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# ARKANSAS Baptist

FEBRUARY 19, 1959

Baptists of Arkansas Reported 20% Tithers

A SURVEY showed that the per capita income of each person in Arkansas for the year 1957, including in-



fants, was \$1,227. This means that 289,981 Baptists had a total income for that year of \$355,-806,687. A tithe of that income would have been \$35,580,-668.

During that year 289,981 Arkansas Baptists gave through their churches only \$11,-

DR. DOUGLAS

583,421, which means that Brother and Mrs. Arkansas Baptist closed the year with \$23,997,247 of the Lord's money in their pockets. So, in reality, the average Arkansas Baptist gave less than 1-3 of his tithe through his church for 1957. To be exact, the average Arkansas Baptist gave 32.56 per cent of the tithe for the year.

This situation was produced because the vast majority of Arkansas Baptists do not tithe. About 20 per cent of our Baptist church members tithe. This leaves 80 per cent who are non-tithers. Putting it another way, 20 out of every 100 Arkansas Baptists tithe, while 80 of these do not tithe. On this basis only 57,996 Baptists in Arkansas tithed their incomes during the year 1957, while 231,985 Arkansas Baptists failed to tithe.

Our churches have gone along and won some great victories, even though a vast majority of the people have withheld their tithes. On the other hand, think of what could have been done had all our people been good stewards and heeded the words of Paul, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him—."

More than all this, we know that God is displeased with the attitudes and motives which produced the above picture. We can say this because the Bible states that God is immutable and changes not. When the Hebrews, God's own people, refused to tithe, a curse was pronounced upon them because they were robbing God.

This curse came from heaven and the only way the curse could be lifted and the window of God's blessings be opened, was for the people to "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse—."

With the stark reality that 231,985 Arkansas Baptists withheld \$23,997,247 from God's treasury in one year, it behooves us as leaders to be, not only concerned, but alarmed. Alarmed to the point of crying out:

point of crying out:

Bring ye all the tithes into the store house that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Let me ask some questions of every

## In Interest of Better Understanding

The problem of communication is present in almost every area of life. Many of our problems are either created or increased because we fail to make ourselves understandable to others. The work of our denomination is no exception to this rule. In order for a church or denomination to be most successful in kingdom service, the motives and actions of each group should be fully understood by other related groups. How this understanding may best be prompted is the problem of communications.

The problem of communications was taken into consideration in the recent re-organization of the Executive Board of our state convention. Thus, a sub-committee composed of two members from the Executive Board for each institution has been formed to serve as a sort of liaison between the board and the various institutions. The board has asked the institutions for the privilege of letting a sub-committee sit in on the board meetings of each of our institutions. This sub-committee will have no power to act on behalf of the Executive Board, and it likewise will not have the power of a vote while sitting in on the meetings of the trustees of the institutions. The purpose of the sub-committee is simply to try to interpret the purposes, plans, and actions of the Executive Board to the institutions, and in turn attempt to interpret the actions of the institu-tions to the Executive Board. By this means we hope to create and maintain a better understanding among all the agencies of our convention. This should in turn make all of our agencies more effective instruments of our convention for Kingdom service.

The various sub-committees have been appointed from the Program Committee of the Executive Board. This committee is concerned with the plans, policies, and accomplishments of the total program of Arkansas Baptists. Thus, as this committee attempts to formulate long-range plans for our total denominational life it will have the benefit of this vital touch with all of the agencies involved. The spirit of the actions of the agencies can be detected by the members of the sub-committees. This aspect is often more important to a complete understanding than the letter of the law.

It is upon a better understanding that we hope to strengthen our witness in every area of our work.

-S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

## The Bible Says



MATTHEW 26:52

All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

Arkansas Baptist. Have you considered seriously your part in helping right this situation? Have you found out how other churches have been able to help more of their members become good stewards? Have you investigated and studied the Forward Program of Church Finance? If not, we would like to ask a final question. Why not? — Ralph Douglas

# Charles T. Follen in Ethical Outlook. ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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SOME MEN are so afraid of doing

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# First Battle of the Bottle

By FRITZ E. GOODBAR

THE FIRST contest between the liquor forces and those who are opposed to removing the present restrictions on the sale of intoxicating liquors has taken place in the House of Representatives. It came about over House Bill 225 by Representatives Howell and Ladd of Phillips County which would permit liquor stores to remain open on all election days except primaries and general elections.

The argument for the bill was that the liquor dealers were losing considerable money on those closing days and likewise the State was losing revenue. Mr. Hammond of St. Francis County pointed out that the liquor dealers were about the most prosperous men already in his part of the State. It was also pointed out that the liquor dealers knew when they applied for their licenses that the restriction was in effect. The over-all effect of the bill will be to increase the consumption of alcoholic beverages and thereby further enrich the liquor dealers.

