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MARCH 12, 1959

Executive Board News and Promotion-

Perennial Evangelism Goal of Churches

UR CHURCHES SHOULD ever seek to experience perennial evangelism. Perhaps this can best be achieved by occasionally having a special season of revival effort. The special season of evangelism can at times be most ef-fectively promoted in a cooperative way.

The Simultaneous Crusade provides a number of advantages. For one thing, the advertising can be more effective when it is done by a number of churches in a given area at the same time. In a joint effort more of our people will be thinking of things spiritual at the same time.

The suggested time for the Simultaneous Crusade for the eastern zone is March 8-12, and for the western zone April 12-26. It seems that approximately half of our churches in Arkansas will participate in this crusade.

Most of the preachers in the Baptist Building will be preaching during one or both of these periods. We think

this is as is should be. Evangelism the winning of souls — is the prime business of every Christian. As denominational workers we do not want to ever lose sight of this fact. We are grateful that our churches give us this opportunity for this type of Christian service.

As denominational workers we want also to ever maintain the "common touch." We want to feel constantly the heart-beat of the pastorate. We want to ever be aware of the problems and needs of our churches and pastors. Our denominational labors find their highest fulfillment when we help the churches to fulfill their mission.

These days of common labors should also be seasons of common objective in prayer. We seek your prayers on our behalf as we pledge the churches and pastors our best in intercession. All of us will want to pray together that God shall crown our efforts during these meaningful days with the salvation of the lost and the reviving of the saved. -S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

Church Stewardship

THE COOPERATIVE picture for the last associational year, 1957-1958, was a comparatively good one according to the records in the new annual. Only 124 of our churches, or 103/4 per cent failed to give something for World Missions through the Cooperative Program. We stated that this was a comparatively good record. By that, we mean when compared to all the other State Conventions. But, it is not good at all when compared with the Bible teachings on Stewardship and Missions.

The word steward is a derivitive of two old English words and means "Keeper of the Hall." The dictionary defines the word as one who manages the affairs as an agent of the owner. A church is a steward of the gospel, and it has a commission - the propagation of that gospel. But, if the church is to fulfill her mission, the members must be taught to serve and give through the church.

Then, true stewardship involves the God-honoring administration of all that is involved in preaching the gospel. This means that all expenditures are to move in harmony with the Divine Command, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Literally, the church has no more right to refuse to give to missions than the individual has to withhold his tithe from the church. This truth is brought out in the parable of the Unjust Steward (Luke 16:1-2). The Christian has no more right to waste his money than the banker has to waste the money the depositor has entrusted to him. Somehow, we believe this phase of stewardship holds good for a church as well as the individual. The church treasury is the Lord's treasury, and is to be administered with the Lord's commission in mind. Therefore, in carrying out the commission, the church has a twofold task: That of leading the church members to become good stewards, by the proper teaching; and that of practicing good stewardship by giving a portion of its income to World Missions.

This is Bible stewardship and was preached and practiced by the New Testament churches. It would be a wonderful thing for every church to give something through the Cooperative Program this year. Come on, let's make it 100 per cent for the glory of God, the salvation of the lost, and the edification of the Christians!-Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary

New Annuals

THE NEW State Convention annuals have recently come from the press and are now being mailed to each church.

If your church fails to receive a copy, please notify L. C. Tedford, Recording Secretary, 401 W. Capitol, Little Rock, Ark.



Cover Photo

PRINCIPALS IN THE INAUGURA-TION of Dr. H. Leo Eddleman as the fifth president of New Orleans Seminary in ceremonies Feb. 26 in New Orleans are, from left, Dr. Eddleman, T. Odus Winn, New Orleans, president of the Seminary board of trustees, Dr. G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College, Pineville, who delivered the Alumni and Student Hour address; and Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Jackson, Miss., president emeritus of the seminary.

A Figure Picture

WE PLAN to give a complete picture of what each church and each association gave through the Cooperative Program during the Associational year of 1957-1958, based on the figures in the new Convention Annual.

We would like for each church clerk and each associational clerk to check the figures in the new State Convention Annual, and if mistakes appear, please notify our office immediately, giving us the proper figures.

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Spa Gambling **Bill Gets Only 4** Senate Votes

By FRITZ E. GOODBAR

UR sincere thanks and congratulations are offered to those 27 senators who voted against Senate bill No. 376



which would have legalized gambling in Hot Springs. Only four voted for the bill. They were Senators Fagan of Pulaski; Hurst of Garland; Slack of Clark and West of Greene. On the roll call Senators Gregory of Pulaski; Smith of Crittenden and Stafford

MR. GOODBAR

of Poinsett voted for the bill but changed their votes before the vote was cast up (counted).

The senators who voted against the bill were: Tom Allen, C. E. Bell, Douglas Bradley, Jack V. Clark, John D. Eldredge, Russell Elrod, Morrell Gathright, Robert Harvey, Olen Hendricks, Max Howell, Gaither Johnston, Sam Levine, Roy Milum, Thomas Penn, Roy Riales, Marshall Shackelford Jr., Jack Shelton, Clifton Wade, Dan White, Oliver Williams, Robert Hays Williams and Jack Yates. A few who failed to vote during the roll call later asked to be recorded as voting "no." This list is given in order that our readers may have a record to file away for future reference.

It is quite apparent that our preachers, Sunday School teachers and Christian leaders have not effectively spoken against or taught our people the evils attendant upon gambling. It may be because we have led too sheltered lives. We have also been prone to softpedal the terrible effects of alcohol when used as a beverage. The barrage of propaganda by the highly paid publicity experts of the gambling and liquor crowd has had the effect of brain-washing many people into believing and mouthing the untruth that the way to correct an evil is to legalize it and get some revenue out of it.

The Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas (formerly, Temperance League) has a tremendous task before it in overcoming these well-sown seed. We need to become the militant group our Lord intended us to be. He did not stand idly by when a greedy group converted His Father's house into a den of thieves. There is such a thing as nteous indignation. We need to back

the men who are standing and voting right on moral issues. The Christian Civic Foundation will need our prayers, our money and our time. At the same time we ought to vote against those men who reveal by their votes Missions and Evangelism

Evangelistic Crusade Time Has Arrived

BAPTIST CHURCHES in the eastern area of Arkansas are now engaged their simultaneous crusade. This in crusade is one week earlier than those in other states. The change of date was made two years ago in an effort to accommodate the farmers in the farming area of Arkansas.

We have no record as to the number of churches participating. It is regretable that all churches are not cooperating. The records reveal that simultaneous crusades reach more souls than any other method of evangelism. In 1950, our great year of simultaneous revivals, we baptized 3.000 more people than last year and 4,000 more than year before last. With the majority of our churches cooperating this should be another great year of soul winning. Our goal is, "More than ever before."

