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OUACHITA COLLEGE plans an ex-  
tensive street paving program this  
spring, it was announced by Business  
Manager J. L. Carter. The mile-and-  
a-half paving project will connect the  
main campus, baseball diamond, apart-  
ments for married couples, and the  
faculty housing project in the Ouachi-  
ta Hills Addition. Cost of the project  
will be shared by the college, the city  
and the faculty. (DP).

BOYD E. ELDRIDGE has accepted  
the pastorate of Grace Church, West  
Memphis. Mr. Eldridge has been en-  
gaged in church finance work during the  
past year in Memphis. He succeeds T. D.  
Douglas who resigned the church to  
enter evangelistic work. Mr. Eldridge  
was formerly pastor at Tyronza and  
Bauxite. (DP).

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MICHIGAN BAPTISTS have named  
James E. Johnson, Paducah, Ky., as edi-  
tor of their new publication, the *Mich-  
igan Baptist Messenger*. Mr. James is a  
former Ouachita College News Bureau  
assistant. While in Ouachita he was a  
member of the Student Union Council,  
Life Service Band, and the Ministers'  
Association. (DP).

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GLYNN McCALMAN has resigned  
Calvary Church, Batesville, to become  
pastor of First Church, Morrilton. Mr.  
McCalman succeeds Ed. F. McDonald  
who is now pastor of First Church,  
Newport. (DP).

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FIFTY-TWO persons in Woodruff  
Association earned awards in a recent  
training program conducted in McCro-  
ry Church. Members from eight church-  
es participated. (DP).

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OUACHITA COLLEGE boxing team  
will participate in the Arkansas State  
AAU tournament March 16, 17, and 25.  
Ouachita won the novice trophy in the  
Mid-State Golden Gloves for the most  
team championships, and stands a good  
chance of repeating in the AAU, ac-  
cording to Coach Wayne Smith.

ANOTHER UNIT is being added in  
the long range building program of  
Spradling Church in Fort Smith. The  
auditorium and right wing of the build-  
ing was completed in 1953. More re-  
cently the church entered a building  
program to include 11,452 square feet of  
space for education facilities to pro-  
vide for 790 in Sunday school. The  
first unit is under construction, a nur-  
sery building of four departments to care  
for 60 children. This unit will be a one-  
story building of masonry and brick.  
It will have central heating and air-  
conditioning. Estimated cost is \$10,554.  
Thomas M. McClain is the pastor.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL lesson pro-  
duced by the Southern Baptist Radio  
Television Commission may be heard  
on Sunday mornings from the Para-  
gould and Wynne radio stations.

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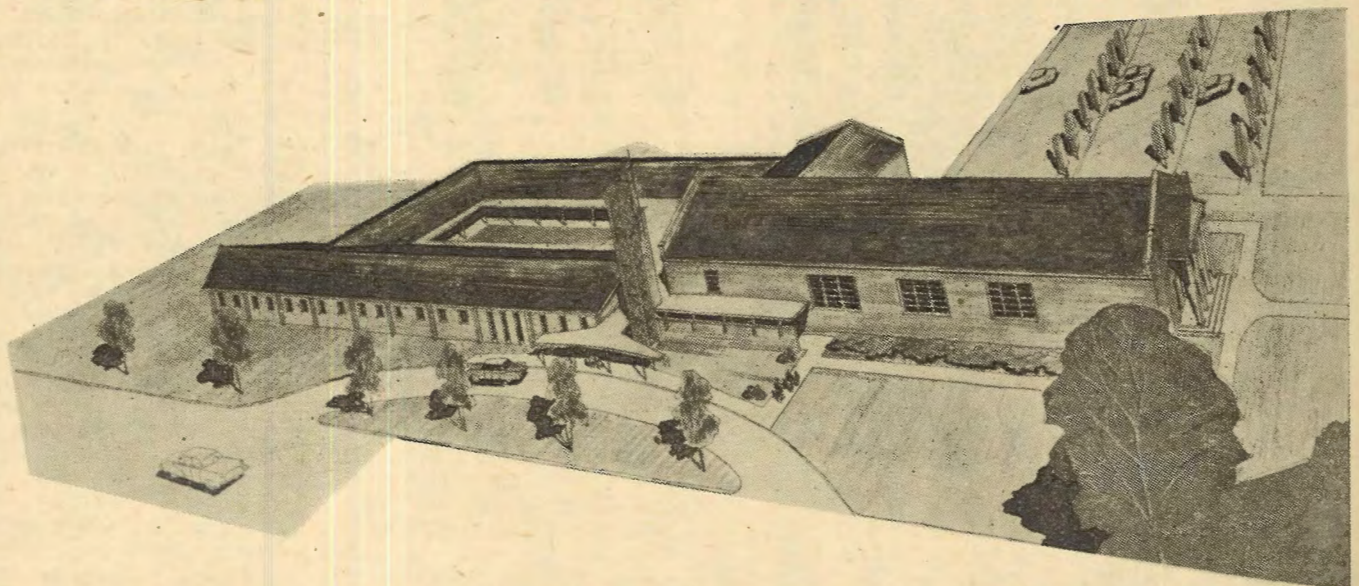
MARSHALL CRAIG, Dallas, will as-  
sist First Church, El Dorado, in a re-  
vival campaign March 17-24. Walter  
Warmath is the pastor.

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E. S. HALL is resigning First Church,  
Murfreesboro, March 17, to accept the  
pastorate of the Evergreen Church in  
Wayne County, Mississippi. Mr. Hall  
served the Murfreesboro church five  
years. (DP)

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BAPTIST HOUR presents Dr. Baker  
Cauthen on Little Rock's radio station  
KLRA each Sunday morning at 9. His  
theme for March is "Christ, the Hope  
of the World." R. Paul Green is direc-  
tor of the Baptist Hour Choir.



**Spradling Church Looks To The Future**

**DEATH CLAIMED** Deacon Arthur Sneed of First Church, Piggott, on February 26. Mr. Sneed was an active member of the Piggott church over 40 years, until ill health forced his retirement.

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**SULPHUR SPRINGS** pastor Douglas Orland Fried, 37, died March 2 from injuries suffered in an accident near his home at Cherry Hill in Polk County. Mr. Fried is survived by his widow, Mrs. Rubye Campbell Fried; a son, Donald; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mose B. Fried of Mena; four brothers and four sisters. (DP).

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#### REVIVALS:

First Church, Truman, March 18-27, Harold Brown, pastor. Guest evangelist will be R. B. White, pastor of Lee's Lane Church, Louisville, Ky.

First Church, McGehee, March 24-31, Cline D. Ellis, pastor, Dr. C. W. Caldwell, evangelist, Dale Colvin, singer.

Russellville, First, April 7-21, A. E. Webb, pastor, Missionary Fred Barnes, evangelist, Paul Barnes, singer.

El Dorado, Second, March 25-31. The church is pastorless. Lehman Webb, First Church, Harrison, evangelist.

Wheatley Church, Caroline Association, W. F. Carlton, pastor. The pastor's brother, A. A. Carlton, pastor of Calvary Church, Lenoir City, Tenn., guest evangelist. Pastor leading the music.

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**WINNERS IN** the annual sword drill and speakers tournament of the Central District of the Arkansas State Training Union have been announced by the Rev. William B. Sawyer, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Jacksonville, and vice president of the Central District of the Training Union Convention. They are:

Sword Drill: Olen Millsapps, of Piney Church, Hot Springs, First; Raymond Hardin, of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Second.

Better speakers tournament: Judy Ray, of Levy Church, North Little Rock, first; Bob Bacon, Third Church, Malvern, second.

These winners will participate in the State Tournaments to be held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, March 15-16.

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**GROUNDBREAKING** services for a new sanctuary were held Sunday, March 3, by First Church, McCrory. The new building with basement will be erected opposite present buildings. Construction will be brick veneer with air conditioning and central heating. The sanctuary will seat 300 people. The basement will house the kitchen, dining room, pastor's study and three classrooms. Estimated cost is \$50,000. The old structure will be used for education building. Bonds bearing five per cent interest have been issued. Thomas E. Farrar Jr. is the pastor. (DP).

## The Cover

### EARLY ARKANSAS RESTORATION BECOMES SHRINE

**FEATURED ON** the cover this week is a springtime picture of the Noland House, perhaps the most beautiful of the 13 buildings comprising the Arkansas Territorial Capitol Restoration, Little Rock.

The story of the discovery and restoration of Arkansas' territorial capitol group of buildings is one of the most thrilling in the history of the State.

For many years these original buildings were lost in what had degenerated into a slum area. Then a cultured citizen, Mrs. J. Fairfax Loughborough, with a rare knowledge and appreciation for history and its value to posterity and guided by something of a sixth-sense, re-discovered these and led in the movement that eventuated in their restoration.

Through the providence of God, the early buildings were preserved across the span of years by the very thing that lost them for a while. The adding of outside walls and additional rooms and porches by various tenants kept the valuable originals from the erosion of the elements.

The group takes its name from the building in which many historic sessions of the Territorial Legislature were held. Territorial Building was erected in 1820 as a private residence and remodeled in 1834 and offered by its owner as a meeting place for the Territorial Assembly.

