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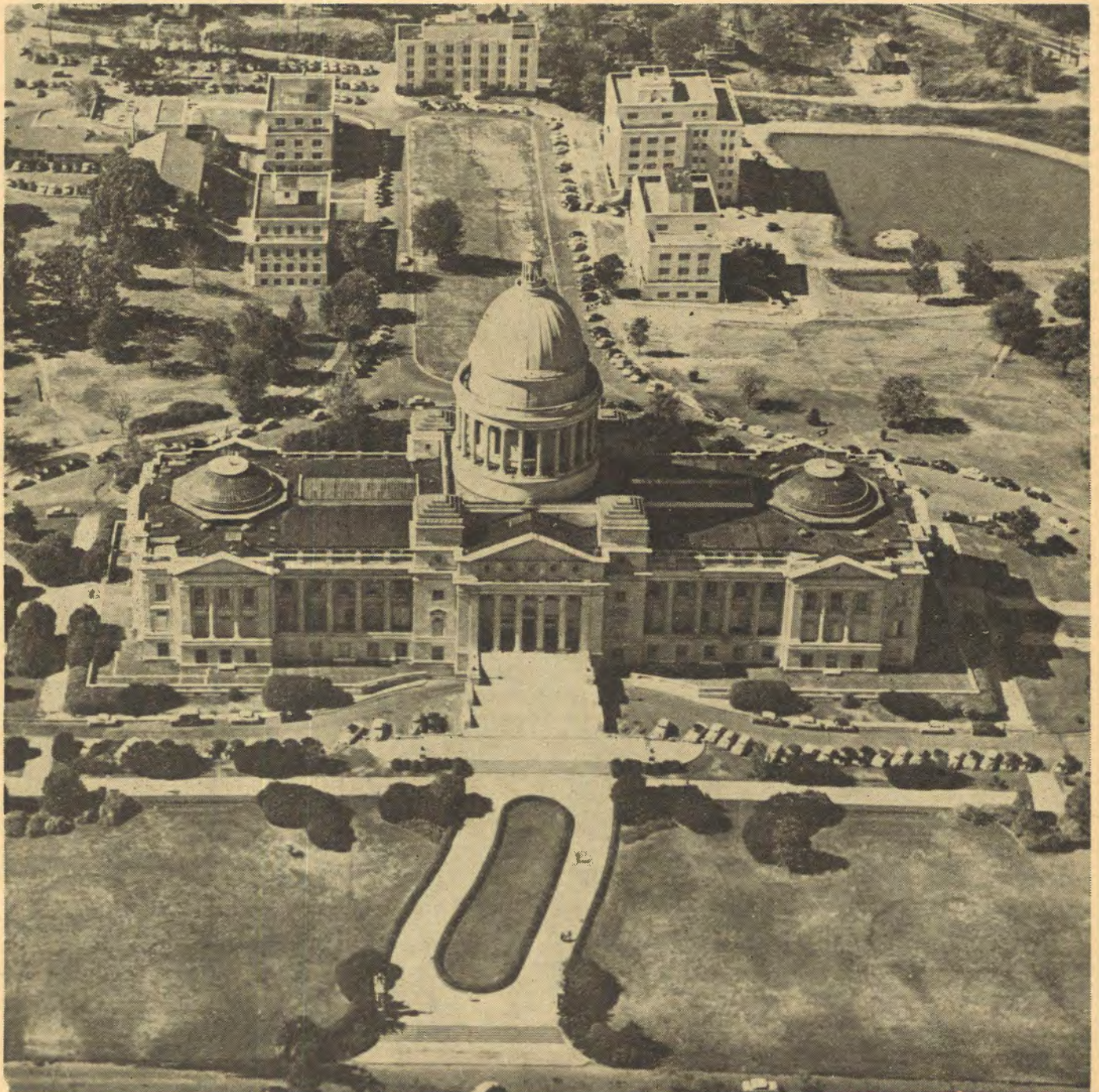


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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**LIBRARY**

TOWSON AVENUE Church, Fort Smith, recently voted a bond issue in the amount of \$100,000 to erect a new auditorium that will seat 800. The old building will be converted into education facilities.

The Building Committee consists of one member from each of the church organizations. A. S. Dawson is the chairman. Other members are H. M. Weeks, Sr., Burt Balsler, Mrs. Truman Witcher, Raymond Jensen and Mrs. John Clement. The congregation is divided into teams to sell the bonds and each team has a group captain, as follows: J. D. Mullen, Mrs. Paul Maness, Mrs. Russell Kagen, Herbert Pearson, Edgar Turner, Burt Balsler, Hubert Bass, Theral Henry, Stanley Francis, Heartsill McSwain, Harlin York, Mrs. R. E. Walden, Truman Evans, Carl London, A. L. Watkins, Kenneth Bernard, John C. Rudell, A. S. Dawson, H. M. Weeks, Sr., A. B. Walrod, Cecil Humphries, David Organ, Jesse Bass and Raymond Jensen. Construction will begin as soon as enough money is available. Harlan Abel is the pastor.

THE NEW PASTOR for Enterprise Church in Big Creek Association is P. O. Freeman, Sr., of Thayer, Mo. He will preach to the church on second and fourth Sundays in each month.

O. C. ROBINSON Jr., superintendent of missions for Pulaski County, assisted Crystal Hill Church, near Little Rock, and Pastor Marion Grubbs in a revival campaign from March 3 to 10. There were five received by baptism and 11 rededications.

AN IMPROVEMENT over last year is the prediction of Ouachita Coach R. D. Rodgers concerning his 1957 baseball team. With 22 aspirants and only four lettermen Coach Rodgers remains optimistic. The first game will be played March 23 with Austin College, in Sherman, Texas. Other games: March 29-30, College of Ozarks, at Arkadelphia; April 5-6, Arkansas A&M, at A&M; April 17, A.S.T.C., 2 games, in Arkadelphia; April 26-27, A.S.T.C. there; May 1, Austin College, in Arkadelphia; May 10-11, Ozarks, there; May 17-18, Arkansas A&M, in Arkadelphia.

THE BROTHERHOOD of Mt. Zion Association heard George W. Schroeder in an evangelistic rally at Central Church in Jonesboro, March 11. Mr. Schroeder is executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

CENTENNIAL CHURCH, Harmony Association, ordained five deacons February 17. They are: Don Roberson, James Pierce, Hugh Woodson, W. R. Richards and J. G. Allen. Lex Eaker is the pastor.

DR. AND MRS. D. David Garland, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, are proudly introducing their first son, David Marshall. He was born March 1. The Garlands have a little daughter too, Janie.

JOHN PYLES has resigned the Holland Church in Faulkner County to accept the pastorate of First Church, Shirley on June 1. He has been pastor of Immanuel Church, Conway, and Oakwood Church in North Little Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Pyles have two children, Julia, 15, and Johnny, 12.

ALL-AMERICAN Bill Glass will be the featured speaker at Immanuel Church, 10th and Bishop Streets, Little Rock, on Sunday evening, March 24. The football and basketball teams of Greater Little Rock have been invited as special guests.

Mr. Glass is as much at home behind a speaker's stand as he is at guard in the Baylor line, according to Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Church. He is Baylor University's most active student speaker, filling several engagements each week. Dr. Vaught states that Mr. Glass was named on every major All-America football team during the past season. The Houston Post gave him the "Most Valuable Line-man" award in January, their annual presentation to the outstanding line-man in the Southwest Conference.

CARL GRAY VAUGHT, son of Pastor and Mrs. Vaught, student in Little Rock high school, will be youth pastor and will speak Sunday, March 24, at 11 a.m.



**Bill Glass**  
*Athlete for Christ*

FORMER ARKANSAN C. D. Sallee, Jr., has resigned the Crieveewood Church in Nashville, Tenn., and accepted the pastorate of First Church, Cookeville, Tenn. Mr. Sallee is a graduate of Ouachita College and a former pastor in Arkansas.

W. J. HINSLEY supplied the pulpit of First Church, Hot Springs, March 10, in the absence of Pastor John L. Dodge. Dr. Dodge assisted Cavern Baptist Church in Carlsbad, N. M., in their simultaneous revival. Henry Keahey, former minister of music and education for the Hot Springs church, is now pastor of the Carlsbad church.

MISSIONARY TO NIGERIA Miss Josephine Scaggs is home on furlough at 136 W. Lafayette, Fayetteville.

FAULKNER COUNTY Association has graded its Sunday school classification from "C" to "A" under the direction of N. F. Bolling, superintendent, and Jay W. C. Moore, missionary. Group training schools were conducted recently with 152 enrolled. Ninety awards were earned with 16 churches represented. The associational Sunday school work is fully organized with 16 officers.

F. G. DODSON, former pastor of First Church, Dardanelle, is now pastor of First Church, Ontario, Ore.

**NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ARKANSAS BAPTIST**

Kelly Heights Church, Fort Smith, Murl Walker, pastor.

Frankfort Avenue Church, Russellville, W. C. Blanton, pastor.

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EDITOR McDONALD supplied the pulpit of his old home church, London, on March 10. His father, the late Frank Floyd McDonald, served the church as pastor, as did the Editor while a student at Ouachita.

At the Sunday school and morning worship services the members of the London 4-H Club, accompanied by Maj. T. E. Dawson, principal of the London schools, and by the club counselor, Roe Kesterson, attended in a body.

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REV. AND MRS. J. Leland Hall, First Church, Clarksville, are entertaining a new daughter, Lydia Ann Hall, born March 2.