When the bill was first called up for a vote it was defeated by a vote of 41 for and 45 against. But Mr. Thompson of Poinsett gave notice that the bill would be called up for reconsideration at a later date. This maneuver enabled the lobbists for the liquor dealers to get in their work. It is well known that certain lawyers in Little Rock, some of whom have held public office and who have also been defeated for public office, are retained by the liquor interests to lend their persuasive powers to influence the votes of the several Representatives. This they did and so persuasive were they that when the vote was taken the second time the bill was passed by a vote of 51 to 37. For the benefit of our readers and for future reference a list of those who voted against the bill follows:

Those who voted against House Bill 225:

Donnie Bryant, Independence; David Burleson, Washington; George W. Davis, Sevier; Roy S. Dunn, Logan; Roy Galyean, Benton; Cecil Gibson, Sharp; Jack Gwin, Grant; Mrs. Mattie L. Hackett, Lafayette; Dr. H. J. Hall, Van Buren; O. P. Hammons, St. Francis; Vance Hickman, Boone;

B. S. Hinkle, Scott; Ezra Horton, Searcy; G. P. Houston, Cleburne; R. C. Johnson, Jr., Lincoln; Clyde Kinslow, Pope; Clark Kinney, St. Francis; Virgil C. Kolb, Johnson; A. M. Ledbetter, Faulkner; Gus McCracken, Marion; de Maddox, Montgomery;

Raymond L. Mays, Cleveland; Joe Melton, Jr., Lonoke; John E. Miller, Izard; Roland Morris, Randolph; L. Landers Morrow, Polk; N. B. Murphy, Ashley; Jack S. Oakes, Woodruff; Gerald V. Partee, Stone; Sam Powell, Baxter; John States, Craighead; Kenneth S. Sulcer, Mississippi;

L. Weems Trussell, Dallas; Ralph Underhill, White; Clyde O. Wahlquist, Nevada; W. L. Ward, Lee; Milton Willis, Crawford,

Since the bill was passed by a margin of one vote, those who abstained from voting really were casting a vote also against the bill.

They were: W. D. Baker, Newton; Russel J. Benton, Fulton; Harry B. Colay, Columbia; Hardy W. Croxton, Benton; Virgil T. Fletcher, Saline; Guy W. French, Poinsett; C. C. Hollensworth, Bradley;

James A. Pomeroy, Union; Carl Purnell, Jefferson; Dewey D. Stiles, Hot Spring; T. E. Tayler, Pulaski.

We appreciate the stand on this moral issue by these men and suggest that they be encouraged to continue the fight.

Those whose names do not appear here voted for the measure and will have to face it at the judgment day. For some this will be the next time they offer for election. This list should be kept by our Baptist voters and others who stand for righteousness.

## In This Issue

CAN ARKANSAS afford to continue to be embroiled in the race squabble over integration of her schools? No, says the editor of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST, no more than a patient who is suffering from loss of blood can afford to go on bleeding. Read this week's editorial, "Young Man Going West."

AS FRIENDS of Southern Seminary, Louisville, continue to be concerned for this great school of the prophets in one of its great crises, noted alumnus Sydnor L. Stealey, president of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., a former member of the faculty at Southern, speaks of "Sustaining Characteristics" of Southern Seminary, in a Founders' Day address reported on pages 6 and 7.

IS UNLIKENESS an affront, nonconformity an outrage, and innovation a crime? Is public opinion always right and sacred, just because it is public opinion? Read "Molding World Opinion for Peace," in Baptist Crosscurrents, page 10.

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THE ATTORNEY General's office in Ohio has ruled that Roman Catholic nuns may teach in Ohio public schools while wearing their religious garb. Read what the editor of BAPTIST STANDARD says about this, in "Why Wear It?" also in Baptist Crossourrents, page 10.



Cover Story

### Mt. Rushmore Man's Biggest Sculpture Try

THE MT. RUSHMORE National Memorial in the Dakota Black Hills is one of the most colossal pieces of sculpture attempted by man. The work was done under the direction of Gutzon Borglum and to produce the head of Washington alone of the gigantic outcropping of granite, about 500 feet above the valley, required 6,000 lbs. of dynamite and 40,000 detonating caps.

For detail work pneumatic drills were used. Each face is between 60 and 70 feet high and a man can stand up inside Lincoln's eyes. On a clear day the monument can be seen 60 miles away.

Washington symbolizes the founding of the nation, Jefferson stands for the Declaration of Independence and the Louisiana Purchase, Lincoln for the preservation of the Union, while Roosevelt symbolizes the expansion of the country and the construction of the Panama Canal.

### SBC Members Conduct Evangelical Census

DALLAS — (BP) — "More than 500,-000 Southern Baptists, armed with information cards and pencils, conducted one of Christianity's more exhaustive census surveys on Feb. 1," said Leonard Sanderson, director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board.

"Early reports from the census indicate that the names and addresses of 19 million non-Christians and unenlisted church members in Southern Baptist church communities were recorded during the simultaneous one-day effort," sald Sanderson.

The survey count, taken in more than 40 states with Southern Baptist churches, is a forerunner to a Feb. 16-20 period of soul winning training. During the training periods four books will be taught for junier through adult are groups.

# Young Man Going West

RECENTLY the editor was a guest in the home of a young married couple in a large city of a Southern state other than Arkansas. The husband is soon to enter his chosen profession after many years of schooling. The wife has been for several years a member of the public school faculty of the city where they live. Both are natives of the Southland and neither has ever resided outside the South.