A major task of the restoration project was determining the original lines of the historic buildings and tearing away the later additions. In the restoration of the Noland home, for example, seven rooms and a porch had been added in the more than 100 years since it had been erected. This was torn away. Today the building stands as it was when the Noland occupied it, one of the best examples of Georgian architecture in the South.

The restoration was made possible by an appropriation from the State Legislature in 1939 and by subsequent and liberal contributions by



civic-minded citizens. It was completed in 1941.

Architect Max Mayer drew the plan for the project to include a total of 13 buildings in what had been the center of early Little Rock, between Second and Third Streets on Cumberland.

The center includes the home of William E. Woodruff, erected in 1824, along with the first office building of the *Arkansas Gazette*, and the residence of Governor Elias N. Conway. Many of the original furnishings are to be seen in a tour of the buildings.

Baptists, who have been well represented among the builders of our State, will find the Territorial Restoration worthy of repeated visits. Through this exhibit can be gained at first hand an appreciation and understanding of Arkansas history as in no other way. The buildings are open to the public daily with Mrs. M. Z. Bair, Sr., executive secretary, in charge.

It is no wonder that the Territorial Restoration, the only one of its kind in America, is coming to take its place along with Mount Vernon, Williamsburg, and Arlington as a national tourist attraction. —ELM

**PASTOR W. R. Hull** of First Church, Lavaca, has asked the Arkansas Baptist to help in an effort to locate Jess Woody, whose last known address was Manila, Arkansas. Any information as to Mr. Woody's whereabouts should be sent to his son, Artie Woody, Lavaca, Arkansas.

The son is reported to have been reared by an uncle and not to have heard directly of his father for 25 years.

A **COMMITTEE** has been named to make a report of English requirements which college teachers will expect high school students to have for college entrance, with Dr. William C. Doster, professor of English at Ouachita College, as chairman. The report will be submitted to the Arkansas Experiment in Teacher Education and if approved, the ACTE will finance its distribution to all high schools in the state.

## WONDER STATE OR GAMBLING CASINO?

WILL ARKANSAS join Nevada, becoming the second state in the nation to legalize gambling? This was still a sinister possibility at the time of this writing, although there were many indications that gambling bills proposed in both houses of the legislature would not pass at this session.

Whether or not this battle against one of our nation's most demoralizing evils is won or lost, Arkansas Baptists have served notice through the naming of a permanent Committee on Civic Morality that they have entered the fray for the duration of the war and not just for a battle or two.

We can be thankful for several things that have come out of the organized opposition to the gambling bills. First of all, and the Rev. Rheubin South, chairman of our Committee, thinks this most significant, many legislators of courage and conviction dared to take their stand against the gaming interests. In so doing these men have deliberately risked their political careers. For the proponents of legal gambling are both numerous and well organized in our State, and they do not stay away from the polls on election day.

We can be sure, many observers report, that the gambling bills were well on the way to being passed before Baptists and other church people began to make their opposition felt. The one great, staggering blow dealt for the cause of righteousness was the unmasking and the graphic portrayal of the evils of gambling, by several ministers and laymen at a special hearing at the Capitol on a recent Wednesday night. This "mixing of religion with politics," as unfriendly critics will brand it, may prove to be one of the most wholesome things to take place during the current legislative meetings. Many legislators have expressed their personal appreciation of this positive stand of representative Christians on a tremendous moral issue.

We may be sure that the gaming interests, who would qualify as law abiding citizens by twisting and corrupting the laws of the State to legalize their ungodly practices, never fail to use their influence on the legislators. But, members of the Legislature report, Christians for the most part hold themselves aloof and take little or no part in determining the action of the Legislature even on moral issues.

Numbering nearly a third of a million, we Baptists of Arkansas are under a great stewardship of responsibility on the issues of civic morality. When will we learn as individuals and as a great religious denomination that God is not only calling us to daily Bible reading, meditation, and prayer, but also to walk with Him and to put His principles of righteousness into effect in our every day lives and at the polls on election day? Surely, in our fight for civic morality, God is helping us to see anew that we cannot be good church members without being good citizens. Walking with Him and with His people of other folds, we can make Arkansas truly "The Wonder State." One of the greatest things we can do is to be sure we elect men of character and courage to our public offices and that we back them with our prayers and our active and positive support. Whether or not our fair State shall be The Wonder State or shall become a gambling casino is not so much up to our Legislature as to Arkansas Christians of all faiths.

*Personally Speaking . . .*

## A Glimpse of Eternity

One day recently, in the twinkling of an eye, I had a glimpse of eternity. It was a cold day.



MR. McDONALD

A friend and I were driving across town. I was the driver and the most of my attention was necessarily focused on the street and the traffic. But at one point along the way I saw two men unloading a stretcher from the rear of an ambulance. In the split second as we passed I could see that the stretcher bore a form wrapped head and foot.

"Someone has died," I said to my friend.

My friend made no reply. Soon there were other things to claim our attention.

Who had died? What had been the status of this one in life? Had he lived in a spacious and beautiful residence in an exclusive section, or had he lived in a hovel? Did he have a good income, with much property, or was he penniless? Did he travel first class, or was he a hitchhiker? It mattered not. He had gone out of life as he had come — empty-handed. Whatever property he had owned would now change hands.

Had this person been popular? Had he many friends? Or was he a castaway, scorned and shunned? Either way, he had travelled alone when his time had come.

Was he a loving husband, a father who basked in the love of sons and daughters? A good neighbor, a law-abiding citizen? Or was he a hermit who shunned the normal relationships of life? Either way he had died.

But here is the most searching question of all. Was he saved or lost? Did he know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour? While he was living could he say with Paul ". . . I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day"? If so, he had not really died. If not, he had already entered into eternal death.

In one split second I had had a glimpse of eternity. The one whose lifeless form was being carried into the funeral parlors was Everyman.

But this is not the end of the story. Jesus died and rose again. And because He lives we shall live also!

In this glimpse of eternity everything else fades into insignificance in the face of this searching question: Saved or lost?

*Edwin L. McDonald*

## THE PEOPLE SPEAK

### Appreciates Committee

Arkansas Baptists, in particular, and all Arkansas Christians, in general, owe a tremendous vote of thanks to the Civic Morality Committee of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, composed of Rheubin South, chairman, Paul Meers and Tom Digby.

It was through the efforts to these men that the bill to legalize gambling was brought to public attention. Through the pressure exerted under the leadership of these men, a public hearing was finally given and the pressure of public sentiment changed the vote of the committee from recommending that the bill do pass the House of Representatives to recommending that it do not pass. Only eternity will reveal how deeply we are indebted to this committee.

—Dale Cowling, Pastor  
Second Baptist Church  
Little Rock

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### Deplores TV Cursing

On a recent Sunday night I was shocked to hear actors on Omnibus' film presentation of "Robert E. Lee at Gettysburg" frequently cursing, using God's name in disrespect. The offenders were playing the roles of generals and others under the command of General Lee.

It is a sad commentary when television reaches such low ebb. Children and young people viewing the program must have gained some "fine" impressions. Surely it is time for Christians to act in the name of common decency.

—Homer M. Adkins  
Little Rock, Arkansas

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### Supports Negro Education

Arkansas Baptists should be vitally concerned about the campaign now in progress to raise \$100,000 for Arkansas Baptist College.

We believe in Christian Education. Our colored brethren in Arkansas have just one school to send their young people to for Christian Education on a college level. The advancement of the Negro Baptist work in Arkansas depends to a large extent on the work of this college.

We believe in helping those in need. Let's face the facts. Without our help, the future of the Negro Baptist College in Arkansas looks dark indeed. No one can take seriously the teaching of Christ to help those in need and turn his back on our colored brethren in the state. We say we love them. We say we care. Let's demonstrate that love.

—James L. Pleitz, Pastor  
Grand Avenue Baptist Church  
Fort Smith, Arkansas

## The New Testament Church —

# ITS GOVERNMENT

By DR. DALE COWLING

Last week, we sought to establish the independent local nature of the church. If each church is autonomous, then what form shall her government be? It is the teaching of the New Testament that the local church is responsible to follow the will of her head, the Lord Jesus Christ. The will of Christ is made known to the church through the combined minds of her members and revealed by the Holy Spirit.

*Today, we seek to answer the question, "How did the New Testament Church conduct her affairs?"*

### I. A Fallacy

One hesitates to begin a discussion with a negative point of view. However, there is fallacy concerning church government so serious as to call us to a discussion of it.

The Roman Catholic Church insists that Peter was the first Pope, with absolute authority over the church. All other Popes have been in direct succession to Peter, and the present Pope is God's spokesman and ruler for all of the Roman Catholic Church. He is the head of the government of the Church, which government takes its form through descending orders of priesthood. It is an ecclesiastical hierarchy.

According to this view, the Church is the key to the Kingdom of God. A man can only come in through the church and can only come in if the Church lets him. An individual is not able to interpret spiritual things for himself, including the Word of God, but is dependent upon the Church to tell him what is right and what he should do.

We will not spend much time in answer to this fallacy except to say that the New Testament bears out none of the above claims.

