15, 1960. If they delay until then, self-employment earnings will be reported and taxes required for both '58 and '59.

Social Security self-employment tax for 1955-56 was 3% of the salary, up to a maximum of \$4,200; and for 1957-58, 3%%.

-Relief and Annuity Board

Opportunity and Responsibility

By J. W. STORER

As all men know the word "opportunity" comes from two Latin words "ob" — before "harbo" — harbor — and the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis presents such a factual opportunity for Southern Baptists as I believe we have rarely had, and yet one which I fear too few of us realize exists.

It has been my very great privilege to spend eight days with Pastor Charles Jolley and the College Avenue Baptist Church, Annapolis, in revival services, and the realization of how little attention has been paid by our denomination to the situation shocked me.

There are some 3,700 men in the academy, 350 of them Baptists — approximately half of the men are Roman Catholic — and these are, in the main, the cream of the crop.

There is no animosity shown by the administration toward Christianity—indeed the young men are encouraged to attend the church of their choice at the Sunday school hour and preaching service.

It was a thrilling sight to see the men — some 150 midshipmen—marching in three squads to the church — at the command fall out, they entered the building and took their places, several teaching in the Sunday school or otherwise occupying positions of service. At the worship hour a number were in the choir, and others took up the offering.

As can well be expected in Annapolis, where the Roman Catholics have had such a tight grip since the days of Lord Calvert, our Baptist work has had a great struggle. This would well describe Maryland, as a matter of fact.

The college Avenue Baptist Church has 1,105 members on roll, 750 resident; a Sunday school enrollment of 605; a Training Union enrollment of 217. There are 317 tithers — a number of these are midshipmen — and the most a midshipman makes in cash above expenses is \$15 per month, the least is \$8.

The church building — meeting house — is old, and greatly in need of extensive repairs — which when done, would still leave it wholly inadequate, and not at all in keeping with what the young men have had at home, or with what other denominations have built — having seen the light of the opportunity presented.

Indeed, it is built of the stone rejected as unfit for use when Bancroft Hall at the Academy was built, many

years ago.

The church does have a splendid new educational building, though this is becoming overcrowded. There is a debt of approximately \$115,000 and the church is paying on this \$1,470 per month including interest. This means it will take from eight to ten years to pay it off.

Let me give my reaction to the situation there. First, it is a tremendous mission opportunity. When the fleet is at sea, the chaplains depend on lay personnel for much of the religious instruction aboard ship, since the chaplain goes by copter from ship to ship. Many of these lay people have had their training in the College Avenue Baptist Church — this was told me by one of the chaplains, a good Methodist brother. He said to me, "I don't believe you Southern Baptists realize what the possibilities are for your work here in Annapolis," and I fear we do not.

Southern Baptists ought, in some manner, come to grips with this opportunity, and meet its challenge. The College Avenue Church has reached its financial limit, and I do not believe can do anything further — they have all the load they can orbit, as it is. But if we could, as a denomination help them, it would pay tremendous dividends.

Arkansas All Over

- MISS LYDA Dunsworth, sophomore at Ouachita, has been elected president of the Arkansas Association of Women Students. Miss Dunsworth is majoring in elementary education. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dunsworth, Helena.
- REV. AND Mrs. C. Hudson Favell. Southern Baptist missionary appointees for Ghana, have sailed for their field of service. Their address is Baptist Mission, Box 1933, Kumasi, Ghana, West Africa. Mrs. Favell, the former Jean Christy, is a native of Ft. Smith.

Pleitz Accepts Florida Pastorate

JAMES L. PLEITZ, pastor of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith since July. 1954, has resigned to become pastor of 1st Church, Pensacola, Fla.

A native of Jonesboro, Pastor Pleitz was educated at Ouachita Baptist College and Southern Seminary in Louisville, from which he received the B. D. degree in 1953. Mrs. Pleitz is the former Margaret Ann Shupe of Stuttgart. They have two children, Danny, 8, and Nancy. 6.

During his ministry in the Ft. Smith Church there were 1,061 additions, 372 on profession of faith for baptism. A new educational building was completed in November of last year. The church has also acquired five houses adjoining the property, for future expansion.

The Pensacola church completed a new auditorium three years ago which seats 1,800. It is valued at a million dollars. Dr. Nathan Brooks, president of Carver School in Louisville, Ky., was the Pensacola pastor at the time this building was completed.

The Pleitz family will move to Florida early in May.







RIVERSIDE CHURCH, Donaldson, organized in July, 1956, recently completed this new building which includes an auditorium and six Sunday School rooms. Mac S. Gates, pastor, said the church plans to pay off indebtedness in less than half the allotted time. Membership in the church has doubled since its organization. Dr. Ralph Phelps, Ouachita president, will be with the church for revival Apr. 12-19.

Pastoral Changes

DERREL WATKINS has accepted the call of 1st Southern Baptist Church, Sheridan, and will assume his duties as pastor on Apr. 22. Presentely he is associate pastor of Fairview Ave. Church. Detroit. Mr. Watkins, who is 23, is a native of DeWitt and has attended Southern College and Ouachita. He plans to continue his work at Ouachita on a part time basis.

JAMES PENLAND, pastor of Dutch Mills Church, has accepted the pastorate of 1st Church, Strasburg, Mo. (DP)

- CENTENNIAL Church, Pine Bluff, has voted to enter into a \$70,000 bond issue to finance a proposed educational building. (CB)
- GRACE CHURCH, Dermott, Thomas Christmas, pastor, is now sending the Arkansas Baptist to the membership under the church budget plan.



DERREL WATKINS

ARKANSAS BAPTIST

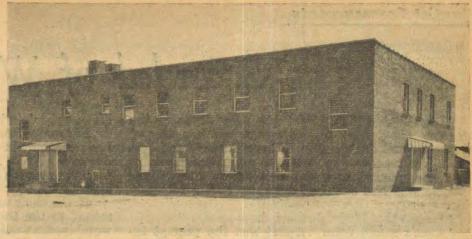
MRS. DEAN BRYANT, affectionately known in 1st Church, Booneville, as Aunt Molly, was honored with special recognition Mar. 8.

MRS. BRYANT

Mrs. Bryant, who has been teaching since 1912, most of the time in the junior department. numbers among her former pupils Josephine Scaggs, Hermond

Westmoreland, Erroll Westmoreland, C. E. Bryant Jr., Theron Price and a number of lawyers, judges, school teachers.

- ELTON PENNINGTON, pastor of Dayton Church, has announced completion of the remodeling of the church's auditorium. Included were new hardwood floors, repainting of walls and celling, providing choir space and building a new pulpit platform and chairs. New pulpit furniture and news also were provided.
- DON NALL, Ouachita, will be evangelist for the youth led revival in Lake Hamilton Church, Apr. 5-12. Roy Coulter, Lake Hamilton, will lead the music. Eddie Coulter is youth week mastor.
- THE ADULT choir of 1st Church, evetteville, under direction of Russell Oldham, presented "The Crucifixion" Mar. 22 at the evening worship hour.
- SIXTY MEMBERS of the Woodfield family gathered in 1st Calvary Church youth center, Pine Bluff, for the first family reunion in seven years.



BUILT AT a cost of \$50,000, this new educational building of East Side Church. Paragould, provides accommodations for 13 departments. The 32-room structure is air conditioned. Guy Whitney is the pastor.

EIGHT NEW members have been initiated into the Ouachita College chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, national forensic fraternity. They are Eugene Weatherly, Paragould; Marty Schleuter, North Hollywood, Calif.; Johnny Jackson, Waldo; Bailey Smith, Dallas, Tex.; Walter Rose, Little Rock; Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia; Beth Butler, Harrisburg; and Janice Watson, Moark. New officers are: Mr. Rose, president; Mr. Schleuter, vice president; Miss Butler, secretary treasurer: Mr. Jackson, reporter. Other members are Bill Knabe, Dr. Thomas L. Tedford, director of debate, and Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita.

Revival Reports

PLUM BAYOU Church, Harmony Association; Amos Greer, associational missionary assisting; one by profession, one by letter. (CB)

EAST SIDE, Paragould: Bob Conner. Jr., evangelist; Guy Whitney, pastor; 28 by baptism, seven by letter. Record attendances were set in Sunday School and Training Union.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Camden, Mar. 8-19: Delbert Garrett. Yellville, evangelist: Lonnie Laster, pastor and music director; 12 by baptism, four by letter, two surrendered for special serv-All records for Sunday School and Training Union attendance were broken on Mar. 8 and again on Mar.

