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ARKANSAS Baptist

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Transformers

ELECTRIC POWER companies use some insignificant, sometimes unsightly gadgets to help distribute their product to the people. These gadgets are called transformers. You can see them hanging on tall poles as you drive along the highway, and in many alleys in every town. These are the mechanisms which really distribute the power on the right basis.

One type of transformer is the "stepup" type. When the voltage is not as high as the customers need to operate their equipment, the "step-up" reformers are used. Sometimes the voltage is reduced by using small wires, or by being transmitted great distances and "step-up" reformers are used to attain the maximum voltage.

The other transformer used is the "step-down" type. High voltage is transmitted to a town and, at a sub-station, passed through transformers which adapt to the needs of the people.

Without these transformers, the power companies would be limited, indeed, in their service.

In thinking of these power transformers, we said, "That's it! That's what we have as Baptists, A financial transformer! — The Forward Program of Church Finance — it's a transformer!"

We have a financial potential of \$35,580,668 in our Arkansas Baptist constituency, but the churches are receiving a little less than 1-3d of this amount. This leaves over 2-3d of the tithe, God's money, to be spent for worldly or secular things. So, we can readily see that we need to use the "step-up" type reformer. That is exactly where the Forward Program of Church Finance can help. It focuses attention on this potential through planning, preparing, presenting, promoting, pledging, and preserving. This Baptist transformer has doubled the giving in some churches. In others it has increased the financial power 25 to 75 per cent.

It may take some time to install the transformer, the Forward Program of Church Finance, but the results can be phenomenal. It will require prayer, concern, and diligent work to put it into working order.

Imagine a power company executive telling his firm that it costs too much money to purchase transformers. Then, imagine that same man saying, "Too many working men would be tied up on the installation of the transformer; so I have adopted a policy of no transformers." This would mean that in some instances, heavy wires to carry the electricity long distances would have to be used. The cost of the heavy wire would be prohibitive. The inevitable would happen. The company would

Can Annual Association Meetings Be Improved

HE ANNUAL associational meetings as they are now carried on seem to be a problem to most everyone concerned. We have discovered that the meetings are constantly being changed in order to try to reach more people. Every pastor with whom I have talked in recent months about the meetings has told me he thought the annual meetings in their present form had about outlived their usefulness. A number of years ago there was a definite need for a two or three-day annual meeting. At the present time we are meeting several times each month in most associations in some capacity.

From the standpoint of the denominational worker, we find ourselves running like wild fire to make two or three meetings a day during the period when the annual meetings are being held. We find ourselves at the close of a day with our tongues hanging out and realize we have accomplished very little since we have had about an average of ten or twelve minutes on each program. Furthermore, we have spent quite a sizeable sum of the denomination's money before the fall is over.

go broke, or the executive would be re-

Then imagine another power company executive saying, "Our voltage is not very high in certain areas, but we will not use "step-up" transformers because it takes too much time to plan and install gadgets, like transformers." The customers, with certain types of equipment, would find them useless and be compelled to sell them. This would cut the company revenue and soon it would be on the rocks financially.

Imagine a church group saying, "We're reaching 20 per cent of our people and 1-3d of our financial potential; so we do not need to put forth any more effort in these areas - we're doing pretty good." Then, imagine another church group saying, "Our income is already low; so why spend money on a transformer plan like the Forward Program of Church Finance? It costs too much for us to try at this time." These approaches and attitudes toward one of our greatest Baptist problems is no more the solution than the approach of the power company executive who refused to use power trans-

It is entirely possible to step up the giving of the average Baptist church 100 per cent in one year. It is also possible to bring a spirit of revival in the church, as finances are discussed. These things can be brought about as the Holy Spirit of God uses the people as they install the "step-up" transformer—
The Forward Program of Church Finance.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary

about the annual meeting is the fact that — aside from the pastors — ver few of the leaders in our churches attend the meetings.

May I throw out a suggestion for thought. Suppose all the associations could agree to meet on the same day each year — say the 15th of October. Printed reports of all the work could be provided for this meeting. The local people could put on about a two-hour program in the evening presenting the work in an attractive manner without any help from the denominational personnel.

Then, as a matter of promoting our denominational work, we might work out a plan for a "Denominational Night" in each of our associations. The heads of the departments of our work could go in a body to half of our associations one year and the other half the next year. That is, during a fiveweek period in the fall the group could attend "Denominational Night" services in half of our associations and present the total program of work. This could be about a two-hour service with conferences led by the heads of the departments and a general period in which a panel discussion could be held with the department heads constituting the panel. This would give our people an opportunity to not only meet and get personally acquainted with the denominational workers but also it would provide the people with an opportunity to quiz each of us about the

This is but a suggestion for thought. Perhaps we should do some thinking in this direction.— S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

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Liquor Bill Amended

By FRITZ E. GOODBAR

THE WRITER was given a new desation this week and one that he ed. He was referred to as "The Missionary to the Legislature." It is a privilege to have fellowship with a fine group of men, many of whom are Baptists, and others of different faiths. We rejoice in the fact that both branches of the General Assembly have chaplains and each pauses for prayer before the day's deliberations begin. It is always a solemn and reverent time when prayer is offered and divine guidance is asked. We always pray along with the chaplain that every member shall be submissive to the will of our

Last week we discussed H. B. 225 which was an attempt on the part of the liquor interests to legalize the sale of intoxicating beverages on all election days except primaries and general election days. While this was no earthmoving piece of legislation it revealed the fact that these interests are never satisfied with any law which limits their profit-making activities. This bill squeezed by the House by one vote. We are happy to report that when it reached the Senate an amendment was passed which provided that in any election where two or more candidates are seeking the same office, then the sale of liquors during polling hours will be unlawful. The amended bill then passed the Senate and the House concurred in the amendment.

The reaction to Mrs. Oates' (of Pulaski County) bill to repeal the antievolution bill was immediate and overwhelming. The unfavorable response toward this bit of legislation caused the author of the bill to withdraw it from further consideration. The writer received more 'phone calls from the voters objecting to this bill than any other we have ever had.

Our attention has been called by Mr. Houston of Cleburne County to H. B. 141 by Mr. Kinney of St. Francis County. Mr. Houston, an attorney, favors the passage of the bill. The proposed law is designed to strengthen the present law against illegal cohabitation and it will aid in the enforcement of the law It is a good hill.

law. It is a good bill. House Bill 325 by Bethea of Calhoun County is a bad bill. It provides among other things: "No charitable, non-profit corporation operating in the state shall engage in political activity-." A severe penalty is imposed for violation. This bill is probably aimed at just one organization but its effect would be to gag our Convention and every other organized church group including school groups, labor unions, temperace societies, scouts, veterans and ny other organizations which have a remendous interest in all phases of political activity. This bill should be

defeated. You can help by contacting your Representative or Senator.

Several legislators have told me they appreciate the fact that Baptists are interested enough in what they are doing to have some one present during their deliberations and with whom they can counsel on moral issues. Let us not forget to pray for them and then let us also remember to stand up for those who stand up for our God when the next election time comes.

Houston Pastor Decries Popular Church

FORT WORTH — (BP) — A Houston Baptist pastor warned about 165 fellow pulpiteers attending an annual Texas Baptist Christian Life Commissionsponsored workshop here against building popular churches.

"A church popular with the world is a pallid imitation of a New Testament church," said James Riley, pastor of the 2nd Church, Houston.

He said Christians have been lulled into a false sense of security, with concepts of the Christian faith being prostituted into political dogma. "A prevalent idea," he said, "is that discipleship can be practiced without danger."

Other principal speakers included Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East for the Foreign Mission Board; Forrest C. Feezor, Texas executive secretary; and J. M. Dawson, retired executive director of the Joint Committee on Public Affairs.



Cover Story.

MEET Mrs. Didelphis Virginiana (Virginia opossum) and her brood. Although her name carries the name of another state, she is quite at home in the woods of Arkansas, as many an Arkansas 'possum hunter can testify. According to The Encyclopedia Americana, "Hunting opossums in the South, especially during autumn and winter months... is a favorite occupation; the flesh is then much esteemed, baked and served with sweet potatoes."

A member of the marsupial family Didelphiidae, the lowly 'possum mother has accommodations for 13 baby 'possums in the large, forward-opening pouch or pocket on the lower surface of the abdomen, in which the young are nursed for five to six weeks.

Racial Prejudice is Worldwide

"WE SEEM to have worked ourselves into a corner where, very clearly, we must put up or shut up."

The above statement was made by Frank Stanton, president of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.

Mr. Stanton was referring to the human relations that exist in various parts of the world today, and the vast problem of improving those relations among people of widely divergent heritage, religious beliefs and customs—each of them with his own set of prejudices

Man's relations with his fellows cannot today be considered a sectional problem, or even a national one, Mr. Stanton says. The fact that many of these continuing feuds are as old as the ages only emphasizes the tragic lack of progress in human relations.

If this country, he reasons, cannot make more significant progress on this troubled front of enlightened and constructive human relations, can we reasonably expect the rest of the world to show us the way?

Mr. Stanton substantiated his remarks concerning the sorry state of human relations the world over with reports from CBS foreign correspondents. Racial trouble and prejudice is too often headline news in the press and ra-

dio, he says. The news media is being used by those who would exploit this tragic situation.

"... Mass media know that they cannot directly induce action; but that they can contribute importantly to a climate in which wise action is more likely to occur."

He continues: "I am not satisfied that the mass media have done all they should in this regard. I am sure that we at CBS have not. It is true that all the mass media have done a fairly effective and thorough job of reporting the events that have resulted from racial and religious intolerance . . . but if we have learned anything in modern journalism, it is that we have to stay on top of the news in more than one sense. It just isn't good enough to rush out the stories when things happen. We must go after the story, and go after sufficient background to illuminate the story and give it meaningful substance."

Mr. Stanton's words and ideas are penetrating, especially in a nation which is in a period of racial crisis and needs accurate, timely and complete reporting of the news as it occurs, plus a deep understanding of why it occurred. — Texarkana Gazette, Feb. 13, 1959

More on the School Issue

WE HAVE been very much interested in the reaction of the Baptists of the state to our editorials about the public school situation in Arkansas. We regret that the writers of some of the best letters on both sides of the controversy have asked us not to publish their material.

As we have said in the past, any of our readers who wish to take issue with our editorial views on any subject are welcome to do so. The columns of our paper are open to the different viewpoints. We have felt and continue to feel that since no one of us has all the answers, the sharing of our different views, if done in the right spirit, can be a positive approach to a better understanding of all the angles involved in such complex and many-sided problems as those we are having to live with in the present crisis.

One charge that has been fairly common in the letters and calls from those opposed to even the limited and gradual integration as required by the Supreme Court decree is that the editor of the Arkansas Baptist has been using the Baptist state paper to foist his personal views upon his readers. The fear seems to be that many of our people will take the editor's views as being the official views of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and will thus be influenced to accept the views

as their own

To this we plead not guilty. We would not knowingly use devious or underhanded methods even to cause people to stand for what is right, if we had the omniscience to know what the right is in any given situation and could be sure of never being mistaken. We seek divine guidance in determining our editorial ministry and we are not primarily concerned with writing what will be most popular to our readers. We do not try to impose our views, we just seek to have them accepted for what they are worth. The best we can hope for is that the readers will receive and consider our views in the spirit in which they are offered.

Those who fear an "official" view on such current issues as the public school crisis are underestimating the independence and individuality of Baptists. Since our Baptist denomination is our people, there will never be an official compulsion handed down by our conventions to be binding upon the people and the local churches. Each in his own way will determine for himself how he will stand. May the day never come when Baptists will not stand for freedom of speech and a free press, as

well as freedom of conscience and freedom of worship.