Did you notice in last week's issue of the Arkansas Baptist the year your Association baptized its highest number? Why shouldn't more people be won to Christ this year than that record year? Have you checked the record of baptisms in your church? What year did you baptize the greatest number? With better buildings, better organi-zation, better musical program, more employees and more money, why shouldn't more people be won to Christ than ever before? It is true that these things cannot convert a soul, yet the Holy Spirit is as mighty to save today as ever before. And we should use all means to the end that more sinners be won to Christ.

that they are on the wrong side of moral issues.

Governor LeRoy Collins of Florida in a recent issue of Parade declared that legalized gambling is poison, and he should know. Florida fell victim to base propaganda and to the greed for revenue and licensed gambling. The attendant evils were so soon manifest the state again out-lawed the poison.

Senator Hurst of Hot Springs made the statement on the floor of the Senate: "We have spent two years going over the state of Arkansas making a survey of the sentiment regarding legalized gambling in Hot Springs and we believe the people of Arkansas will vote to legalize gambling in Hot Springs if given the chance."

The people may be given that chance very soon. Since the promises made by the proponents of legalizing pari-mutuel betting at Oaklawn have so miserably failed, it might be a good idea to let the people vote on this whole gambling question. We cannot believe the people of this state want to invite dogracing, horse racing, legalized crap games, poker, black-jack and what have you, along with goons. professional gamblers, gangsters and strong-arm men into our state and further corrupt the body politic as well as many unsuspecting citizens.

April 12-26 is the crusade date for Western Arkansas. The churches in this area have a little more time to make additional preparation. Some churches not already committed may yet decide to cooperate. Let the pastor do the preaching and back him with your whole heart. Remember that from the Gulf of Mexico to the northern part of Canada, Baptist churches will be in revivals at the same time. Just think of the mighty impact on a nation when there is simultaneous preaching, praying, and witnessing in every city, town, village, and country community!

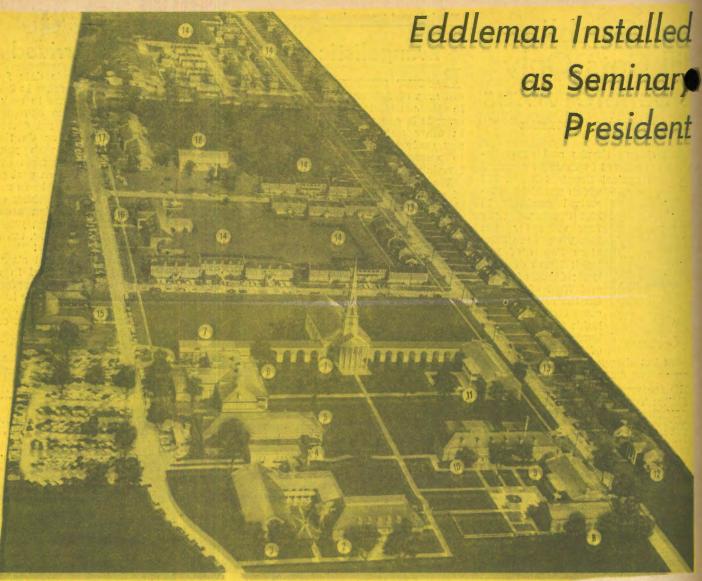
We have set up associational steering committees; we have joined in a great statewide evangelistic conference: most of the associations have had evangelistic clinics; letters and articles have been written. Now the time is on us. Let's do a good job!

The success or failure of a crusade is determined by the local church. The Revival Plan Book will be a great help to any church that will follow the suggestions which have been successful in many places.

Let us covenant to pray for one another. -C. W. Caldwell



TEENAGERS CONFORMING to the custom of "going steady," Doug and his girl Sandy follow their plan for secret marriage on a dare and are afraid to "chicken out" of it. Scene is from the complete, new dramatic episode on teenagers' conformity, titled "Ah. Eighteen," in the television series "This Is The Answer." The drama will be presented on Sunday, Mar. 15, at Ft. Smith, KNAC-TV, 1 p. m.; Little Rock, KATV, 2:30 p. m.; Shreveport, La., KSLA, 1:15 p. m.; Joplin, Mo., KODE-TV, 1:30 p. m.; Tulsa, Okla., KVOO-TV, 12:30 p. m.; Texarkana, Tex., KCMC-TV, 1 p. m. It will be presented in El Dorado, WTVE, Saturday, 4:30 19. 101.



AN OVERALL VIEW of New Orleans Seminary Is given in this aerial photograph. The buildings are: (1) chapel; (2) administration building; (3) School of Theology; (4) coffee shop; (5) cafeteria; (6) School of Sacred Music; (7) book store; (8) auditorium; (9) School of Religious Education; (10) library; (11) proposed building; (12) president's home; (13) faculty residences; (14) student apartments; (15) children's building; (16) women's residence hall; (17) men's residence hall; (18) gymnasium.

WITH THREE of the four former presidents of New Orleans Baptist Seminary sitting on the platform and with Southern Baptists from across the nation packing the auditorium of 1st Baptist Church, New Orleans, Chairman T. Odus Winn, of the New Orleans Seminary board of trustees, installed Henry Leo Eddleman as fifth president of the Seminary, on the night of Thursday, Feb. 26.

Taking his place as the chief administrative officer, Dr. Eddleman shoulders the responsibility for the operation of a \$7,000,000 campus where there are now a faculty of 35 members and a student body of more than 900.

As Pastor J. D. Grey, 1st Church, New Orleans, pointed out at a luncheon in the college dining hall the day of the inauguration, there has been a corresponding growth of the Baptist work in New Orleans and its section of the country as the seminary has grown in its teaching ministry.

In 1918, the year the seminary (first

known as Baptist Bible Institute) opened, there were only six Baptist churches with a total of 1,242 members, giving Baptists the rank of seventh in number in the city of New Orleans, Dr. Grey stated. He showed that by 1927 the number of Baptist churches had increased to 17, and Baptists had advanced to sixth place; by 1937 there were 27 churches and the rating of Baptists was fifth; by 1947, there were 38 churches and the Baptist rank was second; and today there are 60 Baptist churches in the city, ten times as many as when the seminary was established, and Baptists continue to rank second, only the Catholics being more numerous.

Known as "The School of Prayer and Providence," New Orleans Seminary was originally conceived in the vision of men like P. I. Lipsey and the first president, the late Byron H. DeMent, for whom the present administrative building is named, Dr. Eddleman pointed out in the introduction of his address, "Theological Education for Our Time."