PARKDALE CHURCH, Mar. 1-8: J. C. Crabbe, Fouke Church, evangelist; Pastor O. Phillip May, music director; 17 by baptism, five by letter.

NEEDHAM CHURCH, Mt. Zion Association: Jimmy Watkins, Gibson Switch, and Bob Dottley, 1st Church, Jonesboro, evangelists; James Lewis, pastor; two by baptism, two by letter, 24 rededications.

SECOND CHURCH, W. Helena, Mar. 8-22: Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, Arkansas Baptist editor, evangelist; Paul Pearson, pastor and director of music; 19 conversions, six for baptism in 2nd Church; three for baptism in a sister church; many rededications.

FIRST CHURCH, DeWitt, Mar. 15-22, Robert A. Parker, Calvary Church, Ft. Smith evangelist; Ural Clayton, minister of music, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, music; 26 professions, 3 by letter, 2 additions by baptism from other churches, one by statement, and 11 rededications. Andrew Heskett, pastor, baptized 26 persons Sunday evening at the close of the meeting.



FIRST CHURCH, McGehee, held its first commencement service for Sunday school workers on Sunday evening, Mar. 8. Twenty workers were awarded diplomas and seals. These diplomas represented a total of 260 books studied. Robert Holley is minister of education. Ernest R. Adams, associate State Sunday School secretary, delivered the commencement address. Front row, left to right: Mrs. G. C. Hagan, Mrs. P. S. Seamans, Mrs. R. L. Prosser, Mrs. Hubert Rial, Mrs. L. S. McClellan, Mrs. L. Lockhart, Mrs. Joe Lang, Mrs. James Howell, Mrs. H. C. Kolb, Mrs. Robert Holley. Back row: Mrs. J. C. Crowder, Mrs. Mildred Dees, Mrs. Clara Harris, Mrs. W. Y. Rial, B. C. Collins, Mrs. B. C. Collins, Mrs. S. E. Clark, Mrs. D. M. Bass, Mrs. Leonard Ashcraft, Mr. Clayburn.

The Scandal of Worship

"DRAW A PICTURE of the baby Jesus in the manger," the Sunday School teacher told her class of toddlers, "and don't forget to include Mary and Joseph." The teacher was all smiles and encouragement until she glanced over the shoulder of one of her charges who had sketched a stranger — a roly-poly third figure.

"Who is that?" she demanded.

"That's round John Virgin" was the prompt re-

sponse

Such careless handling of the verities of the faith is forgiveable in children, but what shall we say when dad and mother are equally slipshod in their own adult

way?

Can you, Mr. Head-of-the-Household, remember even a small part of what the pastor said from the pulpit last Sunday, or were you daydreaming the while, tuning in only now and then to catch a well-worn phrase or two?

Do you, Mrs. Mother-of-the-Brood, recall any of the hymns included in the worship service, or was your mind on the family dinner as you sang devoutly "Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to Thee" . . .?

The magnificent ability of many Baptists to go through the forms of worship and mouth the language of religion while comprehending almost none of it is the scandal of the hour of worship.

How long has it been since you followed each word of the pastoral prayer, noting each phrase and adding

in your heart, "That goes for me, too"?

When did you last follow a hymn so closely that you were compelled to stop singing when you came to certain lines because you could not in all honesty make the content of them yours?

Even the repeating of the Lord's prayer takes on a vacuous quality as the familiar words roll off our tongues while our minds are on the golf course, at the office or back in the kitchen.

For many Protestants, a service of divine worship has something in common with the wait before Sunday dinner is served. Nobody except mother pays much attention to what's going on in the kitchen so long as the appropriate odors emanate therefrom.

If the choir sang, "And the cow jumped over the moon" to the tune of a familiar anthem, how many

worshippers would know the difference?

If the pastor started to read Scripture and drifted off into Shakespeare, would half his congregation know it — or care?

We have sometimes thought that if the preacher would announce a special offering for the widow of the Unknown Soldier, and if the ushers would come down the aisles and organist begin to play, people would give with as much gusto as ever.

What a collection of round John Virgins we offer

in the name of worship!

True worship requires alertness and sensitivity. It demands careful consideration of the words which are spoken no matter how "well grooved" they are. It scans every line of the hymns for their content and meaning. It follows every phrase of the prayers personal application. It seeks to understand the Scriptures. It is attentive to the presentations of the choiceven though the lyric soprano screeches and the based profundo rumbles. And it absorbs the message from the pulpit as though it were manna in the desert.

As the old French proverb puts it: "He that bringeth no gift to the altar, beareth no blessing away." To muster attentive minds and hungry hearts the next time we sit in our accustomed pews may require a supreme effort, but it is just possible that the Lord in turn will open the windows of heaven and communwith His own. —Crusader, The American Baptist

News Magazine.

On Humanity's Hurt and Healing

THE HEARTACHE in the world today is almost beyond human capacity to endure or comprehend. Within the last half century human misery has increased throughout the world through war, vast economic upheaval, and chronic political corruption and moral deterioration. In the face of this tragic situation even Christian people are tempted to sigh with the psalmist, "O, that I had the wings of a dove! Then would I fly away and be at rest." But our difficulties are not solved by flight.

Neither are the open wounds of the world healed by human wisdom. The evils that opposed Jesus when he was on earth were rooted in the society of his day. There are people among us who are forever trying to fix the blame for the crucifixion of Christ on the Romans, or the Jews, or on some other group conjured up by their hate as a scapegoat for their own sins and jealousies. But Christ was not crucified by the "enemies" of his society, but by a society that considered him its enemy. And in every generation since, there have been those who, in the name of expediency, daily "crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put

him to an open shame."

God alone can heal humanity's hurt. The cry of the ancient prophet should become our prayer today. "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years." Yet one becomes a little weary of hearing the appeal for revival which seems to regard the gospel as a sort of emergency supplement to the police force. For the gospel is not a message about love, mercy, and justice. It is a message of love, mercy, and justice among peoples. "He that shows mercy" is the one who is bles of God; and likewise he that shows love and justice. If God is to heal our world we must make these forces effective in the lives of men and in the society in which we live. —A. C. Miller, Secretary, Christian Life Commission.

Life Dedication Day Scheduled in April

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Sunday, Apr. 12, will be observed as "Life Dedication Day" in many Southern Baptist convention churches, since they will be closing the annual observance of "Youth Week" on that day.

It is expected that several hundred young persons will dedicate themselves to some church-related vocation in life at these services.

Young persons dedicating themselves to church-related vocational work need to receive literature and other information which will help them as they prepare for their life service.

These young persons may be placed on mailing lists for this material if their names are forwarded to John M. Tubbs, church-related vocations counselor at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Since the summer of 1957, when the convention began a concerted effort to keep in touch with its young people called into church-related vocations, the names of more than 14,000 young persons have been forwarded to Tubbs's office here.

"Each of these is now receiving an information bulletin, published quarterly, on church-related vocational opportunities and needs," Tubbs said. "In addition, a series of free pamphlets on individual vocations is available to any person or church desiring them."

SEVENTEEN MEMBERS of the Girls Auxiliaries of Kelley Church, Ft. Smith, were recognized at recent coronation ceremonies. Vicky Robertson was made queen with scepter and Bertha Brown received the princess award. Mrs. Jay W. C. Moore, wife of the associational missionary, gave the inspirational address. (DP)

Mississippian Is New Church Library Leader

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)— Wayne E. Todd, Brookhaven, Miss., is the new secretary of the Baptist Sun-



MR. TODD

day School Board's Church Library Service. He was elected at the annual meeting of the board recently. Todd will assume his duties April 1.

Todd, now pastor of First Church, Brookhaven, has held pastorates in Kentucky at 1st Church, Danville,

nd Immanuel Church, Lexington; and niel Memorial, Jackson, Miss. He is a graduate of Mississippi Col-

He is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and Southern Seminary, Louisville, and has done graduate study at New Orleans Seminary.

Cuban Crisis and Bible Distribution

JAGUEY GRANDE, Cuba — An increased program of Scripture distribution to reach Bible-less homes here in Cuba has been announced by the Cuban Home Bible League. During the past two months, thousands of copies of the Scriptures have been placed among members of the rebel army. A fertile field for the sowing of the Word has also been found among supporters of the Baptista regime who are now failed and waiting sentence.