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THE AMOS GREERS, missionaries for Harmony Association, have acquired a daughter-in-law. Their oldest son, Richard, was recently married to Miss Jo Dean Melton of Paragould. Both are students at Ouachita College.

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WARREN PASTOR Gerald W. Trussell will assist First Church, Gunterville, Ala., in a revival campaign March 25-31. (CB)

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WABBASEKA CHURCH in Harmony Association has called Leonard McDougle, of Oiltrough, to be their pastor.

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THE CIRCUIT-RIDING parson gallops again! A little different circumstances but memories of the transient theologians, traveling on horseback from settlement to settlement and preaching wherever they happened to light on Sundays, have been revived by the activities of Chaplain (1st Lt.) John Kuespert.

Chaplain Kuespert is stationed with the 53rd Signal Battalion, Ft. Hood, Texas, on duty with Exercise King Cole at North Fort Polk, La., the largest field training exercise scheduled by the Army in 1957.

His present duties probably make him one of the preachingest preachers in the country. The 31-year-old chaplain rides his circuit every Sunday on one of those new-fangled flying hosses, a wind-flapper — better known as a helicopter. He conducts at least 10 services each Sunday for the men of his battalion, who operate nine sites throughout the exercise. His first service is at 8 a. m., in the chapel at North Fort Polk. From there he speeds to his helicopter which takes him 200 miles each Sunday as he conducts field services for troops located near Burr Ferry, Merryville, DeQuincy, Longville, LeBlanc, Tenmile, Deridder and Elmer, La. And he manages to get back to North Fort Polk for the evening service!

Chaplain Kuespert is a native of Little Rock. He was ordained by First Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Little Rock Junior College, Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary. He was pastor of Central Church, Mineral Springs, when he entered the chaplaincy in 1956.

## The Cover Our State Symbol

For most people the State Capitol is symbolic of the State. Most Arkansans, except, perhaps, those who live so close by that they take it for granted, like to visit the Capitol occasionally. One of the greatest attractions of our State from the standpoint of tourists is our Capitol.

From our early days, when we studied in school about our government, we have thought of the Capitol as the center of great and historic governmental action, the seat of our three branches of government — administrative, legislative and judicial. We have thought of our elected officials as being great men, or as occupying positions that demand greatness. The fact that there are sometimes, and we fear, too frequently evidences that the greatness is more to be found in the positions than in the men who occupy them, does not take away from the importance of Capitol Hill as the center of our government.

It is hoped that the mere choice of this week's cover photograph of our Arkansas State Capitol will cause us as Arkansas Baptists to have our love and our loyalty for our State re-kindled; that we shall purpose anew to make our State Capitol truly the center of great and good government.

*Except the Lord build the house,  
they labor in vain that build it: except  
the Lord keep the city, the  
watchman waketh but in vain.*

Psalm 127:1

—ELM

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT NIGHT is a special feature of the revival meeting March 17-31, in First Church, Pine Bluff, Robert Smith, pastor. Every department of the Sunday school meets at 7 o'clock each evening for a devotional service. Their Sunday school attendance reached an average of 734 in February, which was 100 more than it was a year ago. (CB)

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PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH in Faulkner County is reported to have the only standard Sunday school in the association at this time, according to Missionary Jay W. C. Moore. Don Wright, a senior at Arkansas State Teachers College, is the pastor, and J. D. Voss is Sunday school superintendent.

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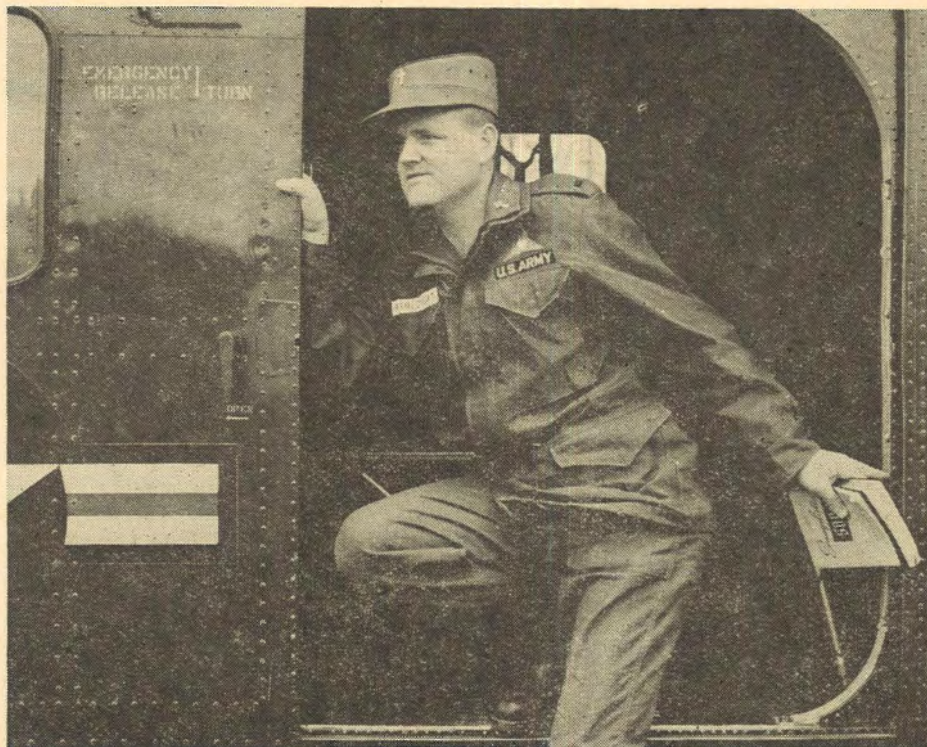
WEEK OF SUNDAYS revival is in progress (March 17-April 19) at Beech Street Church in Texarkana. Harold C. Bennett is the pastor. Members have been asked to sign a pledge to be present in every service for six Sundays, to bring a visitor each Sunday, and to enlist one new member during the revival. (CB)

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JERRY HOWELL, a member of the Southwestern Singers and a student at Southwestern Seminary, will become music and youth director for Grand Avenue Church in Fort Smith, May 19. James L. Pleitz is the pastor. (CB)

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CAUDLE AVE. Church, Springdale, has a new radio program. The Sunday services are being broadcast over Station KBRS at 12:30 noon. Oscar C. Hill Jr. is pastor.



Chaplain (1st Lt.) John H. Kuespert  
Modern circuit-rider uses helicopter

# Church Promotion of World Peace

One of the greatest tragedies of our time is that the "Christian churches in America, England, France, Italy, and all other countries, Protestant and Catholic, have done so little to check the calamitous drift toward wars."

So declares Dr. Clarence Poe, the great and beloved senior editor and board chairman of **The Progressive Farmer**, in a recent editorial.

Dr. Poe urges all the denominations and every local church to help prevent war "by every method now under consideration." And he lists five:

1. By sound programs of international arbitration and world disarmament.
2. By strengthening very greatly both UN and the World Court.
3. By promoting "Atoms for Peace" to increase world plenty.
4. By helping poorer nations increase in education, health, and efficiency.
5. By opposing war, not only as inhuman but as useless—stressing Christ's own teaching, "They that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

All of these approaches are worthy of Christian support. But it seems that Editor Poe has omitted the one thing above all others that could lead to peace — pointing the world to Christ as Redeemer. What lasting peace can come from outlawing war around conference tables, or by providing education, health measures and a so-called higher standard of living, if people are not regenerated?

*"From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" (James 4:1)*

The great indictment of our churches is that they have failed in their main mission in the world — soul winning. We have failed in our local church communities when, even in Christian America, there are as many people lost as saved, and where less than three per cent of the church members make any personal effort to win the lost. It is certainly true in the foreign fields where we scarcely maintain a corporal's guard of foreign missionaries. Southern Baptists, now numbering well above 8,000,000, only recently passed the 1,000 mark in foreign missionaries, and the most of these are women. All the foreign missionaries we have ever sent, in the more than 100 years of our history as Southern Baptists, only number about 2,000!

Yes, churches need to do more toward world peace. But theirs is the business of taking the Gospel "which is the power of God unto salvation" to a lost world. And that lost world starts in our own homes and in our local communities. Our relatives and friends who have never accepted Christ as Savior are as much a part of it as the so-called heathen of distant and benighted lands.

## Shall the Minister Enter Social Security?

Ministers who have not already entered the Social Security plan must do so by April 15 or be deprived of this protection.

In an open letter which is being widely published, former Arkansan Dr. Bruce H. Price, pastor of First Baptist Church, Newport News, Va., states:

"My sincere belief is that for the smallest cost Social Security offers the largest amount of protection to a minister, his wife and minor children.

"Take a pencil and figure the total cost on your present salary basis from now until you reach 65. Then list the monthly benefits you will draw in retirement. To this add the income your wife at 65 will receive during your retirement. Also consider the amount she would have as your widow.

Other benefits Dr. Price points out include payment to the wife and children under 18, in event of the father's death, along with a small sum payable to the estate. There is also provision for monthly income in case of total disability after the age of 50.

In the plan as set up for ministers, they are responsible for the total cost of Social Security. But some churches are reported to be paying half the cost, just as they do for the church janitors, secretaries, education directors, and other staff members.

Social Security is a supplement and not a substitute for annuity with the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Remember, April 15 is the deadline. Full information can be secured from the nearest Social Security office.