Tribute Expressed

Dr. Eddleman paid tribute to the three other presidents, all of whom were in attendance: Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, under whose leadership the seminary was moved to a new site and its new buildings erected, and who is now president emeritus; Dr. W. W. Hamilton; and Dr. Duke K. McCall. He also commended Dr. J. Wash Watts for his leadership in serving on several occasions as interim president.

"A siren note of urgency emanates from practically every area of contemporary education," the new president declared. "Teacher shortages, lack of physical facilities, exploding population growth, insufficient financing, and occasional admission of a tragic cutural lag stemming from an abundance of frill courses to the neglect of basic disciplines, are some of the causes of the present agonizing reappraisal," he said.

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It is primarily a lag, supposed or real, in "science productivity" that brought the realization that there may be a causal relation between education and national security, he continued.

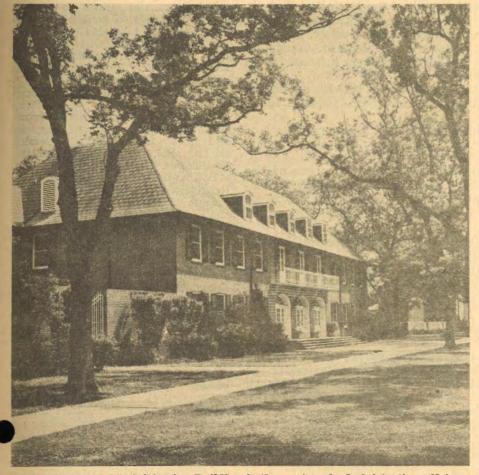
"It is easy to sympathize with the feeling if not the spirit of the gentlemen who, on hearing a heated argument as to whether all men are created equal, exclaimed that we had all best be learning to live together amicably 'lest an atomic explosion become the sequel in which all men are cremated equal,'" he said.

Southern Baptists, the sponsors of six seminaries including New Orleans, have recognized the centrality of theological education, President Eddleman continued. Southern B a p t is t s, he pointed out, have not built many large universities but rather have established seminaries at the graduate level which compare favorably with those found elsewhere.

At the southwide level, he said, "Baptists have put all their education eggs in theological baskets. Accordingly, seminary-trained ministers have done much to preserve and intensify the spiritual dynamic of their forebears. Apparently, they in turn will build more educational and eleemosynary institutions for meeting more fully all areas of human need than would have resulted otherwise."



NEW ORLEANS Seminary's new president, Dr. H. Leo Eddleman (second from left), visits with Arkansans Robert L. Hartsell, third from left, New Orleans Seminary Alumni president for Arkansas; and Editor Erwin L. McDonald, right, of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST. Dr. V. Wayne Barton, first from left, is the faculty representative in charge of student recruitment from Arkansas.



B. H. DeMENT Administration Building is the center of administrative affairs on the beautiful campus of New Orleans Seminary. The architecture is French Colonial, in keeping with the predominant architectural designs of the city itself.

"Christ Is Adequate"

In a needy, changing world, Dr. Eddleman said, "we believe in the adequacy of Christ — that he "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or think' (Eph. 3:20).

"We believe in the immutability of his person, that he is "the same yesterday, today, yea and forever" (Heb. 13:8). We are equally convinced of the finality of Christ. In a lofty sense, he is God's last word to man."

(Editor's Note: One of the highlights of the inauguration of Dr. Eddleman was an address by G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College, on "Marks of a Mature Seminary," given at chapel exercises the morning of the inaugural day. Because of a lack of space we are not reporting on it in this issue but plan to have some editorials based on it in succeeding issues beginning next week.—ELM)

Mrs. S. E. Tull Dies

MRS. S. E. TULL, wife of Dr. S. E. Tull, passed away in Hattiesburg, Miss., Mar. 2, after a protracted illness.

Dr. and Mrs. Tull have been wellknown to many people of Arkansas for many years. Dr. Tull was twice the pastor of the 1st Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, and was very active in state denominational affairs. Dr. and Mrs. Tull lived in Pine Bluff for some years following Dr. Tull's retirement from the pastorate. The couple moved to Hattiesburg about five years ago.

Mrs. Tull was the former Miss Laura Nichols of Durant, Miss. She was known to all of her many friends as an excellent pastor's wife.

Editorials

Arkansas Christians Mobilize

A SEVEN-LEAGUE step in the direction of moral and civic righteousness in the state of Arkansas was taken in Little Rock Feb. 24, by the action of a group of Christian leaders representing many different denominations.

Voting for the enlargement of the scope of the Temperance League of Arkansas to include concerted action against gambling, narcotics, obscene literature and other related vices, as well as liquor, were leaders from evangelical Christian denominations with memberships totaling more than 600,000.

The expanded organization, to be known officially as the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc., will assume the full program of the organization which has been known as Temperance League.

The enlarged program will make possible a greatly increased budget and it is believed a much more effective approach. The Christians of the state will be given a voice in the program through Foundation committees to be set up in each county.

This development is in line with new trends in temperance league programs across the nation, according to Clayton M. Wallace, executive director of the National Temperance League, with which the Temperance League of Arkansas has been affiliated. The Christian Civic Foundation will continue this alignment.

Churches and others who have been giving regularly to the Temperance League will, it is presumed, continue to give to the enlarged agency. The office will continue to be at 503 Waldon Building, in Little Rock.

Clyde C. Coulter, who has served the Temperance League as superintendent for the past 19 years, retired as of Feb. 28. Named to serve as interim director until a fulltime director can be named was J. Albert Gatlin, superintendent of the Paragould district of the Methodist Church, who has been president of the Temperance League for the past 10 years.

Expressions of appreciation for the work of Mr. Coulter, including a cash gift, were presented to him at a recent board meeting. Under his leadership the percentage of Arkansans living in dry areas increased from 16.5% in 1943 to 42.5% as of the present.

Signing of papers of incorporation and election of officers are scheduled for a meeting March 30 at 10 a.m. in the Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Officers to be elected to serve the remainder of the calendar year of 1959 will include a president, four vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer.

The board for this year will be composed of the members of the board of the Temperance League, the members of the Civic Morality Committee of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and representatives from the Methodist Church and the various other denominations of the state.

The participation of our own Civic Morality Committee in the new agency was provided for by action of the State Convention last November.

We believe the Christian Civic Foundation merits the prayers and support of every Christian and every evangelical church in Arkansas.