During the course of our visit we asked where they planned to make their home. The reply has caused us great concern. Said the husband: "We had planned all along to stay in the South; that is where we would rather be. But it appears now that the South is going to continue to be torn by strife over the race issue for years to come, and we just don't want to be trying to live and bring up a family in the midst of it. We are thinking of settling in the West or the Southwest where the race problem has been solved." Some will say: "If that is the way he feels about it, let him go. We can get along without him." Others will say: "That is a fine way to show his appreciation for what the South has done for him!" But the fact remains: the South is about to lose one of its fine young couples to another section of the country-a couple of the caliber we can ill afford to lose.

If we were just losing this one couple, it would not be so bad. But think of the untold thousands of others who are moving out or planning to move, and think of hosts of others who normally would have been moving into the South but have changed their minds. The recent survey of the effect of race strife on business in Little Rock bears this out. Every realtor who was contacted, and this field was well represented, reported a considerable drop in volume of real estate sales and the consensus of these men was that it was due primarily to the turmoil over integration of the schools. Among the business men contacted who indicated their businesses had not been hurt-and this group was well below half of all the firms contacted - all the firms engaged in the moving business reported gains. There are more residences for rent or sale in Greater Little Rock today than at any other time in recent years.

Of all the states of the South, Arkansas, which has lost its people to other states by the hundred thousands in recent years, can least afford to be embroiled in the race squabble. Arkansas is the only state in the South and one of only two or three in the nation which the population experts say will in the coming years have fewer people than they have today. Many of the states, particularly of the West and Southwest, are expected to continue to have phenomenal growths.

Arkansas is like a person incapacitated from loss of blood and who is still bleeding. In such a situation, anything that fails to check the flow of blood is worthless to the patient. And anything that opens new wounds is deadly. Let us follow the wise course of the great Southern state of Virginia and face the reality of the only course open to us—reopening our public schools in Little Rock and undergirding the public school system of the entire state.

Whatever hurts or hinders our public school system hurts everything of value throughout the state. The welfare of churches, homes, business, and our people of all races and creeds will be affected for better or for worse according to the extent and the quality of our public education.

The immortal Robert E. Lee declared, following the Civil War:

The thorough education of all classes of people is the most efficacious means, in my opinion, of promoting the prosperity of the South. The material interests of its citizens, as well as their moral and intellectual culture, depend upon its accomplishment.

Said the late Dr. George Truett, for more than 40 years pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas:

The supreme task of Christ's people is to convert it [the world] into a true Christian brotherhood. How incongruous is ignorance and how important is knowledge, in such incomparable momentous times as these!

Let us solve our problems quickly and compassionately in the interest of the preservation of our greatest asset—our people.—ELM

## Eating to Live

TO THE grasshopper of Aesop's Fables, the ant looked mighty silly slaving away the summer months to store up a food surplus.

"Why not come and chat with me, instead of toiling and moiling in that way?" asked the grasshopper.

"I am helping to lay up food for the winter," said the ant, "and recommend you to do the same."

"Why bother about winter?" replied the grasshopper. "We have plenty of food at present."

But the industrious, far-sighted ant would not be turned from his work. And the light-hearted, improvident 'hopper would not give up his play.

What a different scene the winter months brought. While the foolish grasshopper starved because he had made no provision for winter, the ant and its colony ate regularly out of their common store.

Too late the grasshopper had learned: "It is best to prepare for the days of necessity."

Which reminds me of some sharp words of warning I heard an old father give his son at London many years ago. The father had lived through the gaunt days of the Civil War and the Reconstruction Period in Georgia before moving to Arkansas and had learned to "make a little go a long way." Through his frugality he had reared a large family and at the same time acquired a modest farm,

But the son, who was a bachelor at the time of the incident, had not inherited any traits of thrift but had developed the habit of "living to eat" rather than "eating to live." He always stayed at the table for a second or third helping of everything.

One day as he was devouring his usual "seconds" and "thirds," his old father exploded: "The way you eat you will never have anything ahead!" And nothing more prophetic was ever uttered.

The average American could save much more for a rainy day, and at the same time greatly improve his chances of living to a ripe old age by cutting down on his food intake by as much as a third to a half. We know a friend, for example, who recently lost ten pounds and saved \$25 on his grocery bill.

Put a knife to thy throat, if thou be man given to appetite —(Prov. 23:2).

Erwin L. M. Donally

Letters to the Editor

## THE PEOPLE SPEAK

### distory of Baptists

r. PARSONS, of Mena, Rt. 2, in giving us a change of address for his Arkansas Baptist, has asked that we suggest where he might secure a brief outline of the Baptists "from the days of our Savior to the present." He states that he is primarily interested in "how the Baptist church escaped the Roman Catholic Church, especially of a few centuries past when the Catholics seemed to have had the world in the palm of their hand."

Editor's Reply: Although some individuals have undertaken to trace an unbroken succession of Baptists from the beginning of the New Testament era down to the present, we know of no reputable church historian who believes this to be possible.