"A wide door, and an effective one, is open in the prison here, where there are more than 567 detained," stated one missionary from Pinardel Rio Province. "We are praying and dealing with twenty-five who have already been condemned to death, and have obtained permission to be with them to the end. We distributed a great number of New Testaments, but could have used at least 3,000. We found that the Roman Catholic Church has not visited any of these prisoners up to this time."

Said another missionary, from Matanzas Province: "In the distribution of the Scriptures we found a much better reception and interest than theretofore. Present circumstances are opening new doors of opportunity to Bible distribution."

 MISS JULIAN CAROLE Crockett. who will receive her B. S. degree (summa cum laude) at Ouachita College, May 25, has been named a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. She will enter the University of Florida in Gainsville in September to do graduate work in English. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Crockett, Ft. Smith. She was one of 1,200 selected from 7,000 candidates from 700 colleges in the U.S. and Canada. Miss Crockett is now enrolled in the graduate school at the University of Arkansas where she has a teaching assistantship in English. At Ouachita, she was selected for Who's Who in American Universities Colleges and was a member of the Math Honor Society, EEE Social Club, Sigma Tau Delta and Alpha Psi Omega. The Woodrow Wilson Fellowship provides a living allowance of \$1,500, plus the full cost of tuition and fees. The project is based by a grant from the Ford Foundation to provide future college teachers.

Golden Gate Seminary Names Vice President

BERKLEY, Calif. —(BP)— William A. Carleton, dean and professor of church history at Golden Gate Seminary, has been elected vice-president of the institution, Harold K. Graves, president, has announced.

Carleton was elected to the Golden Gate faculty in 1953, having served pastorates in Oklahoma and Illinois. During his ministry in those states, he was also president of the respective state conventions.



Mrs. Clara G. Alston Takes New WMU Post

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. —(BP)— Mrs. Clara Greer Alston, Nashville, has been elected to fill the new position of production manager for Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

Mrs. Alston assumed her new position Apr. 1.

She had been employed by Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville for more than 18 years. Her last position with the board is that of book production supervisor in the business division. In that capacity, Mrs. Alston has co-ordinated all phases of book production connected with Broadman Press and Convention Press, titles under which the board publishes books.

At the WMU office, Mrs. Alston will be a member of the Executive staff and will work with WMU's promotion division in the production of several WMU magazines for women and girls. The promotion division is responsible for editing, and Mrs. Alston will work with printing firms which publish the magazines.

Broadus on Human Nature

"ALL THE world is young to those who are young themselves."

"It is a fixed conviction of mine that what our churches need in order to become interested in missions is not fervent appeals but information." — John A. Broadus, Southern Seminary, as quoted in The Seminary Magazine, April, 1895.

THE BOOKSHELF

THE PRAYERS of the Bible, compiled by Philip Watters, Baker Book House, 1959, \$3.95.

INCLUDING ALL the prayers of the Bible, this book gives as well all passages of scripture relating to prayer: the duty, grounds, times, places, encouragements, advantages, and the evil of the neglect of prayer. It is thoroughly indexed for ready reference.

Life's Hidden Power, the gift of the Spirit, by Louis H. Evans, Fleming H. Revell Co., 1958, \$2.50.

• A former pastor of the largest Presbyterian church in the world, First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood, Calif., with more than 6,000 members, Dr. Evans is now minister-at-large and associate general secretary for the board of national missions of the Presbyterian Church in the USA.

The works of the Holy Spirit through the church and His relationship to power in preaching, to peaceful heart, healing, courage, possessions, and love, are discussed at some length.

The Long Search, by Sallie Lee Bell, Zondervan Publishing House, 1958, \$2.50.

This is a novel about a handsome man by the name of James Thornton whose father had died a prisoner for a wrong he did not commit, and of what happened in a long crusade for revenge.

The Larger Parish and Group Ministry, A Working Strategy for the Rural Church Today, by Marvin P. Daudy, Abingdon, 1959, \$3.

"Will we as church leaders recognize the value of rural life, the necessity for providing an adequate rural ministry, the absolute necessity of studying and developing a program for the rural church which will challenge the mind of rural people and be a loyal witness for the Christian faith?" asks the author of this book. Here is a most worthy contribution to the problem of the rural church in our modern day.

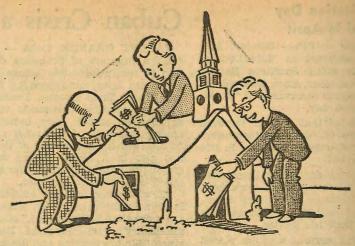
Jesus in the Gospel of John, by T. C. Smith, Broadman Press, 1959, \$4.

Recognizing that the Evangelist's own situation and purpose must be understood in order to grasp the gospel's message, the author has probed deeply into the many sources of information about the first century. As he examines the time of Jesus and of the Evangelist, he moves through the gospel in searching exegesis. An interesting style carries the reader on from one new insight to another.

Prayer Can Change Your Life, by Dr. William R. Parker and Elaine St. Johns Dare, Prentice Hall, 1957, \$3.50.

"To receive the full benefit of these pages," the author states, "the reader should begin with a healthy skepticism. He must be fair, open-minded — he must want to be shown."

This work is an attempt to apply the methods of modern psychology to the study of prayer. It reports on many case histories of men and women who found a solution to many of their problems through the approach of prayer.



Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

1 Corinthians 16:2

SBC Missionary Directs Congress Plans

RIO DE JANEIRO —(BP)— Between now and June 26, 1960, Missionary Edgar F. Hallock, Jr., is not likely to spend much time loafing.

Not that the energetic director of the publishing house division of the Brazilian Baptist Sunday School Board was ever guilty of that, but as chairman of the general committee on arrangements for the Baptist World Congress here June 26-July 3, 1960, his work is cut out for him in the next year and a half.

The organization is set up similar to that which a host city utilizes in entertaining a session of the Southern Baptist Convention. For example, there are committees on registration, publicity, reception and information, housing, transportation, exhibits, meals, interpreters and preachers, music, first aid, tours and excursions, communications, immigration and personal documents, exchange of money, nursery, and relations with government officials.

Hallock, a Southern Baptist missionary, estimates that 15,000 people will attend the Congress, with 5,000 of them coming from outside Brazil. "We are planning on 4,000 from the United States and 1,000 from all other countries of the world," he said. This means that Brazil's attendance will be about 10,000 including a 3,000-voice choir. Organization of the choir is already underway.

Asked if he had any suggestions to folks planning to come to Rio in 1960, Hallock observed that patience was a virtue of all good Christians. "It will especially be helpful in South America," he added. "This continent is just now being discovered by Ameri-

cans. This tourist movement is growing, but still not as well developed as it is in Europe and the Holy Land, for instance.

"The conduct of Baptists as they havel through South America will have great influence on our work. We have every reason to believe that the Cogress will be the greatest boost Baptist work has ever received in this stion of the world. Ask our fellow Baptists in America to join us in that mayer."

A graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Hallock is now in his 17th year as a missionary to Brazil.

Texas Baptist Educator Takes Top Federal Post

DALLAS — (BP) — Harold A. Harwell, coordinator of the Texas Baptate Christian Education Commission of the past six years, and a former president of Ouachita College, has been named to one of the top education posts with the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D. C.

He will become director of the Programs Branch of the U.S. Office of Education's Division of Higher Education April 13.

Haswell will head a 34-member and in directing research relating to the content and organization of instructional programs and the evaluation instructional materials and procedure at U. S. colleges and universities will direct information program the research work and explore with ministrative officers of colleges, unproblems in the educational programs area.

Committee Offers 21 Proposals

(By the Baptist Press)

THE COMMITTEE to Study Total uthern Baptist Convention Program ill present 21 comprehensive recomndations on denominational work to the 1959 session of the Convention at Louisville May 21.

A major section of the report is devoted to recommended policies for the Convention's Home Mission Board, a opic on which the Convention deferred action at Houston last year.

Most of the other recommendations are also based on matters deferred back to the committee a year ago for further study. At Houston, the Convention adopted 23 recommendations but referred 15 back to be given more consideration.

However, recommendations applying directly to the Committee on Public Affairs and one recommendation relating to Carver School of Missions and Social Work are new.

Highlights of the Committee report

That the Home Mission Board let local conventions assume many phases of the work as soon as they can. This applies to state Baptist conventions in the United States, and the Home Misdon Board's overseas work in Cuba. Panama, and Canal Zone.