—ELM

Editor's Notebook

T WAS OUR privilege to represent the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at the inauguration of Dr. H. Leo Eddleman as fifth president of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, on Feb. 26. One of the most versatile men to be found anywhere, Dr. Eddleman is also a great man of wisdom, faith, and courage. In his inaugural address the new president declared: "Christianity never wanes save when Christians compromise with the world instead of converting it or when they attempt to make the church and state organizationally coextensive . . . Let this seminary produce in coming years a quality of life and leadership that will justify the investment of manhood and money put into it . . ." We believe Dr. Eddleman is God's man for the strategic place to which Southern Baptists have called him. ——ELM

Personally Speaking . . . How Do You Sleep?

A MOUNTAINEER who was being examined by order of the draft board complained that he had trouble sleeping.

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at night?" asked the physician. "Nah," replied the inductee, "I sleep good at night. And I sleep purty good in the morning, but in

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the atternoon I can't seem to do nothin but toss and turn! Hal Boyle estimated in a recent

column that the average person who lives out the Biblical span of three score years and ten sleeps a solid 20 years.

A certain amount of sleep is a blessed necessity. Not only do we need this for physical rest and daily repair, but we need it to get us out from under the burdens of today and to give us a new start for tomorrow. Sleep can often erase or greatly decrease the tension that has built up during a day of living.

The amount of sleep we must have varies from one person to another. Some can thrive on far less than others. Few would be able to get by as the late Thomas Edison is reported to have, on three to four hours of sleep out of each 24. The most of us adults need about eight hours.

Those who consistently deprive themselves of adequate sleep — particularly children and young people — are undermining their health and happiness and greatly increasing their prospects for physical, mental and emotional breakdowns.

But, no doubt, many people still need the admonition of **Poor Richard's Al**manac: "Plough deep while sluggards sleep, and you shall have corn both to sell and to keep."

"How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard?" chides the writer of Proverbs (Prov. 6:9).

"When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man."

How do you sleep? Nothing is more conducive to restful sleep than a clear conscience, a sense of satisfaction that comes from having achieved something really worthwhile for others and a reasonable fatigue from wholesome physical exercise, golf, hunting and fishing no excluded!

"I will both lay me down in peace and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makes me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8)

Erwin L. In Donelly



From India

I REQUEST I may be excused for this letter. A few words about myself will not be out of place.

I am a retired educationist. Here at 55, we have to retire from the State Service. I had my post graduate education in the Columbia University, N.Y. City. After returning to my country, I occupied several educational posts as headmaster of High Schools, Secretary to the Board of Public Examinations and Text Book Committee. I retired as Principal of Government Teacher Training College.

Though retired. I am not keeping quiet. I am the President of the local Congress Party (Nehru's Party). I am taking an active part in politics and Christian religion. As a member of the St. Thomas Church in India I am interested in evangelism. My immediate interest is to wean away young men from the nefarious and pernicious teachings of Communism. Unfortunately this part of India, Kerala, is in Communist control. Because of splits and rivalries among other parties the Communists happened to get control with a meagre minority of two seats in the Provincial Assembly.

Here, the book-stall and reading rooms are full of Communist literature. With the launching of the Sputniks and the latest Sun Rockets. Russia has captared the imagination and devotion of the young men. To tell them there are Western Democracies and they too have scientific development, is difficult without the aid of papers and magazines. Religious Journals are welcome. In this connection, I require your help. I have heard about your paper. I request you may be pleased to send me a copy regularly. I would also request that you may kindly send me other papers like the Sunday Edition of New York Times or Herald Tribune (only political, educational, books sections) which will be warmly welcomed here. I need them only after their use there. I hope and trust that in this way, you will kindly help me. -Dr. C. C. Matnew, Cherpu, via Trichur, Kerala, India

• DAVID MOORE, now teaching band in Arkadelphia High School, has been called as director of music and activities of South Highland Church, Little Rock. Mr. Moore, a native of Heber Springs, is a graduate of Ouachita and received his master's degree from Baylor. He is married and has two sons. (CB)

NON-CATHOLICS!



Forward Program Helps at W. Helena

By WILSON C. DEESE

(Pastor, West Helena Church)

WEST HELENA Church has just completed a Forward Program of Church Finance Campaign, the most extensive program in the church's 47year history. Emphasis was placed on the individual assuming his responsibility in a financial way. Privileges were pointed up, rather than direct duties.

The Loyalty Dinner was one of the highlights of the campaign with approximately 400 attending. The pastor, Wilson Deese, introduced the guest speaker, O. C. Robinson, director of city missions in Little Rock. T. M. Goatcher, general chairman, introduced his chairmen.

The campaign closed with pledge day

in which all the teaching and training organizations of the church participated. Following pledge day, the men of the church visited in the homes of those who had not previously pledged, informing the members of the program of the church and inviting them to share the burden of responsibility.

The program is acclaimed as a great victory for the West Helena Baptist Church. The budget was not subscribed. However, twice as many people have pledged to systematically and regularly support the church as ever before, and more than twice as much, in dollars and cents as ever before, was pledged. The actual receipts have increased considerably, and the addition of new members by profession of faith and by letter transfers has been most encouraging.

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HELPERS AT MY CHURCH by Mary Sue White

The pastor and other workers in the church are pictured in their various activities so that a child will know them better. This book also shows how the child, too, might be a worker. Pictures by Beatrice Derwinski. Ages 4-8. Cloth, \$1.00; board, 60¢

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Arkansas All Over

Pastoral Changes

HEBER SHREVE has resigned as pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Benton, effective Apr. 1. (CB)

DELBERT GARRETT, 1st Church, Sheridan, resigned Feb. 22 to accept the call of 1st Church, Yellville. He served as missionary in Central Association for five years before accepting the Sheridan Church. He is the first pastor of 1st Southern in Sheridan. (CB)

HENRY APPLEGATE has resigned the Osceola Calvary Church to accept the pastorate of the Trinity Church. (CB)

JAMES MARLAR has resigned the Whitton Church to accept the pastorate of Keiser Church. (CB)

W. R. ROGERS has accepted the pastorate of the 2nd Church, Camden. Rev. and Mrs. Rogers received their educa-



tion at Northwestwestern Bible Seminary, Minneapolis. Minnesota. After graduation both served for 7 years as missionaries in Northwest Arkansas. He then was called to Louisiana and pastored several churches there. and for the past 11

MR. ROGERS

years he has been pastor of the Cherry Ridge Church. They are making their Bastrop, La. home at 539 Jackson St. He assumed his duties at the 2nd Church, Feb. 1.



