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It's Lots of Fun, Isn't It?

Religious Fanatics Invade London: Attempt to Overthrow Government

LONDON, January 9, 1661 (BP) — A four-day reign of terror and bloodshed came to an end here today as a small band of religious zealots, marching under the banner of "King Jesus," were overpowered and taken into custody after barricading themselves in a house in a London suburb.

Led by Thomas Venner, a preacher and wine cooper, the band of fifty or more well-armed fanatics marched on London last Sunday, determined to establish "the kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth" or die in the attempt. Most of them have already paid with their lives, but not before they had taken a toll of those who opposed their insurrection.

Claiming that Jesus marched before them as their invisible leader, the insurrectionists made their way toward St. Paul's churchyard but were intercepted by the home guard. In the skirmish that followed the guards were quickly dispersed, several falling mortally wounded. The invaders then marched triumphantly through the streets of London, terrorizing the populace.

One victim of the fanatics was accosted on the streets and questioned about his loyalties. Declaring that he was "for God and King Charles," he was promptly murdered, according to an eye-witness report.

Sunday evening the invaders retreated to a woods outside London. Today they marched again on the city and there was street fight-

ing between the invaders and detachments of the militia and home guards with losses on both sides.

After marching again through the streets, the insurrectionists finally retired to a house and began to make preparations for a last-ditch stand. Surrounded and being fired upon from all sides, the invaders stubbornly refused to surrender. The few remaining alive were seized when the house was rushed. Venner was among those taken.

Survivors of Venner's abortive attempt to overthrow the British government described themselves as Fifty Monarchists. Declaring that they were establishing the fifth and final monarchy on earth with Christ as head, the insurrectionists believed themselves to be invincible as Gideon and other Old Testament heroes.

"If we have been deceived," declared Venner from a prison cell where he is awaiting trial, "we have been deceived by God."

The Fifty Monarchists are believed to have been incensed by the recent infamous execution of one of their members, General Thomas Harrison. Accused of insurrection, he was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Charing Cross and his head and heart put on public display.

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—17th Century Baptist Press

A Militant Mission

A Devotion By The Editor

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (II Corinthians 10:4)

Here is a vivid picture, drawn with a few bold, but deft and skillful, strokes by a master in the use of words. We see a strong military garrison with its watchtowers and its barracks, and equipped with all the modern weapons of war. A vast, uncounted army has taken refuge within the protecting walls of the fort. The soldiers rest in the satisfaction that their fortifications are impregnable, that the army is invincible, and that their cause is secure.

It is a vision of stone and steel forbidding attack; it is a scene of sword and spear threatening death and destruction; it is a picture of grim, hard, determined and trained soldiers, defying attack.

And now our eyes rest upon another scene. It is the scene of an army marching toward the fortifications. But it is the strangest looking army that ever marched to battle. They have no steel helmets or breastplates, they carry neither sword nor spear. Compared with the force against which they march, they seem defenseless. For weapons they carry a song of praise in their hearts, the message of forgiveness upon their lips, and the gift of love in their outstretched hands.

And the strangest thing happens: before the force and power of love and forgiveness, mercy and grace, the towers of the enemy begin to totter and fall, the fortifications begin to crumble, and the weapons are rendered ineffective, their points broken and their edges turned. To complete the picture we see the victorious army of the Lord leading a long line of captives who have themselves joined in the songs of praise and the shouts of victory.

It is not difficult to transpose this picture and read the meaning of the apostle in these military terms. The fortifications which he names are the fortifications behind which the sinful and wicked take refuge. The opposing army is the group of Christian people whose weapons are the Gospel message with its love and mercy and forgiveness. And the long line of captives are those who are won to Christ through the preaching of the Gospel.

Reading The Bible

By S. H. JONES

Many years ago, we first heard a preacher who read the Bible in public so effectively that one felt after the reading was finished no sermon was needed. Many times since then, we have heard the Scriptures read as we think they should be; but we are afraid they are much more often read carelessly and unimpressively.

The way some read the Bible lesson in a public service makes the impression that the reading is included for no special reason and that it is incidental to the main feature of the service. We presume, to be sure, that all leaders of public worship and all those who attend the services believe that what the Bible says is the heart of the service. It seems strange, therefore, that those who read often do it so poorly while those who listen seem to give such poor attention to the reading.

Could we not teach our people to do better with the public reading of the Bible? At least, we ought to try to see that the reading is done accurately and reverently even if it cannot always be done with full literary understanding and artistic expression. To read too rapidly, or not clearly, omit important words or phrases, or be careless otherwise in public reading, is never commendable. If the reader who makes these and other errors is doing the best he can, more study and previous preparation of the service are needed. If one who is capable of doing better makes these errors, that suggests a careless handling of holy things — a serious matter.

To come to a positive and more hopeful note, we once heard a grand Christian gentleman read in a worship service, without introduction or comment, the story of the prodigal Son. When he had finished, one had much the same feeling that he would have when he had heard a great sermon. Indeed it was a better sermon than some we have heard on the prodigal Son! We know that this case was a bit unusual, and most of

those who might try to do a similar thing might not do so well. We trust we have said enough to make our point that the public reading of the Bible should be done with reverence, understanding, and careful attention to all elements of effective communication and worship.

—The Baptist Courier

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Christian Sacrifice

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sin bound humanity with the Christianity that has "lost its cutting edge." We must reconstruct the cross. We cannot do this except with the same "reckless abandon and utter disregard for self that made the first cross on calvary." We remind you again that the first cross was constructed where the love for the souls of men crossed the path of men's sins. It was the meeting of two irreconcilables, sin with its will to slay and destroy, love with its will to suffer, and by its suffering to render ineffectual the stroke of sin that was meant to kill. If we would reconstruct the cross then our love must cross the path of the sin of the world, and love does not smite but is smitten, it does not retaliate, it suffers. Such love in Christian hearts will rebuild the cross of our Lord in the world today.

Are we equal to rebuilding the cross today? Have we the grace to try it?

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EFFORT

It's easy to tell when you're on the right road—it's upgrade. —National Safety News

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Most of us wouldn't mind lending our ears if people wouldn't keep them so long.

—Caroline Clark

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From The Editor's Desk

Christian Sacrifice

(This is the second in a series of studies on Christian sacrifice)

In last week's study we closed with a quotation from Jesus as follows: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Stand at the Cross

Christian sacrifice must begin at the cross of Christ. As we take our stand in the presence of His cross, we will see that the real significance of the cross is at the juncture of redeeming love and the sins of the world. As the significance of this event dawns upon us, something happens within us. We cannot see the cross as the suffering love of God at the hands of the sin of the world and go away the same person. If we see and understand what happened at the cross, a transformation will take place within us. It will be a new sensation, a new creation. The new birth? Yes, that is what Jesus called it. Regeneration? That, too, is a word describing the change that takes place in our lives as we come under the power of the cross of calvary. A new creature in Christ Jesus, Paul declares. Old things are passed away and all things have become new.

As we take our stand at the cross, the old self with its sins and inequities will ~~take~~ away, for it cannot abide the presence of calvary's cross. Evil thoughts will flee from our minds if we bring them to the light of the cross. Hate and malice toward our fellowman cannot live in our hearts if we live in the presence of the cross. Deceit and falsities will banish if brought to calvary. Lust and greed and covetousness will be purged away by the power of the cross. These old things will pass away in the presence of the cross.

All Things New

All things will become new in the presence of the cross. What of nobility is not born in us in the presence of the cross? Love fills our souls. We become reconciled to Him whom we had rejected. There grows up in us an appreciation of His truth, and we enjoy the fellowship of the eternal. In this presence we begin to rebel against the sins by which we were formerly enslaved, and we put our faith in Him whom our sins have slain. Hope rings in our hearts and righteousness in our lives. The vision of the crucified Lord ever challenges us to nobler and better living.

What is it that purifies and cleanses the hearts and lives of men? Is it advancing civilization? Is it modern sanitation? Is it education? Is it government, preaching, churches? Search out those who have won through to moral and spiritual purity and know how to explain it, they may not understand it. But if you will analyze their experience you will find that the one thing that did it was a love expressed and demonstrated for them when they were underserving and sinful — that is the cross.

Therefore, it is in the presence of the cross that the spirit of Christian sacrifice is born in the hearts of men and women. We can learn what Christian sacrifice is at no other place in all the experiences of life. We must start at the cross of Jesus and proceed from there in our sacrificial service in the kingdom of our Lord and in obedience to His command.

The Cross Intervenes

Surely, the apostle Paul expressed the hope of every Christian heart when he summed up his ministry in these words: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." "When we all get to heaven" we shall want "to see Him face to face and tell the story, saved by grace."

However, between our initial experience at the cross of our Lord and that glorious consummation of our life of service, there lies the Christian cross or the Christian sacrifice. I would not cloud your vision with this statement, rather I would clarify it. I would not dampen your zeal, I would stimulate it. I would not weaken your hope, I would strengthen it; because we have no Lord without the cross. We shall have no crown without the cross. We shall reach no city without the cross. There is no glory without the cross. It is the intervening Christian cross that gives meaning to them all and makes them available to us.

Grown Up in Weeds

Just as there were influences and forces which tried to lead Jesus around the cross, so there are the same influences and forces which are trying to lead us around the cross. Every day of our lives we are faced with the alternative of following the path which avoids calvary or treading the path which leads to the cross.

Someone has said that while we are walking around the hill of calvary, our calvary, in forbidden paths, the path of the cross has grown up in weeds. This question faces each one of us who claim to be followers of Jesus: Are we willing to follow our religion to its logical end, or shall we try to use it as a safety device while we are following some devious way of the tempter.

It was while Jesus was hanging on the cross that He said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit." It was not from the baptismal waters, it was not from the Mount of Transfiguration, it was not from the height of His popularity when His fame spread throughout the country, that He committed His spirit back to the Father. It was from His cross. Well may we sing, "Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of

ease, while others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas?" It is true that "the way of the cross leads home."

Popular Appeal

Jesus declared that His disciples should take up their cross and follow Him. When Jesus announced to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, be arrested by the officials and suffer death on the cross, they protested. He turned upon them with unforgettable words, saying that they are a stumbling block trying to prevent the fulfillment of His mission. And then He goes on to assert that not only shall He go to the cross, but if they expect to be His disciples, they, too, must follow in His steps.