### A Correct Interpretation

Matthew 16:18 has no intention of making Peter a Pope. More clearly, Jesus was saying to Peter, "Your confession of faith in me is the key for building my church. Upon the Rock of Ages, which is Christ Himself, the chief cornerstone, I will build My church."

Again, if Peter were the Pope, he surely made some tremendous mistakes in seeking to defend Jesus by the sword, swearing that he never knew Christ and running for his life; and later, in failing to live up to the light of his own conscience, which occasioned a rebuke by the Apostle Paul.

One also wonders, if Peter were the Pope why did the assembled disciples select the successor to Judas by demo-

cratic principle? It seems that the Pope would simply have appointed him.

We interpret Jesus as being the head of the church. This means He reveals His will through the combined minds of the members as illumined by the Holy Spirit. The "keys of the kingdom" is the message of redemption committed to the church for its propagation. Every individual Christian has free access to God for himself and has the guidance of the Holy Spirit. No man is to rule over a church, nor is any other church to have dominion over a sister church; nor shall any organization tell a church what to do.

### II. Authority in the New Testament Church

The local church is the final authority in all matters of her government. The New Testament gives abundant evidence to this fact. In Matthew 18:17, Jesus gave instructions to refer an offending brother to the church with the clear inference that the action of the church is final. It is evident that there was no higher authority than the church.

In Acts 1:15-16, we find that Matthias was selected as Judas' successor by the united consent of the assembled body. It is evident that the believers themselves had final say.

In Acts 6:1-6, when excessive duties made it impossible for the apostles to do all of their work, they made a recommendation to the church that seven men "of good report and full of the Holy Spirit" be looked out and set apart for some of the duties. The scripture tells us that their recommendation pleased the whole multitude. The account is conclusive that the congregation selected these seven men and then the apostles ordained them.

In Acts 14:27, when Paul and Barnabas returned from their first missionary tour, the church, which had sent them out in the first place, was called together and "they rehearsed all things which God had done with them." Paul and Barnabas felt compelled by reason of fellowship and love, as well as responsibility to the body which had sent them out, to give a complete report of their activities.

In Acts 15:1-29, when dissention arose concerning how the Gentiles were saved, Paul and Barnabas and other brethren were chosen and "sent forth by the church to go up to Jerusalem and tell the apostles and elders about this question." As the Jerusalem church assembled here to discuss the question,

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ROCK 'N ROLL in Catholic high schools and recreation centers are "tribal rhythms" and "should bring the blush of shame to Catholic educators," said Archbishop Samuel Cardinal Stritch in a pastoral letter. He also criticized steady dating among teenagers, saying that "too much familiarity between the adolescent girl and boy is dangerous and sinful." (RNS)

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USING THE NAME of God to justify our political and international relations was deplored by a Princeton University professor in a Religion-in-Life Week address to students at the University of Colorado. Dr. Hans Hoffmann, theology professor, particularly criticized Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as being "full of statements of high philosophical or religious nature to justify what are merely actions of political power." He said U. S. prestige suffers by our tremendous, high level statements to which we do not hold. (RNS)

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A WARNING has been voiced by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman that American churches either carry out an effective ministry to the sick and homeless or watch the government take over and bring us closer to a welfare state. Dr. Sockman, minister of the Christ Church (Methodist) in New York City, contrasted the impersonal Russian approach to the sick and aged to the high consideration for human need in America's church-related institutions of healing and care, in an address to the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes.

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METHODISM will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley this year. Mr. Wesley was born December 18, 1707 and died in 1788. He was the brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism and a prolific hymn writer. Many of his songs continue to be used. The Hymn Society of America and various interdenominational groups will cooperate in the celebration. (RNS)

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ACCORDING TO the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the following were the most frequently chosen careers of 12,000 top-ranking high school students: teaching, 30 percent; engineering, 16.7 percent; science research, 10.7 percent; medicine, 9.4 percent. The ministry was chosen by 1.8 percent, and social work by 1.5 percent.—SURVEY BULLETIN.

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THE CRICKETT KEYS Copass Scholarship fund for \$1,000 has been set up for WMU Training School students at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, from the estate of the late Mrs. B. A. Copass. Mrs. Copass was president of the Texas WMU fifteen years.



JOHN T. SIZEMORE  
From Oregon to Nashville

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MEXICO BAPTISTS are adopting the simultaneous method of evangelism. Twenty-five churches and missions in the three neighboring cities of Torreon, Gomez Palacio and Lerdo will conduct an evangelistic crusade April 14-21. National pastor and students from the Baptist seminary in Torreon will assist local workers in visitation evangelism which has proved unusually successful in Mexico, according to reports from the Foreign Mission Board.

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THE UNITED STATES Defense Budget for the current year is 130 times greater than the total mission and benevolent gifts of the 49 major denominations of America in 1955, and 666 times greater than the 49 denominations gave for foreign missions.—SURVEY BULLETIN.

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THE BAPTIST World publication of the Baptist World Alliance, made its debut three years ago as a four page leaflet, increased to eight pages in January, 1956, and will be either a 12 or 16 page paper under the editorship of C. E. Bryant, who accepted that post February 1. (BW)

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John T. Sisemore will become superintendent of the Adult Sunday School work for the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., on April 15. He is the former director of religious education for the Baptist Convention of Oregon-Washington. Mr. Sisemore is a native of Lawton, Okla., the son of a Baptist minister. He attended Southern Seminary, the Chicago Music College, Chicago Conservatory and Multnomah College.

LIFE BEGINS at 65. For more and more millions of older people, the sixty-fifth birthday carries the magic of a new life, where income is assured and work can be taken or left alone. In 1900, a man of 65 could expect to have 11.5 more years of life. Now, a man of the same age can expect 13.3 more years of life, and by 1975, a man of 65 may expect 14.5 more years of life.—SURVEY BULLETIN.

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REP. ROBERT BYRD (D., W. Va.) has become the fourth Congressman in the present Congress to introduce a bill which would prohibit the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages aboard commercial aircraft. It is H. R. 4502 and like the others has been referred to the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

Upon submitting his measure, the West Virginia legislator told the House:

"I believe it is of the utmost importance that every conceivable precaution be taken to insure complete air safety, and for this reason I feel the Civil Aeronautics Board should have the authority to issue the necessary rules or regulations to eliminate the presence of alcoholic beverages on commercial airlines."

—Clipsheet

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THE APPOINTMENT of Arthur Dore as Director of Public Relations of the Greek Archdiocese of North and South America has been announced by His Eminence Archbishop Michael of the Archdiocese. Mr. Dore formerly taught English at Harvard University, was later associated with the Coca-Cola Export Corporation and the trade-mark firm of Langner, Parry, Card and Langner in New York.

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THE WORLD's first regular commercial air service was inaugurated between St. Petersburg and Tampa, Fla., with one passenger in 1914. Last year the world's air lines carried 78 million passengers, half of them American.—SURVEY BULLETIN.

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ONE THOUSAND students, under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee, will participate in summer projects to be held in mental hospitals, correctional schools, settlement houses, factories and depressed urban and rural communities, according to Lewis Hoskins, executive secretary for the group. The students, who will be members of various creeds and races, will be given on-the-job training in industry or community service. (RNS)

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"M" NIGHT reached a new high last December when 963 associations reported an attendance of 437,258. This included 12,979 pastors, and 17,741 churches were represented.

# Baptist Crosscurrents

FIRST BAPTIST Church, San Antonio, Texas, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of Pastor Perry F. Webb in mid-February. During the twenty years 14,940 persons united with the church, 4,500 by baptism, an average of 225 per year. Dr. Webb led the church in four major building programs and their church property is now valued at three million dollars. Present membership is 8,500. (BP)

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EDWARD HUGHES PRUDEN recently observed his twentieth anniversary as pastor of First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. During this period the membership more than doubled; the annual budget increased from \$17,000 to \$250,000; and a new building costing more than one and a half million dollars has been erected. The church was organized in 1802 while Thomas Jefferson was President.

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A RESOLUTION to establish a joint legislative committee to study methods of outlawing obscene literature has been introduced in Michigan. (RNS)

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LIQUOR-FLAVORED toothpaste and rum-flavored candy would be outlawed under a bill being introduced in Iowa by Rep. Judson T. Perkins, Methodist minister and former missionary. "I don't want Iowans to develop a taste for liquor," declared the Legislator. Violators would be subject to fines up to \$100 and-or 30 days in jail. (RNS)

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SOUTHWESTERN Baptist Seminary's Mobile Home Park, located only three blocks from the seminary campus, has been awarded Gold Star rating as one of the top mobile home trailer parks in the United States, according to the Mobile Homes Manufacturers Association.

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THE RESPONSE of Baptists throughout the world to the plight of the Hungarian refugees has been phenomenal, reports Dr. R. Paul Caudill. The Baptist Relief Committee for Hungary (a sub-committee of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance) has done a monumental work in helping to minister to the enormous influx of refugees from Hungary since the trek began, according to Dr. Caudill.