Wayne S. Smith, Ouachita College public relations director, has accepted the pastorate of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock. A native of Texas, Mr. Smith has been in the ministry 15 years. He is a graduate of Baylor and Southwestern Seminary. He will assume the pastorate in June. Mr. Smith, 32, is married, and has a threeweek old son. (DP)



PRESIDENT TOMMY E. McGee, of the Brotherhood of 1st Church, Harrisburg, presents a check of appreciation to retiring Pastor L. H. Davis and Mrs. Davis. If the smile of appreciation on the face of Mrs. Davis seems a little broader than that of Pastor Davis, it could be because the check for several hundred dollars was drawn in her favor. —Arkansas Baptist Photo

L. H. Davis, Harrisburg, **Retiring from Pastorate**

PASTOR L. H. Davis, 1st Church, Harrisburg, is retiring from the pastorate and has resigned effective Mar. 31. He and Mrs. Davis will make their home in Arkadelphia, where their new residence is nearing completion.

A dinner honoring the Davises, sponsored by the Brotherhood of the church, was held in Harrisburg on the night of Feb. 23. Presiding was President Tommy E. McGee, and master of ceremonies was Clyde Koon. The major address was given by Missionary L. D. Eppinette, Trinity Association, a personal friend of the Davises for many vears.

Brief tributes were paid by the following pastors of the association: R. B. Crotts, Lepanto; Conway H. Sawyers, Marked Tree; and Earl C. Edwards, Tyronza; and by Editor Erwin L. McDonald, of Arkansas Baptist.

President Tommy McGee, on behalf of the Brotherhood, presented the Davises with a check for several hundred dollars.

Pastorates of Mr. Davis have included 1st Church, Carlisle; Star City; Gould; Wilson; and Calvary, Ft. Smith. He served the Ft. Smith church for 17 years, seeing it grow from a small, struggling situation to one of the leading churches in the state. He has been at Harrisburg for the past five years, during which time the church has made remarkable progress.

A denominational leader, Mr. Davis

has served as vice-president of the state convention, president of the Executive Board of the convention, and has been a member for many years of the Arkansas Baptist State Hospital Board. He is currently serving as president of the Poinsett County Ministerial Assoclation and as moderator of Trinit Association.

Brother Davis plans to be active as a supply preacher and evangelist.

Dale Barnett Named Associational Missionary

DALE BARNETT, pastor at Yellville for 20 months, has resigned to become associational missionary for the White River Baptist Association.

Highlights of ministry with the Yellville church include: 105 additions, 71 by baptism; total gifts reached an alltime high last associational year with mission gifts of \$1,956 also setting a record; paying off of the church debt; beginning of a mission at North Tomahawk; the Arkansas Baptist and Home Life were placed in the budgets converting of the old parsonage into an educational unit.

During the last associational year, Yellville led the association in baptisms.

H.E. WILLIAMS, president of Southern Baptist College, will lead a group of business leaders on a tour of Russia and Europe July 15 to Aug. 14. The group will fly to and from Europe and in Russia will visit cities such as Kiev, Moscowe Leningrad and Odessa. Cost of the tour is \$1,768.

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PASTOR Doyle Lumpkin, of 1st Church, Sparkman, congratulates two members with enviable Sunday School attendance records. Center is Mrs. A. P. Posey, who has a perfect attendance record for 17 years; and left is Mrs. J. R. Gaston, with a perfect record for 16 years.

• R. J. McMILLAN, 1st Church, Jackconville, observed his eighth anniversary with the church Feb. 22. The church presented him and his wife with a china service for 12 as an anniversary rift. During his service, the church has built a \$146,000 auditorium, \$100,-000 educational building and \$22,000 pastor's home. Gifts have increased from \$13,987 in 1951 to \$62,987 in 1958. Bunday School average attendance has climbed from 202 to 519; Training Un-ion, 111 to 236. There have been 368 additions by profession of faith and 756 by letter during the last seven years. Mr. McMillan has held all offices of the Jacksonville Ministerial Alliance and is currently vice moderator of the Pulaski Baptist Association. (CB)

• GEORGE DAVES, Ouachita student, has been called as minister of music by Harvey's Chapel, Central Association. He is a native of Hot Springs. (CB)

• CENTRAL ASSOCIATION pastors will have a prayer meeting for the slmultaneous revivals at Spring Lake Apr. 3-4. Twenty-five churches are planning to participate in the campaign.

• DR. H. E. KIRKPATRICK, Hot Springs evangelist, is serving Faith Church, Benton, as interim pastor. (CB)

• FELSENTHAL CHURCH, Feb. 22-28: Doyle Lumpkin, 1st Church, Sparkman, evangelist; J. W. Smith, pastor; one by baptism, one by letter.

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by Eleanor Noyes Johnson, pictures by Bernard Case

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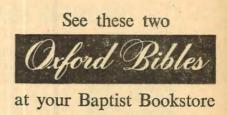
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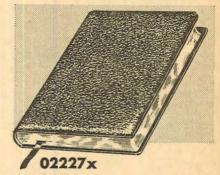
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Baptized the Second Time By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

QUESTION: I was baptized when was eleven years of age but was no really converted until I was 25. A



least, I do not think I was saved the first time I joint the church. My question is, should l be baptized again ANSWER: Unlet you were saved before you were bap tized, you have no scriptural been baptized. As I understand the New Testament, bapting

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is a picture of what has already taken place in the heart, dead to the old life and raised to a new one.

In the same sense, you have not truly been baptized, unless you were saved before eleven years of age.

It will do no harm to follow Christ in baptism now. Baptism, for one thin, is "the answer of a good conscience toward God" (1 Peter 3:21). This means that in baptism we obey the simple command of Christ to picture death and the resurrection in water baptient

If your conscience is not clear, do not hesitate to ask the church to allow you to witness in this way.





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Let Us Worthily Honor Southern Seminary's Centennial

By GAINES S. DOBBINS (Golden Gate Seminary)

HE YEAR 1909 marked the 50th approximately of the founding of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. I had just enrolled as student and was called on by Dr. J. N. Prestridge, editor of the Baptist World, to report the meeting for his paper and for the Courier-Journal.

The celebration was a notable occasion, bringing to Louisville some of the putstanding Baptists and other religious leaders of the time. Dr. A. T. Robertson was especially featured as the nost distinguished New Testament the content of the Englishpeaking world.

As a youngster, I was deeply impressed by the 'occasion and the high esteem in which Southern Seminary was held at home and abroad. I remember that I wondered if I would live to see the celebration of the seminary's 100th anniversary. Just around the corner is this celebration and I am spared to write about it!

In imagination, I can see a cloud of witnesses looking from heaven with eager anticipation — Boyce, Broadus, Williams, Manly, Whitsett, Kerfoot, Mullins, Sampey, Robertson, McGlothlin, Carver, Gardner, Eager, Dargan, Adams, Fuller, Davis and other professors, and a host of alumni. If there is sadness in heaven, would they not be grieved if this anniversary celebration should in any wise fall short because of the misfortune that has just wertaken the school they loved?