While we do not agree that a Baptist editor should not deal with controversial matters, we do agree that our state paper should not be used as a crusading journal for any one viewpoint. Now that we have dealt with the school situation and we have given considerable space to divergent views, we propose to move on to other themes. —ELM

The Sin of Tolerance

IN A RECENT issue of Christianity Today, Billy Graham had this to

say on "The Sin of Tolerance":

"One of the pet words of this age is 'tolerance.' It is a good word, but we have tried to stretch it over too great an area of life. We have applied it too often where it does not belong. The word 'tolerant' means 'liberal,' 'broad-minded,' 'willing to put up with beliefs opposed to one's convictions' and 'the allowance of something not wholly approved.' Tolerance, in one sense, implies the compromise of one's convictions, a yielding of ground upon important issues. Hence, over-tolerance in moral issues has made us soft, flabby and devoid of conviction.

"We have become tolerant about divorce; we have become tolerant about the use of alcohol; we have become tolerant about delinquency; we have become tolerant about wickedness in high places; we have become tolerant about immorality; we have become tolerant about crime and we have become tolerant about godlessness. We have become tolerant

of unbelief ..."

Personally Speaking . . .

Superiority of Man

THE HUMAN body is 70 per ce water. It's the other 30 per cent, as a wag has pointed out, that makes the difference betwen a puddle and a person.

Something wonderful sets man far above the material or mere animal existence. It might be called "dream power." Man not only has the genius to find materials and prepare, adjust and mould them into something new, but he has the power to shape them into intelligent ends.

Chimpanzees, we are told, sometimes find fires explorers have left and learn to sit about the fires and warm themselves, but they never learn to secure more fuel and keep the fires going.

As an interesting feature in Dean C. Dutton's Quest and Conquests points out, man's passion for achievement and his love for doing things is instinctive. It comes built in! The mature man is content only if he is busy achieving.

We quote:

Civil and mechanical engineering, architectural construction, tunneling mountains, cutting canals, harnessing rivers, laying out irrigating plants, parking cities, building forests, harnessing forces, ad infinitum, man glories in these achievements.

He is never happier than when he learns to master situations and then to get into enterprises up to his chin.

Man has a crowning power of achievement. He has unlimited power to do. This hunger for power of achievement is not an end in itself. Man is not satisfied simply to do things for the sake of doing things.

Man's genius is throbbing with heart and character. He is daily manifesting that his genius is not blind. He is seeking to serve, to gladden, to inspire. He is never so happy as when he makes a load lighter, or the way more cheerful

When the heart of man follows its inspired and illuminated instinct it throbs with a passion for service. This love for service ripens into the steady glow of a glorious enthusiasm for humanity. Man becomes the inspirer, encourager and helper of his fellow man.

End quote.

It is obvious that the writer here is not speaking of man in the natural state, but man at his best. And no man can live up to his wonderful possibilities without the regenerating experience of Christ in his heart.

Man is totally depraved. This is not to say that he is as bad as he can become, but he can no more save himself than he can lift himself by his own bootstraps. He is totally helpless and hopeless with out Christ. His instinct, even with culture, education and wealth, cannot save him. His superiority comes from being in God's will and image.—ELM

Letters to the Editor

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Some Would Profit By Closed Schools

THANKS FOR the splendid editorial, "Our Public Schools Indispensable." I would like to say amen to

every word of it.

I am a native white Arkansan, a tax-payer and old enough to vote. The closing of our public schools, in my opinion, would be an unspeakable disaster. Those who would lead us in that direction are false leaders.

Our public schools are indispensable. No professional group (lawyers, doctors, ministers, politicians, etc.) have meant more to our families, communities, and churches, than our school teachers. I do not believe that the people of Arkansas will stand idly by and permit our public schools to be destroyed and our teachers beaten into political submission or purged.

The public schools have always had enemies. No one should be more aware of that fact than informed Baptists. One powerful church group that has majored in church-operated elementary and secondary schools has always been an enemy to the public school system, and has advocated the very thing that is being proposed now, that each child be given its share of tax money to go where he pleases to school. This group also believes in the union of church and state, whereby all the expenses of the church would be paid out of tax money.

Who would profit by closing our public schools? First, the church groups who operate schools and believe that it is all right for the church to accept tax money. Second, some non-church private operated

schools.

Third, a few among the wealthy who already send their children to private schools. Fourth, some who have no children feel that without public schools taxes would be less. A wealthy owner of a store complained to me that a lot of his taxes went to support public schools and that he and his wife had no children. It made him very unhappy when I reminded him that 90 percent of his business resulted from the fact that other people did have children, and that if everyone was like him we wouldn't need our schools much longer because the human race would be extinct in one generation.

Fifth, there are some parents who would take the \$154 [The amount per pupil in the closed schools of Little Rock is \$172.66 as of this year] per child per year and use it for something else and let their children grow up in ignorance. Some of them would spend it for liquor. There would be no compulsory school law.

Another group who hopes to profit by the destruction of our public schools are the political opportunists who are riding the wave of emotionalism for personal

and political gain, and play all the angles.

Who among us is dumb enough to believe that you can educate a child on \$154 per year? This isn't enough to pay the teachers' salaries in an accredited school and would make no provision for buildings, transportation, textbooks, lunch programs, etc.

Thank you again for your good editorial. Keep up the good work. (Signed, but name withheld on re-

quest.)

... I AM WITH you 100%. As our schools go, so go our churches. I do pray so earnestly that our state executives will see the damage being done the world around. Not alone our state but all of the southern states.—(Signed but name withheld)

THE WAY the people of Arkansas have voted, the laws passed by members of the legislature (who should know the sentiments of citizens in their districts) ... should leave no doubt as to how the overwhelming majority in Arkansas feel about school integration. — (Signed, but name withheld.)

I HAVE JUST read your editorial on the public schools. I suspect you may get some "tomatoes" thrown at you, but it seems to me that the time is coming when civic-minded Christians must begin to publicly array themselves on the side of law-and-order and withal work for the good of all our children. I am in full accord with the idea that we cannot maintain our democracy without a strong public school system. As to preserving the public schools I feel like Lincoln did about the Union, that it should be preserved with or without slavery, and so with or without integration.

Personally, I feel that precipitate integration is a mistake, yet fighting it solves no problems. I believe one measure proposed in this recent legislature, the providing of tuition for students to attend a non-segrated school would just about solve the problem.

In Ft. Smith the schools are integrated yet geography just about solves the problem. As one pastor told me, "The majority of people here in Ft. Smith never think about integration."

Most so-called segrationists would never make the effort to attend a non-integrated school outside of their own community if they had freedom of choice. — (Signed, but name withheld.)

I CONSIDER your editorials in the Arkansas Baptist paper an insult to Southern Baptist white people.

We can see the integrationist's attempt to brainwash. —(Signed, but name withheld.)

I HEARTILY agree with you that we need to speak up if we have convictions regarding the value of our public schools, and I assume that it is all right to keep quiet if we have no such convictions. I have openly spoken my beliefs and it does seem to me in the light of the action of Virginia, more recently Florida and North Carolina, that it is time for us to face up to the situation as you are doing. I, therefore, greatly appreciate your action and wholeheartedly support your viewpoint.—Herbert L. Thomas, President, The First Pyramid Life Insurance Company of America, Little Rock

I THINK you are to be highly commended for your excellent editorials on this [public school] subject. I am sure your paper carries a great deal of influence, and at times such as this the church must be heard from if it is to claim any real place in our civilization.

—Pete Shiras, The Baxter Bulletin, Mountain Home

the people speak ...

Sees Public Schools Less Than Bulwark

THE STATEMENT that the "public school system is the very bulwark of our democracy" is strange indeed when seen in a religious publication. Reason and experience point to spiritual bulwarks of our democracy. A Christian magazine should state:

"Christian homes are the bulwark of our democracy"; or "The character of the individual is the bulwark of democracy"; or "Christian faith is the bulwark of our democracy."

Now of the three statements just made, the public school system (as desirable as it has been, and I am not here advocating its abolishment) is not capable of bringing about the accomplishment of any of these great truths.

Building Christian homes is not the objective of the public school system.

Building character lies in the domain of the church and the home. The public school system was organized to develop the intellect.

Christian faith is not the domain of the public school system, for one of the cornerstones of our democracy as well as being a Baptist tenet is the separation of church and state.

The cold truth of the matter is that lately it has been a struggle to keep the public school system from undermining these spiritual bulwarks of democracy. Conscientious school officials, principals and teachers have been confronted with the problem of having to use textbooks which set out in a subtle manner to destroy faith and to damage the character of the pupil.

The widespread but erroneous belief that segregation is wrong may be one of the fruits of this undermining work. It is probably true that some men of low principles as John Kasper have hurt the name of segregation, but how can anyone believe that segregation is not good?

Segregation is the inherent right of a group to choose its own members and to exclude others. It is a point of social culture and refinement to learn to respect these groups and enter them only when we are invited. All clubs, brotherhoods, fraternities, sororieties, associations and, in fact, any organized democratic group is a segregated institution and any time that this group is forced against its will to admit others to its group, it no longer is a democratic institution but becomes a regimented organization.

Segregation then becomes needful to the smooth operation of society for by placing or selecting individuals into groups on the basis of similarity enhances harmony of that group while the greater the dissimilarity of the group the greater is the discord in that group.

The home itself is a segregated institution, not everyone who raps on the door and asks entrance is granted that privilege, but only those who are invited are granted admission. Any family that does not restrict its guests, who does not use discrimination in choosing playmates for its children or associates for its members is headed for disaster. No sane thinking mother or father would be careless as to the associates of his children. Communism is definitely opposed to segregation and it is significant that one of its projects is to destroy the home as a segregated unit and to

force the integration of families. At this very time in Communist China individual homes are being disrupted with the formation of integrated public nurseries and "public school systems." The young mothers are integrated into work units for giant mess halls and other duties, and the men are integrated into units of work batallions. The thought of this situation, which people in communist countries are forced to accept, is horrible to us, but if forced unnecessary integration in schools is fully carried out, then the integration of families will be a great deal easier to accomplish.

Segregation is the very essential that we must have to build character. It is no wonder that so many of our great leaders have come not from large groups but from small, segregated and even isolated areas.

God has requested of His people that they be a separated people: "come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." If this is not segregation, then what is it?

If then segregation on the basis of numerous traits, accomplishments, desires, or for any other purpose is so vital to society, should we not then be segregated, if we so desire, as to race, creed, and color?

Segregation by creed is both desirable and needful. All churches are based on this principle. Imagine what havoc would result to a church if it took in members whose avowed purpose was to oppose the very creed which the group espoused. Segregation by blood kin (race) is desirable and needful. The old saying, "blood is thicker than water" has meaning. It means that all of us naturally segregate ourselves by blood relationship and our ties of friendship, love and affection, as well as our duties and obligations, will necessarily be first to those of our own race. The forced mixing of the races can only accentuate these traits.

If the right then of segregation is utterly destroyed in our land, a state of communism will actually be the result and if this is accomplished, whether or not we have a "public school system" will be inconsequential.

—John W. Redman, M.D., Ft. Smith.

YOU HAVE expressed my opinion and I believe, the opinion of the great majority of Baptists of our State. I believe also that the majority of our citizens, regardless of denomination, feel the same as you do about this matter. I am glad that we have men of your ability and courage to take a forthright stand on the great issues of our day. I admire you greatly as a great Christian gentleman.