We are not tempted today to defy God. We are tempted to yield to what may be called the popular appeal, what is thought to be the larger good. We are tempted to shrink from the severity of the cross. It is apparent that many have come to the conclusion that to appeal to the world we must evade the cross. The devil has persuaded many that the cross with its sacrifice of blood and death will be repulsive to sensitive natures. Therefore, we must refine the gospel story, tone down its severity, and preach a sort of social gospel in order to appeal to the world. Although we would not admit that we are evading the cross, yet if we are unwilling to live by its principle, or if we have persuaded ourselves that it is necessary to tone down the Christian cross of sacrifice to attract men and women and Christianity, by these methods we have effectively left the Christian cross of sacrifice out of our lives and out of our testimony. To remove the cross from our living, from our testimony, is to reduce our religion to something less than Christianity. It would deal the death blow to vital, saving Christian experience. It would let down the bars in all our lives for the influx of worldly ideas and ideals which dilute our Christian faith and weaken our Christian courage.

What is the Christian cross of sacrificial living? It has been defined as "redemptive activity, not an amiable sentiment." The redemptive activity of Jesus Himself. It is redemptive love crossing the path of sin, and where the two come together, there the cross is set up.

Are You Able, Asked Jesus

We quote from Dr. John Dow of Emmanuel College, Toronto: "Travail is the law of birth and is inherent in all life. Convulsion marks the expulsion of the demon. . . . Progress is by agony, battle, and conflict, life springs out of death. . . . This redemptive vocation of the religious community is the unclaimed legacy of Christianity today. Civilization languishes because men have found it more comfortable to adore than to take up the cross. Cowardice has in many instances reduced our faith to beautiful ideas, but ideas cannot save. Absolute loyalty to goodness means crucifixion."

The sinful world cannot be captured "by a confession that stops with veneration." Nor can we slash the bands from

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Kingdom Progress

First Church, Hope, Burns Note



Sunday, March 4 at the eleven o'clock hour, the First Church, Hope, had a Note-burning service commemorating the liquidation of their indebtedness on their new sanctuary. Five years and two months ago the first service was held in the new edifice. The church planned to take seven and one-half years to pay off the indebtedness.

They are two and one-half years ahead of schedule. The total cost of the building and equipment amounted to approximately \$225,000.

In the above picture reading from left to right are the members of the building committee, Fred A. Luck, H. E. Thrash, Perry Moses, and the pastor, S. A. Whitlow.

Harvard Avenue Church Celebrates Second Anniversary

Harvard Avenue Church, Siloam Springs, celebrated its second anniversary Wednesday evening, March 7, with an anniversary banquet. Sunday, March 11, was "Anniversary Sunday."

When the Harvard Avenue Church was organized, the Sunday School enrolment was 25. The enrolment is now 233. There have been over 100 additions by baptism. The average attendance has increased in the last year from 97 to 156.

Jerry W. Hopkins is pastor.

Arkansan to Missouri

Paul E. Grimes, former Harmony Association pastor, will assume the duties of pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lewistown, Missouri, April 1. Mr. Grimes, who came to Arkansas in 1950, received the BD degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, last January. While in Texas he has been pastor in Hood County.

Autograph Party

On March 24 Mrs. Elmer Brillhart will be in Arkadelphia to autograph copies of her recent book, *Together We Praise Him*.

The book consists of 32 devotional services and are designed for women's organizations in their worship program. Price, \$2.

Represent Ouachita

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president, and Dr. H. Preston James, dean of the faculty, will represent Ouachita College at a meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities in Chicago April 9-13, it was announced by Dr. James.

Dr. James will attend the regional conference on college teaching on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., April 27-28.

Dormitory Going Up

Steel beams are being erected for the new men's dormitory now under construction at Ouachita College.

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, president, said the steel will be up by March 26.

The dormitory is being constructed by Peterson, Garbi and Joseph, a Little Rock firm. Their bid of \$270,650 was accepted Oct. 10.

The building will be on the site of Wallis Hall, razed last year.

Construction began Oct. 17. Completion is scheduled by August.

The dormitory will accommodate 100 men and a resident counselor. Heating will be from a hot water plant. The structure will have six tile shower rooms, a lounge and a patio overlooking the Caddo River.

The Ouachita board of trustees is considering a name for the building.



The Arkansas Baptist is not an expense but an asset. By increasing the interest of the membership of the church it will bring in more revenue than it costs to send the paper to each church family on the church budget plan.

New Budgets

Northside Church, Monticello, Bartholomew Association; sent in by Treasurer C. H. Fincher.

Eden Church, Ashley County Association, Hamburg, Edward E. Harris, pastor.

Club

Excelsior Church, Greenwood, Concord Association, Sent in by W. E. Wiles.

Subscription Analysis

Big Creek Association has 3 budgets; no clubs; 10 with neither.

Black River, 6 budgets; 5 clubs; 19 with neither.

Boone County, 6 budgets; 3 clubs; 12 with neither.

Buckner has no budgets; no clubs and 7 with neither.

Watch for the analysis of the churches of your association in future issues of the Arkansas Baptist. We are publishing the analysis with the hope that it may stimulate other churches to adopt the budget plan of subscriptions to the Arkansas Baptist.

School of Missions At Berryville, First

Pastor J. B. Measel reports that First Church, Berryville, has just completed a successful Training Union Study Course in "Church Membership," in connection with a School of Missions. The goal was 100 awards. All previous records were broken when 139 awards were presented. They are broken down as follows: Adults, 91, young people 6, intermediates 11, juniors 31. The overall enrolment was 160.

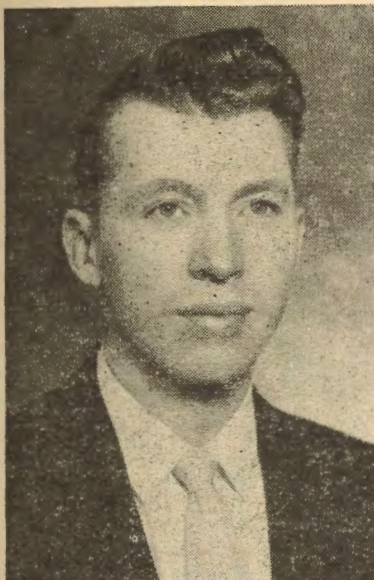
Pastor Measel states: "We feel that God has richly blessed us through the School of Missions and this Study Course and that it is the finest preparation possible for our anticipated revival March 18. Ralph Douglas will do the preaching assisted by Hartsell Atwood, song leader."

Baptist Hour 15 Years Old

Observance of the 15th Anniversary of the Baptist Hour will be held throughout the Southern Baptist Convention the week of May 21 to 27, it was announced this week in Fort Worth, Texas, by Dr. Paul M. Stevens, Director of the Radio and Television Commission.

Highlight of the week-long ceremonies commemorating the first Baptist Hour which was broadcast in 1941 on 16 radio stations in 11 states, will be a "Baptist Hour Sunday," to be celebrated in many Southern Baptist churches on May 27th.

Palmer to Oklahoma



CLIFFORD L. PALMER

Clifford L. Palmer resigned as pastor of First Church, Pea Ridge, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Oklahoma. The resignation was effective January 30.

During the 27 months Mr. Palmer was pastor of the Pea Ridge church, there were 75 additions to the church, 50 by baptism, 24 by letter, and one by statement. A new educational building was constructed.

The Pea Ridge church adopted a budget for this year in which they increased the contribution to the Cooperative Program from 15 per cent to 17 per cent.

Little Rock Baptist Writes For Quarterly

Mrs. Edward W. Nelson, 112 Jewell Road, Little Rock, is one of the writers of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Training Union lesson materials for the first quarter, 1956. She prepared the lessons for March 4, "I Meant To," and March 11, "Things I Can't Change," for the Baptist Intermediate Union Quarterly—I.

Mrs. Nelson is secretary in the Arkansas W. M. U. office. Her husband is minister of music at Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

She is a graduate of Baylor University and holds a M. R. E. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Reservations Necessary For Tape Recorders

Facilities to accommodate up to 240 tape recorders at the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City will be provided by the Convention's Radio and Television Commission, according to Director Paul M. Stevens.

Since the demand for space will probably exceed even this provision, Stevens said it would be necessary for those desiring to use their tape recorders at the Convention to make reservations. The deadline for making reservations is May 1.

A registration fee of \$5 should be mailed with such request for a reservation. Address requests to Baptist Radio and Television Center, 6248 Camp Bowie, Fort Worth 16, Texas.

Stevens announced that Commission engineers will transcribe the Pastor's Conference and Convention proceedings. Orders will be taken for these tapes during the Convention, or they may be mailed to the above address. Recording tape will be available at the Commission's booth for below retail cost.

Attendance Record



MRS. RUBY ELDER

Mrs. Ruby Elder, First Church, Jacksonville, has a perfect attendance record in Sunday school for ten and one-half years. She serves First Church in the nursery department. R. J. McMillan is the pastor, Wm. C. Burnett, education director.

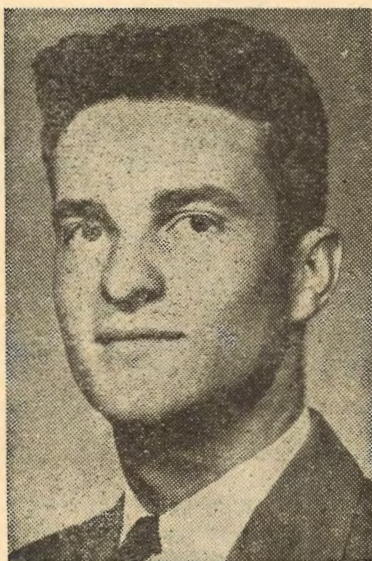
Hardin Receives Seven

Jesse S. Reed was the evangelist in a revival meeting at Hardin Church, February 19-26. A. W. Upchurch Jr. is pastor; Floyd B. Shaw, treasurer, was in charge of the music.

The meeting resulted in seven additions by baptism, and one other made profession of faith. One surrendered for special service.