Personally Speaking . . .

## Self Gets in the Way

Several years ago, while serving as director of public relations of the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, I had frequent contact with the members of the staffs of Louisville's two great dailies —



**MR. McDONALD** The **Courier-Journal** and **The Louisville Times**. One day I had taken a distinguished visitor to the newspaper offices to be interviewed. As a photographer was setting up to make a portrait shot, I said to the visitor in the cameraman's presence: "You are about to have your picture made by one of the best news photographers in the country."

The photographer, a personal friend of mine and one who deserved the compliment, was noticeably embarrassed. He smiled an acknowledgement through his blushes, fired the usual two camera shots, and released us.

As we were walking out to the news offices, the photographer came running after us. "Come back," he said in greater embarrassment than before, "I forgot to pull the slides!"

By causing my friend to shift his center of interest from his photographic subject and from his camera and lights to himself, I had caused him to fail. In his frustration he had done everything he usually does in making a picture but one vital step. The tripping of his camera shutter and the flashing of lights synchronized with the shutter had been to no avail. He had not removed the slides from his film holders, and so the film had not been exposed. If he had developed the film he would have had blanks.

The radiance of a Christian's life shines bright because of the miracle of the new birth. So long as one's thoughts and concern center on one's own self, one's own business, one's own family, one's own things, one's life will be a blank. Not until faith in Jesus Christ leads to the pulling of the slides of self-centeredness can the light of God's redeeming love get through to work its miracle on the magic film of the human soul.

It is significant that Jesus mentions self-denial first, in stating what it means to be his disciple: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Matt. 16:24)

*Edwin L. McDonald*

**THE PEOPLE SPEAK**

**The Dance Issue**

The occasion was an "off the cuff" conversation in our Student Center. The subject was qualifications for BSU officers, and in particular whether BSU officers should participate in the social dance. As the discussion terminated one of our preacher boys said to me, "I wonder if the time isn't coming soon when we will not be able to use this as a qualification simply because we won't have as many as 13 non-dancing Baptist students on the campus." My reply was that if it were a valid consideration in God's sight, then He would always supply qualified people.

A short time later one of our most attractive, most talented, and most popular girls came to my office. She had been nominated as vice president of her dormitory. She was appreciative of the confidence of her fellow students and would have liked to serve in this office, but part of her duties would have been to plan and promote the dormitory's social events. This meant that she would have to plan and promote dances. What should she do?

She had several days to make her decision. She prayed and others of us prayed for her. She decided to express her appreciation of the honor but to decline because she would be expected to plan and promote functions against which she had convictions.

The day after she rendered her decision to the girls she came into my office. She was radiantly happy. Most of the girls, even though many disagreed with her viewpoint, personally commended her for her stand and her courage. They nominated her "from the floor" for three other offices and elected her to an important one.

I thanked God for the victory in her life (not so much for her renunciation of the dance but the courage to stand and speak her convictions) and thought that as long as we have young people of this caliber we will always have capable, consecrated Christians with influence, and qualified BSU officers.

*Jamie L. Jones  
BSU Director  
University of Arkansas*

**Likes Children's Nook**

I enjoy the Arkansas Baptist paper. I read the children's page and enjoy it very much. I read the poems and the stories that you put in it. I am 11 years old.

*—Betty Anderson  
Star Route 2, Box 144  
Lake Village, Arkansas*

WESLEY A. LINDSEY resigned Prescott's First Baptist Church on March 17 to become the pastor of First Church, Richmond, Mo., located 40 miles East of Kansas City. Mr. Lindsey went to Prescott in June 1951 from Monticello. During that time 254 persons united with the church, 114 by baptism. An extensive program of rebuilding and redecorating was accomplished. An annex housing four new departments, a dining room and kitchen was completed. The auditorium and nurseries were air-conditioned. A library was built containing 400 volumes. Mr. Lindsey was moderator of the Red River Association and president of the Prescott Ministerial Alliance. Mrs. Lindsey was president of the associational WMU.

BAPTIST PREACHERS from coast to coast have developed the "Pastors' Conference of the Air" via "ham radio," according to Amateur Radio Hobbyist J. Leland Hall, pastor of First Church, Clarksville. Mr. Hall tells of 40 Baptist pastors across the nation who get together by air on Monday mornings to exchange experiences. Rev. Kenneth Good, pastor of First Church, Hamburg, N. Y., keeps schedules with missionary friends in South America and Philippine Islands.

J. BRYAN RITCHIE, Nevada County superintendent of schools since 1950, died of a heart attack at a banquet in Little Rock, March 4. Mr. Ritchie was a Baptist minister and served rural churches in addition to his school work. He was a graduate of Ouachita College and Columbia University. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Joe M. Fore Tyler, Texas, and several brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held in First Church, Prescott. (DP)

BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES is the subject of a series of messages being taught each Monday evening to Grand Avenue members by Dr. S. W. Eubanks, pastor of Immanuel Church, both in Fort Smith. James L. Pleitz is pastor of Grand Avenue Church.

HARVARD AVENUE, Siloam Springs, recently ordained Bill Henry to the gospel ministry and two deacons, Henry Tucker and Skip Graham. The pastor, Jerry W. Hopkins, delivered the ordination sermon. Rev. E. N. Calhoun conducted the examination. Mr. Henry is mission pastor for First Church in Cleveland, Okla.

DARDANELLE-RUSSELLVILLE Association conducted a Vacation Bible School Clinic at First Church in Dardanelle on March 18. Morris Roe is pastor at Dardanelle.

NOLAN P. HOWINGTON, pastor of First Church in Little Rock, spoke at an evangelistic rally in Second Church, Pine Bluff, on Saturday evening, March 16. It was an associational meeting.

FORMER ARKANSAN D. C. McAtee, pastor of First Church, Lanett, Ala., has been elected chairman of the state Brotherhood Committee in Alabama. The Lanett church has a membership of 1,500, with an annual budget of \$70,000.

WEATHER CONSCIOUS about Chicago in May? Conventioneers get a tip from Baptist Press. The normal temperature for May is 59 degrees with 3½ inches of rainfall. Wardrobe suggestions are heavy spring clothes, raincoat and umbrella. The Southern Baptist Convention meets in Chicago's Amphitheater May 28-31.



**Awards Presented**

*Left to right: Pastor Webb, Mr. Niven, Marian, Mrs. Mills, and Mrs. Erma Sparks, superintendent of the Junior department.*

# Christian Horizons

A WASTEBASKET is no place for expensive drugs, decided the Rev. Leicester R. Potter, Jr., chaplain of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals. So he appointed himself to see that samples of drugs that are given physicians are passed on to missionary hospitals instead of wastebaskets. Now medical centers in remote corners of the world are receiving a steady supply of drugs, everything from vitamins to the newest anti-biotics. The Foreign Missions Board of the Congregational Christian Churches distributes the drugs. Doctors now add surgical instruments which may be repaired to the jars, bottles and vials, to be sent to mission hospitals where they are sorely needed. (RNS)

CENTRAL CHURCH, Clovis, N. M., had the services of Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, in a revival campaign February 17-24. Former Faulkner County Associational Missionary Carl Scott is the pastor. Central Church will be host to the New Mexico Baptist Convention this year.

AUSTRALIAN Editor A. C. Prior, who is on a six-month tour of the U. S. to study the life and work of Southern Baptist churches and institutions, visited Central Park Church, Birmingham, Ala., March 3. Dr. Prior is editor of The Australian Baptist. (CB)

CONVENTION RECEIPTS exceeded 4 million dollars in February for a new monthly high, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary. The Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions is responsible. Cooperative Program receipts for the month totaled \$1,183,977. Dr. Routh said that January-February receipts are \$905,000 greater than were the same two months in 1956, an increase of 14.73 per cent. Arkansas reported \$112,117 for February, \$43,390 through the Cooperative Program and \$68,726 designated gifts. The state ranks number 13 in gifts to the Convention. Arkansas Baptists have contributed \$38,793 more to world-wide causes for the first months of 1957 than they did in 1956, according to Mr. Routh's report. (BP)

GERMAN YOUTH was warned by Lutheran Bishop Gottfried Noth, of Dresden, against taking part in Communist-sponsored dedication ceremonies to be held early in April throughout Germany. The bishop said every Christian youth must reject the red rites because one cannot say yes and no at the same time in spiritual matters. The youth dedication ceremonies are an atheistic counterpart to Christian Confirmation and the First Communion devised decades ago by German freethinkers to wean children from religion. They have been repeatedly condemned by church authorities. (RNS)

SAMUEL V. BRENTS JR., assistant editor of the Baptist Messenger, the Oklahoma paper, will become associate editor of The Sunday School Builder for the Sunday School Board on March 15. Mr. Brents is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and holds the M. R. E. degree from Southwestern Seminary. He is a former sports editor and feature writer for the Portsmouth Ohio Times.

A SECRETARY of Vacation Bible School promotion has been appointed by the Sunday School Board, effective March 15. He is Crawford Howell, minister of education for First Church, Montgomery, Ala. Mr. Howell will promote new schools as a part of the Southern Baptist Convention's campaign for 30,000 new churches and missions by 1964.