That the Home Mission Board call in management consultants to review

That the Home Mission Board continue its church loan activities. The Committee to Study Total Program announced it is withdrawing its earlier recommendation that the Convention establish a separate church loan agen-

That the Convention give second approval to creation of a new agency. the Stewardship Commission. First approval was granted at Houston last year. Convention regulations provide that two affirmative votes are necessary to create a new agency. Thus if this recommendation passes, the commission comes into existence.

That Carver School of Missions and Social Work not only continue to operate as a separate institution of the Convention but that its specialized work be expanded. The one new recmmendation is that Carver report to the Convention each year for the next five years on its progress toward being corredited by recognized national

That there be no change in status of my Southern Baptist agency at this ime. Thus present boards would continue as such, commissions as commissions, institutions as institutions, etc., without moving from one category to

That agencies make wider use of failities available through the Sunday school Board and that certain limis be imposed on materials which agencles may publish independently of the Sunday School Board.

That seminaries require students to

pay a higher share of the cost of their education.

That those who drafted a new formula for distributing funds among the six seminaries on a more equitable basis be commended.

That the Southern Baptist Foundation operate as a separate Convention agency and that those who would give trusts, bequests, and annuities to Baptist work be permitted to choose for themselves whether it will be administered through a state Baptist foundation or the SBC agency.

That an organizational manual on work of the Southern Baptist Convention be prepared by the Executive Committee.

That the Inter-Agency Council, a non-administrative council to help coordinate work of the agencies, include representatives from all Convention agencies.

"The Southern Baptist Foundation should be relieved of all responsibility for promoting giving. Responsibility for developing and promoting a program of endowment and capital giving should be assigned to the Stewardship Commission," the committee recommends.

Students at Southern Baptists' six seminaries now pay no tuition. However, the committee recommends that the seminaries "encourage their students to finance a larger share of the cost of their own education. Each seminary should adopt tuition and-or fee schedules that will permit the students to pay a larger share of the cost of their education, and thereby, permit the quality of seminary training to be improved without diverting as large an amount of Cooperative Program funds from missions as would otherwise be required."

No student who is "well-qualified," should be denied an opportunity to enroll at a seminary because of financial hardship. The committee recommends a suitable. "student aid program" of grants, loans, and work opportunities.

Social Workers Needed

"Baptist churches, institutions, and mission boards indicated that there exists a need each year for at least 70 skilled church social workers and specialized mission workers to assume responsible positions in church programs, benevolent homes and hospital programs, and good-will center and other mission programs," the committee determined.

A review of courses taught at Baptist colleges, universities, and seminaries, showed that "none offers accredit-ed or unaccredited programs which will meet the anticipated requirements of the denomination for church social workers and for some types of missionary specialists." Also none is "training Baptist young people to serve as social workers in public and private sec-



ular agencies."

In the light of these facts, and the recognition that "merging Carver School with Southern Seminary was found not to be feasible," the committee proposes that Carver School of Missions and Social Work at Louisville "continue in existence and improve and expand its program."

It was noted that Carver has "in past years," eliminate l courses and degree programs which duplicated offerings at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The schools have adjacent campuses.

It was noted further that Carver is seeking accreditation by nationally recognized groups including the Council on Social Work Education. It asked that the Convention secure reports from Carver each year for the next five years on its progress toward being accredited.

Inter-Agency Membership

A revised recommendation on the Inter-Agency Council from that offered at Houston will be presented. It changes the manner in which seminaries and other educational institutions will be represented on the Council and provides for representatives from the Committee on Public Affairs.

A proposed bylaw affecting the Committee on Public Affairs defines who its 15 members should be. It specifies that no more than two-thirds of the committee shall be ministers or laymen, to provide some balance between ordained and non-ordained member-

"The Convention should commend state conventions that have appointed public affairs committees," the committee says. It should encourage other states to set up such committees.

The SBC organization manual be developed by the Executive Committee will "define the responsibilities of each agency of the Convention for conducting specific programs and for performing other functions."

Women's Missionary Union

Freedom Hall, May 18-19, Louisville

Monday Morning — 9:30 A.M.

I Will Call to Mind the Deeds of the Lord

Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, Blue Mountain, Miss. Special Music Miss Audrey Nossaman, Louisville, Ky. Business

Presentation of Hostess

Committees Mrs. Carl W. Liebert

Memorial Service

Mrs. Lester L. Knight, Richmond, Va. Building God's World Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, President, American Baptist Convention

Platform Guests The Executive Committee of the North American Women's Union, Woman's Missionary Union Executive Board, WMU Professional Personnel, WMU State Executive Secretaries, WMU State Youth Secretaries

Monday Afternoon — 1:30 P.M.

The Triumphs of His Grace __Courts Redford, Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board And I Will Tell What He Has Done

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Monday Night — 7:30 P.M.

Special Music... ____Men's Chorale and Brass Choir,

Southern Seminary

To Spread Through All the Earth . . . His Grace Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board

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M. Young, Jr., Gaza; Paul C. Bell, Jr., Guateman We Will Give__The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Platform Guests Officials of the Foreign Mission Board, Administration and Faculty of Souther Seminary

Tuesday Morning — 9:30 A.M.

Thy Will Be Done In Earth Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union Special Music Chapel Choir, Georgetown College Righteousness Exalteth a Nation W. R. White Waco. Tex.

Tuesday Afternoon — 1:30 P.M.

Special Music ___ Carver School of Missions Char Business

I Will Tell What He Has Done — For Me Miss Jean Wu, Taipei; Miss Georgette Jeri Israel; Joseph Idowu, Nigeria; Don Garcia, Argentina

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" Mrs. H. H. Grooms

The Baptists of the World — Together Youth Department of the Baptist World Alliance Robert S. Denny, secretary; Woman's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, Mrs. George R. Martin, chairman

How Big is Your World?___ Theodore F. Adams president of the Baptist World Alliance

_President Brooks Hays Platform Guests.... Mrs. Hays, officials of Baptist World Alliance Officials of Southern Baptist Convention Execution tive Committee, administration and faculty Carver

Canadian Baptist Pastors **Hold First Conference**

KAMLOOPS, B. C., CANADA — The first Canadian Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference met Feb. 10 and 11 at Kamloops, British Columbia. Twelve pastors were present from Southern Baptist churches and missions in Western Canada which cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention through the Oregon-Washington state convention.

Dr. W. Bertram King, Toronto, Ontario, Canadian liason worker employed by the Home Mission Board, was a guest speaker. Dr. King, who was formerly a pastor in Atlanta, told of his experiences in presenting Southern Baptist methods and materials among various Canadian Baptist groups. He described the widespread interest Southern Baptists and their programs that he has observed across the na-

From Portland, Oregon, came two workers of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington: Dr. R. E. Milam, executive secretary-treasurer. and Roland P. Hood, superintendent of Missions and Stewardship.

Doctrinal studies, a review of the background of Canadian Southern Baptist work, and practical discussions of policy for future missionary expansion in Canada comprised the conference themes. All pastors present appeared on the program during the five sessions.

Doctrinal discussions were keynoted by Elmer Mundy of Argyll church, Edmonton, Alberta, who opened the conference with a study of "Church-Centered Evangelism." Other doctrinal subjects included "Baptism", "The Lord's Supper," and "The Holy Spirit and Christian Witnessing."

Conference to Plan Step-by-Step Program

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Step by step procedures for Christian citizens to follow in dealing with moral issues in their communities will be developed at Christian Life Conferences in Ridgecrest, N. .C., this summer.

A. C. Miller, Nashville, executive secretary of the sponsoring SBC Christian Life Comission, said dates for the meetings are Aug. 20-26.

Alaskan Revival Meet **Records 301 Additions**

DALLAS —(BP)— More than 300 additions were recorded in a recent simultaneous revival crusade in 27 Alaskan Baptist churches.

C. Y. Dossey, evangelism associate for the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board department evangelism here, said 157 of the total additions were on profession of faith.

Twenty-five Southern Baptist preach ers and ten ministers of music helpe conduct the tenth annual crusade, part of a 1959 year of evangelism amon Baptist churches.

A high attendance day in Sunday schools enlisted 2,765 persons on the concluding day of the crusade, Dosset said. A 1,598 high attendance was recorded in training union.

IT MAY be proved with much certainty, that God intends no man to live in this world without working; but it seems no less evident that He intends for every man to be happy in his work. It was written: "In the sweat of thy brow," but was never written; "In the breaking of thy heart."-John



HUDAPEST (EP) — A leading Communist publication here has complained that even men of science are still going to thurch in Hungary. It blamed the stration of the failure of anti-religious propagandists to do a good job.