When historians look back over the past and appraise the issues of today, I know that they will say it was men such as you that helped make Arkansas a better state and helped preserve our public schools. — (Signed, name withheld.)

I AM SURE few of us are expressing enough concern in this critical hour in our state, but I want to commend you for an excellent statement of concern in your editorial last week on our public schools.

I confess that I have been negligent in passing on words of commendation, but I did not want to let this opportunity pass. It is my conviction that thinking people will eventually come to the front in this crisis, but I fear we have a long road ahead. —(Signed, name withheld.)

YOU WERE right, in my opinion, about at least one thing in your editorial on public schools. "Our public school system IS the very bulwark of our democracy."

If we lose control of our public schools, we have lost bur freedom. That is the freedom of both colored and white. If we listen to pressure, which in my opinion, and evidently the opinion of the great majority of the people of this great nation, is a quicker way to destroy the public school system.

Whereby, if we teach Christianity, without the pressure as Jesus would do, we may all come to love one another, and live with one another. Forced in the schools, the colored for generations will not feel wanted.

Jesus did not even force Christianity. He was too wise. He left it as a matter of choice. — (Signed, but name withheld.)

As a fellow Baptist may I congratulate you on your fine editorial in the Arkansas Baptist Feb. 12, 1959. It is high time someone spoke out in favor of the public school system in our state, and I am so glad you have the courage to speak your convictions. We need more people of your courage to lead the way if the cause of missions is to be saved as well as the public school system.

May God bless you in the good work you are doing.

(Signed, but name withheld.)

I AM SURPRISED that our Arkansas Baptist paper would stoop to the sort of journalism exemplified by your recent editorials as regards the integration controversy that now exists in our fine state.

This is a sorry piece of work. It seems to me that you could spend your time doing something worthwhile for our Convention through publication of our Arkansas Baptist instead of getting into a political wrangle.

Personally, I think you need to study up on our doctrine. Certainly, this is a free country where you are free to express your own opinion — but your rights end where mine begin. Since when have our Baptist leaders seen fit to take it upon themselves to speak for other Baptists — this just won't get the job done!

Much publicity will come from this editorial that will appear in our paper tomorrow . . . Regardless of how you feel toward the situation that now exists, it isn't right for you to print your personal feelings in OUR paper. We are helping pay for this, you know. May I suggest that you write your views to the Arkansas Gazette and fill up the space with some BAPTIST NEWS. There's enough going on in our Churches to fill that space. We have enough trouble defending our Baptist church without you adding fuel to the fire.

I think this is more or less a hatchet job and certainly will reflect on our Baptist Academy here in Little Rock.

Furthermore, I regard your recent editorials as most unfortunate, ones which will scarcely enhance the Arkansas Baptist's reputation. —(Signed, name withheld.)

I WISH to congratulate you on your sane, sound and common sense editorial, "Our Schools Indispensable." — (Signed, name withheld.)

Your editorial in the February 12 issue of the Arkansas Baptist entitled, "Our Public School Indispensable" is one of the finest statements I have every seen on the subject. I am sure that you will have no objection if I reprint the editorial in its entirety in the Report from the Capitol in order to give your viewpoint wider circulation outside of the State of Arkansas.

Your Christian statesmanship in handling public issues through the Arkansas Baptist is one of the finest demonstrations of Christian journalism among us. May the Lord continue to give you grace and wisdom as you serve as editor of the Arkansas Baptist.—W. Barry Garrett, Washington, D. C.

CONCERNING YOUR statement, don't you think it best that you stick to your profession and not try to be a jack-of-all-trades? When the going gets tough many people look for the easy and quick way out. Mr. McDonald, if you know anything regarding the time and history of the devil's invasion on the South, you know it took much brain-washing, cheating, lying and false preaching for the devil to accomplish his undertaking to destroy God's people as He created them. I honestly believe a man who will fall for the devil's bait the N.A.A.C.P., the Communist and political vote fiends have prepared for this country, in time will lose sight of his Maker. —Cecil E. Edwards, Memphis, Tenn.

YOU ARE unjustly using my denominational paper to exploit your own personal views which you cannot back up by the teaching of the Holy Bible. You have seriously retarded the cause of Christ for which may God have mercy on your soul. (Signed but name withheld.)

THE EDITORIAL does not voice the opinion of Arkansas Baptists as a whole, but people in other denominations think it does.

Dr. McDonald, there are some things that must be bought with a price. States Rights and Segregation are two of those things. There is no such thing as "limited integration." That is merely opening the door to full-scale mongrelism. You may be willing to accept that as an individual, but the Baptists of Arkansas, as I know them, are not.—Harlan V. Walker, Editor, Arkansas Central Leader, McCrory, Ark.

I AGREE wholeheartedly with everything in your editorial, and may God help you and give you more courage to stand up for the Gospel and all that it teaches.

We must have our schools and we will. (Signed but name withheld.)

THANK YOU for the fine editorial, "Our Public Schools Indispensable." I know you realized you would reap a considerable harvest of criticism from its publication. I'm glad you had the courage to do it anyway.

Incidentally, I appreciate the fine improvements in the Arkansas Baptist since you have become its editor.
—(Signed, but name withheld.)

The People Speak...

I AM NOT personally acquainted with you, but as my representative in the publication, I must call your attention to my personal disapproval of the edi-

torial on the public school situation.

In the first place I think it is poor policy for our paper to try to mould public opinion on such a controversal issue. Baptists have had enough trouble makers and dividers in the past, without opening up new controversial issues. Your own personal opinion on this matter is not of any interest to me. (Signed but name withheld.)

YOUR EDITORIAL of Feb. 12th in the Arkansas Baptist is your own opinion I am sure. It should not have been expressed in our Arkansas paper. Someone might think that is the opinion of Arkansas Baptists. So far we have handled the subject very well but after your article I am not so sure what will happen now.

There are a lot of other things more "indispensable"

than our schools.

I object to your editorial. —(Signed but name withheld.)

I HAVE read your editorial with interest. You know it is really interesting sometime just how things work. For instance, in this very paper a lot of preaching is done, in warning the people, not to compromise with sin. Then here come this article advocating a

compromise with a decree ordered by Satin himself.

I am a Baptist and have been for many years. I am a Baptist because I believe that they hold closer to the teachings of God's Word and because of what they have always held for in Soul's Liberty. It was the Baptist that led the fight against dictator rule and for democracy. Moscow says, we believe in a few telling the masses what they must do. The early Baptist says, we believe in the majority rule and fought and died for that conviction.

We believe in a system of government where the people rule and control their own lives. Our high courts are trying to set up a system of some kind of socialism, to where they, the court, can control men'llives.

If we believe it is only the schools involved in their plan, we only need to look at their actions in favor of Russia system and a closer look at the actions tells us, that they even want to control — even to the point of individual Liberty shackols.

I do not believe the Baptist should do about face, even when the going gets rough. As the Baptist of old, I think we should hold to the rights of states and individual liberties. If we hold to that belief, we cannot go against 85 percent of the people's wishes in helping to abolish their inherant rights in order to bow to the dictates of Moscow, through our own high court office, which is presently occupied by men who have proven they do not have the best interest of our people at heart.—(Signed but named withheld.)

[EDITOR'S NOTE: This will conclude our forum on the public school issue. —ELM]

BAPTIST BRIEFS

ATLANTA — (BP) — A campaign office has been opened here to direct the fund drive for \$3 million for a Baptist liberal arts college. The Atlanta Baptist school would be a coordinate college of Mercer University, four-year Baptist institution in Macon, Ga.

JACKSON, Miss. — (BP) — E. L. Howell, general associate in the Mississippi State Brotherhood department here for two years, has been elected secretary of the department.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (BP) — Woman's Missionary Union auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention, plans to add two floors to its office building here. Construction is to begin this spring to care for expanding promotional and business needs.

FORT WORTH — (BP) — A new book by a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here will be released March 2 by Broadman Press. Titled "Evangelistic Music," the book by Professor Edwin McNeely discusses the personality, habits and methods of an evangelistic music director and outlines negative and positive points of directing.

DALLAS — (BP) — J. W. Bruner, 78, founder of the endowment department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, died here Feb. 13.

FORT WORTH — (BP) — Huber L. Drumwright, assistant professor of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary here, has been named pastor of the 1st Church, Ada, Okla.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - (BSSB) - J. P. Allen, pastor of the 1st Church, Alexandria, Va., will be one of the speakers at the Student Retreat at Ridgecrest, N. C., June 4-10. Among others on the program are Howard Butt, lay leader of Corpus Christi, Tex.; Congressman Walter H. Judd, Minnesota; Roy McClain, 1st Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Robert Norman, attorney, Augusta, Ga.; George Starke, minister of music of the Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, Tex.; and Chester Swor, counselor, lecturer, and writer of Jackson, Miss. The Nashville staff of the Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, also will be leading various phases of the retreat.

Smith Is Author

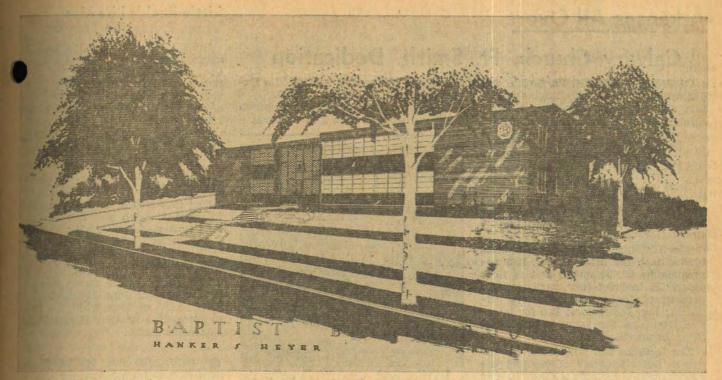
THE BAPTIST doctrinal article, "Regeneration Through Repentance and Faith," carried in our issue Feb. 4,

should have carried the name of Fred H. M. Smith, pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, near Conway, as the author. We regret this omission and offer our apologies to Brother Smith.

DALLAS — (BP) — Assets of the Baptist Foundation of Texas have almost doubled in the past five years, W. L. Caylor, treasurer of the organization, said here this week in a 12-months report. Total assets at the end of 1958 were \$39,060,925. At the end of 1953, Foundation assets were \$20,763, 404, Caylor said. A \$3 million increased was reported from the end of 1957 to the end of 1958.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — (BP)
Jeff Rutherford, missions and steward
ship secretary for the Baptist Convention of New Mexico here, will leave Mar.
1 to accept a pastorate in Arizons.

BAPTIST COLLEGES already are receiving word they have federal monetes available for student loans as provided for in the National Defense Education Act. The act was passed by Congress last year. While loan funds are made available by the government, local management and costs of admits istration are borne by the institution (BP)



HOME OF BROTHERHOOD — Home office of the Brotherhood Commission will look like this after next September. A contract for \$136,000 was let in January. The office is located at 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis. —Baptist Press Photo.

Missionaries Tell of Mission Spirit In Rio de Janeiro Baptist Church

"CONTRIBUTIONS OF our church this year to outside causes totaled 75 per cent of our budget," writes the W. E. Allens, missionaries in Rio de Janeiro.

Here are some exerpts from a recent

"From our church have gone out nine missionaries during the years, one, with his wife, the only missionary Brazilian Baptists have at present in Portugal.

"Several of our young people are volunteers for missions, one of the most recent being an RA who won a trip to Bolivia in a nationwide contest. He came back with a clear call to give his life to that country.

"The publication and distribution of the Scriptures continue at a steadily increasing tempo. The interest in and demand for God's Word are tremendous.