PUBLIC DISASTER would result from the development of automation, according to Pope Pius XII. Automation is a mechanical process by which machines would direct the operation of other machines, thereby reducing the need of laborers. The Pope said wherever an effort is made to increase production, "The question of the worker as a person is often neglected and this is regrettable." (RNS)

SIXTEEN BILLS proposing income tax exemption for tuition payments to private and parochial schools are pending in Congress. Some would provide full exemption, others partial. One bill would classify all tuition payments to schools as charitable contributions. The House Ways and Means Committee is expected to appoint a subcommittee to study the problem. (RNS)

## Have you filed your:

### INDIVIDUAL INCOME TITHE RETURN

Form Stewardship 1140 1956  
KINGDOM OF GOD

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(City or Post Office) (Zone) (County) (State)

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Enter all Wages, Salaries, Bonuses, Pensions and other Income

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"The tithe is the Lord's" Lev. 27:30  
"I will surely give the tenth unto Thee" Gen. 28-27

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	3. I Will Pay Balance of Line 6 Now _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	(Your Signature) _____	

Keep This Report! God Alone Must Be Satisfied, He Knows!

# News Of Other Days

RELIGIOUS MINDED young people in most of Latin America are both the creators and leaders of a major social revolution, a world Christian youth leader declared recently. Dr. Bengt-Thure Molander of Geneva, Switzerland, said Latin American youth is breaking free of tradition in the rapid social changes taking place in their countries. They are eager to fill the "ideological vacuum" in which they find themselves.

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A RESOLUTION has been adopted by the National Council of Churches commending "various church councils, religious groups and individuals for working earnestly for discipline and goodwill in settling of tension and occasions of violence resulting from racial tensions in all parts of the country." "We continue to pray with all whose patience is sorely tried and who suffer because of enmities," it said.

Dr. Eugene C. Blake, council president, said the statement was purposely generalized because it is impossible to comment on separate cases of violence or tension. (RNS)

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BIG CARS are extravagant, a factor in inflation and not in public interest, according to the Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church of Canada in a resolution to the automobile industry. (RNS)

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FIVE MILLION copies of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible have been placed in circulation since its publication in 1952, according to Dr. L. A. Weigle, chairman of the committee which produced the version. This placed the RSV at the head of the non-fiction "Best Sellers" for 1952, '53, and '54. Dr. Weigle said 3½ million copies of the RSV New Testament have been sold.

Supplementary works for using the RSV are being provided. This includes a Concordance, The Interpreter's Bible in 12 volumes; the RSV Reference Bible, a translation of the Apocrypha, portions of the Old Testament in the Latin Vulgate and Greek Septuagint, a New Testament Octapla, which will contain in parallel columns the texts of eight translations from Tyndale's in 1534 to the RSV. A Bible Word Book is being prepared giving 1,200 words and phrases of the King James version which have been affected by changing English usage. (RNS)

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THE ANNUAL AWARD and Citation of the Negro Catholic parish "Holy Name Union of St. Cyprian" in Washington, D. C., was given Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro of Baltimore, in recognition of his work in promoting racial understanding during his ten-year administration. (RNS)

## 50 years ago

Judge U. M. Rose has been forced to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Judge Rose was appointed some months ago by President Roosevelt a member of the Hague Conference.

Coal Hill gave \$100 to State Missions last Saturday. They have been enjoying a good meeting with Pastor McEwen assisted by State Evangelist J. F. Little.

The farmers about Knoxville have pledged themselves to assist the striking railroad employees of that place.

Rison — Sunday was a great day with us. We had fine services at both morning and evening hours. Pastor A. F. Willis preached in the morning on "Missions" and in the evening on "The Value of the Soul."

Our exchange list is immensely benefited this week by the addition of the "Western Recorder," the "Baptist and Reflector," the "Religious Herald" and the "Baptist Tribune."

One of the most brilliant piano recitals ever given in Ouachita College was presented on the night of February 28, by Mr. Henry Tovey and his brother, Clair. The evening was devoted entirely to the works of Edward McDowell.

## 25 years ago

The citizens of Arkadelphia are getting ready to take care of between 500 and 800 representatives from the various Baptist Sunday schools over the state, who are coming for the state Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Dr. Rogers says if your religion is not strong enough to send you out while you live (out to win the lost and to bring in the Kingdom of Christ in all the world) then it will not be strong enough to take you up when you die.

Second Church, Little Rock. — With 40 additions on last Sunday night the total number of additions to the Second Baptist Church during the recent revival reached 160.

Booneville. — Monday, 9:45. Pouring down rain — begin in a few minutes. Great crowds at Greenwood and Dayton last night. Send papers to Perryville. — Robertson. 3:30 p. m. — Sure had a fine day — six preachers —

GIFTS TO RELIGIOUS publications and other non-profit periodicals in the form of postage subsidies costs the Post Office department \$2,263,000 per year, according to Postmaster General A. E. Summerfield, who is requesting Congress to make a direct appropriation to cover the loss instead of asking the Post Office to assume it. However, 3rd class bulletins and circulars cost the government twice that amount, while the cost to the department on reduced rates for books, films and other educational materials is \$14,928,000 a year. (RNS)

seven churches. Great services. Man! E. Rawlings and Brother Autry sure "poured it on" today.

Gravel Hill, Oak Hill and Harvey Chapel. — Services at each of these places were splendid. We had Brother L. W. Meachum of Ouachita College with us again.

Elaine and Hughes. — Our work is doing fairly well. The Sunday schools the two recent preaching days were as follows: Elaine, February 20, 119 on roll, 109 present, good class reports, \$86.08 collection. We finance the whole church through the Sunday school. Hughes, February 27 — 67 present, good class reports, about \$50.00 collection. The Senior B. Y. P. U. was organized at Hughes with 20 members — J. E. Calloway, Pastor.

## 10 years ago

First Church, Fordyce, has adopted a resolution expressing love and appreciation for Dr. C. W. Caldwell, who resigned the pastorate of the church recently to accept the position of superintendent of missions in Arkansas. Dr. Caldwell has served the church almost five years.

Dr. B. V. Ferguson, Pastor of the First Baptist Church at Fort Smith, has asked the 4,200 members of his congregation to refuse to trade with any place of business which sells alcoholic beverages.

First Church, Fayetteville, O. L. Gibson, pastor, continues to grow. The auditorium has been redecorated throughout. Nearly \$6,000 has been subscribed on the Ouachita million-dollar campaign. Total gifts last year were \$45,322.54. Sunday morning services are broadcast over KGRH.

Pastor Russell Duffer, Peach Orchard, who attends Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, read in the February 13 issue of the Arkansas Baptist the record of Rev. E. V. Johnson, former Army Chaplain, who travels 954 miles every week-end to preach to his congregation. He writes: "I almost challenge Rev. Johnson's record on traveling. I go back to Peach Orchard every week from Fort Worth, about 500 miles."

AN ULTIMATUM was given the Toronto Telegram, Toronto, Ont., that if it persists in publishing a Sunday paper, its carriers will be prosecuted by the Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church of Canada, according to Religious News Service. The Board described the Telegram's plans as "flouting the Lord's Day Act." The newspaper said the Sunday edition would be "trucked and otherwise delivered" to newsstands, railway terminals and other outlets in Ontario.



# ITS ORDINANCES

By DALE COWLING

Man has always shown an inherent tendency to manifest his religious convictions in some visible form.

This tendency is not without some serious dangers. The human mind is likely to lose sight of the symbol and attribute some magical power or spiritual merit to these visible forms of ceremony, ritual, and worship.

Those who have fallen victim to the temptation to think of the ordinances as sacraments or some manner of obtaining grace have not been satisfied with observing the two as set forth in the New Testament but have added five others, bringing the number to seven.

Baptists violently disagree, first, with making the ordinances anything more than symbolic; and second, of increasing the number from the original two given in the New Testament and practiced by New Testament churches.

These two ordinances are baptism and the Lord's supper. They set forth in vivid pictures the two basic truths of the Christian religion — the resurrection and the atonement.

It is important for New Testament Christians to understand the nature and the purpose of the ordinances.

## I. The Nature of the Ordinances

1. BAPTISM. This is the first ordinance given in the New Testament. There is no need for anyone to misunderstand this ordinance if he will accept the plain truth and example of the New Testament. There is no question that the subject for baptism must be a believer in Christ. This rules out many false teachings. For example, a baby would never be a subject for baptism. It is impossible for an infant to make a choice of Christ as Savior. This cannot be done until he reaches the age of accountability. There is no intimation in the New Testament that babies were ever baptized.

This also rules out the idea that baptism is a means of grace. A person is not baptized in order to be saved, but he is baptized because he has been saved. Becoming a Christian is a matter of repentance of sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Baptism is merely a means of declaring in outward form what has already taken place in the heart.

The New Testament also makes clear the method of baptism. If anyone should read an account in tomorrow's newspaper, written in the words of the account of Jesus' baptism, he would have no question but that the person was immersed in water. Mark talks of Jesus coming "up out of the water."

Matthew describes Him "going down into the water" with John the Baptizer.

The word "baptidzo" distinctly means "to dip or immerse."

Other New Testament examples, such as when Philip baptized the Eunuch, make the method clear. The Eunuch said, "See, here is much water. What doth hinder me from being baptized?"

The New Testament symbol of baptism is burial and resurrection. When a body is buried, it is not simply taken to the cemetery to have a few handfuls of dirt sprinkled on it. It is buried in the earth. Burial and resurrection can only be truly symbolized by burying a person in the water and then raising him out of it.

2. THE LORD'S SUPPER. The Lord's supper consists of eating broken bread and drinking the fruit of the vine in memory of the broken body and shed blood of the Lord Jesus.