An article in Tarsadalmi Szemle, bimonthly "scientific" organ of the Hungarian Socialist Workers (the Communist Party) demanded an increase of
unestic propaganda to combat "the
still strong influence of religion" on
the minds of the people. It complained
that no atheistic book has been published in Hungary since the people's
uprising in 1956.

Priest Jailed for Funeral Ban

WARSAW (EP) — A Roman Catholic priest has been jailed recently for twice refusing to permit the burial of members of the Greek Orthodox faith in his parish cemetery. The Rev. Ireneusz Nowak of Dobiegniew was sentenced to a prison term of eight menths following disorders at the cemetery where militiamen were forced to intervene. Most Polish cemeteries are controlled by Roman Catholics. A Polish law enacted two weeks ago orders that all persons who have lived in any given area be allowed burial in the local cimetery.

Catholic University Loses Accreditation HAVANA (EP) — Accrediation of Cuba's University of St. Thomas of Villanova was cancelled by a decree of the new Castro government. It is the only Catholic university on the Island, with 1,520 students enrolled. Cuba's new "strong man" ordered the action, it is believed, in retaliation for the closing of the state University of Havana by the deposed Baptista regime in 1956. St. Thomas of Villanova has been closed since Christmas.

Bishop Berggrav Dies

OSLO (EP) — Bishop Eivind Berggrav, past president of the World Council of Churches (1950-54) has died after an illness of several years. The dargyman was best known for his work in the United Bible Societies which he helped form in 1946.

And-Bias' Program

BOSTON (EP) — All hotels, motels and similar establishments in Massadusetts, including resorts, must post official notices that their facilities are milable to "orderly persons" regardless of race, color or religion, so a recent ruling of the State Commission mainst Discrimination has decreed.

CHARACTER is the result of the dividing of the highest and noblest malities in human nature, and putting these qualities to practical use.—Ella theeler Wilcox

Oh. doubt it not, if thou wouldst wear the crown,

Seif, baser self, must first be trampled down.—John Askham

Guest Editorial

7ax Credits

FEW THINGS are more interesting to Americans right now than income tax credits and deductions, so most of them will be concerned about some bills that have been introduced in Congress concerning the matter. Several have been submitted, but the one introduced by Rep. Thomas B. Curtis of Missouri is a good illustration. It would allow a 30 per cent credit against "the individual income tax for amounts paid as tuition or fees up to \$1,500 per person, to certain public and private institutions of higher learning."

Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint committee on Public Affairs, has pointed out that this is a tax credit and not a tax deduction that would cost the U. S. Government 30 per cent of all tuition and fees paid, up to \$1,500 per person. He suggested that if it were applicable in higher education it would prob-

ably be held valid on the secondary level also.

There is a very distinct difference between a tax credit and a tax deduction. A 30 per cent deduction of \$1,500 spent for fees and tutition would mean a saving to the parent and a cost to the government of \$112.50 for the man in the 25 per cent bracket. A tax credit

of 30 per cent of the educational cost would be \$450.

The Standard holds that the proposal is unfair and that it would entail a tremendous expenditure from the national treasury. Those who are blessed with children in the home should have both the privilege and responsibility of educating them. Those who have no children are now helping pay for public education, and this is as it should be; but it is not right for them to be saddled with additional taxes for the higher education of students in either public or private schools. The whole thing smacks of the ever present influence of the National Catholic Welfare conference.

The greatest danger of the hour is that in trying to outdo the Communists in the realm of education we may come up with something far more subtle and just as dangerous to the freedoms we cherish. We Americans have become so excited about Russia getting the first satellite into space that we have completely lost our heads in the mad rush to beat them in the scientific education of our youth. What difference will it make if Americans get to the moon first unless they have something decent to which to return?

—Baptist Standard

Television-Evangelism Program Making 'Exciting Strides'

"YOUR TV programs have created more interest in our rural community church. One father and one intermediate girl came for Baptism last Sunday."

"Many unchurches ladies and men are now going to church, and we are still working for a great revival."

"We are making the television program a family worship period."

"The response to 'Televangelism' on the part of our people has been wonderful."

"Our deacons visit church members' homes to tell them about the upcoming TV film and suggest they have unchurched people over."

These letters from cities large and small throughout the U.S. are samples of reports now coming in to headquarters of the "Televangelism 1959" program. They were cited in a report by Paul M. Stevens, director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, as the program reached its half-way point in mid-February.

Three Junior Colleges May Elevate Status

GREENSBORO, N. C. —(BP)— A committee recommendation could pave the way for three Baptist junior colleges in North Carolina to become senior colleges.

Trustees of Mars Hill, Campbell, and Wingate Colleges could request the change in status "as soon as it seems desirable and possible to do so."

This is one of the major recommendations contained in a report of the "Committee of 25" appointed by the State Convention.

Southwestern Seminary Names Faculty Members

FORT WORTH — (BP) — Trustees of Southwestern Seminary here have elected three new faculty members.

Charles M. Sego has been named as assistant professor in the School of Church Music and Kenneth S. Chafin and William L. Hendricks were both named associate professors in the School of Theology. All three men have been teaching at the seminary.

S.B.C. Presidents

WILLIAM WISTER HAMILTON

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A farm in Christian County, Ky, is William's birthplace. He has two sisters. All the family are devoted Baptists, Father is S.S. Supt. and Deacon.



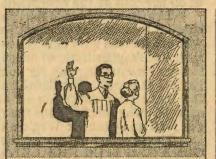
Father becomes proprietor of hotel in Bristol, Va.-Tenn. William blacks shoes, washes dishes, makes beds, waits tables, becomes partner in the business.



He sings in choir and plays cornet in a band. The band plays for Grover Cleveland's presidential reception in Nashville, Tennessee in the year 1885.



At King College, William receives medal in science, languages, debating, and A.B. From Southern Sem. he earns Th.M., Th.D. Later receives L.L.D. and D.D.



He marries Zula Belle Doyle, Methodist in 1893. She becomes his first candidate for baptism in their first pastorate. They have three sons, one daughter.



He is pastor at Vinton-Bonsack, Va.; East Radford, Va.; Bluefield, W. Va.; 4th Ave., Louisville; First, Lynchburg; St. Chas. Ave., Gentilly Ave., N. O.



The Home Mission Board makes him its first Superintendent of Evangelism in 1907. He works successfully for two years and again from 1918 to 1922.



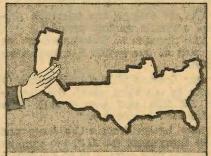
The Baptist Bible Institute is \$253,000 in debt when he becomes president in 1928. Under his leadership it remains open; its status is not lowered.



Hamilton teaches "Evangelism" and "Church Problems" during the 14 years he is president of B.B.I. He also helps found a Negro Seminary in New Orleans.



He writes sixteen books, chiefly on subject of evangelism, and the Bible and travels widely as an evangelist, throughout the South, the nation, and abroad.



He serves as President of S.B.C., 1941, 1942. Significantly, most important event of his term is the decision of Sou. Bapts. to expand into California.



He now serves as chaplain of Sou. Bap. Hospital in New Orleans. He boasts six grandchildren and, at last count, sixteen wonderful great-grandchildren.

BJA Movement Opened To All Baptist Groups

WASHINGTON — (BP) — All Baptists in the United States and Canada have been invited to participate in the aptist Jubilee Advance, according to Thos. B. McDormand, executive secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada and chairman of the BJA committee.

At present there are six Baptist groups cooperating with the BJA, but the committee has extended an invitation to all of the 20 organized Baptist bodies in the U.S. and Canada to participate.

The BJA committee that met in Washington recently announced that it is asking the churches again to observe New Year's Eve with a watch night service to launch the 1960 year of Evangelism through Teaching and Training.

In view of the evangelism emphasis through the five year period of the BJA the committee asked that the special committee on evangelism be continued through to the climax of the world evangelism year in 1964.

At the Washington meeting it was apported by C. E. Bryant of the Baptist World Alliance that he observed a great spirit of evangelism sweeping Brazil. He recently made a trip to South America to make plans for the Baptist World Congress that meets in Rio in 1960. He said that there are 165,-000 Baptists in Brazil now, but by the time of the Congress there will be at least 175,000.

The BJA committee also heard a report that Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Armstrong, writers for the Reader's Digest, are preparing a new book on the Baptists of the world with the hope of publishing it in 1960.