"The church supports two missionaries. Our home missionary is Margarida Goncalves, daughter of the editor of our national Baptist paper. Margarida went from our church to Totantinia, Goias, where she directs the largest day school our Brazilian Home Mission Board maintains in the interior of Brazil. She helps her comnion, Beatiz Silva, direct activities of the church.

Without a resident pastor, the two girls look after the regular Sunday service, preaching points, RA's, GA's, etc., and every afternoon a gospel message is broadcast from the church. "Many who would not dare enter the church listen to the messages, and behind the curtains of their homes follow in their Bibles (given by the missionaries) the Scripture passage indicated for that day. The seed sowing has borne fruit.

"Our foreign missionary is a recent graduate of our Rio Training School, Rita de Miranda Pinto, who labors in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The first school building of our Bolivian mission is under construction and Rita is to be its principal."

Tennessee Legislature Passes Immunity Law

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The 1959 Tennessee state legislature has passed a bill establishing a minister-communicant relationship when the minister is called into court as a witness.

The bill, certain aspects of which have been attacked by ministers themselves, has been sent to Gov. Buford Ellington. If he signs the bill, it will become law.

Rep. Robert C. Taylor of Nashville, a lawyer and Baptist deacon, said the bill establishes a relationship for the minister similar to that recognized between attorneys and clients and doctors and patients.

The minister, under provisions of the bill, could be fined or jailed for revealing information given to him in confidence. Only if the communicant permits him to reveal the confidence may he do so.

Theo James Resigns Immanuel, Pine Bluff

AFTER SERVING for five years and five months Theo T. James offered his resignation as pastor of the Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, Feb. 1. It was accepted by the church on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

During the ministry of Mr. James, there were 1105 additions to the church, 570 for baptism. The church membership has grown from 908 in 1953 to over 1600. More than \$50,000 has been given to the cause of missions and total expenditures have amounted to more than \$375,000. During his pastorate he led the church in building a new \$225,000 air conditioned plant which includes an auditorium with a seating capacity of over 1,100, twelve Sunday school departments, forty class rooms, three offices and a libbrary.

Mr. James served two terms as moderator of the Harmony Association and for five years has been a member of the Ouachita College Board. He was elected president of the Ministerial Alliance of Pine Bluff in 1956.

Before coming to Pine Bluff he served for eight years as pastor of 1st Church, McGehee. He was a chaplain in the U. S. Army for three and one-half years during World War II. He received his degrees from Ouachita and the Southwestern Seminary and is an Approved Intermediate Worker of the Training Union Department of the State of Arkansas.

Arkansas All Over

Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, Dedication

CALVARY CHURCH, Ft. Smith, will dedicate a new, \$300,000 church auditorium and educational building Sunday (March 1) at 11 a.m., with Dr. James Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., as guest speaker.

Total value of the church property, located at 2301 Midland, is \$400,000, reports Pastor Robert Parker, who was formerly associate pastor of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock.

The building, contructed of hadite blocks, with red brick veneer, has approximately 23,000 square feet of floor space. It includes four nurseries, two departments for beginners; three for primaries; four for juniors; two for intermediates; one for young people; and three for adults.

The facilities will provide for a Sunday School attendance of 650 and the church auditorium has a seating capacity of 700.

The church began using the educational building on May 25, 1958, and held its first service in the new auditorium last Jan. 4. Since last May the church has received 160 new members, 96 by baptism.

The building is completely air-condi-

tioned and has central heating. Its fixtures are valued at about \$20,000.

Open house will be held at the church Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock.



Left to right: Dr. Parsons and Dr. Harris
1st BAPTIST Church, Springdale, recently heard the good news from its
treasurer, Dr. Edgar Harris, that all indebtedness had been paid. Dr. Harris
called Thurman Parsons, Building Fund
Committee chairman, before the congregation Feb. 8 to aid in burning the mort-

Little Rock's Life Line Votes Expansion Program

LIFE LINE Church, Little Rock, has approved a master plan of construction, calling ultimately for six edution buildings and a sanctuary to provide for a Sunday School enrollment of 1,300 with an auditorium to sent 1,000.

Another recommendation approved by the church was that the first unit of the master plan be constructed and that the present sanctuary be enlarged and remodeled.

The first step in construction will be financed through the sale of 6-percent first mortgage bonds with the A. B. Culbertson and Co. Pastor Henry Odle said A. C. Rudloff, Jonesboro, will lead the church in the sale of bonds.

The planning and survey committee is composed of John Hibbs, chairman. A. D. Nutt, Joe Man, Irl Vinson, Haven Beshires, Bob Bratton, Harold Hughes, James Buchanan.

REV. AND Mrs. H. W. Halton, Plainview Church, Harmony Association, announced the birth of a boy, Jerald Lynn, Jan. 29. (CB)

gage note redeemed six years ahead of schedule. Dr. James L. Sullivan of the Sunday School Board at Nashville brought the dedicatory message.



NEW AUDITORIUM and educational annex of Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, which will be dedicated Sunday (March 1) at 11 a.m. Pastor is Robert Parker, formerly of the staff of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock.



JERRE R. HASSELL, 1st Church, Geyer Springs, Pulaski Association, breaks ground for the educational unit of the new church plant. Looking on are, from left, O. C. Robinson, Pulaski missionary; Ernest Adams, assistant state Sunday School surretary; Walter Joseph, Training Union director; Mrs. Bob Henson, WMU president; John Shelton, Sunday School superintendent; Randy Runnels, building committee chairman; Ardis Bowen, chairman of the deacons, and Jim Hill, finance chairman.

BLACK OAK Church, Mt. Zion Association, has called John Ed Coller, Pollard. (CB)

T. R. COULTER, pastor of Matthew's Memorial, Pine Bluff, since September, 1957, has resigned to enter full-time evangelism, effective the middle of March. (CB)

HARDIN CHURCH, Harmony Assosociation, has called Melvin Grady Fempton, 1st Church, Tinsman. He moved on to the new field Jan. 27. A native of Pine Bluff, he is a graduate of Ouachita and attended Southwestern for two years. (CB)

OAK GROVE CHURCH, Harmony Association, has called W. J. Atkins of the Plum Bayou Church. Other previous pastorates include Yorktown and Oakland. (CB)

THE TRINITY Association bulletin lists the following resignations: E. D. Noah from Victory Church; A. M. Houston, at Lebanon; L. H. Davis, association moderator, at Harrisburg, and Carl Appling, Spear Lake.

PLEASANT VALLEY, Trinity Association, has called Marion Berry, Bay, as pastor. (CB)

FIRST CHURCH, Heber Springs, voted in the last Church business meeting to adopt South Crossroads as a mission Sunday School. Enrollment or the last month was 62; average trandance, 40. Teachers are: Wayne Stark, Bill Stover, Mrs. Coy Plummer, and Mrs. H. M. Dugger. H. M. Dugger is the missionary. A revival is planned in March. Ray Nelson is pastor, of 1st Church.

Field Representative Named By Baptist Institute

W. O. TAYLOR has been appointed Field Representative for the Baptist Institute of the Ozarks, Bentonville. He will conduct an informational service for Arkansas Baptists, and will interview families who desire the institute's special educational facilities for their children.

Mr. Taylor, a Baptist minister, is a native of Arkansas, an alumnus of Ouachita and Southwestern Seminary, holding the Th.M. degree from the latter institution. He has served as pastor at Alexandria, Berryville and Plummerville and as principal of the former Hagerville Baptist Academy. For nearly 25 years he worked as missionary in the Faulkner County, Current River, Clear Creek and Delta Baptist Associations. He and Mrs. Taylor have eight children, one of whom is Dr. Orville Taylor, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria. He will maintain his home at Little Rock.

The Baptist Institute of the Ozarks is a private boarding school, established in 1953 by a group of Southern Baptist ministers and laymen to provide a program of Christian secondary education, specializing in small classes with individualized instruction. Students are enrolled in grades 9-12, and are maintained by tuition and private subscription.

"Ah, Wilderness," Eugene O'Neill's famous comedy about a typical American family, will be presented as the third Stage Wing Production of the Ouachita College Little Theater Feb. 26, 27, and 28.

'Quest of the Best' OBC Week's Theme

"IN QUEST of the Best" is the theme of Religious Focus Week at Ouachita Mar. 2-6.

Speakers include Bill Glass, Ft. Worth; Dr. E. Neal Holden, Oklahoma City; R. Keith Parks, Ft. Worth; Charles William Junker and Dr. William O. Thomasson, Nashville, Tenn.; and Dr. W. W. Adams, Louisville, Ky.

Glass, an All American, is a 1957 graduate of Baylor University. He is now studying at Southwestern Seminary. Dr. Holden is a Baylor graduate also. He is active in his home church and a popular speaker before youth groups.

Parks is a missionary to Indonesia. A Texan, he is a graduate of North Texas State College and Southwestern Seminary.

Two of the speakers come from the Baptist Sunday School Board. Junker, city-wide BSU director at Chattanooga, Tenn., is an associate in the Student Department of the Sunday School Board. Dr. Thomasson is nursery editor for the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board. He is editor of Living With Children and associate editor of Church Nursery Guide, nursery magazines.

Dr. Adams is professor of New Testament Interpretation at Southern Seminary. He is the author of "Forward With Christ," "The Life of Christ in Outline," and "The Scripture Says."

PLAINVIEW CHURCH, Harmony Association, has ordained Edward May, Wesley Leach and Charles Hager as deacons. (CB)

ALL THIS! ... and Heaven 700 7

TEN YEARS FROM now your income will be up twenty per cent. You will have a four-day working week and probably a guaranteed annual wage. You will own two of the 81,000,000 cars on the U. S. highways. One of your cars will be jet propelled. You will be able to fly from New York to London in five hours.

Your house will be heated and lighted by the sun. The built-in cooking units will be cleverly hidden behind sliding doors. Automatic eyes will open and close the windows as the temperature and weather change. Plastic cans, pre-cooked meats and microwave cooking methods will be commonplace. Your color T.V. set will cost you about \$300.00, while your wrist watch-size radio will be purchased for \$25.00 at any corner drug store.

These are not the predictions of a fanatic. They have been made by Leo Cherne, who is the Executive Director of the Research Institute of America. He and his organization spend \$6,000,000 annually in the study of such matters. He ought to know!

Materialistic Prosperity

The Bible declares, and history demonstrates, that prosperity is one of the most dangerous friends that any nation can have. It led Israel into idolatry again and again. It ate the foundation from under the Roman Empire. It foreshadows the fall of this great land of ours. Materialistic prosperity has led strong men to destruction. Lot, Samson, Saul, and thousands like them have suffered at its hands.

This growing hurricane of prosperity presents to the earnest Christian an unbelievably subtle temptation. The spirit of a covetous materialism (which is idolatry) can overtake him as quietly and unobservedly as the falling of a shadow across his path. In order to keep up with the current of social progress, he finds that a bigger and better job is indispensable. This in turn requires a bigger and better office, farm or factory. A bigger and better car and home naturally follow. Nor is this jig-saw complete without a bigger and better church.

Once upon a time, the story goes, there was a man who decided to build bigger and better barns. Jesus very frankly said that the man was a "fool" for investing in wood, hay, and stubble instead of investing in gold, silver and precious stones. This analysis makes good sense.

Public Enemy No. 1

The god of materialism is the most popular and best advertised of all pagan gods in America. Newspapers, magazines, billboards, store windows, offices and homes vie with one another in giving him space. He is incarnate in a thousand shapes and forms. He is ever present. He is attractive to the eye and a thing to be desired. His

devotees number in the millions. Even churches succumb to his attractions. Our 97,000,000 American church members are worshipping in more expensive structures, are sitting in more comfortable pews, and singing out of better-bound hymn books than ever before. The church can so easily say, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing" (Revelation 3:17).