Again, it must be said this is not a means of obtaining grace or favor. Those who believe that the bread and wine impart divine power in some mystical sense have not one whit of proof in the New Testament. Jesus makes it clear that this is to be done in remembrance of Him. It is a symbol of the atonement.

The Lord's supper is only to be observed by one who has been saved by faith in the Lord Jesus and baptized in obedience to Him, and in the manner set forth in the New Testament.

## II. The Custodian of the Ordinances

One must decide whether the New Testament teaches that the ordinances are given to the individual Christian or whether they are given to the church. If the ordinances are given to the individual Christian, they would be observed just on the basis of Christian experience. Then every Christian would not only have the right to observe the ordinances any place, anytime, but might also baptize himself or serve the Lord's supper to himself. One can readily see the abuse that might come under such management.

It seems conclusive in the New Testament that the church is the custodian of the ordinances.

In the first place, the command to baptize was given to the assembled body of Christians.

In the second place, the Lord's supper was given to the inner circle in the Upper Room. All Christians present in Jerusalem were not invited.

In the third place, this is the only view compatible with the "local church" idea of the New Testament. There is

not a shadow of doubt but that the New Testament presents the church as an independent, self-governing body. Surely, then, it has an unquestionable right to determine the qualifications of membership which it will require. If we sincerely believe that our Baptist churches follow the New Testament pattern and are indeed New Testament churches, then we can accept the baptism of one another. We could not accept the baptism of any body of believers which does not practice what we consider to be New Testament principles. Hence, Baptists cannot accept the baptism of other denominations.

## III. The Purpose of the Ordinances

Here we come to the heart of our understanding of the ordinances. For what purpose were they given:

### 1. THE PURPOSE OF BAPTISM.

Was it God's purpose that we should baptize people in order to save them? The answer is emphatically "no." In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commanded His disciples to "make disciples . . . baptizing them . . ." On the Day of Pentecost, Acts 2:24 tells us that "those that received His word were baptized." The Philippian jailer was baptized "having believed in God." (Acts 16:34).

These scriptures give undeniable evidence that the New Testament practice was to baptize believers. Faith precedes baptism.

A believer, then, is baptized in obedience to the expressed example and command of the Lord Jesus. Any person who has been saved should decide to obey the example and expressed will of his Savior.

Baptism presents three symbols: One, it shows faith in the buried and resurrected Savior. Two, it declares one dead and buried to the old life of sin and raised in symbol of the fact that he will walk in newness of life. Third, it shows our Christian hope of bodily resurrection at the second coming of our Lord.

The purpose of baptism, then, seems very clear. It is simply an outward declaration of an inner experience of regeneration through faith in the Lord Jesus.

### 2. THE PURPOSE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus gave us this purpose clearly when He said, "This do in remembrance of Me." The Lord's supper has no purpose except to remind us of the broken body and shed blood of our Savior. The broken bread points us to the fact that Jesus' body was broken on the cross in atonement for our sin. The wine, or fruit of the vine, reminds us that Jesus spilled His blood upon the earth to atone for

our sins. We remember that "without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin."

It is abundantly evident, then, that the whole purpose of the Lord's Supper is to stir up gratitude within us for the sacrifice of our Savior on our behalf.

Surely, in the mind of God, these ordinances were given for the purpose of teaching. Through the Old Testament, the Israelites taught their children about their deliverance from Egypt by observing the Feast of the Tabernacles in which the families actually went out to dwell in an improvised tent made from branches. When the children asked the parents, "Why are we doing this?" they could be taught in vivid picture about God's deliverance through the days of the wilderness.

So, may we Christians use the ordinances to teach our children about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, our Savior, and His atonement for our sins on Calvary's cross.

### Conclusion

The ordinances are two in number. They were given to the New Testament church. They were given for the purpose of symbolizing the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and His atonement for our sins. Their purpose is to magnify Christ and to establish deeply our utter dependence upon Him for salvation.

*Next week, Dr. Cowling, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, will conclude this series on the New Testament Church, dealing with "Its Purposes."*

### REVIVALS:

Hugh Cantrell will assist First Church, Augusta, and Pastor Tom Lindley in a revival, April 1-7.

Central, Magnolia, will have their spring revival April 21-28. Loyd Huncutt is the pastor.

Evangelist Milo Ar buckle will be with Second Church, Hot Springs, and Pastor O. L. Bayless, from March 31 to April 7.

Harry Harris will be the evangelist in the DeQueen, First Church, campaign April 12-21. Fred Savage, Jr., is the pastor.

Central Church, Hot Springs, and Pastor Milford Baker have chosen C. Gordon Bayless, Central Church, North Little Rock, to lead their revival from April 29 to May 5.

N. D. FINCH has accepted the pastorate of New Bethel Church in Harmony Association. He is a student at Ouachita and a nephew of the Rev. Charles Finch, who is chaplain at the State Sanatorium in Booneville.

## Would Bar Catholic Ownership of TV Stations

The right of Jesuit institutions to own and operate television stations has been challenged in an open letter to members of the Federal Communications Commission by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Glenn Archer, executive director of the organization, declared in his letter that the Jesuit Order is "alien" in control and ownership within the meaning of Section 310 of the Communications Act and therefore ineligible to operate a TV channel.

Mr. Archer's charge was directed chiefly against Loyola University at New Orleans and St. Louis University, Jesuit institutions, whose applications for channel 4 and channel 11 respectively are now pending before the Federal Communications Commission. He pointed out that the testimony of the presidents of these institutions shows that their supervising boards are composed entirely of Jesuit priests who are subject to removal by a Superior General who is not an American citizen, and that ultimate control is lodged outside of the United States. He argued that the granting of a TV license to such an institution would specifically violate the provision of the Communications Act which says that "the station license re-

quired should not be granted to or held by any alien or the representative of an alien."

Mr. Archer's letter, based largely upon testimony taken in F. C. C. hearings, also opposed granting of any license to a Jesuit institution on the supplementary ground that "the organization is so thoroughly partisan and separatist in its religious and moral policies that it is incapable of dealing fairly with any religious point of view other than that of the Roman Catholic Church."

In a separate statement concerning his move, Mr. Archer declared: "Frankly our challenge to Jesuit ownership of television stations is part of a counter-attack against the sectarian pressure which has caused the banning of the film 'Martin Luther' by a Chicago television station. That experience has proved that Catholic control of television means suppression of free criticism. We are opposed to an increase of Catholic power over the air waves because it now seems self-evident that Catholic policy is opposed to freedom of the air."

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# PERSONALITIES *Mrs. Homer D. Myers*

## Her Field Is Religious Journalism

Eight years ago Mrs. Homer D. Myers began working for the Baptists of Arkansas as secretary to Dr. B. H. Duncan, who was in the early months of his long and fruitful ministry as editor of *Arkansas Baptist*. Three months later she was promoted to the place of editorial assistant and was on her way to a new career — in religious journalism.

In the months and years that have passed since she wrote her first news items, Mrs. Myers has done just about everything there is to be done in getting out a weekly news magazine. For more than three years — until she had to lighten the load in the interest of her health — she wrote the weekly Sunday school lesson for the paper.

She has written news and special articles. She has helped with the laying out of the weekly columns, the planning of the "dummy," the reading of proof, placing of "ads," planning of art work, etc.

Although she did not have the title, Mrs. Myers was the acting editor of the *Arkansas Baptist* from the resignation of Dr. Duncan, effective last December 31, till the coming of the present editor, the Rev. Erwin L. McDonald, on March 1. In appreciation for her fine spirit and demonstrated ability, she has now been advanced to the position of managing editor.

A Texan who became an Arkansan by choice about 18 years ago, Jessie Smith Myers was born at Hillsboro, Tex., next to the youngest of eight children. She was orphaned at the age of 12 by the death of her mother, and left as the nurse and housekeeper for a blind father and three brothers. In her sorrow and under the weight of her tremendous home responsibilities she began attending services at a goodwill center operated by First Baptist Church of Hillsboro. Here she accepted Christ and found in Him grace sufficient for her daily walk.

She will always have a warm place

in her heart for the goodwill center and for Miss Helen Boone, who was its superintendent, and for Mrs. J. R. Comer, music director and assistant to the pastor at Hillsboro, First Church. There is another important reason. Here she met young Homer D. Myers, who was to become her husband on December 11, 1926.



(Arkansas Democrat Photo)  
MRS. MYERS

Mrs. Myers received her education in the public schools of Hillsboro and at Hillsboro Junior College.

As preacher and Bible teacher, Mrs. Myers and her husband, who has been a Baptist minister for a quarter of a century, have worked together as a Christian team. For the past three years Mr. Myers has been director of mailing on the *Arkansas Baptist* staff.

The Myerses have a daughter, Mrs. William G. Rippey of New Orleans. They are members of Grace Church, North Little Rock, and reside at 4 Barbara Circle.—ELM

Foreign missionary speakers will highlight Monday's sessions, when the theme, "For God So Loved," will be developed by the topic "World Missions — In Foreign Lands."

"World Missions and You" is the topic on Tuesday, emphasizing that missions must begin in the Christian home. Speakers will portray home mission work among the Indians and other areas and show the importance of the Annie Armstrong offering. Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, will address the

group, on "World Missions and Woman's Missionary Union."

Special features of the two-day meeting will include Young Woman's Auxiliary's fiftieth anniversary pageant, "Challenge and Response," on Monday evening, and the fiftieth anniversary luncheon for the Carver School of Missions and Social Work at noon Tuesday.