Most Baptist scholars of our day feel that, because of our distinct doctrines, polity, and practice, we "are in a line of spiritual succession from Jesus and the churches and Christians of New Testament days," but that Baptist churches as we know them today are not to be found in every century since Pentecost.

There is a brief inexpensive history of Baptists in a new study-course book available at the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock, entitled Through Trial to Triumph, by Dr. Hugh Wamble. We also heartily recommend articles in Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, published last year in two volumes by Broadman Press. You can also read the history of Catholicism in the Baptist Encyclopedia. (If your church does not have this valuable set, have it to buy a set for the pastor's study or your church library.)

Other church history works that might be cited include: A Manual of Church History, in two volumes, by A. H. Newman, published by American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia. For the history of Southern Baptists as a denomination, we recommend: The Southern Baptist Convention, 1845-1953,-ELM

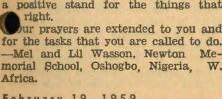
## Gods of Prejudice

YOUR ARTICLE on the school situation (editorial, Arkansas Baptist of Feb. 12) was the finest yet! I sincerely pray that the good people of Arkansas will soon get their eyes opened to what is happening in our state. The gods of prejudice have already blinded great multitudes. (Signed, but name withheld)

### Arkansas Problems

We came back to our mission field in July after a year's furlough in Arkansas. We fully realize the problems facing our Arkansas friends, but we feel a real sense of pride knowing our state denominational paper is taking a positive stand for the things that

ur prayers are extended to you and for the tasks that you are called to do. -Mel and Lil Wasson, Newton Memorial School, Oshogbo, Nigeria, W.





# Pope County Church Scores Proposed Laws

THREE PROPOSED Arkansas laws were cited by 1st Baptist Church, Russellville, as being "in direct opposition to the principles of freedom of conscience that Baptists has traditionally upheld throughout the ages," in a resolution adopted by the church in regular business session Feb. 11.

H.B. 316 to require as part of employment applicatoins for state, county, and city jobs a list of the applicant's membership in all organizations.

H.B. 325 to prohibit charitable non-profit organizations from engaging in political activity in Arkansas.

H.B. 329 to make it unlawful for anyone to encourage disobedience to any state law or nonconformance with the established traditions, customs, and usage of the

Stated the resolution, which was mailed to Representative Clyde Kinslow and Senator Robert H. Williams, both of Pope county; to Governor Orval Faubus; and to the Arkansas Baptist for publication:

". . . whereas these bills appear to be in direct opposition to the principles of freedom of conscience that Baptists have traditionally upheld throughout the ages, be it therefore resolved that this church express its disapproval . . ."

The resolution was signed by Emil Williams, pastor of the church, and by Mrs. Trezzie Pressley, church secretary.



cating me was a glorious thing to see. Put it down that our first century was characterized by leaders who demands that students pass the tests for sound moral fibre and har study.

Another characteristic of our worthy builders was most clearly revealed to me by an illustration used often by Dr. Mullins. The evolution fight was on in the 1920's and there were many Southern Baptists who could think and talk seemingly of nothing else. Tempers often flared and drastic and dogmatic acts were frequent.

One state impounded all of this Seminary's part of southwide funds and demanded that the professors sign a certain statement of faith before such funds should be released. In the midst of the fight, Dr. Mullins created his famous parable of a fly riding the big drive wheel of a speeding locomotive and philosophizing thus: "Now I know the secret of life. It

Founder's Day Address

# Southern Seminary's Sustaining Characteristics

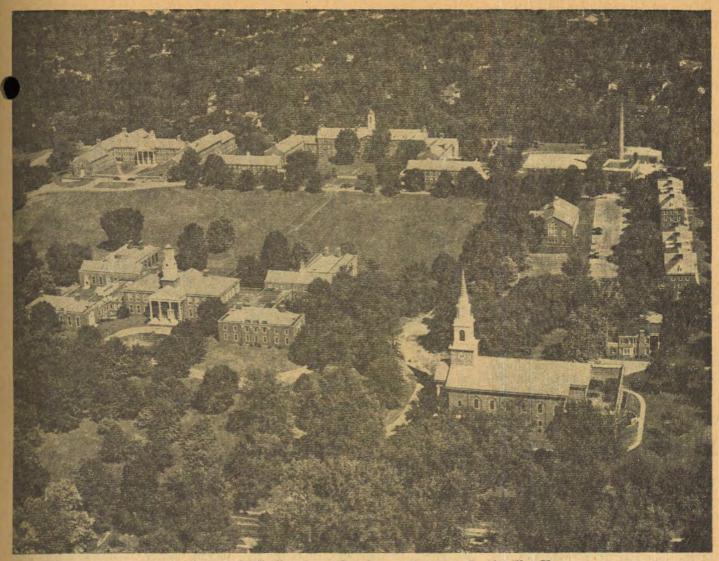
By SYDNOR L. STEALEY, President Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

BECAUSE I know that in a decade marked by the publication of Marx's Communist Manifesto, Darwin's Origin of the Species and Joseph Arthur Gobineaux's Essay on the Inequality of the Human Races, which later supplied Hitler with source material for his abominable Nordic superiority theory, our godly predecessors founded this Seminary and developed it magnificently and thus brought balancing blessings to a century which has been characterized largely by the materialistic, behavioristic and racialistic influences of these three basic books, a century characterized also by troubles and wars and theological controversies; and because I am convinced that the Christian function of this Seminary will be no less needed in the century now beginning, I determined to seek in this study those characteristics and ideals that guided the men who have brought it safe thus far and, frankly, to admonish all of us who are now responsible for Southern Baptist theological education to discern, cherish and propagate those characteristics and ideals.