How very closely this approximates the man who was clothed in purple and fine linen. He fared sumptuously from day to day, while one made of the same flesh and blood sat at his gate, cold, hungry and sick.

On the mission fields of the world today the dogs of a dozen idolatrous religions are licking the sores of a cold, hungry and sick humanity. We have the God-given "garments" to warm the heart, the "bread" to feed the soul and the "balm" to heal the wounds. Woe be unto our Christian experience, if we do not joyfully share these treasures.

God or Mammon?

The deadly scourge of complacency follows in the train of prosperity, and faith (the one thing that pleases God) disappears. "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). Adversity is offen proven to be a truer friend than progress, poverty than prosperity and conflict than peace.

If the task of world evangelism to be accomplished, it will be done men who have set their affection things which are above, who seek first the kingdom of God and who look for the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. If we are to save ourselves from this eating and drinking, giving and taking buying and selling, greedy and grasping generation, then we must look for that "city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Hebsews 11:10).

If we are to win nations for which Christ died, then we must practice the deliberate discipline of consciously and conscientiously walking in the footsteps of Paul, who counted not his life dear unto himself, but looked upon all personal gain as refuse in order that he might win men to Christ.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21). —Don Hillis, Orient Cursales.



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BAPTIST BOOK STORE

303 West Capitol Aven Little Rock, Arkansas

Dr. Eddleman to be Inaugurated as President Of New Orleans Seminary on February 26

THE FIFTH president of New Orleans Seminary will be inaugurated Feb. 26 with activities scheduled for the Seminary campus and the 1st Church.

Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, who assumed his presidential duties Feb. 1 after serving for four and one-half years as president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., will join the select company of four other Southern Baputs leaders.

of the four past presidents, three of them will be present for the inaugural commonies — Dr. W. W. Hamilton, who served 1928-1942; Dr. Duke K. Mc-Call, 1943-1946; and Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, 1946-1958, who now holds the rank of president emeritus.

This will probably be the largest group of Protestant religious educators ever to assemble in the City of New Orleans. With the large number of institutions represented, religious and secular, the traditional academic procession will be unsurpassed in color and dignity, enhanced by the beauty of the 1st Baptist Church, where the innuguration ceremony will be held at 3 p. m.

Distinguished Guests

The march will include representatives of the American Association of Theological Schools, representatives of all Southern Baptist colleges and universities, and other colleges and universities in states adjacent to the Seminary, Southwide president of New Orleans Seminary alumni and presidents of the state chapters; representatives of various agencies and commissions of the Southern Baptist Convention and its affiliated bodies; denominational and civic leaders of New Orleans, and trustees, faculty, and the student council of the Seminary.

Following the procession and greetings from civic, religious, educational, and alumni representatives, Dr. Eddleman will be officially installed as president by T. O. Winn, president of the Seminary Board of Trustees.

The inaugural address will follow. Dr. Hamilton will offer the dedicatory prayer and Dr. Leavell with pronounce the benediction.

Southern Baptists Hold 'Life or Death' Schools

DALLAS — (BP) — More than 750,000 Southern Baptists enrolled in types of "life or death" schools, Feb. 16-20, said Leonard Sanderson, director of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board's division of evangelism here. "The schools were conducted in 12,000 SBC churches for persons interested in soul-winning training," Sanderson said.



TEENAGER SALLY James is unable to cope with an unexpected turn in her romance with young Jerry Banks, and she can get no counsel from her divorced mother who is wrapped up in a business career. Scene is from the complete, new dramatic episode on self centeredness, titled "A Walk in the Dark," in the television series "This Is the Answer." The half-hour TV drama will be presented gunday, Mar. 1.

"...basket of jewels..."

IN OUR DAY the rocket of anti-in-tellectualism has soared to fantastic heights at times, but frankly some of the fuel has been supplied by people who should have known better - men who proclaim the message of Him who said. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." To be sure New Orleans Seminary always stresses the primacy of the Holy Spirit. But let this Seminary be determined to do what one of Southern Baptists' greatest scholars did - he gathered all the truth he could in every accessible area and laid it like a basket of jewels at the feet of the Master. In so doing we shall not neglect the least, the last or the lost among the masses and at the time we shall be more apt to reach "faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."-H. Leo Eddleman

Juvenile Delinquency Causes Aired in 'Answer'

SOME CURRENT writers find disturbing indications that one of the causes of juvenile delinquency lies in growing family emphasis on business and financial success. A new television drama in the series "This Is The Answer" will offer a view of this question on Sunday, March 1st. The half-hour drama, "A Walk in the Dark," will be seen on key stations across the nation that day in the new television series dealing with problems of serious national concern.

In the TV story, a long divorced mother lets nothing stand in the way of her successful business career, and she fails to notice the confused loneliness of her teen-age daughter. Following her mother's example of "getting what she is after," the girl develops a romance with a young man she has only recently met. But the teen-age girl is unable to cope with the shock that follows, and her act of blind desperation leads to a revealing crisis.

Methodist Teacher Stars In This Is The Answer

A METHODIST Sunday School teacher plays a leading role in the Southern Baptist television drama, "A Walk in the Dark," which appears on most Televangelism stations March 1.

Gary Vinson acts the part of Jerry Banks in a film about materialism on "This Is the Answer." Gary teaches an Intermediate Sunday School class in the Community Methodist Church in his home town, El Segundo, Calif. He coaches a Little League baseball team and is director of the Boy's Club in El Segundo.



Churchmen Endorse Executions

HAVANA (EP) - Two Roman Catholic bishops and a number of Protestant ministers in Cuba have endorsed the execution of former henchmen of the fallen Batista regime by rebel leader Fidel Castro, Roman Catholic Bishop Alfredo Muller of Havana said he was opposed to capital punishment but that "in this case it is justified." Three Protestant ministers in charge of a seminary in Cuba sent telegrams to President Eisenhower and the Foreign Relations Committee of the U.S. Senate urging a halt to American criticism of the executions. The ministers applauded the moral reforms, the orderliness and renewed faith in the government which has surged forth with the new regime.

Gutenberg Bible Returned

A Gutenberg Bible, brought to the United States 19 years ago for safe-keeping during World War II, has been returned to a Polish museum. More than 500 years old, the Bible is valued at more than \$500,000. (EP)

New German Seminary

BERLIN (EP) — A new Baptist seminary will open in Berlin this year to train preachers for the 35,000 Baptists in the Soviet Zone. Formerly the pastors for all 530 Baptist congregations in Germany were trained at the seminary at Hamburg-Horn, in the West.

New Open Windows

NEW ZEALAND Baptists now have their own edition of Open Windows, according to Donald F. Ackland, editor. Open Windows, a daily devotional guide published by the Sunday School Board, is used all over the world. Some months ago arrangements were made to provide the magazine in bulk for use of churches in the Philippine Islands. The New Zealand edition will be produced by photographic process from advance copies of the magazine airmailed from Nashville as soon as they come from the press.

Council Issues Graham Invitation

LOS ANGELES (EP) — The Los Angeles City Council has invited Evangelist Billy Graham to conduct a "Crusade for Christ" here. (Meanwhile, in Chicago, it was announced that Graham's Chicago Crusade will be delayed a year. Dr. Robert Walker, editor of Christian Life magazine and secretary of the laymen's executive committee planning the event, announced that it will probably be held in the early summer of 1962 rather than in 1961 as had been planned. The shift in dates was attributed to conflicts in Dr. Graham's 1961 speaking schedule.

Baptist Crosscurrents

A Senior Levee Is the Answer

YOU JUST gotta stay up all night or you'll be a square and who wants to chicken out on what the crowd is doing?" So says a young lady when questioned about the silly local custom of high school seniors staying up to sun rise on graduation night. There seemed to be no acceptable solution to this mad night of drastic self-expression.

We found the answer in a "Senior Levee." Criticisms, substitute proposals for a short evening program, an after graduation party, dinner or other "old fashioned ideas" were not enough. The gang stays up all night and "it is just the thing to do." Rather than miss the boat and stand idly by while our youth spent the night out we planned this special event. It went over big.

Levee is the old-time word meaning an early morning contence with a personage of royalty. Our able director of education, Robert E. LaFavre, set up an all night program ending with a spiritual service of consecration at sunrise when we met the Lord Jesus For one graduation night our parents slept in confidence.

Large classes permit each senior to have only two tickets to graduation and thus most of our young people were free by Friday noon. The Levee began that afternoon with a "pioneer group" heading for the camp grounds of the Miami Baptist Association to get this ready.

The early part of the evening was spent in a constructive program of recreation and discussion groups. The most popular discussion period was the one on "A Christian's place in love, courtship and marriage."

The bus bringing the jubilant seniors arrived just before midnight; then the Levee events began. We started the ball rolling with a camp-fire meal and then games, films, study course, discussions on spiritual questions and a service just at the rising of the sun when we met the Lord. A hardy breakfast, a few naps, a swim, closing worship led by a neighboring pastor, dinner and a slow drag home completed our first annual "Senior Levee."

There were several accomplishments. Our youth know we will provide them a worthy substitute. Let's not kid ourselves into sleepily thinking that just because they know better they will do better. Tired minds are often taken over by the mob. Most graduates of recent years agreed they did not want to stay out all night, "but . . .!"

Secondly it convinced our youth that the church is mindful of current trends and will face them constructively and not critically. It bound our youth a little closer to the pastor and other church leaders.

It gave our parents a peace of mind beyond words to express,

The printed schedule for the Levee was pitched in jargon youth understood... Swim time was, "a dip for some drips" and everyone was ready for nap time, "horizontal engineering."

If your young people are caught in the whirlpool of "stayout-all-night-graduation night," or on other occasions, then provide them a place worth going.—A. H. Stainback, pastor, Little River Baptist Church, Miami, Fla.

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Brotherhood Meeting March 6-7

FOUR OUT-of-state personalities will be among the featured speakers at the Arkansas Brotherhood State Convention to be held in Little Rock's Baptist Taberpacle, 10th and Pine, March 6-7.

These include: Lucien Coleman, Memphis, associate executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission; Dr. E. Hermond Westmoreland, Houston, pastor of South Main Church and former president of the Texas convention, and George Wheeler, Carbondale, Ill., Illinois Brotherhood secretary.

The aim of the state meeting is described by the themes of the various essions: Friday afternoon, "Better Brotherhoods"; Friday evening, "Better Work"; Saturday morning, "Better Men."

Thel Smith, Ft. Smith printer and lay evangelist, is president of the men's orranization and will preside at the session. Vernon Yarborough is host pastor.

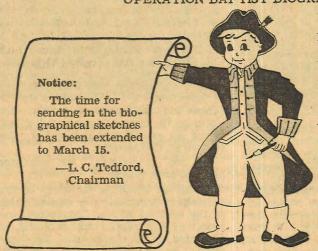
Other Arkansas personalities to take part will include: Ray Branscum, Little Rock, pastor of South Highland; Ralph Douglas, associate executive secretary of the Arkansas State Convention; Monroe Drye, Mena, secretary of the state Brothwhood; G. C. Hilton, Fayetteville, vice president; C. H. Seaton, Little Rock, associate Brotherhood secretary of the State Convention; Nelson Tull, Little Rock, secretary; and Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the State Conven-

PLANTATION CHURCH in Trinity Association has changed its name to Victory Church. (CB)

Revival Reports

WALTER K. AYERS, University student, was evangelist for a city-wide non-denominational youth revival in Des Arc. There were seven conversions, one decision for the mission field and many rededications. Ayers, who is pastor of 1st Church, Mountainberg, said many Razorback football players participated in the revival. Billy Michael, captain of the team, and Harold Horton gave their testimony.