The Hardin Church is at present constructing an educational building which will double their present space when completed.

Batesville Pastor



C. G. MCCALMAN

C. G. McCalman recently came to Calvary Church, Batesville, as pastor, from a pastorate in Tampico, Indiana.

Mr. McCalman is a native of Bradley. He received the BA degree from Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, in 1950, and the BD degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, in 1954.

Pastor McCalman reports that the new auditorium will be ready for occupancy in May or June. A revival meeting will be conducted March 25 to April 1, simultaneous with First Church and West Batesville Church. Emil Williams of First Church, Lewisville, will be the evangelist for the meeting at Calvary Church.

Batesville Pastor Receives Th.D.



RICHARD BRANNON

Dr. Richard Brannon, pastor of First Church, Batesville, recently received his Doctor of Theology degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, with a major in the field of preaching. A native of Texas, Dr. Brannon is the son of J. D. Brannon, who has served Texas Baptists as a district missionary for over 20 years.

After serving in the Merchant Marines during the last war, Dr. Brannon attended Baylor University and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from that institution. He was active in the youth revival movement sponsored by the Texas Baptist Student Department during his college and seminary days.

During the summer of 1949, Dr. Brannon made a tour of Europe and studied at the University of Edinburg in Scotland. He received his Bachelor of Divinity from Southwestern Seminary in 1953, and his Master of Theology in 1954.

Dr. and Mrs. Brannon have two children, a son and daughter.

Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week May 13-19, 1956

Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week has for years occupied a very definite place in our church calendar. We believe that the destiny of the world is wrapped up in our youth, and we know that our girls of today will be our home-builders of tomorrow.

In Girls' Auxiliary we have a Christian character building organization for teen-age girls that is second to none. Forward Steps, around which a major part of their program centers, require a knowledge of our denominational life and the missionary undertakings that every Baptist girl should have.

Our women are to be highly commended for the excellent work they are doing with Girls' Auxiliary. The 21,930 Girls' Auxiliary organizations now have a membership of 222,151. Subscriptions to Tell, the Girls' Auxiliary magazine, now exceed 99,000. Tomorrow should be a better day for missions as these girls grow up, following their Star Ideals which give a succinct statement of earnest Christian living with a world in one's heart.

I would earnestly urge every Southern Baptist pastor to join wholeheartedly in the observance of Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week, May 13-19, 1956.

—C. C. Warren, President Southern Baptist Convention

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By Religious News Service

Sees 70,000 New Suburban Churches Needed

At least 70,000 new suburban churches may have to be built in the next 20 years as a result of the increasing population shift, according to the Bulletin of the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel.

The Bulletin cited estimates that the suburban population, which now stands at 45,100,000, will reach 83,400,000 by 1975.

Eisenhower Aide Lauds Church Peace Efforts

President Eisenhower's deputy assistant on disarmament said that American churches have "contributed immensely" in the effort to achieve a just and durable peace.

Amos J. Peaslee told the seventh annual meeting of the Laymen's Committee on Religion in American Life that such a peace will not come about unless the spiritual concepts underlying the American Constitution can be "transplanted to the international scene."

Congress Gets Bill to Stop Flow of Obscene Matter

Bills to give the Postmaster General the right to impound obscene material sent through the mails were introduced in the House by Reps. John Dowdy (D.-Tex.) and Edward H. Rees (R.-Kans.).

The measure also would give the Postmaster General authority to impound gambling devices and "other unfit materials" that he finds in the mails.

United Presbyterians Seek Larger Missions Budget

The Board of Administration, United Presbyterian Church, recommended at its annual meeting that the denomination's missionary budget for 1957 be set at a minimum of \$2,000,000. At the same time it was suggested that an "advance" goal of \$2,500,000 be reached.

The recommendation will be submitted for approval to the U. P. General Assembly which meets at Knoxville, Tenn. in June.

The 1956 missionary budget was \$1,850,000.

Charges Billboard Concerns Bar Temperance Posters

Several advertising companies controlling billboards refuse to accept temperance posters, it was charged by Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

As a result, she said, the alcoholic beverage industry has been given a monopoly of the roadside boards in some areas.

New Pakistan Constitution Contains Religious Liberty Guarantees

Religious freedom is assured Christians and members of other minority groups in the constitution of the new "Islamic Republic of Pakistan." The nation, almost 86 per cent Moslem, is now an independent unit in the British Commonwealth.

The charter, approved after eight years of discussion by two successive constituent assemblies, was signed four days before Maj. Gen. Uskander Mirza, former Governor General, was elected first President of the new State. He will take office on March 23.

Church Construction Expected To Top \$900,000,000

Church construction this year will top \$900,000,000, setting a new record for the fourth consecutive year, it was estimated in Atlanta. Authorities also predicted that more than seven billion dollars will be poured into new church buildings in the next decade.

The figures were advanced by experts attending the annual National Joint Conference on Church Architecture. The meeting was sponsored by the Church Architectural Guild of America and the National Council of Churches' Bureau of Church Building.

Graham to Tell Congressmen Of Communism in Asia

Evangelist Billy Graham said he will report on Communism in Asia at an off-the-record meeting of Congressmen in Washington, March 19. He said the meeting will be held in the Senate caucus room.

Mr. Graham went to Honolulu at the conclusion of a two-month Asian evangelistic crusade. He held rallies and conferred with religious leaders in Japan, Korea, India, Formosa, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

February Church Construction Set Record For Month

New construction by churches totaled \$55,000,000 in February, setting a new record for the month. It was \$2,000,000 higher than the February 1955 figure.

In the first two months of 1956 church construction totaled \$113,000,000, a gain of five per cent over last year.

Building activity by non-public schools amounted to \$39,000,000 during the month, the same as for February, 1955. Private hospitals and social institutions spent \$18,000,000 on construction, an increase of \$1,000,000 over February a year ago.

The figures were reported by the Departments of Commerce and Labor in Washington, D. C.

Bankers Oppose Good Friday Closing Bill

Spokesmen for two Rhode Island banking associations objected to a bill which would permit banks to close from noon to 3 p.m. on Good Friday.

John Coffey, representing the Rhode Island Bankers Association, told the House Corporations Committee that the bill would morally obligate banks to close during these hours and in effect would be mandatory.

Church Delegation Leaves For Moscow

Nine American church officials left New York by plane for Moscow on a ten-day visit during which they will confer with Russian Christian leaders.

The trip marks the first phase of a two-way interchange that will bring Russian churchmen to this country in June as guests of the National Council of Churches.

The National Council is sponsoring the American churchmen's trip. The delegation is headed by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadelphia, Council president.

A Smile or Two



"You're going to spoil all the good my beauty treatments do if you worry me about what they cost."

It was twenty degrees below zero in North Dakota, and a man working on the platform near the top of an oil derrick began to ride down on a crane, against the wishes of his foreman who stood shouting to him to "stay up there."

When the man reached the ground, the foreman asked, "What did you come down for?"

"Ah'm goin' to get my jacket," the man drawled.

"Well, where did you leave it?"

"In Florida."

Washington newspaperman was checking the spelling of the name of a Virginian. "I the reporter asked, 'as in Lincoln?'" The Southern gentleman roared back: "Certainly not, suh —L as in Lee!"

—Quote Washington Bureau

In Chicago, a doctor posts this sign in his waiting room: "Ladies in the waiting room are asked not to exchange symptoms. It gets the doctor hopelessly mixed up."

—Tide

Let's cross electric blankets with toasters and pop people out of bed.

—Quote

Ten-year-old Johnnie was demonstrating for his mother some of the things he's learned at school. He was especially proud of the fact he knew Washington had been 1st president of the country, Lincoln the 16th and that Eisenhower now holds the office.

"Who," his mother asked, "was President before Eisenhower?"

Johnnie wasn't sure.

"I'll give you a hint," his mother helped. "He played the piano."

"Oh, I know," Johnnie beamed. "Lib-er-ace!"

—Quote

A very large woman entered a London tube train and two men got up and gave her their seats. She was so big that a small boy sat gazing at her in wonder.

Eventually she said impatiently, "Little boy, what are you looking at me for?"

The youngster, embarrassed, stammered: "L-l-lady, there isn't anywhere else to look."

—Tid-Bits, London

You're getting old when you feel on Friday night like you used to feel on Monday morning.

—Howie Lassett

News From Baptist Press

Georgia Convention Told of Atlanta College Plans

Atlanta Baptist association is thinking about establishing a denominational university in Atlanta, it has notified the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Monroe F. Swilley, chairman of the Atlanta committee, told the convention's executive committee the association is "thinking in terms" of an institution with \$10 million or \$15 million in buildings and endowment and a campus of 200 or 300 acres.

The proposed Baptist university was discussed by the association in its last two annual sessions but this was the first presentation to a convention group.

Swilley said Atlanta would launch the college hoping it would "find its way into the family of Georgia Baptists." The convention already operates six colleges in other areas of the state.

The executive committee agreed to discuss the college proposal in greater detail at its September meeting.

Preliminary approval was given Mercer University, Macon, to secure a \$600,000 loan as half the cost of a construction program. The convention must approve the loan in its annual session in November for it to become final. The college already has almost \$600,000 with which it is starting some building next month.

T. W. Tippet, secretary of the state Sunday school department for 22 years, notified the executive committee that he would retire at the end of the year.

Straw-Hat Convention? That's Your Decision

The average June temperature in Kansas City, the weatherman says, is 75 degrees. The range from high to low is 85 to 65 degrees.

There are about nine rainy days during June and over the years, a little less than five inches of rain has fallen each June.

There is little change in temperature at night.

Does this mean you can wear straw hats and white shoes to the Southern Baptist Convention sessions? That's up to you, because the weatherman won't commit himself.

He ventures only these words: "Many people do start wearing straw hats and white shoes the first of June provided the weather is warm."

The question is: Do you consider a range of 85-65 degrees warm?

Negro Work Council Re-elected Maston

The Advisory Council of Southern Baptist Work with Negroes has re-elected T. B. Maston, professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, chairman.

Other officers, also re-elected at the Council's recent Nashville meeting, are L. S. Sedberry, Nashville, general secretary of the Southern Baptist Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary, vice chairman, for secretary, and Clyde Hart, Little Rock, who is secretary of Negro work for Arkansas Baptists.