I came to the faculty of the seminary in 1920, when President E. Y. Mullins was at the height of his career and the institution had become world-rehowned. Hershey Davis and I, elected at the same time, brought the total of full faculty members to nine! Dr. Mullins died in 1928, just before the depression, and left the seminary with a building debt of almost a million dollars. For the next twenty years we struggled to pay the debt and keep the school financially solvent.

With the coming of Dr. Ellis Fuller to the presidency, we entered a new era. The debt was paid. The Convention's growth and prosperity became phenomenal. Dr. Fuller possessed amazing ability to get money for the seminary. The student body increased to a thousand, to twelve hundred, to fifteen hundred, and of course there had to be a corresponding increase in the faculty.

Dr. McCall came to a situation that demanded reorganization and redefinition of policy. The trustees had given Dr. Fuller a mandate to be president, the administrative head of the school, rather than "chairman of the faculty" as in the previous conception. Dr. Mc-Call inherited this mandate which he was obliged to implement. Much of the



DR. DOBBINS

trouble between certain members of the faculty and the trustees grew out of this difficulty of adjustment from an old order to a new, and an apparent failure to apprehend the genius of the seminary as a Southern Baptist institution.

I served successively with Presidents Mullins, Sampey, Fuller, McCall. I bear solemn testimony that there was never abuse of administrative authority during these 36 years of my close association with these four men. The most nearly authoritarian of the four was Dr. Mullins, the most democratic Dr. Sampey. Dr. Sampey so leaned backward in his concept of himself as "first among equals" that the trustees by formal resolution required of his successors the exercise of more administrative authority. As is almost always the case, the personal equation entered the picture and inevitably mistakes were made. Perhaps the gravest mistake of the trustees was in not dealing decisively with the difficulty nearer its inception.

What profit can possibly come from agitating the trouble at the Convention in the effort to assess the blame? Whoever in the course of time may be adjudged more blameworthy, this sin should not be laid at the door of the alumni — that we failed in our loyalty at this crisis hour of our alma mater. For disloyalty is sin - deep and dark. When I think of what the seminary did for me, helping me to find myself when I was groping and uncertain, giving to me a foundation on which to build a useful career, honoring me with a place on its faculty, I am ready to cry concerning the seminary as did the Psalmist concerning Jerusalem: "If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth!" And I am persuaded that I echo the sentiment of Southern Seminary's alumni at home and around the world.

Let us not be too much disturbed

by the report of the Committee of the American Association of Theological Schools. The report was made by men of known integrity who did not have all the facts and who, I am afraid, were at some points misinformed. Remember, the association is not "theirs" but ours. No man did more than our own W. O. Carver to promote its organization and perfect its operation. The association has rendered and is rendering invaluable service to the cause of theological education. It is our friend, and I am confident that we could expect and receive fair and helpful treatment from the Commission on Research and Counsel if their services were requested by the seminary trustees.

The purpose of the association is not to exercise control nor to punish members after trial and conviction, but "to promote the improvement of theological education in such ways as may be appropriate," as its constitution states. The suspension of accreditation would come, if at all, as a last resort, and only if the association should be convinced that a member's affairs are in such condition as to require time in which to effect changes which the trustees themselves would voluntarily make in the interest of greater efficiency.

The assumption needs rethinking that loss of these professors, with resultant internal difficulties, imperils the seminary's academic standing. Apparently account was not taken of the outcome if the demands of the professors had been met by the trustees. The seminary would have lost its president and, I am confident, even more of its teachers who would not have stayed than those who left.

The seminary has passed through many storms and weathered them all. A visit to the school, such as I was privileged to make recently, will convince that already the storm is subsiding and that the seminary is emerging with prospects for even greater usefulness during the next hundred years than during the past.

Alumni and friends of Southern Seminary, hear my plea: Let us go to Louisville prepared for a great outpouring of love and loyalty to the school that for a century has meant more to the cause of Southern Baptists and of Christ than any other institution God has given us! Let us feel the presence of that "cloud of witnesses" who with eagerness and holy pride will be watching as we celebrate the centennial of the school to which some gave their lives and from which others received the equipment and inspiration that blessed and fructified their lives! Let no dark shadow fall across this occasion, but let us dispel it with such a display of gratitude and affection that will fittingly mark the turning point for another hundred years of still greater achievement and usefulness.



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Brotherhood

Challenging Activities

BY THE time you read this article the State Brotherhood Convention will be history. Ahead for Arkansas Baptist men and boys are several Area Royal Ambassador Congresses yet to be held; the State Royal Ambassador Congress at Gaines Street Church in Little Rock on May 1 and 2; the whole summer Royal Ambassador Camping program; the Regional Brotherhood Encampments; the State Brotherhood Encampment; the Royal Ambassador Focus Week; the annual Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper, followed by Brotherhood Night; and the fall series of Regional and Associational Brotherhood Clinics

The above activities mean a busy year for the Brotherhood Department. But God's work is a work at which God's people may well keep continually busy. The Brotherhood program of work is made up of activities which are worthy — every one of them! However, the Brotherhood program as applied to the individual man or boy is a program which leaves each with ample time to engage in all other phases of the work of his church.

The prayer of your Brotherhood Department is that every Arkansas Baptist man and boy shall be led of the Holy Spirit this year to go more deeply into the work of the Lord, and to see more clearly the will of the Lord, than ever before in his life.

God's work waits on men; and never before in the memory of any living man has there been a more critical need of men who are out-and-out for God and His whole program of work.

Blessings on you!

Training Union

New Convention Date

THE STATE Youth Convention has been changed from April 10 to Friday, May 8, 1959. The meeting place has not been changed: 1st Baptist Church, Little Rock. Convention theme will be, "Tomorrow Is Yours." State Sword Drill and Speakers' Tournaments will be held at this convention. The convention will begin at 10 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. No registration fee. No offerings.

Schedule Correction

Please notice the following correction to the Training Union Assembly program (June 29-July 4) as carried on page 20 of the Feb. 26 Arkansas Baptist:

- 10:35 Life Interest Conference (Tuesday—Friday)
- 11:20 Morning service (Tuesday—Friday)

Tuesday—Choir Concert Wednesday—Message, Dr. S. A. Whitlow Thursday—Panel Discussion Friday—Demonstration of

- Sword Drill
- 12:00 Dinner



MRS. KIM

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MRS. WEEKS

State Meet to Be March 31 - April 2

THE 70TH ANNUAL meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union will open at 1:30 p.m. March 31 and will adjourn at noon on April 2. All sessions will be in 1st Church, Little Rock. Miss Elma Cobb, president, will preside.