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Ray Branscum 2:35 Devotion

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2:50 Introductions

PROGRAM

AXIOM: "Real Faith Leads to

Ralph Douglas Positive Action"...

MAXIM I: "Brotherhood Advancement

Follows Effective Promotion"

-Brotherhood Department Personnel

Song 3:30

MAXIM II: "Effective Promotion 3:35 Requires Adequate Materials"

-Lucien Coleman

Announcements 4:10

4:15 Song

4:20 Special Music

DECLARATION: "Brotherhood Is a 4:25

Work of Faith" George Wheeler

4:55 Benediction

> FRIDAY NIGHT (Dedicated to BETTER WORK)

INSPIRATION: "Your Labor of Love"

Song Service 6:50

Scripture and Prayer Monroe Drye 7:00

PROGRAM

LIVING: "Printing — to Pay 7:10

Expenses". Thel Smith

LABORING: "My Work Is My 7:25

George Wheeler

7:40 Song

February 26, 1959

7:45	GROWING: "Tomorrow They			
	Are Men" Eddie Hurt			
8:00	EXPLORING: "New Brotherhood			
	Frontiers" Lucien Coleman			
8:15	Song			
	Business: Election of Officers — Resolutions			
	— Offering — SURPRISE!			
8:35	Song. Special Music			
8:40	WINNING: "Your Labor			
	of Love"Dr. E. Hermond Westmoreland			
9:20	Benediction			
SATURDAY MORNING				
(Dedicated to BETTER MEN)				

RESOLUTION: "Your Patience of Hope"

Congregational Song 8:55 Scripture and Prayer G. C. Hilton 9:00

9:05 Special Music

PROGRAM 9:10 AFFECTION: "A Man and

His Pastor"___ Vernon Yarborough

COHERENCE: "A Man and His Church" 9:25

Lucien Coleman

9:40

ACHIEVEMENT: "A Man and His Brotherhood" George Wheeler

9:55

OBEDIENCE: "A Man and 10:00 His Real Work"____ Thel Smith

10:15 Announcements

Song Introduction of New Officers

10:25 Special Music

COOPERATION: "A Man and 10:30

His Denomination"____Dr. S. A. Whitlow

11:00 Adjournment

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Seminary Graduation to Highlight Convention Program in Louisville

LOUISVILLE -(BP) - Commencement exercises for Southern Seminary will be one of the major features on the order of business of the 1959 Southern Baptist Convention. The Convention meets in Louisville May 19-22 at the Exposition Center.

The tentative suggested order of business was released by the chairman of that Convention committee, Franklin Owen, pastor, Calvary Church,

Lexington, Ky.

The Convention had voted to meet in Louisville in connection with the centennial of the seminary, oldest of six seminaries operated by Southern

The annual Convention sermon will be the address at the centennial commencement at 7:40 p.m. Tuesday. R. Paul Caudill, pastor, 1st Church, Memphis, is Convention preacher. Frank Morris, Savannah, Ga., is alternate, and will deliver the convention sermon if Caudill is unable to preach it.

Caudill's Convention sermon-graduation message is one of five major addresses on the order of business during the four-day Convention. Brooks Hays, Little Rock, and Washington, D. C., will deliver the Convention president's address at noon, Wednesday.

Harold W. Tribble, president of Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C., will speak at 11:55 a.m. Thursday, and J. D. Grey, pastor, 1st Church, New Orleans, former Convention president, will speak at 3:40 p.m. Friday. Grey's topic is "And Now All Together." Tribble's topic was not announced.

A fifth major address will be brought in connection with a special emphasis on world peace, at the Convention's concluding session Friday night. The speaker has not been announced.

A new Convention president will be elected at 10:55 a.m. Wednesday, succeeding Hays, who cannot be re-elected because he has served two terms. The Foreign Mission Board presentation is scheduled at 7:55 p.m. Wednes-

Home missions will be the center of interest at 8:05 p.m. Thursday. On Friday at 2:25 p.m., the Convention will hear from its Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher. This committee will nominate the Convention preacher and alternate for the 1960 session at Miami Beach, Fla., and will recommend a time and meeting place for the 1962 session. (St. Louis has already been chosen for the 1961 meeting.)

Another major hour of business discussion will come at 3:25 p.m. Thursday with Chairman Douglas M. Branch of Rocky Mount, N. C., presenting the report of the Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Convention Pro-

The committee made a number of recommendations concerning future organization of the Convention at the 1958 session in Houston, Tex. While many of its recommendations were adopted, some were referred back to the committee for a year of further consideration.

Two agency heads will be reporting for the first time. Since the last Convention, Robert E. Naylor has been elected president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. and H. Leo Eddleman president of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Frank Tripp will present his last report for the two Southern Baptist Convention hospitals. He retires June 1 as executive secretary and superintendent, to be succeeded by T. Sloane Guy of Birmingham, Ala. Dr. Norman W. Cox will present his last report as executive secretary of the Historical Commission.

He, too, is retiring. His successor has not been chosen.

Unless an executive secretary of the Education Commission is elected prior to the opening of the Convention, the report of this agency will probably be presented by the chairman of the Commission or someone designated by him. R. Orin Cornett left the agency in January to assume a major position with the U.S. Office of Education.

Vacation Bible Schools Report Best Year Yet

NASHVILLE - (BSSB) - The mission offerings of Southern Baptists Vacation Bible schools went over a half million dollars for the first time in the history of Vacation Bible school work, according to Sibley C. Burnett, superintendent of Vacation Bible School Promotion at the Sunday School Board.

Seventy-five per cent of the amount, \$508,813, went through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program.

Other highlights of the Vacation Bible school record for last year are: 66,555 conversions in 18,332 schools, the largest number of conversions in one year ever reported.

Of the 2,908,157 enrollment, largest ever recorded, over half a million were teachers. Over two and a quarter million pupils attended Vacation Bible schools for the first time.

Of the 31,461 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention 77.1 had a Vacation Bible school — an all-time high.

REV. AND Mrs. Lowell E. Ledford, missionaries to Peru, announce the birth of a son, David Mark. The Ledfords have three other children. Their address is Apartado 3177, Lima, Peru. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ledford are natives of Arkansas, he of Conway, and she, the former Shirley Stephan, Little Rock.

Editor Describes Way To Cover Controversy

SAVANNAH, Ga. -(BP)-- "Compassionate objectivity." That's how controversial news of his denomination should be handled by a Southern Baptist editor, one of the editors told his fellows here.

The speaker was C. R. Daley of Louisville, Ky. As editor of the Western Recorder, weekly newspaper of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, Daley has found it necessary to cover one of Baptists' most controversial stories during the past

Louisville is site of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, oldest of six seminaries operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. During the past year, it has been center of a controversy surrounding dismissal of 12 profes-

sors of theology.

"Pure objectivity" in handling controversial news "is not possible nor desirable," Daley said. "Too much compassion, on the other hand . . . can result in painful generalities. Deal with the facts; help rather than hurt; exalt the Lord rather than expose his servants of clay." This was Daley's definition of "compassionate objectivity."

Daley's remarks were to the winter meeting of Southern Baptist Press Association here, representing editors of Baptist newspapers in 26 states and editors of Baptist magazines.

"Controversy, like the poor, is always with us . . . The question is not whether we have controversy, but whether we will handle controversy," he said.

Daley cited progress that has come through controversy, adding that controversy does not necessarily have bad results only.

"Baptists can not be safe without information," according to Daley, who added that in treating controversy within Baptist life, the denominational editor is "reporter and interpreter."

Louisiana College Maps \$5 Million Expansion

PINEVILLE, La. - (BP) - Louisiana College trustees have approved a \$5 million "forward program of expansion" for the school as recommended by its development committee.

This program calls for the erection of 10 buildings and an athletic field. These include fine arts, science, physical cal education, combined auditorium and religion, classroom, and cafeteris buildings, as well as four dormitories

The board lost no time launching this expansion approving drawings for \$600,000 fine arts building.

KYLE LAWRENCE, independent Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, was on the campus of Southern Baptist College, Feb. 7-15, speaking daily in the vesper services. Mr. Lawrence is a graduate of Ouachita and Southwestern Seminary. He served as chaplain during World War II.

Missions-Evangelism

Carroll Association 100 Pct. in Crusade

carroll county Association has 100 per cent of the churches enlisted to participate in the simultaneous revivals. An evangelistic clinic has been held and plans are shaping up for a great crusade.

Some churches are going to misstheir greatest evangelistic opportunity if they do not cooperate in this national emphasis on evangelism. It is not too late for your church, to get in this crusade. You'll feel mighty bad when other churches are engaged in revivals and you are doing nothing. The pastor can do the preaching while you undergird him with your presence and prayers.

April 20-26 is to be Jewish Fellowhip Week. Christians are urged to visit Jewish friends and invite them to the church services. The Jewish population in Arkansas totals 3,300 and is in the following towns: Blytheville, 100: Ft. Smith, 259; Helena, 204: Hot Springs, 525; Little Rock, 1,000; Pine Bluff 275; southeast Arkansas, 170. Write to us for tracts on Jewish Fellowship Week.

Mississippi County and Tri-County Associations in '59. Pulaski County Association is presently engaged in schools of missions. Three other Associations have schools scheduled for this year. They are: Boone, Newton, and Delta. Seven are scheduled for '60. The following associations have never had schools of missions — at least there is no record of any during the past eleven years: Ashley Co., Buckville, Carey, Clear Creek, Faulkner, Hope, Little River, Ouachita, Rocky Bayou, Trinity and Washington-Madison.

of our mission tent. We regret that its usefulness is over. It is stored in Clinton and will be mended, if possible, this spring, but it is doubtful if many churches would want to risk its use. — C. W. Caldwell, Superintendant, Missions and Evangelism.

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WHATTA-MELON — New officers of the Southern Baptist Press Association take a look at a jar of Georgia products — sweet pickled watermelon rind. The remembrance was given them during their winter meeting at Savannah. The officers are from left, W. C. Fields, editor, BAPTIST RECORD, Jackson, Miss. vice-president; W. G. Stracener, editor, FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS, Jacksonville, president; and Erwin L. McDonald, editor, ARKANSAS BAPTIST, Little Rock, secretary. —Baptist Press Photo.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS

By LAWSON HATFIELD

WHO CAN start a new Sunday School?

From several directions leadership can be exerted toward the founding of a new Sunday school. Many new Sunday Schools have been started by mission-minded pastors and sponsored by like-minded churches. These leaders have started new Sunday Schools: associational missionaries; superintendents of missions; associational Sunday school leaders; associational leaders in Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood; denominational leaders; local church workers; and other interested groups.

Regardless of who takes the initiative, the sponsors of the new work surely will co-operate with the associational missions committee and the local church missions committee.

The Baptist Sunday School Board will provide a new work kit of printed helps and the needed literature for the first quarter for a new Sunday school and Training Union. The Baptist Sunday School Board also will give twenty-five free copies of the Baptist Hymnal to each new church or mission organized between February 1, 1958, and December 31, 1963. Concerning these, write Dr. J. M. Crowe, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, 3, Tennessee.