The Council helps coordinate the work of all Southern Baptist agencies with Negro Baptists. It is purely an advisory organization.

The Council selected Nashville site for its 1957 meeting. Tentative dates are Feb. 25-26.

Central Seminary Plans Open House For Visitors

Central Baptist Seminary, on the Kansas side of Kansas City, plans to have an open house May 31 for those attending the Southern Baptist Convention.

The open house will follow a dinner for seminary alumni and friends. The dinner is scheduled for 1:30 p. m.

However, the seminary will be open each day from 8:30 a. m. through 5:30 p. m. to visitors. School will not be in session during the dates of the convention.

The seminary may be reached by bus route No. 9, marked Minnesota Ave., boarding at 11th and Wyandotte in Kansas City, Mo., two blocks from the Municipal Auditorium.

By car, it can be reached by going west across Inter-City Viaduct, continuing on Minnesota Ave. in Kansas City, Kans., to 31st St. Turn south at 31st St., which leads to the seminary's main administration building.

Central Baptist Seminary is affiliated with the American Baptist Convention but about 55 per cent of its 400 students are Southern Baptists, the seminary reports.

"At least one-third of our members of the seminary board of directors are Southern Baptist pastors and leaders," Acting President Ernest L. Ackley says.

The seminary was founded in 1901 and has been located on its present campus for 35 years. Ackley became acting president in 1954 when William W. Adams resigned the presidency to accept a position at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Meredith Apparently Won't Leave Raleigh

Meredith College, Baptist school for women in Raleigh, N. C., apparently will not move to Winston-Salem.

Presbyterians chose Laurinburg, N. C., as site for their consolidated denominational college. It was mentioned last December that the Presbyterians might use Meredith campus if Meredith moved.

Charles H. Babcock, owner of Reynolda Estate in Winston-Salem, offered Meredith College the 165-acre estate if the school came to Winston-Salem.

Babcock's offer also provided another \$1 million grant if Meredith sold its campus to the Presbyterians for \$2 million or less. The Presbyterians are consolidating several existing schools into a single college.

Meredith College trustees recently announced plans to construct a new science building costing \$350,000 or more. The new building is part of a nine-year expansion program.

Damage \$125,000 In Georgia Church Fire

Second Baptist Church, Columbus, lost its sanctuary and a large part of its educational buildings in a recent fire.

Flames broke out in the ceiling of the auditorium while the mid-week prayer meeting was going on. There were no reports of any injuries to members of the congregation present but one fireman suffered minor injuries.

Insurance covered about half of the estimated damages of \$125,000. Church records were saved but most of the equipment was lost.

Pastor of the church is Billy J. Roberts.

Mississippi Baptist Editor Claimed By Death

Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor of the *Baptist Record*, died Wednesday night, March 14, from a heart attack. Funeral services were held at the Clinton Baptist Church, Friday at 3 p.m.

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

QUESTION: My husband and I are in our early fifties and have a twenty-year-old daughter in college. A few months ago my husband told me very calmly that he no longer is in love with me and to be fair to me he would like his freedom. To help him financially, I have to work outside the home. He won't take me anywhere any more — not even to church.

What has happened to him and what would you suggest that I do?

ANSWER: My first impulse is to tell you to see a lawyer and sue him for everything he is worth. But on second thought there may be a better way.

Some men in their fifties go over fool's hill just like teen age boys. They are declining in many ways and wish to have their last fling at youth. It is pathetic but comes as a result of arrested emotional development.

Is your marriage really that bad? If he hates you strong enough, nothing can be done. But my guess is that if your husband has any moral principles, he will get over this feeling and work out a reasonable adjustment to you. Be patient. Only God knows what he is going through.

If I were you, I would not give him a divorce except as a last resort. Be a good, sensible, kind, human wife and see if you cannot make the home so pleasant that he couldn't find a better one if he tried.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

Texas Convention Board Attacks Sunday Rodeos

The Baptist state executive board of Texas has asked state officials to discontinue Sunday rodeos at the Huntsville, Tex., state prison.

Earlier, an association of Baptist churches in the Huntsville area had protested their being staged on Sunday.

The Texas convention's Christian life commission will meet with Texas Gov. Shivers and other state officials about the objectionable rodeos.

110,000 Tracts Bought By New Zealand Union

The Baptist Union of New Zealand recently bought 110,000 tracts and 1850 posters on stewardship and tithing through the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Albert McClellan, director of publications for the Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn., reported the large sale.

The Union is using the material in its "Tithing Campaign Fund." It is employing two well-known slogans, "Every Baptist a Tither" and "Bring Ye All the Tithes."

Pastor Stricken While Leading Sunday Prayer

Jadie Thomas, pastor of Milton Baptist Church, suffered a heart attack while conducting the Sunday morning worship service and died two days later in a Clanton, Alabama hospital. Pastor Thomas had knelt to lead the congregation in prayer when he suddenly fell over on his side, unconscious.

Joins Staff First Church, Hope



HERBERT VALENTINE

Herbert Valentine began his work as director of music-education with First Church, Hope, Sunday, March 4. Mr. Valentine is a native of Mississippi. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and attended the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He has served for eight years in this capacity with the Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock; First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Mississippi; and Winbourne Avenue Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine and their daughter, Jackie, are at home at 1504 Pecan Street in Hope.

Evangelist Kirkpatrick Reports Good Revivals

Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick of Hot Springs reports fruitful revivals at Immanuel Church, Newport, and Grace Church, West Memphis.

There were 32 additions to the Newport Church. At the close of the revival meeting the church voted to begin immediately the construction of a new auditorium. Pastor James O. Melton has been with the Newport church the past six months. Evangelist Kirkpatrick reports the program of the church under the leadership of Pastor Melton is showing excellent progress.

The meeting with the West Memphis church resulted in 18 additions on profession of faith and baptism, and others by letter. The Grace Church is launching a building program to construct an additional education building 52 x 70 feet. Pastor T. D. Douglas has been with the Grace Church five years. During his ministry and under his leadership, the church has secured new and well located property, has enlarged the church plant, and has experienced an increase in the membership of the church.

Evangelist Kirkpatrick is currently with the Lockland Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and James A. Gregg in revival services, which will end April 1.

OUACHITA AND FORD FOUNDATION

Ouachita College has sent five applications for grants to the Ford Foundation, it was announced by Dr. H. Preston James, dean of the faculty.

Word from the foundation indicating whether the grants are accepted will be received sometime in April, Dr. James said.

News From Faulkner Association

By JAY W. C. MOORE, *Missionary*

E. F. Simmons, who serves the Enola church half time, has accepted the Union Valley church in White County Association.

Dr. Frank Anderson, aged 75, and formerly pastor of the Mt. Vernon church, died recently in the Baptist Hospital. Dr. Anderson had served as Executive Secretary for Iowa Baptists for sixteen years. Prior to his work in Iowa he held pastorates in the North and East. He received his doctorate in divinity from the Seminary in Chicago. He was the author of several devotional books and many articles in religious magazines. He had made his home with a daughter, Mrs. Nolan Troxell in Mt. Vernon.

Vonnie Harmon, who started as a lay preacher in 1941, has resigned the half time pastorate of the Cold Springs church to accept the full time pastorate of First Church, Mayflower. He succeeds Orland Beard who resigned to enter the Seminary at Ft. Worth.

The Pickles Gap church, T. W. Hayes, pastor, is finishing a large addition to their present church plant which will contain a modern kitchen, rest rooms and dining room which can be converted on Sunday into class rooms. A baptistry is being installed in the auditorium.

Don Wright, a student in ASTC, has resigned the Pangburn church in White County Association, to accept the pastorate of the Pleasant Grove Church near Conway. He succeeds Walter Watts.

Don Jones, pastor of the Holland church, and Mrs. Jones are the parents of twin boys born recently in the Baptist Hospital.

Friendship and Bee Branch have torn down their old church buildings and have under construction new and larger building. Kenneth Burling, student at Ouachita College, is pastor at Friendship.

Youth Week Offers Service Opportunities

Does your church observe Youth Week—when Intermediates and Young People learn by doing?

Youth Week offers new opportunities for service and reveals potential leadership for tomorrow.

It is a plan for a church to use its young people in all the official positions of church life for one full week. The actual work which is ordinarily done by the regular church officials is done during this week by the young people who occupy those positions.

A week in April is recommended as an ideal time for Youth Week, but any week in the year most convenient by any church is acceptable.

Youth Week in many Southern Baptist churches has been observed annually since 1937. It was observed first by the Third Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri, in the fall of 1936.

The Baptist Sunday School Board, in its annual meeting in 1937, noted the development and recommended that the Training Union Department of the Board promote Youth Week as an annual project in the churches.

Revival at Mt. Zion

Pastor Carl White and the Mt. Zion Church, Big Creek Association, had the services of Rural Evangelist Jesse Reed in a revival meeting, February 5-12. The results were four additions by baptism and four by letter.

Minister of Education Beech St., Texarkana



MERLE T. BASDEN

Mr. Merle T. Basden assumed his duties as Minister of Education at Beech Street Church, Texarkana, on March 1. He came from a similar position with First Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he has been for the past two years. Prior to his going to Oak Ridge he was Educational Director at the First Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi.

Mr. Basden received the B.S. degree from Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, and the Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Basden is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. He was an insurance salesman for years before entering the Seminary. He is a veteran of World War II, having served in the U. S. Army.

Harold C. Bennett is the pastor.

Books Received

- The World's Collision
By Charles E. Pont
W. A. Wilde Company Price \$3.50
- Teaching For Results
By Findley B. Edge
Broadman Press Price \$3.00
- When I Die
By Otto Gruber
Vantage Press Price \$2.00
- Expository Outlines on the Whole Bible
Volume I—Genesis-Leviticus
By Charles Simeon
Zondervan Press Price \$3.95

Architects Urged to Understand Nature of Church

Architects were told in Atlanta that they should seek to understand the true nature of the church, its reason for being and its relation to society before trying to design a church building.

Dr. Walter A. Taylor of Washington, D. C., a leading church architect, said that churchmen and designers should share the blame for what he called the "failure" to construct worshipful churches.