The program theme, "Shew Forth His Salvation," will be developed by a corps of outstanding speakers including Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex., president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, and world traveler. She will speak at the Wednesday and Thursday morning sessions.

A guest with a most unusual testimony is Korean-born Mrs. Dong Kim, who, with her husband, is now working with Koreans in Los Angeles.

Strong Christian training was given by the mother of Ester Kim which fortified her for her trying experiences of young womanhood with Japanese occupation they dictated that Koreans worship Shinto gods. Upon refusal, Mrs. Kim was imprisoned for five years and eight months. Because of the limited diet, her body became deteriorated; she temporarily lost her sight and hearing; her hair, teeth, fingernails were gone; and she weighed about 67 pounds. After release she married and came to the States to study.

After graduation from the seminary, the Kims were appointed by the Home Mission Board for the work in California. She will speak Wednesday night.

Another representative of the Home Mission Board will be Mrs. Donald Weeks whose work is with the 40,000 Spanish people in Pueblo, Colorado. Mrs. Weeks and her husband know the job of receiving the promise of a much needed church building to be supplied by the Annie Armstrong Offering. But they also know the disappointment of not receiving it because Southern Baptists failed to reach the offering



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goal and of having to tell "their people" they would have to wait. Mrs. Weeks will speak on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Other speakers will include Mrs. Roy Wyatt, Spain, Mrs. Hugo Culpepper, Argentina, Mrs. J. O. Williams, devotional leader.

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Your Dog's Magic Hearing

By THELMA C. CARTER

HAVE YOU ever wondered why your dog will come running to you, barking at a closed door, long before you have come into sight of your pet? The answer lies in the keen sense of hearing the Creator has given to animals in his natural world. Dogs are especially gifted with sensitive ears.

A dog can hear a train whistle and the sound of faraway thunder before human beings are able to catch the sounds. Your pet pooch hears your footsteps long before you might imagine. He is able to recognize the special sound of your footsteps, even when you are walking with others.

. If you are walking with your pet and suddenly break step, he will stop and look at you. Try this experiment with your pet dog. You will be amazed. . Dogs can hear sounds to which we are quite deaf. There is a high-pitched whistle which, if blown, seems to the human ear to make no sound. To a dog it is clear, and he will come running when it is blown.

Dogs and other furry animals have outside ears which serve as ear trumpets. These ears help them catch sound waves which are important to them.

If you have the opportunity, take a moment to observe a donkey, a nabbit, a bat, or your dog. You'll see their big ears stand well up on their heads, even moving toward the directions from which sounds are coming. You will enjoy watching your dog's ears froop when he isn't interested in certain sounds, like a too-loudly played radio or television.

The Bible tells us, "God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). (Sunday School Board Syndicate, all rights reserved)

REV. AND MRS. A. L. LEAKE, mission workers in the Arkansas mountains, are living in McKinney, Tex., until Mar. 14. They have spent several weeks on mission tours in Norman, Alits and Frederick.

Attendance Report

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Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Addi- tions
Arkadelphia, 2nd	263	100	2
Berryville, Freeman Ht	123	79	
Booneville	439	103	4
Mission	103	40	
Cullendale, 1st	437	227	4
El Dorado, 1st	920	296	. 7
Mission	55	- 2.3	
Fayetteville, 1st	675	224	4
⁻ Chapels	89	37	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	434	153	9 -
Gentry, 1st	265	114	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	437	161	2
Huntsville, 1st	108	40	
McGehee, 1st	530	249	
Magnolia, Central	911	422	.4
Mena, 1st	347	111	
Mission	28	21	
Rye Hill	106	63	
Rose City, Calvary	410	129	
Springdale, 1st	499	147	6
W. Memphis, Calvary	229	122	

A Smile or Two

THE VOICE on the other end of the theatrical agent's phone said: "Monsieur, I'd like to present my really extraordinary number to you."

"What is your number?"

"I swallow yard-long swords." "But, my dear fellow, that's not extraordinary!"

"Wait! Listen! I'm only 33 inches tall!" — Pourguoi Pas?

GOOD NATURE, like a bee, collects honey from every herb. Ill nature, like the spider, sucks poison from the sweetest flower.—H. W. Beecher

LEARN FROM the mistakes of others. You haven't time to make them all yourself.

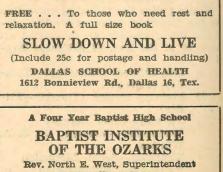
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YOU'RE ONLY young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely!



"Wouldn't you know it! The FIRST time I ever persuaded him to say grace and he gets acute indigestion!"

A distressing coincidence. Even more distressing is the habit of taking for granted our dally bread. Many still hunger in this world of ours. Does not the blessing of ample food carry the obligation for some simple expression of gratitude?



Rev. North E. West, Superintendent Bentonville, Arkansas BOARDING STUDENTS ONLY

Sunday School Lesson _____ What Will You Do with Jesus?

By CLARENCE A. ALLISON (Pastor, 1st Church, Junction City)

March 15 Mark 15:1-15

ESUS STOOD before the crowds, not as an unknown person, who was the victim of circumstance, but as the one



whose work was heralded from Dan to Beersheha He healed, he saved, he heartened, and all the land knew of him. They knew of his toil and love, yet they mocked him. They whom he would save, mocked him in spite of his deeds. He was the

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victim of the plotting of the powerful politicians and callousness of careless citizens.

We, too, treat Jesus so, for the evidence of his work is all about us, yet we cast aside his saviourhood for the pitiable pleasures and prejudices of precious sins, to die in them.

Priestly Pre-Trial

The sight of aroused masses is nothing new to the world. Evil deeds have often been accompanied and perpetrated in that manner. Here is such a scene.

Jesus was taken into custody as Judas placed upon his face the deadly signal. They dragged him before the Sanhedrin, which sat in extraordinary session for the investigation of the activities of the Man of Sorrows. They must make short work of the sham while the sentiments of the people were aroused against him. They dared not wait for due process of law.

Witnesses were gathered, with bribery no doubt, by the hirelings of the priests. Frantic was their search, for they took no time to organize themselves. As a result, none of the witnesses could agree on an accusation against Jesus. According to Jewish law, two or more witnesses had to agree before one could be sentenced. No two agreed against Jesus.

The merciful Man of Gallilee stood mute before his tormentors and only at the insistent questioning of the high priest did he open his mouth to utter the words, "I am, and ye shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." Whereupon they declared him guilty of blasphemy and worthy of death. They had all the evidence they needed, a public utterance that could be construed for their purposes.