Woman's Missionary Union and the Foreign Mission Board will present a joint program at the Tuesday evening sessions of the Southern Convention on the subject: "Into all the World," followed by a presentation of mission appointees.

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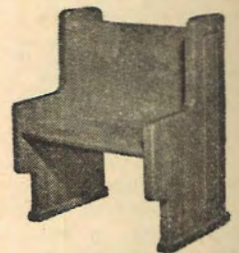
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### Woman's Missionary Union Convention

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY Union of the Southern Baptist Convention will meet May 26-28 in Medinah Temple in Chicago just prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The initial meeting on Sunday evening, May 26, will feature a sermon by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of Third Baptist Church in St. Louis.

## Arkansas Progresses

By EDGAR WILLIAMSON

During the Sunday School year October 1, 1955, to September 30, 1956, 26 Sunday schools met the requirements as standard schools and applied for the award. During this Sunday school year since October 1, 1956, 46 schools have met the standard requirements and applied for the award.

### North Central District

Calvary, Batesville — John R. Head, Supt.  
West Batesville — O. M. Blount, Supt.  
Rosie — Edward Crutcher, Supt.  
Ruddell Hill — W. H. Collie, Supt.  
Cotter — H. W. White, Supt.  
Rehobeth — B. C. Cossey, Jr., Supt.  
Floral — Leroy Bowren, Supt.

### Southwest District

Hope, 1st — W. H. Munn, Supt.

### West Central District

Ozark, 1st — K. D. Bratcher, Supt.  
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave. — R. E. Snow, Supt.  
Grannis — Guy Jones, Supt.

### Northwest District

Bentonville, 1st—Clayton Little, Supt.  
Rogers, 1st — Homer Wilmoth, Supt.  
Fayetteville, 1st — J. C. Atherton

### Northeast District

Walnut St., Jonesboro — J. B. Brichell, Supt.  
Osceola, 1st — J. B. Strickling, Supt.  
Blytheville, 1st — Jas. M. Gardner, Supt.  
Manila, 1st — E. W. Webb, Supt.

### Southeast District

Cullendale, 1st — Cecil J. Byars, Supt.  
Fordyce, 1st — H. E. Trussell, Supt.  
Altheimer — Charles Overton, Supt.  
Union, El Dorado — Wallace Dumas, Supt.

### East Central District

Bearing Cross, Berkeley, Mich. — Thomas Pillon, Supt.  
Helena, 1st — B. A. Sugg, Supt.  
Forrest City, 1st — Jim Abel, Supt.

### Central District

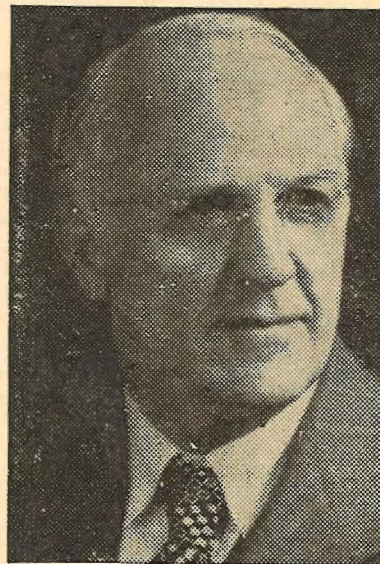
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Supt.  
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Supt.  
Levy, N. L. R. — O. O. Hughes, Supt.

## Religious Emphasis Week At Southern Baptist College

By TOM J. LOGUE

Among the speakers at Religious Emphasis Week at Southern Baptist College, March 18-22 was Dr. Robert G. Lee. Other chapel and classroom



DR. R. G. LEE

speakers include Dr. Joe Hall Morris, oral surgeon; Dr. Grover Dowell, entomologist; Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Street, Conway; Dr. J. Harold Smith, Fort Smith; Dr. C. Z. Holland, Jonesboro; Rev. R. H. Dorris, North Little Rock; Dr. Richard Brannon, Batesville; Rev. Harold Bennett, Texarkana; Rev. C. Glynn McCalman, Morrilton; and Dr. I. L. Yearby, Little Rock.

Afternoon seminar leaders were Jim Reed, Baptist student director at Arkansas State College; Mrs. Seibert Haley, Jonesboro; and Rev. R. H. Dorris, North Little Rock. Rev. J. T. Midkiff is faculty advisor for the Baptist Student Union at Southern Baptist College. Student chairmen for the were Jody Ganaway and Rosie Vincent.

## Inflation Hits Missions Department

By C. W. CALDWELL

The cost of living climbs higher year by year. Likewise, the cost of doing Mission Work increases each year. Instead of being able to reduce the allocations on missionaries' salaries, we have requests, and sometimes pressure, for an increased amount. Associational officers state that it has become necessary to increase the missionary's salary, give a larger car allowance, and provide a home at increased prices. Hence, they say to us, "You will just have to give us more money if we keep a missionary on the field."

Then, too, when it comes to helping a struggling church get a pastor on the field for fulltime service it takes three times as much salary now as a few years ago. The requests for pastoral aid, not many years ago, rarely ever ran over \$25 or \$30 per month. Now, it is nothing uncommon to get a request for \$80 or \$100. And it will take that to get a good pastor. New buildings cost more, too.

We are just trying to remind you that an increase in State Missions Allocation does not necessarily mean increased mission work — it just takes more to do the same work now.

The Everton Church, which has been worshipping in the Methodist Church building since its organization in 1952 (inactive much of the time), is now launching out in a building program. They have purchased an old building which was formally a Cob Pipe Factory and will convert it into a church house. Everton is a little town of about 250 people in Boone County. In the surrounding area there are about 500 people. They are asking for \$1,000 to help them get a house of their own for worship.

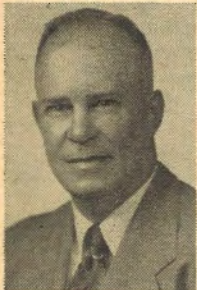
Chaplain Finch, State Sanatorium, writes about winning fourteen people to the Lord last month. Among those converts were a Catholic and an atheist. This atheist was a lover of flowers; so Chaplain Finch gave him a pot of flowers — and from that he won him to the acceptance of Christ as Savior.

A number of associations have adopted the Mutual Assistance Plan in beginning new work. The plan enlists individuals to give \$5 on each new mission or church established, with not more than four calls being made each year. Liberty, Carroll and Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Associations have used the plan very successfully. Pulaski County is following a similar plan known as "The New Church Foundation." But there is no plan for the state as a whole.

## Good Brotherhood Convention

By NELSON TULL

The Arkansas State Brotherhood Convention held its annual meeting on March 4 and 5, with Levy Church, in North Little Rock. Attendance was



MR. TULL

Fayetteville, first vice president; G. L. Gestring, Forrest City, second vice president; Monroe Drye, Mena, secretary; J. P. Cheatham, Eudora, treasurer.

These officers are all fine men, great Christians, and interested in the promotion of Brotherhood work in all its phases.

The State Brotherhood Convention followed the organization of twelve Regional (area) Brotherhoods throughout the state. (Three areas remain yet to be organized.) Each of the twelve Regional Conventions elected a full coterie of officers, adopted a constitution (with by-laws), and set up for work. The presidents of these Regional Brotherhood Conventions are as follows:

Northeast: Ira Hartness, Piggott.

Harmony: Ed Knight, Stuttgart.

Crowley's Ridge: G. L. Gestring, Forrest City.

Cotton Land: Dudley Terry, Tyrnza.

Southeast: Glynn Sawyer, Hamburg.

Pine Land: Sam Sanderson, Mena

Arkansas River: Bob Parker, Belleville.

White River: Joe Chunly, Batesville.

Ouachita: Ernest Echols, Amity.

Spring River: Homer Shirley, Evening Shade.

Ozark: Irl Paul, Mountain Home.

West Central: Charlest Starbird, Alma.

Pray for these leaders as they get under way in their new responsibility.

## Expanded Music Ministry During Summer

By LEROY McCLARD

The Church Music Department broadens its scope of service during the summer months by expanding forces to include Summer Music Field Workers.

These workers are qualified, well trained, college students who have dedicated their lives to the church music ministry. The seven field workers that have been chosen to do this work are as follows: Robert Hall, Myron Smith, Theresa Henthorne, Helen Reed, Martha Ann Wilson, Mary Beth Taylor,

and Nona Johnson, all of Ouachita Baptist College.

WE are urging associations to use all seven workers during one of the following weeks: June 9-14, June 16-21, June 23-28, July 7-12, July 14-19, July 21-26, July 28-Aug. 2, Aug. 4-9, Aug. 11-16, and Aug. 18-23. Associations must take advantage of this program before May 1. After May 1 individual churches may request the services of the summer field workers who have not been engaged by associations.

Associations or churches who participate in this program must agree to pay a \$10 transportation fee per worker, take care of the worker while on the field, providing meals, lodging and local transportation. Also, in making preparation for the school, the church or association should plan to share a definite amount in the guaranteed honorarium either from the regular budget, a small individual pre-registration fee, a free-will offering or a combination of all three plans. No amount is specified but we ask that each church or association send in as large a share as possible, making it possible for more churches to receive benefits.