He spoke at the National Joint Conference on Church Architecture attended by some 400 designers and architects from throughout the country. It was sponsored by the Church Architectural Guild of America and the National Council of Churches' Bureau of Church Building.

Memo To An Absent Husband

By MRS. BERNICE P. MASON

The pastor's wives who stay heroically at home while their husbands leave home to attend assemblies, conventions, committee meetings and to conduct revival meetings are among the most noble and self-sacrificing people on the face of the earth. They are called upon to do a man's work with a woman's strength. But come to think of it, their strength sometimes surpasses man's when it comes to patience, and that is what more and more it seems that pastors are required to have more. Read this interesting letter to get the feeling of what a woman really faces when her husband leaves home.

Blue Bell Hill
July 22

Dear John:

We miss you, but nevertheless happy that the church made it possible for you to spend this week at Ridgecrest assembly.

This letter, I hope, will bring you up-to-date on everything that has happened since you left.

The morning you went away poor Mr. Maloney breathed his last. The undertaker came in person to bring the news and to tell you the family wanted you to have charge of the funeral. That afternoon about six, came the Akron family to notify you of Mr. Janson's departure. All understood that you were away and made other plans. That same evening an excited young man rang the door bell. You can guess he wanted to be married. After trying every minister in town I finally found one at home.

Saturday came and the phone rang constantly. The circle leaders had forgotten to give you the announcements and were offering apologies. They were shocked when I told them you were away and we would not have the Sunday bulletin. Cecil and Jack called for you to come and settle a dispute over doctrinal matters. They also wanted to know why you were so opposed to ice cream suppers and cakewalks — said that some of their friends thought you were a bit "ole foggy" about such matters.

Barry came for you to help him with a sermon he was to give on the following day out at Band's Creek. He left his application blanks and wants them as soon as you can fill them out. He and Ginger leave for the

seminary in August — going early to get a house.

By the way, the Berean class is expecting you to conduct the recreation, at their quarterly social. That will be the night you return. They said you would learn lots of new games at Ridgecrest.

The library board sent you a notice to meet with them Monday at ten. The polio drive wants you to arrange a call meeting just as soon as you get back.

The service club (that you have attended about twice) has you on the refreshment committee for Tuesday night.

A long-distance call came yesterday. I think it was Mr. Jacques trying to contact you about the next associational T. U. rally. You are the speaker for the occasion. Don't forget!

Marshall wanted a recommendation for the new P. O. job. Said just anytime this week would be O. K.

Miss Ann has the devotional next Friday at her alma mater. She would like something appropriate and not too long. She will have it typed herself. Now isn't that thoughtful!

Mrs. Glasser's mother came in yesterday. Of course we must call on her. She was here last week to tell me that she expected her.

Tom's wife is ill in Near City hospital. He knows you are away, but said he knew you would come down as soon as you could. He always will believe that your constant prayers and visits pulled little Tom through.

The new Price baby is a dear. Anna had the nurse to telephone us the day it arrived. I will go today to see about her.

Whom do you suppose was back in church

Sunday? The Armstrongs of course! Your visit out there must have helped. They seemed as pious as before they got mad and quit.

We had to get a ride the best way we could to the meeting last night. Thank you for taking us all these years. One of the members got her car and picked up everybody.

Hallie insisted that you still haven't called on the new family who moved in across the street from her. At least she hadn't seen you.

The Tarrants want us for tea on Sunday p. m. They will entertain the new bishop at that time. I saw him — looks O. K. I guess.

A terrible wreck came in over at the hospital yesterday. Jews, I think. Mrs. Snelgrove called you to come and at least sit with the father. Do you recall that night you sat up with the Jewish parents whose child had been struck down?

The Smiths are without food again. I called the WMU president and asked her to try to see what could be done until you got back.

Allen did very nicely at prayer service. So did Brother Mark at both services on Sunday.

The usher's grandson has asthma again. The nurse told me she would be glad when he is gone. He is the worst patient in the hospital.

Dr. Donald says that Roy has left Ruth. He is so anxious for you to return and talk to him. Said the children were crying for him and yet he refuses to come about them.

Two transients frightened me late this afternoon — they wanted the pastor, of course, and a place to spend the night. Lassie barked and finally they decided she might bite so off they went to the Methodist minister.

Ted and Gladys just left. They thought the lawn was beautiful. Gladys said she wished she had married a preacher so he would have time to maintain a lawn. I don't remember what I said in reply.

I must close now and get the flowers ready for the church. Will also select the hymns and a scripture just in case "Bro. Will" fails to show up.

Hurry home and have us two good sermons for Sunday.

Love as ever,

Lou

—The Baptist Program

Here's The Secret

By J. LESTER HARNISH
Pastor, Temple Baptist Church
Los Angeles, California

After eighteen years, I have finally discovered the real villain that destroys Sunday night attendances. Do you remember the automobile being roundly condemned for keeping people away? Folks traveled so far in the car during the Sunday afternoon ride that they could not get back for the evening service. Then the radio came in for blame for a few years, and of more recent times TV. Of course, we, in Southern California have a whole set of additional villains that we flay — the seashore, desert, mountains, and so on. Then, too, there have always been rumors that the Sunday evening service was not interesting. Then, the church suddenly becomes too far away.

But after all is said and done, the real enemy of the Sunday night church service is the average Christian's lack of self-discipline. Nothing in our Christian character can be built without self-control. Our Christian manhood and maturity is attained only by self-conquest, inner mastery. True, we are free to do what we like, but true freedom comes when we do what we ought.

I am afraid the average Baptist church member in America has long since ceased struggling with his conscience about Sunday evening service. There was a time when the thought of those few faithful souls, valiantly gathering in the night to raise a gospel witness on Sunday evening, yanked the good Baptist back to his sense of responsibility. But today, in this push-button age of easy living, self-denial has become entirely meaningless. Instead of using modern science to promote a successful evangelistic effort on Sunday night, we succumb to the path of soft ease. We have lost the power to deny for Christ's sake. The seeking first of the kingdom of God is strictly limited to Sunday morning. No longer do we breed the strain of Christian who says, "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than watch TV, lolling comfortably at home."

We are devitalizing the work of God by indulging our American mania for entertainment and for a good time. Some clamor for something special in the evening service so

they can enjoy themselves. But their appetites are soon jaded and they move off to other noisy places, piously seeking something better in religious vaudeville. Few hear the still, small voice of God whispering, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Thank God for the few. Would you like to shake off the dust and ashes of satiety and come worship the Lord this Sunday night?

—The Watchman-Examiner

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New Book On Baptist History

Dr. Charles D. Johnson, former president of Ouachita College, has written a 465-page book detailing achievements of Southern Baptists since 1826. It is HIGHER EDUCATION OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS, published by Baylor University Press.

G. T. Blackmon, associate professor of Religion and Greek and Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Ouachita president, contributed information on Ouachita used in the volume.

Dr. Johnson served as president of Ouachita for six years. He is now professor and chairman of sociology at Baylor University.

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Open Letter to Associational Missionaries

Dear Brother Missionary: I am sure you do not mind others reading my message to you about some things which are of special interest to each missionary. We are now approaching the busiest season of the year in our mission work. During these Spring months, we are faced with conferences of all types and sponsored by many departments of our state and southwide work. During these Spring months, we are faced with conferences of all types and sponsored by many departments of our state and southwide work. Many people do not realize that the missionaries carry the burden of every cause on their hearts and are largely responsible for all promotional work and even attendance in associational meetings. As a whole, I think our missionaries are doing a good job, though there may be some who are not promoting every cause as they should.

MISSIONARIES' RETREAT

The first thing I want to call your attention to is the date of our annual Associational Missionaries Retreat. It is April 23-25 and the place of meeting will be at Lonsdale near Hot Springs.

It is my feeling that this is the most important meeting of the entire year for the missionaries. It is more important for the missionary to be in this meeting than even to be engaged in a revival meeting. It is the one time of the year when the missionaries can get together for a discussion of their work, hear others lead in conferences, and discuss the missionary's part in the entire denominational program.

This year the heads of the departments in the Baptist Headquarters will be present to discuss their work and place the missionary fits into it. It is my hope that every missionary in the state will attend.

I would like to hint to the moderators and associational leaders that it would be well for the association to take care of the meals of the missionary if possible. Most of their traveling expenses will be provided for.

RURAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

There is another thing, Brother Missionary, I want to call your attention to, and that is the state wide Rural Church Conference to be held at Ozark Boys Camp, Mt. Ida, June 4-7. Will you publicize

this in your association and help me to get the rural churches to send their pastors to this important meeting? Very few of the pastors of rural churches will have the privilege of attending the Southern Baptist Convention, so let's make it possible for them to attend this conference and assure them that it will be a treat from beginning to end.

PLEASE REPORT YOUR WORK

I have written to you before suggesting that we would like to have a report of your work each month. The purpose of getting the report is that we may be able to summarize the work that is done in the entire state. For instance, we cannot be sure that we have the correct number of new churches organized, new missions opened, new budgets formed, etc., unless we have received a report from each missionary. If each missionary will give us this report, we can keep all information up to date. It will be possible to know the exact number of full time, half time, and quarter time churches, and other valuable information.

If you need any literature and other helps on mission work, feel

Phelps at Seminary

Dr. Ralph Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, will lead conferences of the 11th annual Fellowship of Baptist Theological Students March 21-22 at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Discussions center on "The Christian Vocation."

Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, professor of preaching at Southern Seminary, will speak at the group's banquet March 22 in Louisville's Clifton Baptist church.

The Fellowship is an interracial organization formed mainly of students in colleges and seminaries who are preparing for religious work. It is open also to professors, ministers, and laymen interested in Christian race relations.

free to make your request. I would like to suggest that every missionary read thoroughly the little booklet, "A Mission Program for a Baptist Association" by Dr. S. F. Dowis, which may be purchased from the Baptist Book Store.

May the Lord's blessing be upon you throughout the entire year.

Department of Missions,
C. W. Caldwell, Supt.