The sustaining characteristics of this School I first discerned directly in those second and third generation scholars whom I found here when I came as a student in 1924. My first and lasting impression was that here was a Baptist institution of higher education which wasn't playing school. Honest and hard study were sternly demanded. I had been in school almost all of my 28 years, but I had never had to work so hard before. I made an unusual 98 on a mid-term test in Introductory Old Testament. I heard that it was feared that I had cheated. I knew better than to go to class unprepared at any time, but I studied double hard after that. Dr. Sampey stood me up for a 30-minutes recitation the next class session, 30 minutes during the second session and again about 15 minutes the third. As I sat down that third day he said, "You're a good man, Brother Stealey." He was determined to discover a cheater if there was one, but his joy in vindiis revolution, revolution. Keep on revolving and you really get somewhere." The wheel was all that he could see and so he concluded that it was all there was to see. Some Baptists, the teacher explained, are like the fly. They try to center the whole realm of reality in one relatively small area. The Kingdom is reduced to a county. With some it is evolution or a special interpretation of prophecy; with some it is a dispensational theory; with some a special theory of communion or communism or capitalism, or integration or segregation; with others it may be millenialism. So many, even in religion, take a fragment of life or of scripture and treat it as if were the whole. They give life a false center of meaning and thus become eccentrics.

Southern has ever majored in the whole Bible and recognized Christ only as the center of God's revealed truth. In all matters balanced judgment is sought. Spirit and body are both God-created and the value of each is recognized here. Missions, evangelism and education are balanced in a sound denominational program. Spiritual consecration and and scholarly achievement were incarnated in our best teachers. I have not known one of our professors who daily rode about class on a hobby horse. (Of course, Dr. Sampey was partial to Robert E. Lee.) This discernment of values and balance of judgment is tremendous characteristic number two.

Another incident that stands all in my memory seems at first mention almost trivial, but is really deeply revealing. A church near here suffered a split in its membership and came close to anarchy. One of your younger professors was asked to mediate and moderate and serve as interim pastor. He accepted the responsibility on condition that no salar be paid him. He wanted his judgment to be free from any nancial consideration. He was amazingly successful. When peace was restored and his service ended, they tried to give him a big purse in appreciation. He refused. He refused even the non-monetary gift they proposed. He had rendered a spiritual service and he felt it would be unwise to raise ques-



AERIAL VIEW, Southern Seminary Campus, Louisville, Ky.

tions about money in anybody's mind. "I really needed that money," he told me ruefully, "but that was not the time to take it." The Seminary that day taught me through that wonderful young professor the beauty of spiritually-rendered service and the meanness of professionalism in the ministry.

I've known Southern now for 34 years and I can say that the danger of professionalism among preachers has been recognized and condemned as a part of her vital teaching. Defections, and I trust confession of sin, have undoubtedly marked most of us... but the ideal has never been lowered. Anti-professionalism, in direct contradiction to the spirit of the age, is tremendous ideal number three.

Those second and third generation teachers, in three terse statements which form chapter headings in the book of my life, illustrated another perennial ideal of Southern. It is the ideal of magnificent persistence in the pursuit of truth and of noble humility in the presence of truth. One day when class discussion had led to the realization that God uses for great purposes some men not of our particular faith and order, some of the students raised objections. Professor Hersey Davis' reply was reverent, but uncompromising: "What God does is a whole lot more important than what we think He ought do!" One seems bound, when he remembers that, to seek doggedly the ways of God among men and to stand for them with valiant weakness.

The same general truth was driven home to me by Prosor W. O. Carver. In the class in "Christianity and Current Thought" I turned in a book review that consisted of about 50 questions raised in my mind by the reading of an assigned book. I knew that my teacher's active mind rejoiced to recognize and clearly state a problem. As expected,

he gave me a high grade on the paper but penned on it these words: "A question clearly phrased is half answered, but never forget that the people in the pews are more interested in clear answers."

So many students prate proudly about the puzzling problems propounded by the passing pedants of our generation. Dr. Carver's kind of teaching has led many a Southern student to discover and preach some mighty important eternal answers to pressing contemporary problems.

And Professor C. S. Gardner, saint and scholar extraordinary, drove home for me the fact that there are some
things that even the wisest and youngest of us do not yet
know. On my doctoral examination, he asked me with a
twinkle in his eye, "Brother Stealey, just what is mysticism?"
I replied frankly, "I don't know, Doctor." Then he applied a
quotation I shall never forget: "Blessed is the man who
doesn't know and who knows that he doesn't know, for he
knows then that he has much to learn." Persistent and humble searching for truth; that has been our School's ever ready
remedy for twitching tongues and heavy ears.