As of February 8, a total of 4,491 persons had arrived at Camp Kilmer, reports Dr. Caudill. Of these arrivals, 62 per cent were Catholic, 10 per cent Jewish and non-sectarian, and about 25 per cent Protestant, Reformed, Lutheran and Baptist. More than 65 per cent are single men. Eighty-five thousand or more refugees have been moved to other countries, but the camps in Austria are still overcrowded. Of the arrivals in the U. S., few are farmers, domestics or single women. No children, as yet, are available for adoption or temporary placement.

## A Call to Re-Examine

In my judgment our whole procedure for the admission of new members into our churches should be re-examined and re-thought in the light of New Testament principles. Even if we continue the same procedures, we need to pour a new content into them.

Why is it necessary to vote immediately? Why is the one piece of business, voting on new members, transacted in the worship services while all other business is carried on in the church business meeting? Why is it so easy when he is unknown to the congregation for an individual to be voted into church membership and so difficult for him when known to be a scoundrel to be voted out?

I hope that some of our churches will consider this "Baptist rite" and work out and then report through our fine Baptist state papers the way in which they implement the New Testament idea of church membership.

—Duke K. McCall  
President of Southern Seminary

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## New Protestant Reformation

... The idea does prevail that laymen exist for the church, which is only a half-truth. To us, the laymen *are* the church. If we do not believe that, then we copy the Roman Catholic hierarchy in assuming that there is a privileged priesthood around which the faithful cluster and whose authority is final. But this is the antithesis of the priesthood of the believer. The impression the church gives to the layman is a false one when he is not made conscious of his priesthood. In calling him a "layman" by implication we deny his priesthood.

The situation will not know improvement until churchmen cease being laymen and become priests, which is their spiritual privilege and duty. And if this seems a bit confusing, just pick up your New Testament and read I Peter 2:7-17. Our present-day church concept of the layman cannot be supported by the New Testament. It simply is not there.

—The Watchman-Examiner (New York)

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## Dedicated Vocations

Young people should choose a vocation and not merely drift into a way of living, and such a choice should be made in the spirit of dedication to God.

Perhaps those of us who are not students, and who are not working with students, would do well to ponder this idea of "dedicated vocations" also. Those young people who never go to college need guidance and encouragement in the choice of a vocation and the dedication of life to God. Is this not one of the biggest responsibilities of the churches? The days of youth are the days of decision and dedication. Older people also might do well to examine themselves with reference to their vocations.

One's vocation, job, business, or profession is not merely a means of making a living; it is a way of life and, in a large measure, life itself. It makes a difference when one learns to recognize his vocation as an opportunity and a means of serving the Lord. The vocation of every Christian should be a dedicated vocation.

—The Baptist Courier (S.C.)

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## Thought for the week:

If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"  
even the darkness is not dark to thee,  
the night is bright as the days:  
for darkness is as light with thee.

Psalm 139:11-12. (RSV)



THE SECOND Anniversary sermon of Ogden Church in Madison County was delivered Sunday, March 3, by A. L. Leake, who organized the church. C. L. Tripp of Springdale is the pastor.

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THE SEMINARY Extension Department and Ouachita College will cooperate in establishing extension centers throughout Arkansas, it has been announced by Dr. Lee Gallman, director of the Seminary Extension Department. Dr. Ralph Phelps, president of Ouachita College, said, "We believe the interests of this in-service type training can best be served by joint sponsorship of extension courses with the Seminary Extension Department." The Extension program includes about 30 organized courses and an equal number of additional courses now being prepared. The courses are designed to meet the needs of pastors without seminary training and other Christian workers such as music and education directors and associational workers.

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IN A MEETING of the Advisory Council of the Southern Baptist Convention on Work with Negroes, held in Nashville, Tenn., February 26-27, Clyde Hart, secretary of Negro Work in Arkansas, was elected to membership on the Joint Commission on Negro Ministerial Education. This Commission is made up of representatives from the Southern Baptist Conventions, the Negro National Baptist Convention, and the American (Northern) Baptist Convention. Other Southern Baptist members of the Commission are Dr. T. B. Maston, Dr. R. Orin Cornett, Dr. A. C. Miller, Dr. Guy Bellamy, and Dr. Victor Glass. The work of this Commission is Nation-wide in scope.

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A DEMONSTRATION Wedding was staged Tuesday morning, March 5, by members of a Devall's Bluff high school Home Economic class, in Devalls Bluff Baptist Church. Pastor W. A. Pruitt assisted the sponsor, Mrs. A. E. Caldwell. High school students taking part were: Loretta Pruitt, Troy Kizire, Dixie Reddy, Eugene Love, Lorea Nell Milner, Gerald Voumard, Joyce Whiteside, Darlene Cook, Rosemary Gaddy, Norma Priest, Kathryn Williams, Bruce McKenzie, Darul Carpenter, Royal Dodson, Byzie Parr, Maxine Cook Brown, Garnett Dodson, and Junior McGee. (DP).

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A LITTLE ROCK couple, Rev. and Mrs. Lowell E. Ledford, have sailed to Peru for foreign mission service. They may be addressed at Apartado 3177, Lima, Peru.

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REV. RAYMOND Campenger, professor of Bible at Ouachita College, supplied the pulpit for Second Church, El Dorado, March 3.



Sylvia Standley  
Easter Seals Beneficiary

TWELVE YEARS together is the record of Pastor Hugh Cantrell and the Baptist Church in Stephens. Pastor Cantrell recalls that there were 130 in Sunday school on March 4, 1945, when he preached his first sermon in Stephens. The offering was \$149.05. Present Sunday school enrolment is 401. In 1956 the budget was \$30,093. Gifts to the Cooperative Program totaled \$3,521, and gifts to missions was \$5,835. The church dedicated a new building in 1955, which is debt free. Their church property is valued at \$100,000.

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J. V. DAWES, emeritus missionary to China, has moved from Jasper to 331 So. Rampart Blvd., Los Angeles, California.

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AN ENVIABLE record has been attained by a Sunday school teacher in Second Church, Hot Springs. Mrs. Lillie M. Stranburg has taught a class for junior girls 36 years. She has four girls in her present class whose mothers she taught when they were the same age. O. L. Bayless is the pastor.

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FIRST CHURCH, Cotton Plant, had a guest minister for the services Sunday, March 3. He was Art King from St. Charles Baptist Church. (DP).

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GOLDEN WEDDING anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Mathis was celebrated March 3, with open house in Prince Memorial Hall, First Church, Camden. Mr. and Mrs. Mathis were married in Fordyce 50 years ago by the Reverend R. A. Rainey, who was present at the reception for a repeat wedding ceremony. Also present were the couples' five children and families, which included a daughter, Mrs. Rose McNair, Shreveport; and four sons, Clark, of Mansfield, La., George B., Camden; Winford, of Memphis; and Sgt. Daniel Mathis, Hot Springs. (DP).

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SYLVIA STANDLEY, 6½ year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Standley, Watson, (Desha County) is shown while a patient at the Children's Convalescent Center at Jacksonville. She received treatment there to build up her body weakened by a crippling condition. (See cut.)

The Center is the only facility in the state which offers a complete rehabilitation program for crippled children, including physical, occupational and speech therapy as well as regular schooling and supervised recreation. It is open to all children 2 to 21 years of age in Arkansas, whose crippling conditions can be improved by the therapies available there, whether they can pay or not.

The Convalescent Center is supported by Easter Seal donations. The 1957 drive opens March 15 and closes Easter Sunday, April 21. The state goal is \$100,000.

### BAPTIST DATEBOOK

Dr. B. L. Bridges, Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention: March 17, Cash Church; March 24, Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock.

Rev. Erwin L. McDonald, editor, Arkansas Baptist: March 24, Gaines Street Church, Little Rock.

Rev. Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention: March 17 and 24, West Side Church, El Dorado.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions: March 17, Rankin's Chapel Church near Parkin; March 24, First Church, McGehee.

Rev. Jesse Reed, State Evangelist: March 3, 10 and 17, Mount Ida Church; March 24 and 31, Galilee Church, El Dorado.

Rev. Clyde Hart, Director of Negro Work: March 17, Direct Simultaneous Crusade in Pulaski County Association of Negro churches; March 24, Citywide Sunday School clinic for Negro churches of Little Rock.

Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Secretary: March 24 and 31, First Church, Cotton Plant.

Rev. C. H. Seaton, Assistant Brotherhood Secretary: March 17, 24 and 31, revival singer at Marion Church.

Dr. I. L. Yearby, Secretary of Evangelism: March 17, 24, and 31, Marion Church.



*A father confers the God and Country Award on his son.  
Reading from left to right are: Pastor Victor H. Coffman, South Side Church, Ft. Smith; L. M. R. Rogers, Scout Executive, Westark Council, Boy Scouts of America; Dr. Art. B. Martin; Bradley Martin; and Milton L. Birkett, scoutmaster, Troop 7.*

**TIGER DAY** at Ouachita College will be April 12 this year, according to John Mason Clem, student senate president. High school seniors are encouraged to visit Ouachita campus on this day to get a glimpse of college life. A prepared program includes speeches, a variety show, guided tours, a military parade and the crowning of the Tiger Day Queen.