At the request . . . OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD WORKS FOR THE

IMPROVEMENT OF MUSIC STANDARDS in All Southern Baptist Churches

"We recommend that the Sunday School Board consider promoting a church music program that will aid the churches. . ." *Adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, Washington, D. C., 1933.*

"We recommend that the Sunday School Board be instructed to increase the personnel of the Church Music Department sufficiently to prepare and set going a constructive program of church music among Southern Baptists." *Adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga., 1944.*

THE PROGRAM AND PROGRESS OF THIS MOVEMENT

METHODS

1. Financial co-operation with music departments of states of the Southern Baptist Convention.
2. Service to various state and associational music emphases by department personnel.
3. A complete church music education organization in each state and association.
4. Supplying of free promotional materials to churches, associations, and states.
5. Development of leadership through music conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.
6. Sponsoring of hymn of the month, September as church music month, hymn sings, music schools, and graded music education opportunities.

MATERIALS

1. Publication of 16 graded hymnals and songbooks, including *Baptist Hymnal*, released March 1.
2. *The Church Musician*, the monthly magazine for every member of the church choir.
3. *The Church Music Training Course* of 16 texts for training music leadership.
4. Twenty-eight free pamphlets and posters for use in developing church music.
5. Recordings for children and the development of educational records.
6. Graded choir materials, including anthems, choral compilations, arrangements for ensembles, children's music, and special publications.

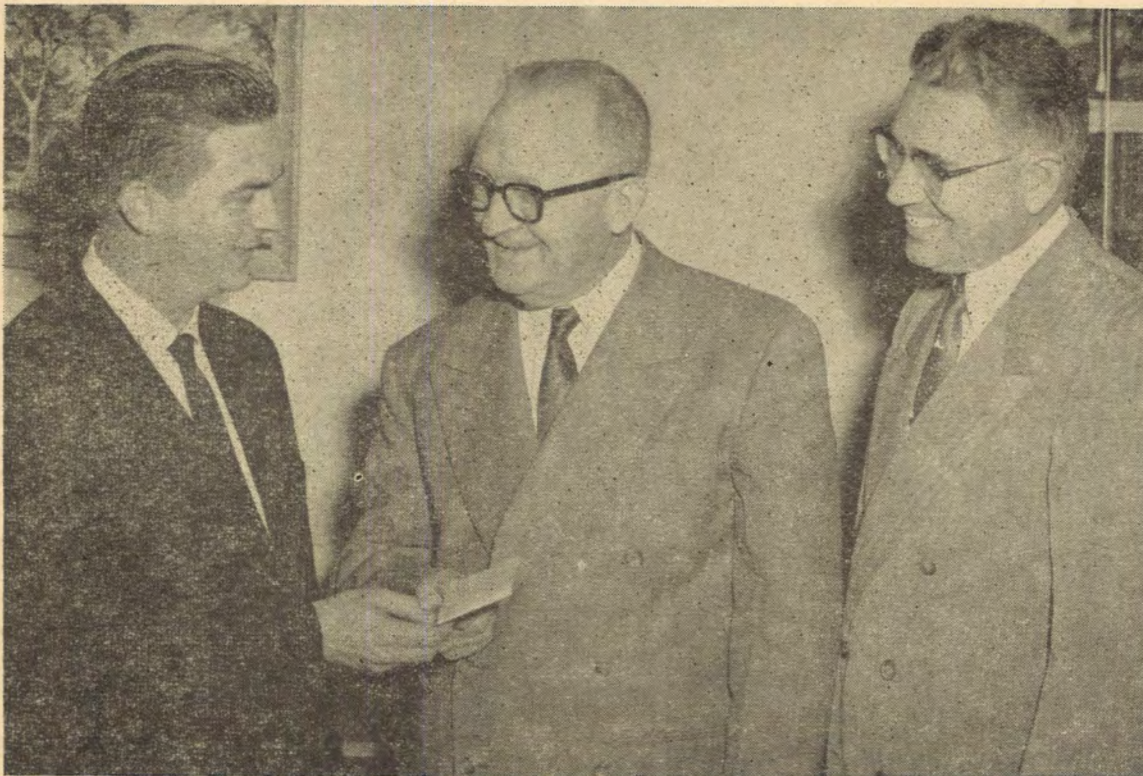
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First Foundation Earnings Delivered to Beneficiary; Ouachita College Gets \$1,041 From Trust Fund



Reading from left to right are Dr. Phelps, W. A. Jackson, and Dr. B. K. Selph

The above picture shows W. A. Jackson, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation,

delivering a check for \$1,041.20 to Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita College, as Dr.

Bernes K. Selph, pastor of the First Church, Benton, and a member of the Ouachita Board of

Trustees looks on.

The money represents the earnings from a Christian Education trust fund deposited with the Foundation for the benefit of Ouachita College, and the earnings from this fund will continue to be paid to Ouachita as they accumulate through the coming years.

The delivery of this check is an important event in the life of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, for it is the first distribution of earnings from funds held by the Foundation. It is an illustration of the purpose and service of the Foundation as the agency of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention established to receive, invest and distribute funds given for our Baptist institutions. The Foundation has other similar trust funds that have been deposited with it, with the earnings designated to various of our Baptist causes and institutions.

It is earnestly hoped that an increasing number of our Christian stewards will see and appreciate the work of our Baptist Foundation and will use it as the agency to receive and administer their gifts and bequests for Baptist work.

Arkansas Baptist Foundation
W. A. Jackson, Secretary

Children's Page

Little Pup, Fireman, First Class!

By ROY SCOTT CHILDERS

Whreeeeee!" screamed a siren. Little Pup raced down the sidewalk. The red fire truck slowed down, and then turned into the fire station. Little Pup stood at the door and watched.

Firemen in blue uniforms climbed from the truck. They stretched the big fire hose on the floor like a long rope, and washed it with big, brown brushes. They polished the truck with clean, white rags.

Little Pup sighed with longing. Oh, how he wanted to be a fireman! But he was just a little dog — a speckled dog, at that! Black polka dots covered his slim body. His ears were black, and his tail stuck up like a skinny wiener.



Little Pup edged close to the great red fire truck. It was one of the most beautiful fire trucks he had ever seen.

"Go 'way, Little Pup," said a

fireman. "We've work to do."

Slowly, Little Pup walked down the sidewalk. Oh, if he could only be a fireman! But what chance did he have, a little speckled dog?

Suddenly his ears perked up. He heard a sound in the distance.

"Whhheee, whhheee, whhheee."

Could it be another fire truck, Little Pup wondered. The sound grew louder. Yes, it was! It was a fire truck going to a fire!

"WHHHEEEeee . . . WHHHeee"

The big red truck raced down the street. Little Pup raced down the sidewalk. Soon Little Pup saw the smoke. Mr. Jones's house on the corner was on fire. It was burning fiercely!

Quickly, the firemen drew the hoses from the truck. Soon long streams of water shot high into the air. Some of it landed on the roof. Some went into the windows. Black clouds of smoke puffed out.

"Is anyone in the house?" asked a fireman. "Yes," said another fireman. "Mr. Jones was sleeping in the bedroom upstairs. Now he is overcome with smoke!"

Little Pup dashed across the lawn. He leaped through the doorway and ran up the flaming stairs.

Mr. Jones was lying on the floor. Little Pup barked loudly, but Mr. Jones did not awaken!

Little Pup took a good hold on Mr. Jones's trousers and pulled. Mr. Jones did not move! Little

Pup pulled harder. Finally, Mr. Jones moved. With Little Pup helping him, he crawled to the window. Little Pup barked for the firemen.

Quickly they placed a ladder under the window. The firemen carefully took Mr. Jones down the ladder.

Then a fireman came back for Little Pup. The smoke was so bad that Little Pup's eyes were watering. He felt himself being carried down the ladder. The fresh air felt good and cool! And when the firemen placed Little Pup on the front seat of the fire truck, he felt even better!

"The fire is over," said the fireman. "Little Pup is a hero! He saved Mr. Jones's life. Little Pup is a real fireman!"

The fire engine started. Little Pup sat beside the driver as they rode back to the fire station. Oh, what a thrill it was riding on the fire engine! Little Pup's dreams had come true!

When the truck stopped, the firemen in blue uniforms climbed down. They washed the big fire hose. They polished the red truck.

Then they fixed a home for Little Pup in the back of the fire station. That is where Little Pup lives now, and all the firemen call him:

LITTLE PUP, FIREMAN FIRST CLASS!

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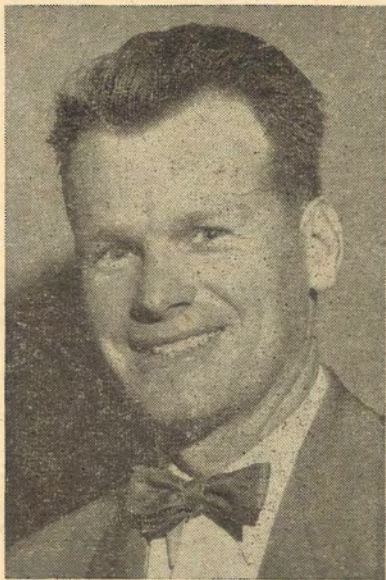
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Joel Bruner Becomes First B.S.U. Director At Southern State College

Joel Bruner of Fort Worth, Texas, became the first B. S. U. Director for Southern State College at Magnolia, on March 1. A native of Texas, Mr. Bruner graduated in 1947 from North Side High School in Fort Worth, where he had participated in all sports and was a member of the band. Mr. Bruner graduated from Baylor University in 1951. During the summer of 1948 and 1949 he served as music director in youth revivals in Texas with the Texas B.S.U. Department. At college he served as music chairman of the Baptist Student Union, sang in the Baylor Religious Hour Choir, and was very active in the B.S.U. Friday night mission program, in which he preached regularly at a mission in East Waco. During his Baylor days, Mr. Bruner also served as music director at the First Baptist Church of Clifton, Texas.



JOEL BRUNER

Mr. Bruner received his BD degree from Southwestern Seminary in 1955. His former past-

ates include Parkin Baptist Church in Ellis County, Texas, and Haslet Baptist Church at

Haslet, Texas. He has been approved to work toward his Th.D. degree at Southwestern.