From among almost countless personal observations and memories I have chosen these because I believe that they represent traits of character and points of emphasis that have been significant in the development of our strength from the very beginning. I have deliberately chosen today to "accentuate the positive" and "eliminate the negative." No one realizes more than I, I think, that another paper could be written on evidences of weakness and sin in our history; but as we face the urgent demands of the new century it is a consciousness of tested qualities of righteousness, faith and wisdom that can most surely guide and sustain us.—

## Arkansas All Over

### Dr. Bridges to Retire From Foundation Feb. 28

DR. BEN L. Bridges, for the past 15 months executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, has resigned effective Feb. 28.

In presenting his resignation to the Foundation board, Feb. 11, Dr. Bridges said he had reached the age of retirement and was also following the direction of his physicians. He expressed deep appreciation for the board and for Arkansas Baptists in general with whom he has worked in various capacities for several decades.

Dr. and Mrs. Bridges will continue to make their home at 201 Normandy Road, in Little Rock, and Dr. Bridges will give all of his time to supply preaching, holding revival meetings, and working at his favorite hobby, in his wood workshop.

Dr. Bridges served as pastor of 1st Church, Crossett, 1st Church, Paragould, and 1st Church, Little Rock, before becoming executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, a position he held for 26 years.

One of the major achievements of Dr. Bridges' administration as executive secretary of the convention was the clearing of a convention debt of more than a million dollars.

Under his leadership the property value of Baptist institutions in the state grew from \$700,000 to nearly \$7,000,000.

THOMPSON P. COPELAND, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Copeland, Mc-Gehee, has been awarded a science faculty fellowship by the National Science Foundation. A former professor at Ouachita, he has been serving as associate professor at East Tennessee State College. He will do research study in entomology at the University of Tennessee beginning in September. Only a select number of the nation's science teachers are eligible for the award. (DP)

## Attendance Report

(February 8)

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	
Arkadelphia, 2nd	277	125	9
Ft. Smith, Calvary	362	171	5
Hot Springs,	dans.		
Park Place	427	179	
Huntsville, 1st	104	49	
Magnolia, Central	690	352	1
Mena, 1st	289	124	1
Missions	26	24	
Rye Hill	93	60	2
W. Memphis, Calvary	227	137	1
Fayetteville, 1st	705	259	6
Chapels	86	40	
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	824	367	6
Jacksonville, 1st	509	206	2
Little Rock, Life Line	198	92	
NLR, Calvary, Rose City	396	139	
Pine Bluff, South Side	611	220	



DR. BRIDGES

## Around the World Tour

A CONDUCTED tour around the world visiting 22 countries in the Far East, Africa, the Holy Land and Europe will leave the United States on July 5, and return Aug. 28. The party is being arranged by Coffey and Price Tours in cooperation with Hodgson Travel Service, Inc., and will be personally conducted by Dr. and Mrs. Bruce H. Price, Newport News, Va., assisted by Miss Gloria Walker, Westhampton College, University of Richmond, Va. Dr. and Mrs. Price are natives of Arkansas. He was pastor of Beech Stret Church, Texarkana, before going to Newport News.

It is not a tour of mission work but those who are interested will be able to visit missions in many lands during free time from sightseeing. The allinclusive cost including travel from nearest airport, first class hotels, meals, taxes, tips, sightseeing, etc., is \$2,289.

- TEXARKANA'S 1st Church began live telecasts of Sunday morning services Feb. 1. Dr. James E. Coggins is pastor. The services are carried over KCMC-TV. (DP)
- DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON and a staff of state-approved workers will direct the Sunday School enlargement week at East Main Church, El Dorado, June 1-5. (CB)
- BRUSH CREEK Church, Springdale, has joined the growing list of churches taking the Arkansas Baptist under the budget plan. The list was sent in by Mrs. Hubert Anderson. First Church, Blue Eye, Mo., J. E. Cox, pastor, is receiving the paper under the free trial offer.

### State Papers Report 1,363,925 Circulation

SAVANNAH, Ga. — (BP) — The circulation of 26 state Baptist news papers has reached a combined total of 1,363,925.

The total includes the newspap published in Alaska under auspice of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Alaska Baptist Convention, It does not include Hawaii.

The new circulation total was given by the editors of the newspapers at their mid-winter Southern Baptist Press Association meeting in Savannah.

Only two papers have exceeded the 100,000 mark. They are the Baptist Standard, Dallas, Tex., with 349,000 subscribers, and the Christian Index, Atlanta, Ga., with 103,000.

The Baptist Courier, Greenville, S. C., has a circulation of 90,500 and the Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss., approaching the 90,000 mark has 89,277 subscribers. The Alabams Baptist, Birmingham, has 93,749.

Seven papers have less than 10,000 circulation. These are located in states in which Southern Baptist Convention work is relatively new. Papers with high circulation have been in existence for many years.