Baptist TV Series To Continue Through '60

FORT WORTH — (BP)— "Televanplism," a Southern Baptist television film series currently being broadcast by more than 100 U.S. stations, will be continued in 1960 and probably for the furation of the 5-year Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Paul M. Stevens, director of the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission here, said more than 5,000 letters have been received during the first six weeks of the 1959 broadcast season. Most of the letters were from individuals with little previous interest in religion.

Work began in Hollywood recently on the 1960 series. On hand to assist in shooting the first three of 13 new "This Is The Answer" films were Stevens, Truett Myers, head of the commission's television department, and Gene McKinney, TV script consultant for the commission.

The 1960 series will deal with leading non-Christians to an acceptance of Christ, growth experiences for new Christians and problems of Christian living.



Manhattan Baptists Move to New Home

SERVICES OF The Manhattan Baptist Church are now being held in a new location at 311 West 57th Street, near 8th Avenue and Columbus Circle; on the edge of the \$200-million Lincoln Square Cultural Center. This is a strategic location at one of New York's busiest intersections.

Pastor of Manhattan Baptist is Dr. Paul Spencer James, director of Southern Baptist work in the Greater New York area under the auspices of the Home Mission Board. For 16 years Dr. James was pastor of The Tabernacle Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., where he was honored last Sunday when a new \$250,000 educational building bearing his name was dedicated.

The Manhattan Baptist Church was organized more than a year ago and now operates three mission chapels in addition to the services on Manhattan.

Investment Yield Tops 5 Per Cent During 1958

NASHVILLE —(BP)— The average rate of return on investments made by the Southern Baptist Foundation here exceeded 5 per cent in 1958, the first time in Foundation history it topped this figure.

J. W. Storer, executive secretary, said there was an average rate of return of 5.05 per cent on the \$1½ million general investment fund. An even higher, 5.09 per cent return was posted on the \$150,000 annuity fund.

The report on investment yields was made at the annual meting of the Foundation's directors in Nashville.

The Foundation has a total trust funds corpus of \$3,363,000. This is about \$316,000 more than it has in 1957, according to Storer.

THERE IS a joke in Russia that the country's most successful inventor is Comrade Reguspatoff (Reg. U. S. Pat. Office)—Boeing News.

AN ANTIQUE is a piece of furniture that is fully paid for.

Bible and Public Schools

WHEN A Pennsylvania couple of the Abington township sought an injunction which seeks to bar both Bible reading and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer from a public school, Luther A. Weigle, dean emeritus of the Yale Divinity School, defended the practice before three federal judges. Concerning the Lord's Prayer, Weigle testified that the recitation was "a seemly and proper practice" as there was "nothing sectarian" in the prayer. "Everything in that prayer has parallels in Jewish Scriptures," he said. Other witnesses testified that students were permitted to choose daily Bible readings, and read from their own Bibles if they wished.

These attempts to eliminate the Bible entirely from public schools ought to be closely watched. It is not always fear of invasion of separation of church and state which prompts them. It can stem from a hatred of the Bible or its spiritual, moral and evangelical teaching. In this country is a school ever a true school which does not impart moral and aesthetic truth to its pupils? And is there any better source of these to be found than in the Bible?— John W. Bradbury, in Watchman-Examiner

Tentmakers Honored

THE "1958 HONOR Tentmakers" have been chosen by the Southern Baptist Tentmakers of the Home Mission Board. This group does mission work in pioneer areas without pay while employed at some secular occupation.

Chosen as "Mr. Tentmaker Reserve" (one who does secular work during the summer while rendering mission service) was Jesse Bryan who served in North Surrey, British Columbia, Canada.

Bryan, from Downsville, La., is a student at Louisiana Baptist College.

Miss Holly Woody, Greenville, Tenn., a student at Carson-Newman College, was selected as "Miss Tentmaker Reserve." Miss Woody worked with the Friendship Church, Medina, Ohio.

Spurgeon Swinney, Jr. was selected as "Mr. Tentmaker Regular," (one who works on the field regularly, not seasonally). A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary, Swinney worked in the Fort Foote Chapel, Washington, D. C. He is a native of McAlester, Okla.

"Mrs. Tentmaker Regular," Betty (Mrs. Eugene) Oody, served in the Calvary Church, Eureka, Calif. She is a native of Loudon, Tenn., and attended Southern Seminary.

Selected as "Mr. Tentmaker Contact" was Bruce Coltharp, pastor of the Capitol Heights Baptist Church, Pierre, S. D. Coltharp is a native of Baytown, Texas, and a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Seminary.

Home Board Buys Plane

IN THE February meeting of the Home Mission Board an allocation was made for the purchase of a plane for the use of John Thomas, Kotzebue, Alaska. This is the second plane purchased by the Home Mission Board for an Alaskan missionary in an effort to reach isolated areas in the new state.

Protestants' Response Scored

REACTION OF some Protestants to Pope John XXIII's recent call for an ecumenical council to discuss ways of bringing about Christian unity has drawn a strong statement from the Executive Committee of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Deploring "the division in the ranks of Protestantism," their statement said:

"NAE deplores the division in the ranks of Protestantism in response to the call of the Pope for an ecumenical council. Historically, Protestants have always stood for two things:

"1. Final authority of Scripture in faith and life, and

"2. Liberty of the believer to interpret Scripture subject to the Holy Spirit.

"The favorable attitude of liberal Protestants toward possible Protestant-Catholic cooperation ignores these mighty gains of the Reformation and, thus, fails the great Protestant public." Church Popularity Irritates Reds.

A Catholic Candidate for President

THE POSSIBILITY of a Roman Catholic candidate for president of the United States is a much discussed subject these days. Why should there be any question about the religion of a presidential aspirant?

The president of the Baptist World Alliance has told what is happening to the civil rights of non-Catholics in a nation where Roman Catholics wield the political power. In Spain Baptists and other evangelicals are being deprived of freedom of the press, freedom of worship and even the right to marry.

Catholics are in the majority, the Vatican has an agreement with the government granting the church a religious monopoly and Catholics are making and interpreting the laws to suit the Vatican.

But, it is argued, that's Spain — it can't happen here. Unfortunately, it is happening here, right in America, in spite of our tradition of religious liberty and the separation of church and state.

The writer personally investigated a flagrant case of Roman Catholic usurpation in Marion County, Ky. There Catholics became populous and gained a majority on the county school board. The county school superintendent also was a Catholic.

In the part of the county populated mainly by Catholics the two tax-supported public high schools were taken over by garbed nuns and run as parochial schools. The only high school in the predominantly Protestant end of the county was closed and its pupils directed to attend St. Charles and St. Francis, so-called public high schools located many miles away.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals held that students were receiving sectarian religious training in these schools and that Protestant children were being discriminated against, but the situation has never been fully corrected.

What is happening in Spain and Marion County, Ky., is not the exception. These acts are expressive of the very heart of Roman Catholic policy. The basic Roman position, so frequently stated by church leaders, is that there is "one true church" which the state has a duty to support, and that all others are "heretical churches" which the state has a duty to discourage and even oppress.

It is argued that a Roman Catholic in the presidential office could follow his own mind and not permit the hierarchy or any other group to dictate to him. This will, indeed, be the nation's only hope if a Catholic is nominated and elected.

But the non-Catholic is constrained to ask how it is possible for a Catholic to use his mind freely and still be a true Catholic.

The Catholic hierarchy claims to possess supreme authority in certain areas which a free, democratic society like ours has traditionally reserved for the people. The Catholic Encyclopedia says, "In cases of direct contradiction (between church and civil authorities) making it impossible for both jurisdictions to be exercised, the jurisdiction of the church prevails, and that of the state is excluded."

Pope John has issued a pronunclation claiming control over the political consciences of Roman Catholics. He told a meeting of Italian lawyers on Dec. 10 that Catholics should take an active part in politics and that it is the "right and duty" of the church to give them "moral guidance" in such activities. Marriage, divorce, education and birth control are examples of what the Pope considers to be moral matters, subject to his guidance.

Even if a Catholic president should succeed in resisting church pressures to influence his decisions, the tenure of a Catholic in the nation's highest office would tend to increase Catholic influence in this country. In this way the day might be hastened when the Vatican would have the power to work out a concordat with the government of the United States such as it now has with Spain. — The Maryland Baptist

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"The advocates of planned surrender under a threat of obliteration warfare forget . . . that the very existence of such a 'peace movement' in the West may afford the greatest possible encouragement to the 'peace loving' Soviet universal state and to the socalled people's democracies to develop a program of international blackmail."—Dr. Harold B. Kuhn, professor of philosophy of religion, Asbury Theological Seminary.