Mrs. Bruner is the former Ruth Sherman of Fort Worth. She is a graduate of Baylor University and has been teaching in the Fort Worth Public Schools. The Bruners have one son, Donald Woodson, three years of age.

We welcome the Bruners to Arkansas with much anticipation for a glorious ministry among the students of Southern State College at Magnolia.

Installation Banquet At State Teachers College

The 1956-1957 Baptist Student Union Officers at Arkansas State Teachers College were installed recently at an impressive BSU banquet which was held in the Social Hall of First Church, Conway. Riley Munday, former state BSU director, was the featured speaker, and Ed Pearson served as toastmaster at the banquet, which carried a St. Patrick's theme.

James Smalley, local BSU director, installed the following officers: President, Hazel Clements; Enlistment Vice President, Dorine

Clark; Devotional Vice President, Henrietta Roberts; Social Vice President, Betty Sue Smith; Secretary-Treasurer, Carolyn Cochran; Music Director, Janice Purtle; Publicity Director, Jean Protiva; Promotional Director, Paul Choate; Sunday School Representative, Lawrence Smith; Training Union Representative, Charles Powers; Pastor Advisor, James H. Street; Faculty Advisors, Miss Helen Canady and L. B. Jackman.

Youth Revival Teams Hold Meetings

Youth Revival teams from the Baptist Student Union at the University of Arkansas have held meetings recently in various parts of the state. The student revivalists have held meetings in Clarksville, Bauxite, and at the Providence Church near Fayetteville. At First Church in Clarksville, Jackie Pennell brought the messages, Don Nutt served as pianist, and Dale Jones led the music. At the Providence church, Herb Hodges served as evangelist and Dale Jones as music director. At Bauxite Dale Jones led the music and Joy Sanders served as pianist. Roy Fish, former BSU President at the University of Arkansas, served as evangelist.

B.S.U. Department,
Tom Logue, Director

Baptist Churches Overseas Baptized 24,342 Last Year

Southern Baptists had 1,020 foreign missionaries in active service in 35 countries of the world at the close of 1955. Among them were 392 men, 402 married women, and 226 single women.

These figures, gleaned from the 1955 annual reports from the foreign mission fields, will be included in the Foreign Mission Board's report to the Southern Baptist Convention and will be published in *The Field Is the World*, annual publication of reports from the mission fields.

The 2,250 Baptist churches related to Southern Baptist work baptized 24,342 people last year, bringing the total membership of the churches to 236,494. (Figures from China have not been available since 1949 and are not counted in the report.) These churches were served by 1,541 national pastors and 130 missionary pastors. A total of 4,677 nations worked alongside Southern Baptist missionaries in 1955.

Fourteen hundred and twenty-four of the churches are self supporting; and all of them contributed the equivalent of \$1,582,388.95 during the year.

There was a total of 3,880 outstations at the end of the year, most of which will become church-

The 3,209 Sunday schools on mission fields showed an enrollment of 263,532; the 3,401 youth groups, 101,740; and the 2,861 missionary societies, 62,973.

Among the 791 Baptist schools on foreign fields were 22 theological seminaries with 896 enrolled

and eight training schools with 684 enrolled.

Thirteen Baptist hospitals, 10 dispensaries, and 30 clinics were served by 35 missionary physicians, 54 national physicians, 42 missionary nurses, and 107 national nurses. These medical units served a total of 240,411 patients during 1955.

Ten publication plants printed 195,000 Bibles, 483,435 copies of 155 books, 4,034,994 pieces of 307 tracts, and 2,194,537 copies of 128 periodicals.

Ten good will centers enrolled 1,638 children and 797 adults.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, says in the preface to the annual report: "God is at work in the hearts of Southern Baptists moving toward a vastly enlarged world mission undertaking. This is in keeping with his will and the demands of our day.

"The Scriptures clearly teach that each New Testament church has world responsibilities. Making

disciples of all nations is not a labor to be undertaken at our option or convenience. It is the mission given to us by our sovereign Lord. Our value to our Master in his redemptive purpose depends upon obedience to his commands."

CHURCH WORK

Men hold three times as many church offices as the women, but the women do twice as much of the church work as the men, according to a study of farm families in six states.

—Pastor's Journal

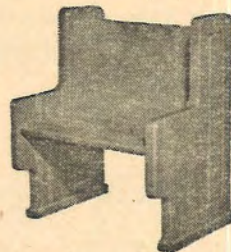
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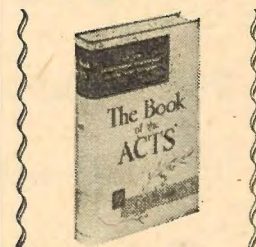
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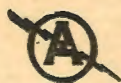
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In The Mill!

Some important events and items of progress are in the mill for both Brotherhood men and Royal Ambassadors. These are:

1. **Regional Clinics for church Brotherhood Officers and Committee Chairmen.** Two of these are already scheduled for April; one at Hamburg for the whole Southeast Arkansas quadrant; and the other at Paragould for Northeast Arkansas.

The first Clinic will be on April 10, at First Church, Hamburg; and the second one will be held at First Church, Paragould, on April 13. Initial publicity on these meetings has already gone out to every pastor, to every church Brotherhood President, to every associational Missionary and to every associational Brotherhood President in both regions.

The Clinic will be two-hour meetings, one hour given over to teaching, studying, learning. About nine classes will be organized, as follows:

Four classes for Church Brotherhood Officers (including Pastors)

A Class for Boys (9-16)

A Class for Royal Ambassador Counselors

A Class for Young Men (17-24)

A Class for men from church without a Brotherhood

A Class for Associational Brotherhood Officers

Other Regional Clinics are being planned, so that, during the year, there will be a clinic within reach of every church in the state.

Watch for the date of your Regional Clinic and make preparations to come and to get your men there!

2. **The Third Annual State Royal Ambassador Congress** will be held at First Baptist Church, Little Rock, on May 4 and 5. The goal for attendance is one thousand boys! The program for the Congress is about complete, and some of the publicity has gone out from the Brotherhood Office to Royal Ambassador Counselors over the state.

We trust that those in charge of the boys are already hard at work building a worthy attendance of boys from your church to the Congress.

3. **State Royal Ambassador Camps.** Three of these will be held this year, all at Ferncliff. The schedule is as follows:

Intermediate Camp: June 18-22

First Junior Camp: July 9-13

Second Junior Camp: July 16-20

Preparations are being made for the largest, the best, the most interesting, and the most profitable camps of the history of such camps in Arkansas. All boys should plan to attend. Every Royal Ambassador Chapter should be well represented at the Camps!

4. **The naming of the fourteen Brotherhood Regions in Arkansas.**

This will be a relatively slow process, as men in the various regions agree on an acceptable name.

We are thinking of giving the name of "Limestone Region" to the area made up of Little Red River, Independence County, Rocky Bayou, and Big Creek Associations, together with Lawrence County in Black River Association; and the name of "Ozark Region" to the area made up of Benton County and Washington-Madison Associations; and the name of "Red River Region" to that Southeast Arkansas area which includes Hope, Red River and Little River Associations; then the name of "Metropolitan Region" to the Central Arkansas area which includes Pulaski County, Caroline, Faulkner County, White County, Conway-Perry Associations, etc.

What do you think of the idea?

5. **The projection and promotion of both Brotherhood work and Royal Ambassador work on the same Regional bases.** This is a fundamental promotional necessity, since we are working towards completely integrating the Royal Ambassador movement with the Brotherhood movement.

The present Regional lay-out is as follows:

Region 1: Harmony, Bartholomew, Delta, and Ashley County Associations

Region 2: Carey and Liberty Associations

Region 3: Red River, Hope and Little River Associations

Region 4: Centennial Association

Region 5: Grant County

Region 6: Arkansas Valley, Trinity, Woodruff County, and Tri County Associations.

Region 7: Pulaski County, Caroline, White County, Faulkner County, and Conway-Perry Associations.

Region 8: Central, Caddo River, and Buckville Associations.

Region 9: Buckner, Ouachita, and Concord Associations.

Region 10: Dardanelle-Russellville and Clear Creek Associations.

Region 11: Mt. Zion, Mississippi County, Greene County, Gainesville, Current River Associations, and Lawrence County in Black River Association.

Region 12: Big Creek, Rocky Bayou, Little Red River, and Independence Associations, and Jackson County in Black River Association.

Region 13: Boone County, Carroll County, Newton County, White River, and Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Associations.

Region 14: Benton County and Washington Madison Associations.

What name would best fit your Region?

Brotherhood Department
Nelson Tull, Secretary
C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary

The Meaning of Christ's Suffering

By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

March 25, 1956

Luke 23:4-18, 39-43

The supreme truth for all time is the meaning of Christ's suffering. Why was it necessary for Christ to die with the penalty of sin upon Him? Was God harshly just in permitting Christ to die with the penalty of sin upon Him? Penalty refers to personal guilt in ordinary use. Christ did not personally sin. Hence his suffering was not a penalty in the ordinary sense. He did bear the penal consequence of the sin of the race because He was completely identified with it. Death is the penalty of sin. "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). Christ died. He died at the hands of sinful men while giving himself to deliver them from the power of sin. There could be no atonement without the suffering of Christ.

Today's lesson deals with events which lead to the death of Christ. Luke gives some details which the other gospel writers leave off. The complete record must be gathered from all four writers. However, the meaning of Christ's suffering is apparent from any one writer. Paul summed it up by saying in I Corinthians 15:3, "Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture." Christ's sufferings fulfilled a plan which God had previously originated. They performed a purpose in the all time purpose of God's intention, and provided salvation whereby man could enter relationship with God.

THE TRIALS OF JESUS

Jesus had three trials in civil court and three in the religious. The three civil, (Roman) trials are for lesson study today.

Pilate's official residence was in Caesarea. During the feast of the Jews he moved to Jerusalem in order to quiet any disturbance or rioting which might arise. There was fear that the Jews would cause an uprising against the Roman government any time they were together in numbers. Jesus had been before the full council. He was then ushered to the Jerusalem residence of Pilate who made his official pronouncement of "not guilty" (vs. 4). The people received this with fierce opposition and shouted their charges the more vehemently. His accusers were wise to see that their charge was exactly what Pilate was present to suppress.