The Technique

There are several important steps to be followed if a new Sunday School is well founded. These are summarized by Dr. W. L. Howse in The Sunday School and Missions: "(1) Elect a missions committee. (2) See that the committee functions. (3) Locate places of need and opportunity. (4) Take a census. (5) Select a place of meeting. (6) Enlist the workers. (7) Order the needed literature. (8) Open the new work with a full church program. (9) Provide the necessary financial assistance. (10) Maintain proper supervision of the new work. (11) Organize the mission into a church when it is ready."

Dr. Warren has said, "Where there are unsaved people, a leader, a little credit, and a down payment, there can be a Baptist church."

Thousands of new Sunday Schools have proved again and again the truth that people pay for themselves.

Here is a suggested reading list on new work: Matthew 28; One to Eight by J. N. Barnette, chapter 6; The Pull of the People by J. N. Barnette, chapter 6; The Call of the Harvest by Charles L. McKay, chapter 9; The Sunday School and Missions by W. L. Howse, chapter 7; Using the Sunday School in Evangelism by Leonard Sanderson, chapter 8.

Pastor, Sunday School worker, are you interested in enrolling new people in Bible study? Do you want to baptize more believers every year? A new Sunday School sponsored by your church is the fastest way.

Inside

Red

Russia

ANOTHER FACT I had burned into my soul in the Soviet Union is the fact that the Christian world must settle



DP WILLIAMS

the problems of the human race now or the Communist world will settle them in the next generation. There can be no waiting! There can be no delay! There is not even time for much study of the situation. The house of modern man demands immediate

order or it will face catastrophe.

The people of the old Russia cried for reforms so long and were answered with bullets, not improvements. Ultimately the radicals of Communism came on the scene and seized the opportunity to capitalize on the unrest,

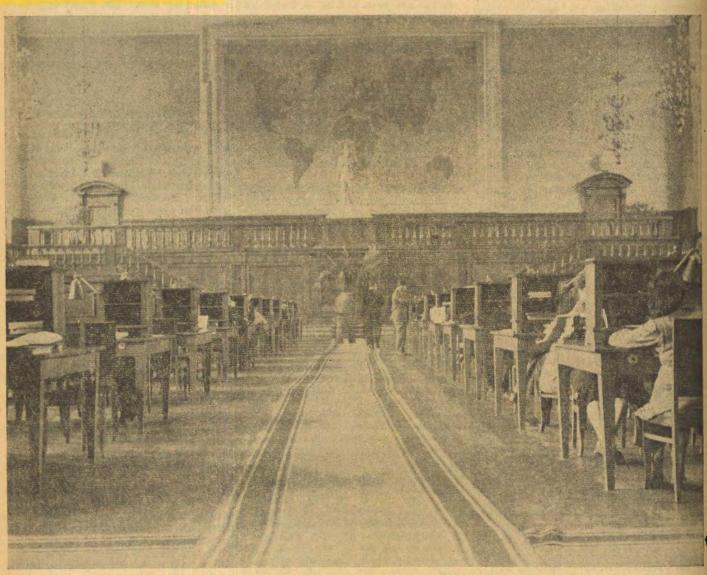
By DR. H. E. WILLIAMS
(President, Southern Baptist College)

division and confusion which had reigned so long with the approval of the Christian leadership of Russia. Reforms long overdue were demanded by the radicals and brought about at tremendous expense of life and freedom

I thought many times how tragic in seemed that the church of Russia became identified with the status quo and failed to espouse the cause of man, which in turn resulted in radicals setzing power and beginning the merciless destruction of all religion. People of any Christian conscience should have seen the ills of czarism and would have become the exponents of freedom. They failed to do so and the radicals came fighting both religion and general freedom. Now the Russian is both without God and without freedom.

Many Problems

There are many problems facing modern man crying for reform and improvement, of which the prosperous American cannot ordinarily be aware. Half the human race is hungry and has an inadequate diet for normal subsistence. Over half the human race



This is a general view of the main reading room of the Lenin Library in Moscow. The library has more than 20 million volumes and owns the oldest manuscripts of the Bible. Many students use the library for research, and more than 5,000 people check out books every day.

cannot hope to ever achieve the basic educational requirements for normal living in a world like ours. Near threefourths of the world suffers from inadequate housing conditions. A simiar percentage goes without adequate lothing day by day.

The class and race problems of the human race are staggering and hopelessly perplexing. The standard of living of the world is all out of proportion. In the United States every man. woman and child of this great nation consumes an average of 120,000 large calories of energy daily in our food, factories, utilities and other power uses, while in India, China, and much of Africa that consumption is only 6,000 large calories per day.

This tragic imbalance is a dramatic presentation of the highly distorted difference in the welfare of the backward nations of the world as compared with our country. Can we by any stretch of imagination think that the people of the world will long tolerate our living in such ease while they rot in equalor? They have waited for us to bring them our freedom and our standard of living as long as they will wait. Now they are on the march under the dangerous leadership of Communism to achieve by force what they have not realized by patience and peace. Again I say that mankind has simply gotten tired of being poor, ignorant and hungry.

Fraternization Deepens

This wide divergence of living standards makes difficult our relations with the underprivileged peoples of the world but seems to aid the Communist cause. I saw many thousands of people from the Asiatic and Arab countries of the world in the Soviet Union in apparent complete fraternity with the Soviets. They seemed to feel at home and fully accepted by the Communists. Day after day this fraternization goes on and deepens between their people and these

We have lost the friendship of the world's largest nation, China, as it has alipped into the orbit of the Communist world. We are now in the process of losing the Arab world to the Communist menace. We stand in danger of the loss of India and much of Africa. In the course of time the unrest of South America may become a tornadic revolution against us there.

How tragic it appeared to me that we should seem so aloof from the masses of mankind that they cannot feel close to us! How unutterably tragic it is that the Soviets seem to be able to establish easy communications with these troubled countries!

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DIAL A SCHEDULE - busy executive secretaries of state daptist associations and conventions can fix schedules in a hurry now through the year 1974, just by twirling a miniature rotating calendar device given them at their winter meeting in Savannah, Ga. Officers of the executive secretaries, elected at Savannah, practice setting the calendar. They are from left, Forrest C. Feezor, Dallas, executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas, president; Ray E. Roberts, Columbus, executive secretary, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, vice president; and N. J. Westmoreland, Wichita, executive secretary, Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, secretary. -Baptist Press Photo.

Thoughts on Power

By A. C. MILLER

JESUS SAID, "The meek shall inherit the earth." The pessimist would say that the world of our day despises humility and seems to have gone mad with irresponsible power.

Man has gained the power to upset the very order of nature. In the possession of this power misguided man can slam the door against all human progress and retard the reign of righteousness. The urgency of the times calls for Christian people to awaken to a sense of their power and to realize that power brings responsibility. Long enough Christian people have sought to live in a guilded haven of spiritual privilege sealed off from the world because of their unholy fears that they might become a part of it.

On one occasion Jesus cried out to the people in the Temple area: "I am come a light into the world!" He did not come to light our way out of the world, but to put to rout the works of darkness. He is interested in what his followers do about the dark places of the world in which they live. "Ye are the salt of the earth," he said to his followers. And salt does not do its best work when it is kept to itself.

The principles of the Christian message must be applied in the life of the Christian in all his relationships. Only then will he be strong enough to restrain the evil uses of power and put it to work for the benefit and uplift of all men.

Attendance Report

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Speaker — Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Secretary of Foregin Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.



DR. CAUTHEN

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Chalk Talk Artist — Miller Mikell — Minister of Education, North Fort Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Recreation - Mrs. W. S. Gilmer, Atlanta, Georgia, Recreational Field Consultant for Mrs. Agnes Pylant who is Director of Church Recreation Service, Sunday School Board.

Featured Conference Leaders -Kermit King, Training Union Secretary of Mississippi, and Jimmy Crowe, Training Union Secretary of Louisiana.

MORE ABOUT RECREATION

Recreation will include softball, volley ball, badminton, tennis, horse shoes, table tennis, chess, checkers, Chinese checkers, dominoes, croquet, swimming. For the first time arts and crafts will be provided under the direction of Miss Lola Mae Whelchel of Little Rock. Stunt Night, Get Acquainted Party and Talent Parade will be included in the recreation program.

7:00	Rising	Bell
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7:30 Breakfast

8:15 Devotional Period - Miller Mikell, Chalk Talk Artist

8:45 Graded Training Union Workshops

10:15 Recess

10:35 Life-Interest Conferences (Tuesday-Friday)

Tuesday - Choir Concert

Wednesday - Message: Dr. S. A. Whitlow

Thursday — Honor Church Program — Panel

Discussion

Friday - Demonstration of a Sword Drill

12:00 Dinner

1:30-5:30 Recreation

5:50 Supper

6:30 Choir Practice - LeRoy McClard

7:15 Night Service - Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Speaker

8:45 Fellowship Hour and Chalk Talk - Mrs. Mary Gilmer and Mr. Miller Mikell

10:00 Campus Clear

10:30 Lights Out Page Twenty

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MORNING PROGRAM 7:00 Rising Bell 7:30 Breakfast 8:15 Devotional Period — Miller Mikell Graded Training Union Workshops

8:45 10:15 Recess 10:35 Morning Service

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Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

Mission Fields Join In Year of Evangelism

AMONG THE actions of the Foreign Mission Board at its February meeting was the appropriation of a portion of the money provided for foreign missions through the 1958 Advance Program section of the Cooperative Program. This money, the Foreign Mission Board's share of Cooperative Program funds received after the Convention's operating budget was met, is being used to meet urgent needs and reinforce the foreign mission task across the world.

"Among the designations made from these funds, none is more significant than the amount set aside for advance projects in evangelism and church development," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, told the Board. "Across the world 1959 is being stressed as a year of evangelism. Many special projects have emerged upon the recommendations of Missions and conventions.

"One of the outstanding projects is in Japan where the 70th anniversary of the beginning of Southern Baptist mission work is being celebrated. There will be extensive meetings projected in Japan during the year, and it is antichpated that several people will be going from the United States to share in those meetings.

"One of the reasons we are seeing an increase in mission concern throughout the Southern Baptist Convention is that sizeable numbers of leaders in responsible places have been able to make firsthand contributions on mission fields through preaching, conducting clinics, and rendering other types of special services."

Secretaries Abroad

On Feb. 13, the day after the Board meeting, Dr. Cauthen left the States to join Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, in missionary conferences in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He will return to Board headquarters about Mar. 1. Dr. Means has been in South America since Jan. 26 visiting mission stations. He will return the middle of March.

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, will leave the last of February for a monthlong tour of Europe and the Near East. The principal occasion of his trip is the dedication of a new chapel building at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich. Switzerland, followed by a conference on theological education. At this conference representatives from national Baptist seminaries in Europe and faculty members of the international seminary at Ruschlikon will seek to reach a correlation of curricula and increased cooperation among all who are working to produce a trained leadership for the Baptist churches and conventions of

While in Europe Dr. Goerner will in-

vestigate further the situation with reference to religious freedom in Spain, confer with Baptist leaders in Italy, and visit a Baptist congregation in France. He will also consult with Baptist leaders in Portugal, where Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, veteran missionaries to Brazil, have taken up their residence as fraternal representatives of the Foreign Mission Board.

In the Near East Dr. Goerner will inspect the proposed plot for the new theological seminary in Beirut, Lebanon, have fellowship with new missionaries engaged in language study in Jordan and Gaza, and survey progress being made toward the establishment of a student center in Jerusalem, Israel. Impressions from Portural

Dr. Goerner shared with the Board portions of a report written by Dr. Crabtree on Feb. 3, a few days after he and Mrs. Crabtree arrived in Portugal. "We are impressed with the fine quality of the church members here." Dr. Crabtree said, "The Sunday night congregation looked very much like an average congregation of smaller churches in the States. In spite of strong Catholic opposition the people here seem to be much more open to the gospel than I had expected to find them."