The worker arrives on the field on Saturday. On Sunday the worker participates in worship and announces the musical activities for the week. The worker is prepared to teach any of the following training courses: Fundamentals of Music, The Beginning Vocalist, Technique of Conducting, Gospel Song and Hymn Playing, or Music in the Bible. The workers will give voice lessons, work with accompanists, directors and choirs. Saturday is the worker's traveling and rest day. So the school will close on Friday evening. If you are interested in participating in this program write the Church Music Department.

## It's A Necessity!

By RALPH W. DAVIS

Some things are necessities if we are to have a good Training Union.

1. **It's a necessity** that we elect officers in the unions twice a year, April 1 and October 1. (Junior unions elect officers each quarter). The correct way to elect officers is for the president to appoint a nominating committee of three responsible members who will prayerfully and carefully make a good selection of officers and bring the list to the union for election. Nomination from the floor is the poorest way to select officers.

2. **It's a necessity** that an organization chart be filled out every time the officers are reelected. The nominating



MR. DAVIS

committee, which selects the officers, could fill out the chart. When the chart is filled out with all officers listed and every member of the union on the chart, the union will be divided into groups and committees. Every time a name goes on the chart, that name is automatically on a group and on a committee. If you do not have an organization chart, write to your State Training Union Department.

3. **It's a necessity** that we have enough groups in a union. A union with 12 to 17 members can have two groups. Larger unions should have three groups. A union of 24 or more should have four groups.

4. **It's a necessity** that we use available materials. Why should a department director ask someone to bring a "devotional" (which could be a thousand miles from the discussion that night) when we have the department assembly programs outlined in the **Baptist Training Union Magazine**?

## The 12th Annual Meeting

By NANCY COOPER

Missionary speakers will high-light every session of the Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union to be held at the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, April 2-4.

**Tuesday afternoon** — Dr. Heber F. Peacock (who will also speak at every session on Wednesday); Miss Ruth O'Dell, and Mr. Elmer West.

**Tuesday night** — Miss Elsie Rives and Mrs. Carl Hunker.

**Wednesday morning** — Miss Rives and Dr. Albert McClellan.

**Wednesday afternoon** — Mrs. Hunker and Dr. Clyde Hart.

**Wednesday night** — Miss O'Dell.

**Thursday morning** — Mrs. Hunker; Misses Elma Cobb and Nancy Cooper.

Mrs. Floyd Richardson of Warren will serve as chorister and Mrs. Henry Harris of Little Rock will be organist.

Special activities for which advance reservations accompanied with remittance should be sent to the State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock, include:

YWA Banquet, Tuesday evening, \$1.25.

Breakfast, Wednesday morning, 75c (Prayer, Mission Study, Stewardship, Community Missions, Youth Workers).

Carver School Luncheon, Wednesday noon, \$1.75.

BWC Banquet, Wednesday evening, \$1.50.

Every member of Woman's Missionary Union would be blessed by attendance of this meeting where so many outstanding speakers will be guests. Come, one and all!

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Copy of the proposed constitution to be presented at the Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union has been mailed to each WMU president. It is the hope that it will be circulated among the delegates prior to the meeting in order that they may study it thoroughly in advance of the meeting. Many changes are proposed which will be noted as comparative study is made. Any desiring a copy of the present constitution may secure one by writing the State WMU Office. Changes are often indicative of progress, but a complete understanding of them is always necessary.

### Prayer and Evangelism

By I. L. YEARBY

PRAYER is the greatest instrumentality God has given to Christians for His work and service. Prayer and power go together. Prayer is indispensable for effective evangelism. "Praying in the Spirit" is God's own mighty method of clothing His people with "power from on high" for fruitful evangelism. There is a tremendous need today that we "focus prayer on evangelism."

In this day of armaments, we frequently hear of some "secret weapon." God has given Christians a secret weapon for evangelism. "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou has shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly," Matt. 6:6. The Bible is a biography of men of God who have changed the face of the world because they constantly sought the face of the Lord in prayer. To them, prayer was not optional, but obligatory. When some servant of God appears on the horizon and seems to have the blessing and power of God upon his ministry in glorious results, people frequently ask, "What is the secret of his success?" Almost invariably, explanation of such success is made on the grounds of personality, training, publicity, etc. **The real explanation can be found only in prayer.**

Preachers in particular, and Christians in general, do more of almost everything else than pray. In this we sin against God and indict ourselves.

Here is a three-point outline which will encourage us to pray:

1. The positive promises of God to those who pray.
2. The past performances of God in response to prayer.
3. The permanent program of God for His churches is prayer.

When people pray in faith, God answers their prayers according to their needs and His will.

The United States Army has banned alcoholic beverage for all Reservists and National Guardsmen taking six months' active duty training if they are under 18½ years of age.

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# WOES TO HYPOCRITES

By BURTON A. MILEY

March 24, 1957

Matthew 23:13-15, 23-28, 27-39

Are you afraid that people will not know how religious you are? The Pharisees seemed to suffer from this phobia. Just to make sure that their religious dedications were not overlooked they made broad their phylacteries and enlarged the border of their garments. These were external marks permitted (Deut. 6:8; Numbers 15:38) to cause remembrance of the law. The Pharisees wore them with the motive to call attention to the person instead of the law. The phylactery was a leather strip upon which a portion of the law was written and bound either to the forehead or arm. Since there was no standard size for these strips some made them extra broad to show how much more dedicated they were to the law. No one was going to overlook the religion of the Pharisee and get by with it. They sought the honored places in social gatherings and the high offices in the synagogues. They solicited men to call them "Rabbi" in respect to their superiority. "But all their works they did to be seen of men." (vs. 5)

Jesus made no complaint about the preaching of the Pharisees and Scribes. He commanded to do what those who sat in Moses' seat, that is the successors to Moses, taught. He warned men not to follow their work example. Many profess a better standard than they demonstrate. This lack of agreement between teaching and practice caused Jesus to pronounce the woes and call the class hypocrites. The time is Tuesday of the week of the crucifixion.

## WOES PRONOUNCED

The word "woe" is a poetic word which signifies one in deep grief or denunciation. Jesus used it to denote both pity and judgment. Another translation is "Alas". Hypocrite is one who acts. He plays a part that is not his true character. He is assuming qualities which he does not possess. Every actor upon the stage is a hypocrite in this sense. He is acting out qualities he does not possess. An ungodly man may be a hypocrite by professing godliness. A godly man who practices ungodliness is also a hypocrite. One chief criticism advanced about the church is the number of hypocrites in it. One who has investigated the field finds more hypocrites outside than within. Witness the man who says, "I am as good as any within the church." This is a form of gross hypocrisy brought about by self evaluation instead of submission to Christ. God deals definitely with hypocrisy for he does not want actors in his kingdom. He wants those who play the

true character because they are born again and have the qualities within them. The lesson uses six woes that are pronounced against the Pharisees and scribes. These were the leaders. If the leaders were hypocrites, then the followers would be more so.

Any stockman is familiar with the boss cow who will neither go in the barn nor permit other cows to go past her. The first woe was pronounced against the scribes and Pharisees who would not enter the kingdom of heaven, yet stood in the door to keep others out. Each woe which Jesus pronounced has a contemporary part in today's work. There are yet people who will not move over to God but who will not get out of the way to permit others to reach him. This indictment of leadership should cause heart searching.

The second woe is against no compassion or pity toward the defenseless. These religious leaders foreclosed mortgages, evicted widows, and covered the practice by making a long prayer at the next prayer meeting! They knew not what right conduct or kindness and mercy were. Can you picture a pastor who would take mortgage upon the widows' houses of his congregation and then foreclose these mortgages at the first opportunity, but continue to make long prayers and lead discourses that thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself?

The third woe has to do with making a proselyte. A proselyte was a Gentile who came into the Jewish faith through the ritual of baptism, circumcision and a gift to the temple. All were external and the proselyte received no change of heart when he entered the Jewish fellowship. Christ said that the Pharisees and scribes would make a trail around the land and sea to make one proselyte without doing him any good on the inside or changing his status. This caused the proselyte to be two fold more the child of hell than the one who brought him in. He was made to feel secure when no security existed. The current aspect of this is to try to get a man in the church without a change of heart. Baptists believe in the Bible doctrine of a regenerated church membership. It is more important that a man be changed in heart than that he be a church member, though it is believed that a man who has the inward change will want to identify himself with the church. Membership in a church for convenience or social expediency is not essentially different from the biblical proselyte.

The fourth woe is pronounced against leaders who are slaves to form and have forgotten the content and value

of the form. They have made the form the end instead of a means to the end. The small herbs of mint, anise and cummin were scrupulously tithed, but the greater matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith were left undone. The best indictment that can be spoken against this practice is that these representative men did not hesitate to give money for Jesus, but when that same money was returned they declared it unclean and would not receive it for the temple treasurer! Can you imagine a man with a tea strainer in hand straining out a gnat from his drink, then turning around and swallowing an unclean camel, hump by hump? If that man isn't a hypocrite who is?

The fifth woe deals with external cleanliness in contrast to inside cleanliness. Courtesy would demand that a Pharisee have water at his door for any guest to cleanse his body. This is an outside cleansing prompted by respectability. The heart needs cleaning ahead of the body. If the body is scrupulously clean and the heart is filthy and foul, is not a perversion in practice?

The sixth woe deals with men who act alive but are actually dead. Tombstones were painted white not for looks but to keep others from touching them and thereby becoming defiled and unclean. Particularly when pilgrims were coming to Jerusalem for a feast were all the tombs painted white. Christ said that these Pharisees were like these whitened tombstones that showed up very well on the outside but inside were filled with dead men's bones. Have you ever talked to a man expecting the evidences of life only to be startled by the bones of death in foul entombment? Woes pronounced by Jesus have their counterpart in life today. One cannot feel very egotistical or self-satisfied when he searchingly studies the woes of Jesus against religious leaders of his day.