Pilate realized that he had on hand a hot issue. The leaders of the charge mentioned Galilee. The business then would be for Herod who was in Jerusalem for the festivities (vs. 7). How fortunate! Pilate could evade the final decision yet have no delay in judgment. Let Herod do it! Herod was glad to see Jesus but his reasons have been questioned. The scripture reveals he had heard many things about Jesus (vs. 8). He also wanted to see the unusual

done by Him. Herod's interest may have been more profound than critics give him credit.

A long period of questioning left Jesus silent before Herod (vs. 9). This noncommittal attitude has been interpreted in two ways. First, Herod was insincere and was not opened for any evidence or testimony. He hoped to see a wonder working Christ in action. His many questions were worthy of no answer. Silence was a godly rebuke to this legal trifler. The second thought is that Jesus was caught in the tide of His accusers who furnished enough words to the occasion. One can imagine the poise of Christ standing between a legal trifler and an unreasonable crowd. Contempt was Herod's reaction. He along with his men did Christ the greatest indignation. They mocked Him and arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe and marched Him back to Pilate. The verdict was "not guilty." The agreement over Christ's guilt sealed the bond of friendship from that day between these two rulers. (vs. 12).

The third trial of the series, and the second before Pilate, took place in company with the chief priest, rulers and the people. Pilate again said "not guilty" and quoted Herod's judicial decision to strengthen his. Pilate was ready to chastise Him and release Him because of custom at the feast time. The custom could have been originated and practiced by Pilate only. The people would have nothing like that and they cried "away with Jesus and release Barabbas." Barabbas was of character and action that Pilate was in Jerusalem to curtail Barabbas was released and Jesus was surrendered to the Jews.

THE CRUCIFIXION

The crucifixion scene is in the larger lesson. The seven sayings of the cross were made. The intense sufferings because of the method of death was experienced. The crucifixion scene focuses His suffering. It became midnight at mid-day. The earth refused to hold still when the powers of God were released in redemption. No earthly power could hold back its testimony when the prayer for forgiveness ascended from the voluntary sacrifice. For whom did He ask forgiveness? The Jews' leaders? Roman soldiers? All men? The lesson is more concerned in the purpose of His suffering than in recitation of the physical agony.

THE BLEST THIEF

On either side of Jesus died a malefactor. Mark said they were thieves. One was impenitent, harsh in spirit, down on his luck. He was ready to cast railing at Jesus. The other saw a ray of hope. He cried out for help. He stands as the example of the end to which Christ's suffering is aimed. Jesus said, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." This is not a promise of religious help for tomorrow. This is not "pie in the sky" picture of help which Jesus gives. This is the type of what Jesus does for any man who enters into the fullness of his redemptive suffering. This thief represents the full work of the Savior in that through His suffering man becomes one with God. Every sinner can be thankful for this truth and shape his destiny in its light. Every Christian can warm his heart in fuller consecration before this truth.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

The way is accessible for each to go to God. Jesus' sufferings have made this possible. The thief is an example. Each approaches God on the same level, that of what Christ has done. Man can be graded in the eyes of his fellowmen, but before God he is a sinner without grace or a sinner saved by grace. Christ is the common approach to God for all men.

Jesus should be justly dealt with. Herod dealt with Jesus contemptuously. Pilate dealt with him

craftily. He was a nuisance value to each. Each found Him innocent of charge. Neither thought Him of value to take a stand for Him in light of justice and right. Herod and Pilate have passed from the scene, but Jesus continues to be dealt with by the standard of their example. Have you dealt justly with Him whom to know aright is eternal life? Is Jesus of nuisance value to you? Some are "bothered" by Jesus. Others are bought by Him. Failure to stand by Jesus ever results in loss. Herod, Pilate and the impenitent thief are examples.

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DOING RIGHT

By ENOLA CHAMBERLIN

Though sometimes it's hard I must always

Do what I know is right;

From summer right through to summer,

Each morning and noon and night.

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Information About Our Debts

Since the article appeared in a recent issue of "Faith Today," regarding Arkansas Baptists and their debts we have received many inquiries. We have a great many people in the state now who were not here when we were passing through the shadows.

In 1927 the Convention found itself in debt to the tune of approximately a million dollars. These debts were scattered among the institutions and other causes that we fostered. It was decided to put all the eggs in one basket and issue enough gold bonds to cover the entire debt. Later it was found that we could not mortgage enough property to cover that large a bond issue. We did, however, issue bonds in the amount of \$900,000 and renewed notes to cover the balance of the debt. The debt kept snowballing until 1929 when it reached the enormous figure of approximately \$1,250,000. Our receipts were not enough to pay interest, much less to finance our Convention work. The depression was on. Ninety Arkansas banks were permanently closed and it was all we could do to keep our doors open and pay no interest on the debt. For several years this condition existed.

In 1932 the General Secretary recommended a recasting of our debt situation and suggested a schedule by which he thought we could, over a period of years, pay every dollar with interest. We lifted this schedule out of our 1932 files and give it herewith for your information. Our Board would not adopt it because we were suffering from an inferiority complex and our hope and courage were well nigh exhausted.

In 1936 we raised enough money to pay 35 cents, in principal amount, on the dollar. The Federal Court issued an order that this was best for all parties concerned and declared the debt legally settled. Practically all creditors agreed.

In 1942 the State Convention answered the voice of conscience and voted to pay the other 65 cents on the dollar in spite of the fact that the debts were already settled legally. We began to pay this 65 per cent deficiency year by year, the amount of which was around \$700,000 outstanding. We paid it all except a few bonds that were presumably lost and have not been presented.

It was this voluntary action of Arkansas Baptists, paying a debt that we did not legally owe, but which we morally owed, that brought such widespread attention and was the subject of the article which the above mentioned magazine published.

On the strength of all this, Baptist credit everywhere in the nation has been good. In one state in the North some churches wanted to borrow money to build, but Southern Baptist Churches had no standing in that Northern state, but when the lending agencies read this story about Arkansas Baptists paying their moral obligation they immediately told these Southern Baptist Churches that they could get the money. Also, Dr. Duke McCall related the story of the Southern Baptist Seminary purchasing a housing project in Louisville, Kentucky, and reported that the integrity of Arkansas Baptists in paying their moral obligations gave suffi-

cient encouragement to the lending agency to make the deal with the Seminary. We could cite many other illustrations where the action of Arkansas Baptists has meant a great deal both to the Baptist name and to the Baptist credit.

Below is the schedule the General Secretary offered in 1932 for the payment of the debts.

Cotton Plant and Downs

First Church in Cotton Plant has obtained the services of Pastor Curtis Downs of Cherry Valley. He took up his work in Cotton Plant as of March 15. Downs is a vigorous, optimistic, persistent pastor and is an intrepid leader of his flock. Cotton Plant is optimistic over the future as Downs comes to them and takes up the work.

The Cotton Plant Church has some of the salt of the earth in it. They are men and women and young people of Christian love and integrity. This church gives 28 per cent of its income for the Cooperative Program. Homer Randall is the treasurer and he is one of the best that you will find anywhere. He is punctual and accurate and every month this office gets a check from him for 28 per cent of their receipts. F. E. Wisner is the very efficient Sunday School Superintendent and he is an educator. There are so many other fine people in this church that time and space and memory would fail me to mention. —B.L.B.

"Reports from the Yale School of Alcoholic Studies show that in American industry over one billion dollars is lost annually because of alcoholism. Nineteen per cent all absenteeism in industry is due to alcoholism. Wage losses alone amount to \$432 million dollars each year. More than 118 million accidents in the United States last year were due to drinking and 10,000 of them were fatal. Property damage losses due to drinking were in excess of \$120 million dollars. Alcoholism is 1.5 times more prevalent than cancer, 3.2 times more prevalent than tuberculosis, and 102 times more prevalent than polio." —A. C. Miller

Waldo Increases 25%

Our church in Waldo is a comparatively young church. Just three or four years ago the church developed when some members were so discouraged with the Landmark element that they pulled out and left the Landmark Church. They have a beautiful building. Young Brother John Harrison is their pastor. The church has increased its giving for the Cooperative Program 25 per cent over their gifts of 1955. They will soon start a revival with their beloved pastor doing the preaching. —B.L.B.

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Governor Graduation Speaker

North Carolina Gov. Luther Hodges will be commencement speaker for Chowan College, Baptist-owned junior college. Graduation exercises are scheduled June 1.

—Baptist Press

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3	1934	15,000	43,500	2,500	61,000	855,000
4	1935	15,000	42,750	2,500	60,250	840,000
5	1936	15,000	42,000	2,500	59,500	825,000
6	1937	15,000	41,250	2,500	58,750	810,000
7	1938	15,000	40,500	2,500	58,000	795,000
8	1939	15,000	39,750	2,500	57,250	780,000
9	1940	15,000	39,000	2,500	56,500	765,000
10	1941	15,000	38,250	2,500	55,750	750,000
11	1942	20,000	37,500	2,500	60,000	730,000
12	1943	20,000	36,500	2,500	59,000	710,000
13	1944	20,000	35,500	2,500	58,000	690,000
14	1945	25,000	34,500	2,500	62,000	665,000
15	1946	25,000	33,250	2,500	60,750	640,000
16	1947	25,000	32,000	2,500	59,500	615,000
17	1948	30,000	30,750	2,500	63,250	585,000
18	1949	30,000	29,250	2,500	61,750	555,000
19	1950	30,000	27,750	2,500	60,250	525,000
20	1951	30,000	26,250	2,500	58,750	495,000
21	1952	35,000	24,750	2,500	62,250	460,000
22	1953	35,000	23,000	2,500	60,500	425,000
23	1954	40,000	21,250		61,250	385,000
24	1955	40,000	19,250		59,250	345,000
25	1956	40,000	17,250		57,250	305,000
26	1957	45,000	15,250		60,250	260,000
27	1958	50,000	13,000		63,000	210,000
28	1959	50,000	10,500		60,500	160,000
29	1960	55,000	8,000		63,000	105,000
30	1961	55,000	5,250		60,250	50,000
31	1962	50,000	2,500		52,500	—
		900,000	899,500	55,000	1,854,500	

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