- A TOTAL of 620 awards were earned by 1st Church, Ft. Smith, for the Bible Study Week by using a novel plan. On Wednesday before the study began, Pastor J. Harold Smith discussed the first two chapters with the teachers. Intermediate, young people and adult teachers taught these chapters on Sunday morning; the pasto used chapter three as the basis for the morning sermon. Chapter four was studied in a general assembly of the Training Union, and chapters five and six were studied during the evening worship hour. The other three chapters were taught Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Last year the church earned 344 awards in the study On the Sunday, the church had 15 recorded decisions, four by baptism
- FOUR FORMER Arkansans appeared on the Missouri Evangelistic Conference program in 3rd Churel, St. Louis, Jan. 19-21: W. Ross Edwards, Swope Park Church, Kansas City; J. T. Wlliff, Bethany, Kansas City; W. T. Holland, superintendent of missions, Kansas City; and S. Richard Wallis, 1st Church, Clinton.
- JAMES H. FAIRCHILD, pastor, is Church, Hot Springs, has been elected by the board of trustees of the Unital Fund of Garland County to serve the Executive Committee of the Unital ted Fund. (CB)
- CHURCHES OF Magnolia will join forces Sunday, Feb. 22, to take a religious census of the community. (CB)



BAPTIST STUDENT Union officers at Southern Baptist College include, front row: Melba Jones, 2nd vice-president, Salem; Margy Seay, publicity chairman, Lake City; Nancy White, social chairman, Manila; Wilma Hurley, devotional chairman, Lilbourn, Mo.; William Hedspeth, president, Williamsville, Mo. Back row: Effic Vincent, 1st vice-president, Glasford, Ill.; Margaret Howard, secretary-treasurer, Arkadelphia; Linda Bell, pianist, Heber Springs; Carol Fowler, vice-president, Manila. —Tom Logue, Secretary

- GRAND AVE. Church, Hot Springs, has purchased a three-bredroom brick home for the pastor. (CB)
- OUACHITA Baptist College has received \$2,000 from the Esso Foundation, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president, has announced. The Foundation was established in 1955 by the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) and three Jersey Standard affiliates.
- SPRING LAKE Assembly Board of Control has voted to build a swim-

ming pool at a cost of \$5,000. Plans are to have the pool completed for use this summer at the encampments, June 22-26 and July 20-24. (CB)

PINEY CHURCH, Central Association, conducted ground breaking services for an educational building Sunday, Feb. 1. The church has voted to issue \$70,000 in bonds to pay the cost of building, equipping and air conditioning the structure. (CB)

# 2nd Church Observes Diamond Anniversary

MRS. W. P. FUNSTON, 85, a member of Little Rock's 2nd Church for 73 years, was honored at the 75th anniversary of the church Feb. 15.

Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor, led in the service celebrating the diamond jubilee.

The 2,820 member church began with 11 members 75 years ago. In the past five years, the membership has grown from 2,043 to 2,820; Sunday School from 1,657 to 1,821; Training Union, 306 to 776.

Mrs. Funston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allan Harrison, and their three daughters were present at the organizational meeting of the church and united with it the following Sunday. A brother-in-law, Dr. M. L. Thom-

was a former pastor, and her husnd, William Paul Funston, together
with two other young men organized
the first young people's work in the
church in 1889 and he was elected its
first president. He also gave the cornerstone of the present auditorium.

A sister, Perle Harrison Rowland, went from 2nd Church to China as a missionary, and while home on furlough organized the Business Women's Social Service Club which met at noon for years in the church.

A daughter, Miss Lelia Maude Funston, church editor of The Arkansas Democrat, was a teacher in the Sunday School for a number of years. A son-in-law, Russell J. Clubb, was ordained by the church and was first pastor of Bethel, a mission of 2nd.

The congregation of 2nd Church worshipped for nearly two years in a small frame building at 8th and Louisiana, formerly occupied by 8th Street Baptist. A brick church was built in 1886.

The church built at 8th and Scott in 1907 was burned in 1918.

Pastors at 2nd Church have included Dr. A. B. Miller, T. S. Potts, J. D. Jordan, J. S. Kirtley, Mr. Thomas, T. O'Kelly, John T. Christian, Sam Campbell, Calvin B. Waller, M. Ray McKay and Dr. Cowling.

# Dr. Roberts Cites Role Of Downtown Churches

"THE DOWNTOWN church exerts the greatest influence in the social life of a city," avers Dr. Paul Roberts, new pastor of Little Rock's 1st Church.

Dr. Roberts pointed out that Southern Baptists have been made to thrive as a "great" denomination by the 400 downtown churches in the convention.

Those churches, he said, contribute much of the ministry and the income which carries on the SBC program around the world.

He listed as essentials in the downtown church "a large local program, a great staff, a great mission program and a great gospel."

Dr. Roberts, a newspaperman before going into the ministry, was educated in Tennessee College, Mars Hill College and Arlington University. He will receive an honorary doctor's degree from Louisiana College in May.

He is the son of a pioneer, Mountain Baptist preacher, T. F. Roberts. Two brothers are in the ministry, one in Bristol, Tenn., and the other in Miami. Fla.

Dr. Roberts came to Little Rock from 1st Church, Lake Charles, La. Other pastorates have included 2nd Church, Johnson City, Tenn.; Euclid Ave., Bristol, Va.; Central, Decatur, Ala.; Northwest, Oklahoma City.