A **MISSIONS** revival was held recently in the Ruddell Hill Church, Batesville. Speakers included: Rev. Ralph Douglas, associate secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; the Rev. Glenn McCalman, Batesville; the Rev. L. B. Golden, superintendent of city missions for Arkansas; and Dr. E. P. J. Garrott. The Rev. Coy W. Samples is pastor. (DP).

AN **ASSOCIATIONAL** Vacation Bible School Clinic was conducted in First Church, Cotton Plant, March 14. Workers from 13 churches received information on new materials to be used this year and instructions for proper application with regard to individual needs of each church. Mrs. W. B. Wood, Hunter, was in charge. (DP).

**DR. C. GORDON BAYLESS**, pastor of Central Church, North Little Rock, began a seven-day revival on March 4 at Grapevine Church, Fort Worth, Texas. The Rev. Gene Garrison is pastor. (CB).

**WEST HELENA** Church recently ordained two deacons, T. M. Goatcher and Bob Bailey. Pastor Wilson Deese served as moderator of the ordaining council. W. W. Grimes was clerk. Paul Pearson, pastor of Second Church, West Helena, questioned the candidates. Association- al Missionary H. S. Coleman delivered the message. B. F. McDonald offered the prayer.

**ARKANSAS BAPTISTS** are requested to send names and addresses of Baptist friends or relatives now living in Oregon or Washington to Oregon-Washington Baptist Headquarters, Box 3343, Portland, Ore.

**FIRST CHURCH**, Cabot, J. Samuel Phillips, pastor, mails the church bulletin to their service men regularly. "The service man of the week" is being run as a special feature for six weeks.

**MIGRANT MISSIONARY** Sam Mayo was claimed by death March 3, at Ogles- thorpe, Ga., his native home. Mr. and Mrs. Mayo have been missionaries to the migrants for the Home Mission Board since 1948. They served in Ark- ansas several years ago but more re- cently have been working along the Eastern seaboard. The Mayos wrote one of the mission study books for this year, "The Trail of Itching Feet." Mrs. Mayo is the sister of W. Harry Hunt, pastor of Levy church, N. Little Rock.

**YOUR CHURCH** bulletins are grate- fully received by the Arkansas Baptist staff. Several responded to our recent appeal for more bulletins. But, we won- der if there aren't others who should add the **Arkansas Baptist** to their mail- ing list. Please do so if you have not.

A **CAMPAIGN** to provide education- al television for central Arkansas is in a "status quo but not forgotten" con- dition, officers of the association an- nounced recently. Arkansas Education- al Television, Inc., received an assign- ment of Channel 2 for this plan, but so far the organization members have been so busy in other fields that a meet- ing has not been held in a year.

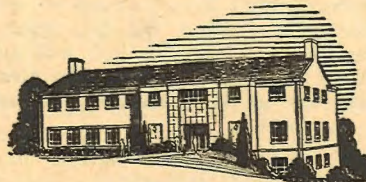
The organization has \$1,000 in its treasury but has not added to it be- cause no one has had time to push the program. At least \$25,000 is needed for a starter. The officers have not given up and progress may be started again by mid-year one of the directors said. Dr. Virgil Blossom, Little Rock School Superintendent, is president of the group. (DP).

**THE GOD** and Country Award was presented to Bradley Martin, Boy Scout Troop number 7 of the South Side Church in Ft. Smith, Sunday evening, February 10. His father, Dr. Art. B. Martin, a deacon of the church, pre- sented the award.

Troop 7 is an all-Baptist group. They use the Baptist Service Book edited by the Association of Southern Baptists for Scouting in Austin, Texas. The troop is affiliated with the Westark Council, comprising 19 counties in Northwest Arkansas. Victor H. Coffman is pastor of South Side Church.

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# PERSONALITIES *Dr. Edgar Williamson*

## Trail Blazer in Religious Education

TWENTY YEARS ago, on March 1, 1937, Edgar Williamson became director of Religious Education for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. At that time the department included Sunday school work, Training Union and the Assembly at Siloam Springs. In 1938 Baptist Student Union was added and in 1942 music promotion was begun with Mrs. B. W. Nininger as director. Dr. Williamson continued as director of the four departments until December 1951, when each phase of religious education became a separate department, each with its own director and other staff members. Since then he has devoted his full time to Sunday school work.

Dr. Williamson is the author of three "Firsts" in the Southern Baptist Convention. The Arkansas Baptist Music Department was the first of its kind in the convention. His creation of the office of Association Sunday school superintendent has been a tremendous success and is being used by other state conventions. The same holds true in his use of summer field workers.

Dr. Williamson's accomplishments at the Assembly in Siloam have been outstanding. In 1937 the attendance was 400 or less. There were 12 dormitories, 50 one-room cabins and the dining hall. The dormitories and cabins remain. Two motel-style dormitories have been built containing eight rooms each, with private baths. There is a faculty building with 18 rooms. A new, modern home was erected recently for the caretaker. A new dining hall seats 800. And there is a new kitchen and a modern water filtering plant. The tabernacle has been enlarged. And the new swimming pool was used the first time last year. Attendance has grown to 1,600 per year, and has been divided into two assemblies. One group of associations will meet this year from June 27 to July 2; the other group from July 4 to July 9.

### Stonewall Jackson's Pledge

The late Douglas Freeman published a letter which General Jackson wrote to his pastor in Lexington, Va., soon after the First Battle of Bull Run in July, 1861. Having heard of the bloody fighting, the people of Lexington were anxious for details, and especially word concerning their sons and neighbors who had gone to war under the command of the former Virginia Military Institute professor.

At last a letter came to the Presbyterian minister in the handwriting of Jackson. Holding it high the preacher

Dr. Williamson is a native of Butte City, Mont. He came to Little Rock from the pastorate of First Church, Paragould. He served First Church, Houston,



DR. WILLIAMSON

Texas; First Church, Amarillo; and Third Church, St. Louis, as director of religious education. He attended Southwestern Seminary and received the D. D. degree from Ouachita college.

Dr. Williamson has a denominational family. Mrs. Williamson is nationally known as an authority on children's work from the Cradle Roll through Beginner's department. She frequently serves at Glorieta and Ridgecrest and is at present on a two-month assignment in Arizona and other Western states. Their son, Dr. E. Stanley Williamson, is secretary of Cooperative Field Promotion for the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary.

announced, "Gather around and I shall read you the news." The crowd became quiet as the preacher read aloud:

"My dear Pastor: In my tent last night, after a fatiguing day's service, I remembered that I had failed to send you my contribution for our colored Sunday school. Enclosed you will find my check for that object, which please acknowledge at your earliest convenience, and oblige.

Yours faithfully,  
T. J. Jackson"

There was not a word about the battle. At the close of "a fatiguing day's

service" he remembered his church pledge. May the good example of Stonewall Jackson remind each of us to keep our church obligations.

—Bruce H. Price

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# The N. T. Church —

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It is clear that the decision was in the hands of the church. The visiting brethren, as well as some of the Jerusalem brethren, presented their arguments and then the church made the final decision. This decision was not automatically forced upon every church. It was a recommendation written in letter form and sent to the other churches.

In I Corinthians 5, we find an example of the Apostle Paul's idea of the local church. There was an incorrigible member in the Corinthian church who openly flaunted his immorality. Paul concludes in verse 13 that the church should put away this member who refused to repent.

Our present day application, from the above illustrations, is:

(1) The church is to be informed. Never should any matter of any consequence be decided by individuals, groups, or committees without the knowledge of the church. The assembled church should be given full information about the operation of the whole program, and the reaching of a

decision should be done through the church.

(2) The vote of the church is final. We must assume that the Holy Spirit works through the combined minds of the members to reveal the will of God on a matter. Every member of the church ought to be Christian enough to abide by the vote of the majority. No person has a right to continue to agitate a matter which has been voted by the church.

(3) No other church, group of churches, or organizations can give orders to the local church. Recommendations and suggestions may be made, but the local church decides whether to follow them or not.

## III. Officers in the New Testament Church

The New Testament only designates two officers within the church. These are: elder and deacon.

The elder is also called the bishop and pastor. He is to be selected by the church. His qualifications are primarily spiritual ones. He is to be looked upon as a servant of God to the church. He is teacher, preacher, and shepherd to the members of the church.

The deacon is clearly designated as the servant of the church. His qualifications are primarily spiritual. He is to be selected because the church has already looked upon his faithful service and has confidence in him. He is also selected by the church. His duties are to carry out the program of the church. He is, in reality, the bondservant of the church. The situation out of which the deacons arose indicates that the deacon's primary purpose was then, and is now, to protect the harmony of the church. A man is out of character as a deacon when he becomes an agitator within the church.

It is evident that both the pastor and the deacons are to be selected by the church through the leadership of the Holy Spirit. There is no indication in the New Testament that God ever intended for bishops or governing boards or bodies to move pastors to different churches. Nor is there any indication that the deacons within the church are to pass on decisions of the church or in any way form the policies and make the decisions of the church. They are simply to report to the church, giving an account of how they have carried out the duties assigned them by the church.

## IV. Cooperation in the New Testament Church

We have tried to establish, once and for all, the fact that the New Testament church is an independent, self-governing body. No church has any power over another.