## THE LAMENT OVER JERUSALEM

The hour when Jesus was to be crucified was nearly upon him. He was going out when so much and so many had not indicated favorable response. He wanted to gather Jerusalem to himself as a hen would gather her chickens under her wing but Jerusalem would not heed. Jerusalem had killed the prophets and stoned those that had been sent. Jerusalem was now preparing for the greatest crime of all — that of rejection of and crucifixion of Christ as Messiah. Jesus cried out in a moving lament. No choice was left but judgment. The house would be left desolate. He pronounced judgment with compassion. Jerusalem's last opportunity was fast closing upon her for she was closing the door to the Lord and his ministry. Nothing but tragedy awaits the individual, city or nation that shuts Christ out.

# God's Wondrous World

By Mrs. Loraine Burdick

Fishing in Southeastern Alaska is good. It is not even necessary to have a pole, for a hand line will do very well. The halibut hang out near the bottom. They like herring bait but do not seem to like a quiet herring. When the boat is moving slowly and the bait follows along, than the halibut will bite. Such a sudden heaviness on the line. Then comes the task of pulling him in.

But there is something to remember. About in the water, not always where they can be seen, lurk jellyfish. They are considered poisonous. The fish itself is not poisonous. It is the stringy mass that trails along behind that is dangerous. If the fish line passes near this poisonous trail as it is pulled in, it will pick up some of the poison. Then as the hands pull in the line the poison gets onto them. Oh, the sudden smarting! How the hands itch. Why, the fingers feel chapped and rough and sore, while they itch. It doesn't wash off. . . it won't rub off. The poison burns and spoils the excitement of landing a sturdy fish, even though it wears off in a day.

Many people are not poisonous in themselves but the trail they leave behind them . . . their cutting words and unkind actions . . . cause much smarting and pain. The only way to be safe is to avoid any contact with such people, and to avoid being poisonous ourselves. We cannot help but wish like Job

to be "hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither . . . be afraid of destruction when it cometh." (Job 5:21).

## Joe-Pye Weed By Daisy Ridings

These flowers are so pretty  
It's fun to look for them;  
They bloom in crimson clusters  
Atop a tall, stout stem.  
The leaves are grouped in circles,  
And give the perfect touch  
That makes these autumn flowers  
Always admired so much.

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## The Answer

I prayed a prayer but the door was closed  
Where I thought the answer lay;  
So I hung my head and dropped a tear,  
As I sadly turned away.  
But behold, I found on the other side,  
A better way laid out;  
And I humbly asked, "Dear Lord, forgive  
My ugly sin of doubt."

Mrs. John Hurd  
First Church, Trumann

The Department of Labor has reported that last year it found more than 9,000 children employed in industries and on farms in violation of federal child labor laws. Of these, 2,700 were employed in hazardous posts.

# A Smile or Two

A wealthy Texan, the financial and social leader in his locality, was asked by a visitor:

"Why do you stay in such a little one-horse town?"

"Well," said the Texan, "I suppose it's because I happen to be the horse!"

—Dan Bennett

They were discussing a mutual acquaintance.

"I admire the man's unusual modesty," said one.

"Yes," agreed the other, "but you must admit he has a great deal to be modest about."

—Jack Kytle

Don't brag; it isn't the whistle that pulls the train.

A little tot, in church for the first time, watched the ushers pass the collection plates. When they neared the pew, he piped up so everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me, Daddy; I'm under five."

—Texas Outlook

Not having any change in the house one day, I helped myself to a few coins from my 5-year-old daughter's toy bank. Later Ruthie took her money out and set it in a row in front of her. Looking at me accusingly, she remarked, "Somebody's taken my money. It doesn't reach as far as it should."

—Mrs. Ernest Miller,  
Parents' Magazine

In the debate on the Corn Bill recently, one of the Members suggested that the cost for price support legislation had been excessive and that attempts to extend support should be abandoned. To illustrate his position he told the story of the rich Indian out West who bought an expensive, high-powered automobile. The car salesman asked him, "Can you drive it?" "Maybe," the Indian replied. "Do you want me to give you a lesson?" the salesman asked. "No, my car now," the Indian said, and drove away. He picked up a hitchhiking soldier in town and crashed a red light at 30 miles an hour. When they went through the next red light at 60, the soldier got a little nervous and yelled, "I want out of here!" "Me too," said the Indian.

—Brooks Hays

We hope the scientists discover that Mars is not inhabited. This country can't afford to stretch foreign aid any farther.

—United Mine Workers Journal

Marriage is one union that defies management.

—Ernest Blevins

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## 30,000 New Missions And Churches

All Southern Baptist forces are working together to establish 30,000 new missions and churches by the time of the Third Baptist Jubilee celebration in 1964.

Four leaflets have been printed for the promotion of the movement — an over all leaflet setting forth the total plan of the organization and promotion, "How the State Convention can Participate"; "How an Association Can Function"; and "How a Church can Participate."

We would suggest that every pastor, associational missionary, moderator and every mission chairman get these leaflets and study them thoroughly. We make this suggestion because there is a right and wrong way to do everything, even the establishing of more preaching places.

In almost every one of my pastorates, I preached at a mission point. But, in some of our experiences we found good, well-meaning church members, who, through lack of knowledge, or something, retarded the purposes and plans of God in mission work. This difficulty can be averted, if the church leaders will get the prepared materials, study them and follow their suggestions.

Evangelist Billy Graham said this about Southern Baptists establishing 30,000 new preaching stations: "I have never been so enthusiastic for a program in my life as I have this. We have a mission field in our country. There are vast areas in America that need the Gospel and need Christ just as much as any part of Africa or India or any other place where I have traveled."

With such a tremendous challenge, with all the opportunities for service, and with many crying needs, surely we can forget our own ideas for a while, lay aside whatever prejudices we might have and push back bitterness, wade through red-tape, implement good intentions, underwrite resolutions, pray through difficulties, and go all out to glorify our Lord by reaching the goal of 30,000 more preaching stations by 1964.

Learn more about this worthy program. — R. D.

## Catholic Judges

The Catholic University Press, Washington, D. C., has recently published a book by a Catholic Priest, John D. Davis, entitled, "The Moral Obligations of Catholic Civil Judges."

The book declares war on our public school system by urging Judges to misinterpret the law. The writer informs the Catholic Judges that our public school laws are obviously unjust and any Catholic Judge serving in any court ought not to apply these laws, except to avoid greater disturbance.

Also, the book admonished the Catholic Judges not to feel bound by conscience when an opportunity comes to strike a blow at unjust taxes to support public schools.

Too, all Catholics are advised to refuse to pay that portion of tax which goes for public schools. But that is not the worst of the suggestions. It even suggests that, if any citizen decides not to pay the tax and is brought before the court, the Judge should do what he can to prove the law unjust and avoid its application.

This kind of chicanery frightens me. It frightens me more when I realize that the rank and file of our people do not know that the ultimate aim of the Catholics is to destroy our public school system, and everything else which does not promote Catholicism. This thing is not a religious battle, but a political one. When men use their church positions to get our civil authorities to thrust justice, then, it is time for us to awake from our sleep of lethargy and stand up to be counted.

I do not believe that any man should be elected to any office, in our United States, who has a leaning toward the above mentioned policy. With enough Judges, dedicated to misinterpreting the law, our way of life could obviously be destroyed in a few short years.

We need to beware lest we get so busy settling world affairs that we let the termites of injustice eat away our God-given foundation in our own beloved nation. — R. D.

The number of patent applications for inventions submitted to the United States Patent Office has dropped from 94,000 in 1930 to 83,000 last year, but the population has increased 35 per cent. Proportionally, there are no more inventors than in 1865.

## Cooperative Program

The Cooperative Program is the greatest plan of mission work ever revealed by God to his people. Satan is against anything and everything that will get more gospel preached; therefore, he opposes the Cooperative Program.

Satan is against the Cooperative Program because it is an organized effort to carry out the Great Commission. Hellish forces crucified Jesus and intend to kill his power and influence in every generation, if possible.

The Devil is against the Cooperative Program because it is an equitable distribution of all tithes and offerings which the church members give through their church.

The Devil opposes any plan that gets more money used in the right places for Kingdom promotion. Through the Cooperative Program more of the mission dollar is spent for missions than any other plan ever used by Baptists. This really infuriates the Devil, so he insinuates, infers, until some good people become confused on missions.

But, as always, the Gospel is the power of God, and the churches cannot be stopped. God's people continue to use his plan of work and he continues to bless.

In 1956 Southern Baptist church members gave \$372,136,675 through their churches, \$18,078,936 of this amount went to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

Let us thank God and give more money through the Cooperative Program and receive more heavenly blessings. — R. D.

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The biggest, richest property owner in the United States is Uncle Sam, who owns 774.6 million acres of land in the continental United States, its possessions, and more than one hundred foreign countries. All this real estate, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, cost a staggering \$40.3 billion. The total cost of the government's real property in the United States is \$34.3 billion.

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A leading veterinarian recently said dogs in big cities are reacting to the fast pace of urban living—they're developing ulcers, too. Cats, he said, have the answer to modern living that has eluded dogs and humans. They know how to relax.

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