"The many aspects of prayer are so varied, so breath-taking in the vistas which they open up, that rare indeed is that believer who makes full use of what God has placed at his disposal."

—Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Executive Editor, Christianity Today

"Are we approaching the end of an age? It may well be. What this new age will bring forth may well depend as fully upon the faithfulness of God's people in the present time as upon the promise and prospect of the Lord's return."—Editorial.

"Christians will pray that Mr. Dulles' enforced and greatly needed rest will bring healing if it be God's will. They need to pray also that those to whom some of his responsibilities will be entrusted may undertake them in the sure service and strength of the Lord."—Editorial.

Miss Dodson Still In Rome Hospital

MISS FLORA Dodson, emeritus missionary who broke her hip last August, is still hospitalized in Rome, Italy, where the accident occurred. At the time, Miss Dodson was touring Europe on her way to the States following her retirement from active missionary service.

A veteran of 41 years' service in China and Hong Kong, Miss Dodson has undergone three operations since her accident and a fourth is scheduled. She may be addressed in care of Dr. Roy E. Starmer, Piazza in Lucina 35, Rome, Italy.

Society to Curb Families?

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — The time is coming, a noted scientist recently asserted here, when society will have to decide whether or not an individual should retain the right to say how many children he will have.

Dr. George Beadle, head of the biology division of the California Institute of Technology, declared that "with present rates of population growth, something will have to happen before too many generations."

One of the world's leading biochemists and geneticists, Dr. Beadle posed this rhetorical question: "Can we go on indefinitely defending as a fundamental freedom the right of individuals to determine how many children they will bear without regard to the biological or cultural consequences?"

Juvenile Delinquency Hit by Drug Proposal

WASHINGTON — (BP) — A step to help curb juvenile delinquency has been taken in a Congressional proposal for a federal law regulating the manufacture and distribution of amphetamine and barbiturate drugs.

The bill was introduced in the 86th Congress by Sen. Thos. C. Hennings (D., Mo.), chairman of the Subcommittee to Investigate Juvenile Delinquency.

Hennings pointed out to Congress that, although amphetamine and barbiturate drugs have many legitimate and beneficial effects when properly used, they produce narcotic effects when used for that purpose. Widespread misuse of these drugs has resulted in increased juvenile delinquency and crime, according to reports to the Hennings subcommittee.

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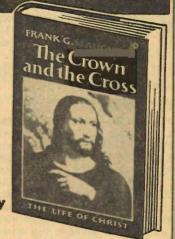
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State Speakers Tourney Date Set

THE EIGHT district winners in the 17-18 year speakers' tournament will participate in the elimination tournament at the State Youth Convention at 1st Church, Little Rock, on Friday morning, May 8.

The best three will be selected and they will participate in the finals that night, and the winner will represent Arkansas at Ridgecrest or Glorieta this summer. The eight district winners in the 19-24 plus college students group also will have their elimination tournament in the morning session with the three best speakers participating in the finals that night.

The winner in that group will represent Arkansas at Ridgecrest or Glorieta. Thus, Arkansas will have two speakers' tournament winners, one from the 17-18 year group and one from the 19-24 year group. The winner in the 19-24 year group will have the privilege this year of deciding which assembly he wants to attend.

sembly he wants to attend.

The eight district winners in the intermediate sword drill will participate in the state sword drill on Friday night, May 8, with the first and second place winners being selected. One will go to Ridgecrest and one to Glorieta. The winner will have the privilege of deciding which assembly to attend.

The youth convention will begin at 10 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. Convention theme "Tomorrow Is Yours."



CARLTON CAR-TER, director of Young People's work, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will have charge of the elimination speaker's tournament for the 17-18 year group Friday morning, May 8, at the state Training Union Youth Convention.

Southwestern Prof Awarded Fellowship

FORT WORTH — (BP) — J. W. Mac-Gorman, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary, has been awarded a \$4,000 fellowship grant from the American Association of Theological Schools. He will study in the graduate school of Duke University in Durham, N. C., beginning in September.

MacGorman is the third Southwestern faculty member to receive the award in as many years. Franklin Segler and John Newport were recipients in 1957 and 1958.

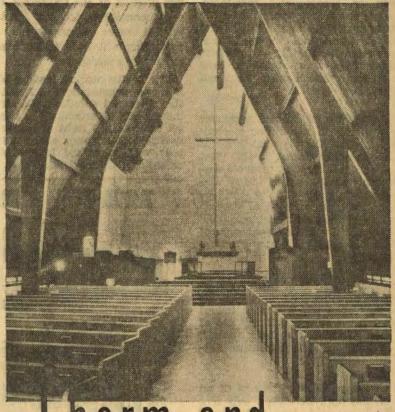
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Dry Run

WOMAN (sending TV repairman home), "It's okay now. We had put on each other's glasses by mistake." arkana, dedicated a new 500 seat sanctuary Mar. 15. Organized Sept. 21, 1952, with 35 members and starting under a borrowed tent, the church now has 267 members. T. N. Morrison is pastor. (DP)

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PICTURED HERE are Dr. Keith Parks, missionary to Indonesia; Dr. H. Y. Mullikin, scientist of Georgetown College; Dr. John McClanahan, pastor of 1st Church, Hope; and Miss Jane Ray Bean, of the Nashville Student Department. These will lead discussions at the International Student Retreat program at Aldersgate, April 3-5. Approximately fifty International Students studying in Arkansas are expected at the retreat sponsored by the Baptist Student Department. —Tom J. Logue, Baptist



DR: MULLIKIN

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Student Union

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Nature's April Fool Pranks

By THELMA C. CARTER

YOU MIGHT not guess that among Nature's wild creatures, there are some very clever pranksters and April fool jokers. Nethertheless, this is true.

Birds are known to be clowns, fond of playing pranks on their neighbors. In the springtime the sweet notes of the mocking bird and the strange sounds of his cousin, the catbird, are delightful. Then sometimes, out of sheer fun, these birds hide themselves in the thick foliage of trees and shrubs and imitate other birds in a loud chorus that is deafening.

The yellow-breasted chat sometimes barks like a puppy, quacks like a duck, or mews like a kitten, throwing his voice in an entirely different direction from where he really is.

Naturalists tell of parrots and monkeys in the tropical jungles dropping pine cones, fruits, and nuts on the unsuspecting heads of squirrels and other small animals for the fun of it. Jack rabbits and foxes are born pranksters. racing their hunters at speeds of forty miles per hour, then backtracking and leading the chase to a dead-end riverbank or steep hillside.

Many of the tricks and pranks of our natural world are used by wild creatures as protective measures. When a bird throws his voice and imitates another wild creature, he may be confusing his enemies so that they cannot locate and molest his family.

Just how and when April Fool's Day began remains a mystery. We cannot be sure. Perhaps Nature had a part in

teaching people the art of playing pranks and jokes. We do know that God created all animals and hirds (Genesis 2:19) and that the world is his (Psalm 50:11).

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A Pertain Word

By Mary E. Jenkin There is a word that's good to use: This word I ought to often choose. What is the word? The word is "now." How should I use it? This is how:

NOW I will play with Baby Sue. And NOW my homework I will do; NOW I will straighten up the yard; NOW I will mail my grandma's card.

"Now" is a better thing to say Than "later on" or "not today,"
For right now is the time I should Do all I can that's right and good! (Sunday School Board Syndicate, all rights reserved)

Bible Birds

By Louise Darcy

UNSCRAMBLE THE following words, and you will get a dozen birds mentioned in the Bible.

1. nreav 5. genpoi 9 rtsko 6. wwoslal 2. edvo 10. wakh 3. nbritet 7. rehno 11. nsaw 4. wol 8. ecnra 12. cinpale

1. raven, 2. dove, 3. bittern, 4. owl, 5. pigeon, 6. swallow, 7. heron, 8. crane, 9. stork, 10 hawk, 11. swan, 12. pelican. (Sunday School Board Syndicate, all rights reserved)

Answers



"Just like a woman! No credit at all for the times ! HAVE been to church . . Easter . . . Christmas . . . th' kids' baptism . . . "

Regular church attendance is not a sacrificial act, for it helps us, and us ALONE. We re-charge our 'spiritual bat-teries' to gain renewed strength for the coming week. No one does God a favor by. going to Church, but he does harm himself when he stays away!

Romance a la Card
CLERK: "Here's a card with a lovely sentiment - 'To the only girl I ever loved."