Yet, there is a cooperation between

churches, which is evident in the pages of the New Testament.

For example, the Jerusalem Conference, of Acts 15, is a fine indication of how the churches worked together. Other churches sent messengers or delegates to the Jerusalem church. These representatives had the right to speak their minds on the question in hand. Each one had opportunity to present his views. The Jerusalem church, then, made the decision and sent the recommendation out to the other churches. Each church, then, had the privilege of following the recommendation or not.

Another example is seen in Paul's collection for the destitute saints in Jerusalem. When the money was gathered, it was placed in the hands of a committee composed of individuals selected from the various churches. This committee was given the responsibility of taking the money to Jerusalem and disbursing it according to their best judgment. This is a thrilling example of how churches ought to work together to help one another and to spread the Gospel.

We can make some good present day applications in our Baptist life:

(1) It is according to New Testament pattern that we should send delegates to an assembly or convention to which questions and problems should be presented.

(2) It is in order for this convention assembled to make recommendations to send back to the churches.

(3) It depends upon the volunteer cooperation of the church as to whether these recommendations shall be followed or not.

(4) It is within the framework of the New Testament that we should select committees or boards to handle our mission funds. These funds are to be used to strengthen the churches in need and to carry the Gospel to the furthestmost parts of the earth.

## Conclusion

The church is autonomous. She is subject only to the Lord Jesus Christ, her head. The will of Christ is revealed to the body of the church by the Holy Spirit.

The members of the church are subject only to Christ, but are responsible to cultivate the harmony and fellowship of the church, and to follow His will as revealed through the body of the church.

Because we are Christians, we cooperate with one another and others, so far as possible, in the best interest of the Kingdom of our Christ.

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

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## Let's Get Out the Good News

By I. L. YEARBY

The following paragraphs were taken from the Home Mission Magazine of some months ago. It expresses a real



DR. YEARBY

challenge to every preacher, Christian and church. This is every Christian's job.

"As I was passing a great newspaper building, I saw a stream of humanity flowing into its door. Some of the people were aged, and some were crippled or almost blind. They hurried to a long counter where they picked up their bundle of papers to sell. Shortly a signal was given, and these left rapidly to sell their papers on the streets of the city. To the quarters of the elite, to hotels, factories, residences and such — these people went to take the news.

"On the other side of this great newspaper building I saw trucks being loaded with papers. I knew that in a very short time these trucks would be dispatched to far corners of the state, to the little towns where young men loiter late at nights on the streets, to the hospitals, to the immigrants who, only recently having come, were scarcely able to read its pages, to the mining town, to the hands of men with coal-smutty faces, to the tired and busy housewife, to the back roads, along the great highway. These papers would find their way to the multitudes to be read.

"As I stood and looked and thought of this tremendous task accomplished, I cried out in my soul, 'Oh, God, if Baptists had a way of giving the good news of the Gospel so thoroughly and quickly!' Here in a matter of twelve hours this newspaper organization had covered the entire state.

"I became supremely happy when I recalled that when Jesus was on earth he set up such an organization. When the church was only a few days old, he challenged it to be responsible for the last lost person in the world. He commissioned the church to go as he had been sent by the Father. He commanded the church to go to all the people in the world with the Gospel, 'And they went forth and preached.'"

## Royal Ambassadors Meet

By C. H. Seaton

The Northeast Area Royal Ambassador Congress was held March 1-2, in First Church, Forrest City. There were more than 150 in attendance, the largest we have had at an Area Congress thus far.

The Northwest Area Congress will be held April 5-6 at the Grand Avenue

Church, Fort Smith. The churches in Fort Smith will provide bed and breakfast for all those who desire it. There is a 50-cent registration fee for all who attend. We urge every pastor and counselor to get as many of the boys from your church as possible to attend.

The Central Area Congress will be held in connection with the State Royal Ambassador Congress. The State Congress will be at Immanuel Church, Little Rock May 3-4. Plans are being made to care for 1,000 attendance. We trust this will be the biggest and best Congress we have ever had. Edward Hurt, associate secretary of the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, who is in charge of Southwide Royal Ambassador work, will be one of the principal speakers.

Mission workers from at least three different countries will bring interesting information about mission work around the world.

Pastors, counselors and parents should make plans now to have boys from their churches present for this meeting.

More information and publicity materials will be sent to pastors and counselors very soon.

## College Pastors and Student Directors Meet

By Dr. Tom Logue

Mather Lodge at Petit Jean will be the scene of Arkansas' first Campus Pastors' and Student Directors' Retreat. These student leaders will meet March 28-30 to discuss mutual problems in attempting to reach today's college community with the Christian message.

Leading in most of the discussion periods will be Dr. and Mrs. W. F. How-



Dr. Howard  
Petit Jean Speaker

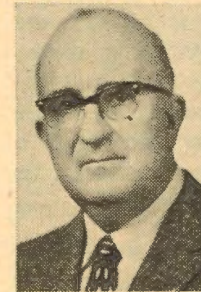
ard of Dallas, Texas. Dr. Howard has been the Baptist Student Director in Texas for over ten years. Mrs. Howard, who has helped design and decorate many of the twenty Baptist Student Centers in Texas, will speak on "Student Center Care and Character." Dr. B. L. Bridges, Executive Secretary of Arkansas Baptist Convention, will address the group at one session.

Jamie Jones, Baptist Student Director at the University of Arkansas, will lead a discussion on "The Development of Student Initiative," and Miss Juanita Straubie, Baptist Student Director at Arkansas Baptist Hospital, will discuss "Student Emotional Problems."

## Objectives in Missions Department

By C. W. CALDWELL

In the Department of Missions we have always tried to work toward definite objectives. Five years ago we set up some goals to cover a period of five years. We did not reach every goal, but did see most of the objectives realized. Our work for this year is set out in the following objectives with each employee having a detailed plan and schedule for his particular work.



DR. CALDWELL

### RURAL:

1. A budget and financial program set up in every church where aid is given.
2. A survey of church fields of these requesting aid.
3. Forty-four new rural missions begun, an average of one for each association.
4. Eight student missionaries working in destitute areas.
5. Better associational mission programs. This to be done through personal conferences, special literature and Missionaries' Retreat.
6. Better buildings and organizations for rural churches; this is to be done through Rural Church Conference and literature.

### URBAN:

Surveys looking toward establishing missions in following places: Texarkana, Wynne, Smackover, Jonesboro, Jonesboro, Paragould, West Memphis, Blytheville, Magnolia, Conway, Springdale.

### NEGRO:

1. Raise \$100,000 for Arkansas Baptist College.
2. Three Negro Leadership Conferences.
3. Ten Extension Schools for Negro pastors, etc.
4. Negro Youth Camps.
5. Promote Negro Vacation Bible Schools.

#### CHAPLAINCY:

1. Continue same type of ministry.
2. Establish a "follow up" program.

#### MIGRANT:

1. In Associational Missionaries' Retreat set up plans for services for Migrants.
2. Secure Spanish-speaking preachers.
3. Make movie film of Mexican Missions.

### New Leaflets on Youth Work

By NANCY COOPER

There are now available at the State WMU Office two new leaflets on youth work. One is entitled "Fostering Plans" and is designed to help WMS presidents, circle chairmen, youth directors, counselors and Sunbeam Band leaders in understanding fostering responsibilities. Many questions are answered in a challenging way. If yours are in this category, order the pamphlet free.



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The other, entitled "What then will this child be?" contains helps for leaders of Sunbeam Nursery Activities. It is a new plan for missionary education of children from birth through three years. Certainly, the need is acknowledged and these leaflets will help meet it.

#### New Editors

Two new editors were elected at the meeting of the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, in January during the semi-annual meeting held in Birmingham.

Miss Ethalee Hamric was named as editor of *Royal Service*, the official organ of Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Dorothy Weeks was elected editor of *Tell*, the magazine for Girls' Auxiliary.

Both Miss Hamric and Miss Weeks have been associated with Woman's Missionary Union in an editorial capacity for several years as editor of *The Window of YWA* and associate editor of *Tell*. They assumed their new positions on February 1st.

#### Third Assembly of North American Baptist Women

The third assembly of North American Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance will be held in Toronto, Canada, November 5-7, 1957. Baptist women from all conventions will meet in their second continental assembly where there will be outstanding speakers, visitors from other lands, a program of great inspiration.

Southern Baptist women are requested to register with Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, whose address is Baylor University, Union Building, Waco, Texas. A reservation fee of \$2.00 should be enclosed with registration. The official

convention hotels are The King Edward and The Royal York. Hotel reservations should be made direct.

The president of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union will attend as official representative of the Union. Who else will go?

### Three Great State Festivals

By LeRoy McClard

Our Primary, Junior, and Youth Festivals are history. Seventy-four choirs and ensembles with a total registration of 1,950 participated in the festivals. The evidenced growth and fine quality of singing by these choral organizations testifies to the fact that Church Music is on the march in the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

#### Music Camps and Leadership Schools Ahead

Reservations are pouring in for Music Camp on the Ouachita Campus, June 17-21. Only 300 may attend. Send \$1 registration fee with name, address, church, age, and the instrument you play to the Church Music Department, 312 Baptist Building.