Dr. Crabtree reported that the financial assistance given Portuguese Baptists by the Foreign Mission Board has been gratefully received and has furnished a stimulus and encouragement to the work. Part of the funds were used by one church to rent a preaching hall on the first floor of a new building and rooms above for living quarters for the pastor.

"It was too early for Dr. Crabtree to

give a definite opinion as to whether Southern Baptists should plan to send personnel to Portugal," Dr. Goerner told the Board. "The wisdom of sending experienced missionaries from Brazil to serve as our liaison persons has been abundantly proved, as Dr. Crabtree's outstanding first impression was that a major concern of Southern Baptists should be to avoid creating the feeling that our Foreign Mission Board is going into Portugal to "take over" the work which has been so well done in the past by the Brazilian Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"A beginning has been made in Portugal. Just what the future contribution of Southern Baptists in this small country is to be remains yet to be determined."

275 Years of Service

The Foreign Mission Board recognized more than 275 years of missionary service as it voted to place six missionaries on emeritus status and paid tribute to Dr. H. H. McMillan, emeritus missionary to China and the Bahamas who died Jan. 29.

Retiring March 1 will be Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Blackman, of China and Hawaii, Miss Lora Clement, of China and Malaya, and Rev. and Mrs. Ivan W. Larson, of China, the Philippines, and Taiwan (Formosa). Miss Minnie Landrum, of South Brazil, will retire February 28.

The Blackmans and Miss Landrum each served for nearly 37 years, the Larsons for nearly 40 years, Dr. Mc-Millan for 42 years, and Miss Clement for nearly 44 years. "How splendid it is that missionaries go and serve long years and make lifelong contributions," Dr. Cauthen said.

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Three Hunters

By RUTH BISHOP JULINE

BOOHOO, BOOHOO!" wailed Johnny the toddler. He stood in the middle of his back yard, two houses up the street.

Kay jumped to her feet, upsetting a fine big sand pie. "It's Johnny," she cried. "It's Johnny the toddler. He's crying because his kitten is lost."

She left the sand pile in the corner of her own front yard and ran around the house.

"I'll help you find your kitten," she called to the little boy.

"Has Johnny the toddler lost his kitten again?" asked an anxious voice. It was Dick who was poking his head through a thin place in the shrubbery between the houses. "I've lost my red ball, and while I'm looking for it, I'll look for the kitten, too."

Rattlety-click, rattlety-click. Down the street came Charles, dragging his wagon behind him. Three wheels rolled along smoothly, but the fourth went rattlety-click because it didn't belong on the wagon at all. The wheel that did belong there was lost. It has been lost for two or three weeks,

"Oh, Charles," called Kay. "Help Dick and me look for Johnny's kitten. This is the third time it has wandered off this morning."

"Oh," cried Charles, "it is such a little kitten to be lost." And right away he began looking all around.

Suddenly he cried out in delight. "Look, Kay! Look, Dick! I've found it!

"You've found Johnny's lost kitten?" asked Kay and Dick.

"N-no," admitted Charles. "No, I didn't find the kitten, but I did find my lost wagon wheel!"

Once again Kay and Dick and Charles began to search for Johnny's kitten — under the steps, back of the garage, and in the shrubs.

"Here it is," cried Dick a few minutes later. "The lost is found."

"You mean the lost kitten?" asked Kay and Charles.

"No," admitted Dick, "it isn't the lost kitten, but it is my lost ball!"

"Listen!" Kay suddenly cocked her head to one side. "I hear a mewing sound. It must be the kitten. It's under the maple tree."

Away hurried the children. But the kitten was not under the maple tree.

"Mew, mew, mew," came the sound again, this time high above their heads.

"It's, in the maple tree," whispered Dick, "I'll climb up and take a look."

Charles gave him a boost. Then up Dick went. But all he found was a nest with a bird in it.

"Mew, mew." This time the sound came from the top of a telephone pole.



But the only thing on the telephone pole was a little gray bird.

"That's a catbird," explained a friendly voice behind the children. "There is a pair of them, and they have a nest in the maple tree. Catbirds sound very much like kittens."

It was Johnny's mother who said this. Johnny the toddler was in her arms, and the little lost kitten was in Johnny's arms. Only — you'll never believe this! — the kitten had not been lost after all. It had been asleep in its basket all the time Johnny was crying.

"Well," grinned Dick, scratching his head and feeling sort of silly, "we're pretty good hunters just the same. I did find my red ball."

"I found my lost wagon wheel," added Charles, holding the wheel up for everyone to see.

"And all of us found a catbird's nest," laughed Kay.

"You are very good hunters," smiled Johnny's mother. "You are kind, thoughtful boys and girls. Johnny and I are happy to have such good neighbors."

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SMALL FRY chit-chat overheard in the schoolyard after the holidays:

"Didja go out, of town for Christmas vacation?"

"Nope, I stayed home. I had a job, tho'."

"A job? Doin' what?"

"I got 50 cents a week from Mommy, not to play my drums." — E. E. Ken-yon, American Weekly.

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Should Watch Her Language

DISGRUNTLED SON: "I thought I told you not to tell Mother what time I got home last night."

INDIFFERENT COOK: "I didn't. I simply said I was too busy fixing breakfast to look at the clock."

Our Feathered Friends

FIRST PELICAN: "That's a fine fish you have there."

SECOND PELICAN: "Well, it fills the bill . . ."

AMBULANCE CHASING Lawyer at Private Hospital: "May I see George Brown?"

ELDERLY LADY: "I'm sorry, but the hospital does not allow anyone but relatives into the wards at this hour."

LAWYER: "Oh, that's all right; I'm his brother."

LADY: "Well! I'm so happy to meet you. I'm his mother."

"AT HER request you gave up drink-ing?"

"Yes."

"And you stopped smoking for the same reason?"

"I did."

"And it was for her that you gave up dancing, card parties, and billiards?"

"Correct."

"Then why didn't you marry her?"
"Well, after all that reforming, I decided I could do better."



"Th' strain is gettin' me down . . . how much longer do I hafta be good to get that bee bee gun?"

Some — and not just children, either—seem to regard prayer as a means of gratifying their own wishes. As though God were a 'Celestial Santa Claus.' Prayer is no labor-saving substitute for effort on our part. It is a seeking of Divine Guidance to properly direct the energies and intellect God gave us.

God's Love and Man's Refusal

Matthew 21:33-46

By CLARENCE A. ALLISON

(Pastor, 1st Church, Junction City)

March 1

JESUS' ABILITY to condense the history of a nation into these few sentences is both amazing and frightening. Amazing because no one else can approach the accomplishment. Frightening because it shows that God sees beneath the outward scene to ascertain and reveal the secret sins of the leaders of the people.

The passage at hand refers to the nation Israel. The sym-



bol of the vineyard, to denote Israel, was used by the Prophets often. There was no mistaking His meaning. They readily understood that He spoke of them. We should realize also that Jesus spoke

We should realize also that Jesus spoke concerning the total life of the nation. They could not separate national life into various areas, with some areas isolated from their God. Jehovah does not recognize that any part of the life of a nation, or individual, is isolated from Him.

Preparation



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The one who owned the land decided to improve it, according to his own purpose,

under his own promptings. He made the soil ready and planted a vineyard. The young plants needed protection from the ravages of natural enemies; so he made a hedge around the vineyard. He made provision for the yield of the plants by building a winepress in which to process the fruit. A tower was built for the husbandmen, so they could keep watch over the area. Nothing was left undone to insure the success of the vineyard.

Then the owner placed the vineyard in the hands of husbandmen. They were supposed to know how to tend a vineyard, and desire to make it profitable for the owner, to whom they were directly responsible.

From the moment of Abraham's call, God cared for His people. He sustained them through trials. He led them from captivity, through hardship, to the land of promise. He protected them from the furious marauders of the country. He guided them with His law. He allowed them to drink deeply of His self-revelation. As the nation matured, He placed them in the hands of stewards, who were responsible to Him for the conduct of the affairs of the nation. Nothing was left undone to insure the successful ministry of Israel to the world.

Expectation

With such preparation as had been expended on the vineyard, was it too much to expect a yield? Was it right for God to ask that the vineyard bear fruit and that that fruit be His fruit? No! None would say yes We all recognize that God was just to expect good fruit from His people, through His responsible stewards. When the owner sent for the fruit, it was a proper expectation.

Rather than yielding that which was justly to be expected, the rulers took another view. They felt that God was no longer to be recognized in the conduct of public affairs. They also rejected Him privately, keeping Him from any influence in their lives. They felt that leadership was theirs by right and

they owed no allegiance to another, even the creator of their nation. They saw no responsibility either to work for the increase of the vineyard, or to render to the owner his returns.

Those servants sent by the owner were treated shamefully by the husbandmen, showing that they had no respect for their master. It was commonly acknowledged that treatment accorded a servant was treatment accorded his master. The servants of the passage were symbolic representations of the many prophets of Jehovah, sent into Israel to call for the fruits of righteousness expected from the vineyard, Israel. Many were the servants of God who were sent to the nation, and all were given the same disrespectful treatment. The nature of man changes not with the passing years.

Though the Creator despaired, He determined to send once more for the yield of the vineyard. This time His Son was sent. Surely they would not show disrespect for the Son. But we know the horrible story. They did reject Him. They killed Him with a death of torture. Their most terrible deed was reserved for the person closest to their Master.

Some may say, "They did not know who He was!" They knew. They knew that they were rejecting the Son of God. I suppose they did not realize the terrible consequences of their actions, but they knew what they were about. The sobering thought is that men have not grown more tender in the ensuing years. Christ is rejected today just as decisively and ruthlessly as then. If He were here today, a cross would be formed from the materials of our atomic age, by the minds of fiendish men who are bent on denying God access to their hearts. He would be crucified because men reject God.

Condemnation

Jesus asked the people surrounding Him about the results of the actions of the husbandmen. Their answer was that they would be utterly destroyed, and the vineyard given to others. This was a perceptive answer. He had allowed the light to shine for them for a moment.

A startling statement is made to them, "The stone which builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner." That one, who was cast aside, is really the foundation of the whole structure. The Son, whom they killed, is the very source of life for the nation. They had cast aside the foundation stone. Now those who stumbled upon it were broken, and those upon whom it fell were ground to powder.

Because they had failed to accept God in their life, both private and national, the Kingdom was to be taken from them. No longer was the nation Israel to be the instrument of God. They had failed to accept Him as their God. Their place of service and responsibility was to be given to another who would yield allegiance to Jehovah. Great was the destruction of the Nation Israel, and never again will they be privileged as they once were.

Is there a message for America? Yes, a desperate message. Let us serve God, who has given us our stewardship. The nation is terribly sinful. Our government, in many ways, encourages the rejection of God. Our political leaders are, mostly, heedless of God's mastery. Our religious bodies are, often, ignoring the real needs of the people. Our nation is sunk in sin and shame from the Gulf to the Lakes, and from Ocean to Ocean. The world watches America to detect whether our devotion is real or feigned, as was that of the Pharisees. Judgment is imminent and needful. The admonition of the Prophet seems appropriate: "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord" (Lam. 3:40).

A Prayer

Lord help me do the right thing At the right time, In the right way And in the right spirit.

Thus may my light shine That men may see my good works

And glorify my Father Which is in heaven.

-W. B. O'Neal

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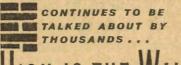
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