SAILOR: "Fine, Let me have a doz-

Your Child and Mine

TWO FIRST-GRADERS were standing outside school one morning. "Do you think," asked one, "that thermonuclear projectiles will pierce the heat barrier?

"No." said the second. "Once a force enters the substratosphere . . .

Then the bell rang. Said the first, "There goes the bell. Now we gotta go in and string beads."

Shapes That Pass in the Night

ENGINE TROUBLE forced an airplane pilot to bail out. On his way down he met an old lady floating up. "Hey," he shouted, "did you see a plane going down?"

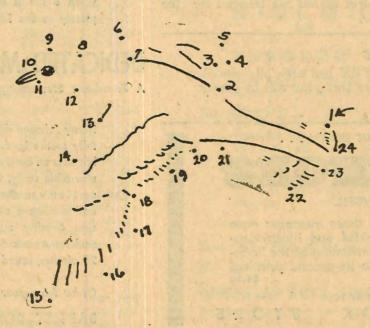
"No," replied the old lady, "did you see a stove going up?"

In Passing

THE WILL of the wealthy, but eccentric, man was being read and the relatives all listened expectantly, especially his playboy nephew. Finally the lawyer said, "And to my nephew, Charlie Jones, whom I promised to remember - 'Hi, there, Charlie!'"

"A BOY becomes a man when he walks around a puddle instead of through it."

Join the Dots



What God Can Do with One Man

By TOMMY HINSON

(Pastor, First Church, Paris)

April 5

I Samuel 3:19-21:7

ONE OF God's greatest men in recent times lived by the motto: "J. B. Tidwell plus God is equal to any task."



This spirit enabled Dr. Tidwell to serve as Chairman of the Religion Department in the world's largest Baptist University - Baylor!

of God's One greatest men in ancient times lived by the motto: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." His

name was Samuel. He never lost sight of the fact that whatever good was accomplished by his life was because of the Lord's help. This spirit enabled Samuel to become successful as priest, prophet, and judge; one of the few bright spots during the "dark ages" when the spiritual life of God's Israel had sunk to a new low.

One Man of Prayer

Spiritual leaders have always been men of prayer, and Samuel was no exception. When the people seriously began seeking divine assistance, Samuel "I will pray for you unto the Lord." He knew that their only hope, and his, was that the helping hand of God might be extended.

It is interesting that Samuel used a different weapon from the previous deliverers. Othniel had delivered the Israelites with the spear, Ehud by his dagger, Shamgar by the ox-goad, Gideon by his sword, and Samson by the jaw-bone of an ass — but Samuel's weapon was prayer! What tragedy that we moderns use this weapon so little and so unskillfully. Its complete power and effectiveness has never been

A little fellow on his knees was heard saying, "A, B, C, D, . . ." and so on. His father said, "My boy, what are you doing?" The lad said that he was praying. When told that saying the alphabet was not praying, the boy explained that he did not know much about prayer but thought God could take the letters of the alphabet and put them together into a prayer, and give him what he needed. The little fellow was really praying. His kind of faith never goes unseen nor unrewarded by God. This simple, reliant, and genuine faith in God was exhibited by Samuel in his great intercessory prayer for Israel. He said, "God forbid that I

should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you."

One Man of Repentance

Samuel ". . . drew water and poured it out before the Lord." This offering is not mentioned in the Mosaic law; therefore we know little of its Some have indicated real meaning. that the very life of the offerer was ready to be poured out to do the will of God. Others believe that the pouring of water meant that vows made that day would never be broken that they were as water on the ground never to be reclaimed.

It is almost certain that this experience was closely related to, and some evidences of, genuine repentance on the part of Israel. Samuel knew that God's help can never be extended to a sinful and unrepentant nation. Do

we know as much?

The people said at Mizpeh, "We have sinned against the Lord." This confession God will always hear, for John taught that "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Human repentance always precedes divine forgiveness in God's economy. What a bright new will dawn when the people at Little Rock, Washington, Chicago, and all America can honestly, and repentantly, cry "We have sinned against the Lord."

One Man of Sacrifice

"And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering (sacrifice) wholly unto the Lord." This was an additional effort on the part of Samuel and Israel to give evidence of a heart set right with God. Prayer and sacrifice, sacrifice and prayer; and in that order, was all that saved Israel from possible destruction at the hand of the Philistines. There is no enemy of man that cannot be defeated with the spiritual weapons of prayer and sacrifice.

Without sacrificial living there is no Christian living. The lower nature must always be denied when we are trying to reach a higher sphere.

It is said that Alexander's army once grew sluggish because it was laden with the spoils of their enemies. To free them from this incumbrance and give them renewed liberty for battle, he commanded that all his own baggage be set on fire. When his soldiers saw the king himself devote his rich treasures to the flames they did not murmur when their mite and pittance were also consumed. So, if Christ had taught us contempt of the world, and had not given us an instance of it in His own

Memos for Meditation

1. Dedication to God was the greatest single characteristic of Samuel. How will your friends describe your life?

2. Samuel did not become the effective servant of God he was until he had made adequate personal preparation. So must we!

3. Revival came when Israel wanted it badly enough to pay the cost of revival, and not until then.

4. When one proves himself to be truly a man of God he will become the people's best friend.

person, His doctrine would have been powerless and ineffective.

Christ is the one great and eternal Sacrifice for sin and without Him we are little more than creatures of nature without hope. But the Christian religion stands in constant need of men who will accept His Sacrifice as example for their way of life.

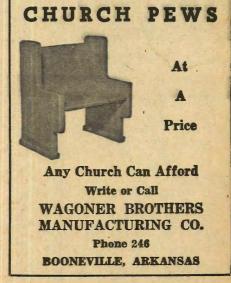
One Man of Faith and Action

Genuine repentance, prayer, and sacrifice brought victory over the Philistines. The cities were restored to Israel from "Ekron even unto Gath . . . and there was peace . . ." The value of one man of faith and action can hardly be over-estimated in this story. Samuel, with God, was worth more to Israel than a whole army without the Lord. He helped Israel return to the Lord, and the Lord returned Palestine to Israel.

Oh. for a faith that will not shrink. Tho' pressed by every foe,

That will not tremble on the brink Of any earthly woe. -Unknown

Such a faith is needed in America today. Can one man do much in such an hour of tensions and distress? Anyone who reads the story of Samuel, and who claims faith in God must answer, "Yes." Who will be that "One Man. . ?"



An Answered Prayer

BY KATY PATIENCE WHITE

Trumann, Ark.

LONG AGO when my world was own and tender, Aunt Bam (Alabana if you insist) had seven white work and a pop-eyed drake named take Along about May every year old

Something special happened on a day life this: The tides of sunshine, soft wind bird song, and peach blossom performe flooded the whole creation; Papa was noting the plow hardles behind our fast-galt horses to turn the traight line of furrows in the tater which a robin was singing in the wild herry tree; Sister Ider and I had Mannager to the proviscion to the horse factor.

permission to go bare-footed. bat she and the boys were going to he branch bottom to search for duck egs. That announcement was all Ider and I needed, of course we would go help! Snatching up our pink obceke sun-bonnets, we were off like kites i a March gale.

At the edge of the swamp we farine out and the search was on. Every body found eggs — that is everylou but me. They found eggs in the warn

I was dispraced because it was about time to go home and I hadn't four

So I thatt down on a mossy batil and folding my hards. I told God wha a mess I was in and asked Him please do something for me. Believing in the adage, "God helps those with help themselves," I took a willow peand started raking around in the leaves and sticks at the roots of an edead tree. That is when it happened i meovered a beautiful feathered of where one of Aunt Bam's ducks he hidden her thirteen eggs. The day saved for mer and the joy of it, all in answer to a prayer.

THE COMBINED Concord, Chapel and Church Choirs of 1st Church, Pine Bluff, gave the 8th annual presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Dubois, Friday, Mar. 20. (DP)

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Sir Ben, permanent secretary of the Welch Department of the Ministry of Education, is known throughout Wales the Baptist denomination in many ways both nationally and in local churches. When the UNESCO conference was held in Delhi two years ago, he found time to visit several Baptist mission stations in the vicinity.

MAR, 8 WAS observed as Alex Garner Day by Calvary Church, Ft. Smith. Mr. Garner, a missionary to Argentina home on furlough, preached at both worship services, and shared honors with his wife at an open house and reception during the afternoon. He is the son of Mr., and Mrs. W. R. Garner, Ft. Smith, and is a graduate of Ouachita and Southwestern Seminary. (DP)

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