DR. DAVIDSON

Loren Davidson of Louisiana State University has agreed to serve on our faculty for Youth Music Camp at Siloam Springs, August 19-25. Mr. Davidson is one of the greatest voice teachers and inspiring leaders in America today. We are doing our best to build a faculty in each camp that will be equal to the other.

#### Need a Minister of Music?

The following students are graduating from Southern Seminary in May: Kenneth Archer, Charles Blue, Nadeen Brookshire, Aubrey Butler, James Driver, John Dyer, Dalton Dyess, William Gatling, Edward Gilham, Mabry Holt, Fred Hood, Shirley Irwin, John Jardine, Loyd Landrum, Drurie McCall, Jack Neace, Jean Peoples, Edward Smith, Paul Smith, Charles Spencer,

Priscilla Stone, Charles Waddy, David Waddy, Ward Weaver, Richard Robinson.

Information on any or all of these students may be secured by writing the Church Music Department Office in Little Rock.

### Assembly Help Wanted

By Edgar Williamson

Two sessions of the Arkansas Baptist State Assembly will be held this year. The first session, June 27-July 2; the second, July 4-9. The best possible program personnel is being enlisted and several improvements have been made on the grounds. Reservations for accommodations in Assembly-owned dormitories, cabins and Deluxe buildings are now being received. All such reservations should be sent to Edgar Williamson, 314 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark. Space in Assembly-owned cabins and Deluxe buildings is limited. So reservations should be sent in as soon as possible.

For each of the sessions dining room waiters and waitresses will be needed to help serve the meals in the dining hall. In return for this service, waiters and waitresses will receive bed and all meals during the Assembly session. The only expense to these helpers will be their travel expense to and from the Assembly, the registration fee of \$2.00, and the sickness and accident insurance fee of 50 cents.

Dormitory matrons for the girls' dormitories will be needed. These helpers will be lodged in the buildings they supervise, and in return for this service bed and meals will be furnished during the Assembly session. The only expense will be the registration fee of \$2.00 and the sickness and accident insurance fee of 50 cents.

Those desiring to serve as waiters and waitresses or as dormitory matrons will send their applications to Edgar Williamson, 314 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark.

Night and day watchmen and supervisors for the boys' dormitories will be needed. In return for this service the Assembly will provide bed and meals during the Assembly session. The only expense to these helpers will be the travel expense to and from the Assembly, the registration fee of \$2.00 and the sickness and accident insurance fee of 50 cents. Those who would like to serve in either one of these capacities should write directly to Dr. E. A. Ingram, c-o First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs, Ark. Those desiring to serve are urged to write to Dr. Ingram just as soon as possible.

Again it is urged that reservations for Assembly space in dormitories, cabins or Deluxe buildings be made as soon as possible. Be sure to send the \$2.00 reservation fee with each reservation. Plan now to attend one of the sessions this year.

# The Authority of Jesus

By BURTON A. MILEY

March 17, 1957

Matthew 21:23-32

The fiery, impassioned appeal was shrugged off with the comment, "He was only a layman." Only a layman? Is one powerful with God because of orders? Does no one have commission from God to work apart from orders? Are priests and prophets the same? The priests served the Lord as authorized people. The rabbis had ordination which they gained from either other rabbis or the Sandrehin through the placing of hands upon their heads. Prophets were usually not ordained to their ministry. They received a message from God and with haste delivered it to the people.

The highest service was that of the prophet. John the Baptist stands as representative of this group. Christ was of the prophetic group. He was not a priest within the temple. No rabbinical group had laid hands upon him. He was not commissioned by the Sanhedrin, the governing body of the Jews. He was the Son of God who came to declare the glory of the Father in Messianic fulfillment. He was a prophet in the sense that he was direct from God. The cleansing of the temple of merchants and merchandise was the work of a prophet. This was the second temple cleansing of his ministry. It immediately brought to sharp light the question of what authority Jesus had.

## NO AUTHORITY QUESTIONED

Jesus taught in the temple after he had cleansed it. It would be interesting to know the content of his teaching at this stage. The time is Tuesday of the week of crucifixion. Jesus was probably in one of the outer courts of the temple walking as he taught. Teaching while walking was a common method among the Jews. A group of the chief priests and elders challenged his authority. "By what authority doest thou these things? And who gave thee this authority?"

Jesus did not answer directly their questions. He countered with another question. He was not trying to evade the issue. He was following the much practiced method of teaching by asking a question in response to a question. He asked concerning John the Baptist: "By what authority did John the Baptist function?" Was John working from heavenly instruction or did he receive his authority to baptize from the men of the earth? These questioners reasoned within themselves and came to the conclusion that however they answered, the answer would be against them. If they said that John was from heaven, Jesus would say "You heaven professors, why don't you believe him?" If they should say John worked from man's

authority strong popular opinion which favored John as a prophet would cause people to stone them. They reasoned the little scheme out and came back with the answer, "We cannot tell." They did not say, "We do not know." Jesus accepted their answer as his answer to their question. Neither would He tell them by what authority he did the things in His ministry.

The motive behind the questioning by the chief priests and elders was to have something tangible that they could place before the Sanhedrin as a charge against Jesus. Popular opinion was too great to merely charge him with lack of being accredited as a teacher. If he said that he was a king then the case could be turned to Rome. Rome would handle well any upriser. If he said that he was the Messiah, he could be charged with blasphemy. The Sanhedrin would handle such a charge. This was ultimately the charge that led to his crucifixion.

## THE CASE OF TWO SONS

Jesus was ever the Master Teacher. He became embroiled in no discussion which would prevent him from further teaching. Immediately after the question of authority he continued to teach in his favored way by stories. He said a certain man had two sons. One was asked to go work in the vineyard. The son refused to go. Afterwards he thought it through and repented of his refusal and went to work. He came to the second son and requested that he go work. With acceptable politeness he replied, "I go, sir." The day spent itself but the man never showed up in the vineyard. Jesus raised the question, "Which of the two did the will of the father?" His followers quickly said, "The first." Jesus scathingly concluded that Publicans and harlots would go into the Kingdom of God ahead of them. John, who was in question, came and spoke the way of righteousness and repentance and these religious leaders did not believe him. The despised publicans and the impure harlots did believe. They repented and turned into the kingdom's gates.

The story is not to contrast the Jew and the Gentile but is to contrast sharply the penitent and the impenitent. The story separates quickly the ones who profess piety but have no obedience to divine purpose and the ones who consider divine purpose and turn to it. It is the battle of decency and politeness against repentance and deed. The vile who repented did the work while the promises from the decent never accomplished anything. Does this condition plague society today?

## PRACTICAL LESSONS

JESUS HAD FULL AUTHORITY. He

came as the Son of God to perform the Messianic mission given to him by God. He had the right to teach the people God's message. He had authority to cleanse the temple of every act which did not point to God, though in doing so he defied the rulers. He had authority to call men to his side. At the close of his ministry he said, "All authority (power) is given unto me in heaven and in earth." (Matthew 28:18) His deeds revealed his authority. Requests for further signs as evidence were superfluous.

**LOW RELIGION IS HURTFUL.** The second son was not insincere. He probably intended to obey but he stands as an example of low religion. Today was too soon for him. He would work tomorrow. The discipline of faith is not easy. How many have subscribed to the church covenant and then failed to honor its demands. How many have pledged to follow Jesus — and then did not go. Maybe the second son is the "average" churchman of today.

The first son points to the high religion. He was curt, rebellious, self-willed and unyielding. He repented. He changed. He went. He admitted wrong and swallowed pride to go work. This is high religion in operation. There is no need to be bound to an unworthy past. True religion breaks its power and moves the victim upward.

**CLEANSING PROMOTES CRISIS.** A man cleansed himself of a devil and it promoted a crisis which ended in the habitation of seven other spirits "more wicked" than the first one. (Matthew 7:45) Jesus cleansed the temple and brought the challenge of officials down upon him. The son cleansed himself of his rebellion and went to work in the vineyard. The cleansing of any life promotes a crisis which can be safely faced by Jesus being present in the heart.

## HOME MISSION

*Weeks*

**Make Reservations Now-**

*Write*

E. A. Herron  
Glorieta Baptist Assembly  
Glorieta, New Mexico

*or*

Willard K. Weeks  
Ridgcrest Baptist Assembly  
Ridgcrest, North Carolina

# God's Wondrous World

By Mrs. Loraine Burdick

At Barrow, on the northern coast of Alaska, the snow gets into deep drifts in the winter. It is solid snow, frozen by the below zero temperatures. Throughout the winter, there is much new snow that falls and blows about before it freezes. Across the snow go the many people and animals as they tend to business.

One winter day when it was about dusk . . . which comes at noon. . . I was walking along in the snow. Ahead of me, I saw tracks in the snow. They were made by a sled dog but it seemed so strange that I should see them when the snow was soft and blowing. To my surprise, I saw that I was making tracks, too.

Suddenly I tripped and almost fell. I had tripped on the track of a dog. There was nothing else at my feet. Yet it seemed so ridiculous. I bent over to touch the track and found out the truth. The track stuck up in the snow instead of being imprinted. I had really tripped over a track.