Pilate's Dilemma

Away they went to the judgment hall of Pilate, for the Jews could not pass the sentence of death under the Roman rule. That must be done by the Roman authority.

The scene before Pilate was much the same as before the priests. The mob was milling about sensing that blood was about to flow, relieving the monotony of the long preparation for the passover feast.

Pilate sat upon a balcony, perhaps, overlooking a courtyard. There a seat of judgment had been placed. He sat upon it to judge him who would one day execute the procedure in reverse, though Jesus would judge with far more integrity and mercy.

The questioning before Pilate brought only silence from Jesus. No

An Opportunity to Reach Jews

SINCE THE Sunday School lessons for April, May, and June will be based on scriptures from the Old Testament, this will afford an excellent opportunity to invite our Jewish friends to attend our Bible classes, William B. Mitchell, superintendent of the Jewish department of the Home Mission Board, reminds. Of the 5,500,000 Jews in the United States, 3,300 are reported to reside in

Arkansas. Only 582 of these have accepted Christ as their Saviour.

For those who would like to invite Jewish friends to Sunday School for the lessons we have mentioned, we are supplying here the dates, topics, and scripture references.

April 5-What God Can Do With One Man. I Samuel 3:19-21; 7.
April 12-A Leader for the People. I Samuel 8-11.
April 19-Disobedience Is Tragic. I Samuel 15; 31.
April 26-When Success Comes. I Samuel 16:1 to 18:16.
May 3 — The Value of Wise Leadership. 2 Samuel 5-6; 8.
May 10 — Facing Our Sins. 2 Samuel 7; 11-12.
May 17—Power Brings Responsibility. I Kings 5; 9:1 to 11:8.
May 24 — The Folly of Injustice. I Kings 11:9 to 12:33.
May 31 —In the Time of Despair. I Kings 16:29 to 19:18.
June 7-Denounce Greed. I Kings 21:1 to 22:40.
June 14—An Outsider Becomes a Believer. 2 Kings 5.
June 21-Sharing Responsibility. 2 Chronicles 17; 19-20.
June 28-Nations Need Religious Leaders. 2 Kings 11-12,

word parted his lips as the event, which was to reshape history, took place in the City of David. Pilate marvelled that one who was on trial for his life should remain silent before such obviously fabricated charges. The words of Scripture sound in our ears: "He is brought as a sheep to the slaughter. and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (Isa. 53:7).

It was the custom to release a prisoner from custody at the time of the passover. As Pilate pondered what to do about this man, the crowd began to call to him to release a prisoner to them. They desired that he should release Barabbas.

Pilate had the power to release Jesus; he knew him to be innocent and perhaps really wanted to let him go. But, rulers are apt to do strange things when implored by a mob, though absolute power be theirs. Probably, he wanted to be done with the whole incident with as little furor as possible. What mattered most was that there should be no disturbance of the peaceful observance of the Passover. Thousands of Jews had invaded Jerusalem and one incident could ruin the career of the Roman ruler. He asked what the people wanted, then washed his hands of the whole affair. History condemns him for his act.

People's Choice

The people of Jerusalem demanded that Jesus be put to death. They cried for the blood of Jesus to be spilled in the most horrible manner, crucifixion. They asked that Pilate release to them Barabbas, an insurrectionist, murderer, but public hero. And, here is irony in most tragic and yet wonderful form. Jesus was accused, falsely, of the very crimes which were committed by Barabbas. Jesus took Barabbas' place on the cross literally. That is a picture of what he has done for every man. Jesus Christ was crucified, bearing the guilt of your sin and mine. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God . . ." (1 Peter 3:18).

The condemnation of Jesus was the act of Pilate, and it was the act of the people. It was the act of individuals and the act of a corporate body. In this case, the "people" ruled. What a shame that that popular phrase is so often connected with sinful and tragic events. The people may rule, but they are not always right.

One may not escape his responsibility in relation to Jesus. He always makes a choice. You must choose Jesus, or cry for him to be crucified. What have you done with him? Is he the ruler of your heart or have you callously rejected him? Have you accepted his grace or spurned it? You must make your choice, not merely whether you would condemn him in a court of law, but whether he is enthroned in your heart, prompting every action.

What will you do with Jesus?

Wow! What a Festival!

A TOTAL of 1,211 choristers from 40 churches participated in the State Junior Choir Festival. Two state junior festivals are now a necessity. Wonderful growth!

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Irey, Orlando, Fla., led our tenth annual festival in a magnificent way. We thank them for their superb leadership in conducting the festival chorus.

There has been a gain of approximately 200 choristers in each festival: 432 in the adult festival, 1,003 in the youth festival and 1,211 in the Junior Choir Festival.



By the time this reaches the reader, three state graded choir conferences and the State Primary Festival will be history. It is thrilling to be part of this team of church musicians in our Arkansas Baptist churches.

Bus To Glorieta

Plans are being completed to take a bus full of church musicians to Glorieta Music Conference. Anyone interested in details should write the Church Music Department, 312 Baptist Building, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock. The bus will leave Little Rock at 7 a. m., July 7, and return to Little Rock at 7 p. m., July 17.

Two State Music Camps

June 15-20, Ouachita College Campus June 22-27, Siloam Springs Assembly Grounds

In addition to music ministers from within the state, out-of-state faculty will include:

Dr. Nolan P. Howington, Southern Seminary, camp pastor and Bible teacher.

Ray Baker, Georgetown College, oratorio director and choral procedures. Saxe Adams, Travis Avenue Church,

Ft. Worth, Tex., graded choir.

Loren Davidson, Louisiana State University, voice, choir.

Joe Stroud, North Carolina music director, worship, music ministry.

Classes for every age above nine years, technical and non-technical.



Dr. Dolph Camp Was Friend of BSU

FRIENDS OF Dr. Dolph Camp. and of Southern State College deeply regret to hear of the resignation of Dr Camp as president of that institution. As administrator of the college there have been many demands on his time, but always he has given his first attention to the moral and spiritual. Moreover, he has always shown a fairness and impartiality to all religious groups.

No one at Southern State College has had a keener interest in our Baptist Student Union than has Dr. Camp. He has been vitally concerned that we Baptist people secure a good location for our new Baptist Student Center and has helped in securing that property.

We wish Dr. Camp great success in his new work. Arkansas Baptists appreciate what he has done for our thousands of Baptist boys and girls who have graduated from his institution. May God bless you, Dr. Camp, in your new work.

-Tom Logue, Baptist Student Union

• A TOTAL OF 48 diplomas and seals were presented to 36 persons as 1st Church, Smackover, held its first Sunday School training recognition service Mar. 1. The awards represented a total of 558 books studied or over 4,185 hours of training. (CB)

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