Later I found out how it happened. I found that the soft snow was so cold that the heat from a dog's foot would

freeze it as he walked. His warm paw would melt a paw-track of the soft snow into quickly-frozen ice while the untouched snow continued to blow away. It made me wonder if my tracks had ever tripped anyone.



Any tracks trip people if they lead to the wrong places. We must let our walk in life leave tracks that will guide others to God and a goodly life. We want for ourselves and others what the psalmist says: ". . . Deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God." (Psalm 56:13)

## MARCH WIND

By Ila Lewis Funderburgh

March wind hustles the children about,  
Playing mad pranks with a gamin shout;

He snatched a cap and tosses it high,  
Flings a scarf to the far, pale sky.  
The children whirl and spin and reel,  
Cling to their whipping wraps and squeal;

Then at the call of a bell they run,  
March wind clutching at every one.  
As the last child goes through the closing doors,

Alone in the schoolyard March wind roars;

Then he readies his tricks and laughs in glee;

Children come out of school at three!

## GOD'S THINGS

By Bertha R. Hudelson

I never would have thought, would you,  
To color flowers like bluebells blue,  
Or ever thought that I could make  
The aspen trees with leaves which shake?

I never would have thought, would you,  
To sprinkle spider webs with dew,  
Or ever would have tried, I know,  
To make a thing as soft as snow?

I never would have thought, would you,  
To make winds whistle, pigeons coo?  
Yet all the things you hear and see  
God thought to make for you and me!

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## Going Back Does It

THE QUESTION often arises as to how many times to visit a prospect. A survey made by the National Retail Dry Goods Association throws significant light on this problem.

48 percent of the salesmen make 1 call and quit.

25 percent of the salesmen make 2 calls and quit.

15 per cent of the salesmen make 3 calls and quit.

88 percent of the salesmen quit after 1, 2, or 3 calls.

12 percent of the salesmen keep on calling.

The 12 percent who keep on calling do 80 percent of the business.

The 88 percent of the salesmen who quit by the third call do only 20 percent of the business.

Now I ask you — should not the technique be followed in building the Christian Church go even beyond the business world?

VISIT that neighbor who recently moved into your neighborhood.

VISIT that friend who is not attending any church or Sunday School.

VISIT that absentee in your class or union.

VISIT prospects in your class or union. (CB)

## A Smile or Two

Jack: "Do you tell your wife everything?"

Jim: "No, what she doesn't know won't hurt me."

Barber: Haven't I shaved you before, Sir?

Vet: No, I got that scar in the South Pacific.

Schoolteacher: Now, in getting a meal, what is the first and most important thing?

Girl: Find the can opener.

A farmer was explaining to a city woman what a menace insects were to farm products — how potato bugs ruin potato crops and corn borers destroy corn. The woman listened attentively, then exclaimed: "And the poor dairy people! How the butterflies must bother them!"

He: May I call you by your first name?"

She: "By your last name if you wish."

Luttrell: "I'll have you know my friend Helen is getting a man's wages."

Owen: "Well, well — I didn't know she was married."

Judge: Rastus, do you realize that by leaving your wife you are a deserter?

Rastus: Judge, if you know'd that woman like I does you wouldn't call me a deserter. I'se a refugee.

New Hospital Patient: Say, doctor, I asked that nurse to put a hot-water bottle on my feet and she stuck up her nose and walked away.

Doctor: What else could you expect? That was the head nurse.

Patient: Oh, do they specialize that much? Then get me the foot nurse.

Pastor: "Do you ever play with bad little boys?"

Johnny: "Yes, sir."

Pastor: "I'm surprised, Johnny. Why don't you play with good little boys?"

Johnny: "Their mamas won't let 'em."

A division superintendent was interviewing a man for a job and was going through the usual questions.

"Are you a clock watcher?" the super inquired.

"Nah, I never had an inside job. I'm a whistle listener."

"A wise man," remarked a philosopher, "knows everything; but a shrewd man knows everybody."

—Quote



# ★ Executive Board STATE CONVENTION ★

B. L. Bridges, General Secretary; Ralph Douglas, Associate; 100 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark.

## Not Enough for Capital Needs

DURING JANUARY and February, the first two months of the Convention year, our churches failed to give enough money to meet the Cooperative Program budget needs.

The Operating Budget of the Convention has been met, but very little money has come in for the Capital Needs. In division four of this year's budget, eight needs are to be met. These needs are as follows: Siloam Assembly — \$15,000.00, or 7.3 percent; Conversion of Office Building — \$7,000.00, or 3.4 percent; Orphanage — \$25,000.00, or 12.1 percent; Baptist Student Union Buildings — \$30,000 or 14.5 percent; Arkansas Baptist Hospital—\$45,000.00, or 21.8 percent; Ouachita College — \$67,000.00, or 32.5 percent; Camp Grounds — \$7,500.00, or 3.6 percent; Memphis Hospital — \$10,000.00, or 4.8 percent.

*These needs are as real as life, and if our churches do not increase their Cooperative Program gifts, this phase of our denominational life will suffer. To put it another way, orphans, students, sick people and those who attend assemblies and camps will be deprived of a full ministry.*

Surely, the giving during the first two months of 1957 does not mean that Arkansas Baptists will stand by and let one phase of our work lag behind and suffer while we enjoy the blessings of God.

It would be a fine thing if all of our churches could play "catch-up" on their Cooperative Program gifts during this, the last month of the first quarter. RD

## An Arkansas Boy Honored

REV. E. V. APPLING is pastor of First Church in Haynesville, Louisiana. He is a Grant County boy and is a life long friend to the Baptist cause in Arkansas. Appling has been invited to conduct a two weeks evangelist crusade in Hawaii during April, 1958. He will preach in Honolulu the first week and will fly to the other islands for the second week of the crusade. Appling is a mighty preacher and is leading the saints in Haynesville from victory to victory. —B.L.B.

## Registration Cards

WE HAVE REGISTRATION cards for certifying messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention. If the churches will let us know how many cards they need, we shall be glad to mail them out immediately.

Remember, no church will need more than ten cards, since that is the maximum number of messengers any one church is allowed to send. RD

## White and England

FIRST CHURCH in England is making unusually good progress under the leadership of Pastor Harold White. The former pastor, Luther Dorsey, led in the erection of a great and beautiful church building. Now they are somewhat ahead of the schedule in paying the debt on the building. It is a new day for the England Baptists. Some of the Lord's choice saints live in England. The Hargars, the Hendersons, the McKenzies, the Hortons, the Swaims and others whose names we do not grab right at this moment, are loyal supporters of the church there. You know the Haley preacher boys came from England. Their parents are loyal members of First Church. Thank the Lord for the new day and new outlook for this great church. —B.L.B.

## Wallace and Highway

HIGHWAY CHURCH near Little Rock called Bunyan A. Wallace several months ago. They have made up their Budget for 1957. They plan on giving \$720 for the Cooperative Program during the year. Pastor Wallace just came to Arkansas late last year, but he proves to be one of strong leadership. The Highway church is always one of our faithful churches in Pulaski County and will support the Associational Missionary Program liberally. —B.L.B.

## Bryant and Oak Grove

OAK GROVE CHURCH under the leadership of Curtis Bryant, pastor, is increasing its gifts for the Cooperative Program. They will set aside 15 percent of their budget for the Cooperative Program in 1957. This is a great rural church and Curtis Bryant is one of the finest pastors and leaders that they have ever had. — B.L.B.

## Last Call

WE ARE PREPARING an analysis of the giving pattern for each church and association, based on the 1956 Annual report. We would appreciate it very much if the pastors, church clerks, associational moderators, missionaries and clerks would check the Annual for errors.

Last year when we sent the analysis of the giving pattern some told us that the figures did not give a true picture of their particular church. Of course, all understand that we must use the official records which the Convention Recording Secretary receives from the churches and from the associations. But we know that mistakes can be made when figures pass through three or four hands. We want to do our best to eliminate the mistakes before the records are used.

When figures are used in the promotion of our work, they should be correct; therefore, this urgent appeal.

Unless we hear from you within the next few weeks, we will assume that the figures from your church, in the 1956 Arkansas Baptist State Convention Annual, are correct.

Please check the Annual right now, before you forget it. RD

## East Main and Gullede

EL DORADO HAS a brand new Baptist church. It is the East Main Church and Jack Gullede is the aggressive, consecrated young pastor who is leading them in a signal manner. This brand new church will give more than \$2,500 to missions in 1957. That is a noteworthy undertaking, but Jack Gullede will lead his church across. —B.L.B.

ARKANSAS BAPTISTS in Texarkana, Arkadelphia and Fort Smith are having the opportunity this month to hear the Southwestern Singers from Southwestern Seminary. R. Paul Green is the director. The group sang at Calvary Church, Texarkana, March 17. They will sing at Ouachita College at 1:20 p.m., March 28, and at First Church in Fort Smith at 8 p.m. the same date. Members of the group are from the student body at the seminary. Arkansas is represented by Fred Spann, North Little Rock, tenor; and Eddy Spann, North Little Rock, and H. Bert Coble, Texarkana, basses.

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