OFFICERS HAVE been elected by the ministerial alliance at Southern College. They include: Eldon Rogers, Bethesda, president; D. E. Handling, Walnut Ridge, vice president; Vernon Wasson, Tupelo, secretary; Johnny Green, Tuckerman, treasurer; and Dr. J. F. Queen, sponsor. The group helps to promote religious activities on the campus and is instrumental in leading churches to contact prospective ministerial students.



MRS. FUNSTON



### New Commentary Announced

PREPARATION OF a new one-volume Bible commentary has been announced by Moody Press of Chicago. Entitled The Wycliffe Bible Commentary, it will be more than 1,000 pages in length and will attempt to cover the text of the entire Bible phrase by phrase.

Co-editors of this project are Dr. Charles F. Pfeiffer, professor of Old Testament at Moody Bible Institute, and Dr. Everett F. Harrison, professor of New Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary.

The editors will be assisted by 31 writers representing 20 schools in the Old Testament field and 19 writers representing 16 schools in the New Testament field.

### 'Sagging' NCC Prestige

WASHINGTON (EP) — Christianity Teday magazine predicts that what the National Council of Churches does to give free expression to its own constituency may well determine future prestige of the Protestant church unity movement.

The "objectionable conclusions" of the Fifth World Order Study Conference were not spontaneous, the magazine charges in an article in its Feb. 2nd issue.

"They were hailed openly," the article said, "as the prelude to a year-long ecumenical peace offensive in the 144,000 churches of the NCC beginning next June,"

"The sense of indignation at grassroots — where the ecumenical movement has always been weak — now
clamors for official expression. What
the NCC does to give free expression
to its own constituency may well be
determinative of ecumenical morale
and prestige in the immediate future,"
the magazine added.

#### Reds Persecuting Moslems

HONG KONG (EP) — A Communist Party newspaper, received here from the mainland, reports that authorities in Red China are subjecting the Moslems of that land to severe persecution. Four Chinese Moslem leaders have been slain in the purges to rid the country of those charged with "plotting" against the Peiping regime "under the cloak of religion."

### Priest Revives Mass in Moscow

MOSCOW (EP) — First Roman Catholic Masses since 1955 were celebrated in Moscow Feb. 2, in a temporary chapel set up in the library of the French Embassy. The Rev. Louis F. Dion, 46, of Worcester, Mass., said Mass for about 40 people. The priest prayed for the conversion of Russia in both services conducted.

# **Baptist Crosscurrents**

# Molding World Opinion for Peace

WORLD PEACE can be achieved by the growth and development of world public opinion. But we must be warned that we cannot depend on public opinion just because it is public opinion. Human emotions must be balanced by intelligence. As Ross puts it, "To the ignorant, unlikeness is an affront, nonconformity an outrage, and innovation a crime." These are they who form the intolerant multitude eager to stretch all who disagree with it on its Procrustean beds. One recalls that it was such a multitude that banished Aristides, poisoned Socrates, stoned Stephen, and crucified Jesus. At a later time it was such a multitude that mobbed Priestly and beat Garrison; and in our day it turns its pastors out of its churches and its noble statesmen from the halls of Congress.

In view of the fickle and dangerous character of public opinion, let us ask how it may be turned into a respectable agent for the righteous protection of society and the promotion of world peace? First, by the development of Christian character through the

spread of the gospel and its teachings throughout the world.

Second, by the general acceptance of world law and order. The principles of world law and order appear throughout the Bible—truths that light the way for the conduct and destiny of nations.

Third, by the cultivation and direction of a world intelligence in social and economic relations. In this we must begin at home. But in each of these channels there is room for God to take the lead, —A. C. Miller, Executive Secretary, Christian Life Commission.

# Why Wear 9t?

IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, Gerald Donahue, assistant attorney general, ruled that Roman Catholic nuns may teach in the Ohio public schools while wearing their religious garb because, "The wearing of a religious garb does not amount to a teaching of religious doctrine which the law forbids," Readers of the Standard may not be concerned about what is done in Ohio, but they will be interested in knowing that in more than one public school in Texas, Catholic nuns wear their religious garb every day.

The Standard finds no fault with the habits worn by Catholic nuns. They may be extreme in the interest of modesty, but they are probably much more like the robes worn by early Christian women than the scanty clothing worn by many others. They have a right to dress as they please, and they have a right to teach in the public schools if they are desired. They do not have a right to carry their church doctrine into the American schoolroom, nor do school officials have the moral right to pay the salaries of these nuns to their church where no income tax will be withheld or paid later.

If there be no significance in one's dress, why do soldiers wear certain uniforms? Why do military officers wear bars and other insignia? Why do policemen wear badges? Why do Quakers wear those queer hats? Why do chaplains wear crosses? Why do priests turn their collars around? Any sane person knows a nun when he sees her garb, and those who see her think of her religion with all its teachings. When public school teachers wear clothing with all its teachings. The whole world knows that first impressions come through the eyes. When public school teachers wear clothing especially designed to make the world conscious of their particular denomination, they are mixing church and state. The constitution says they shall be separate and apart. If there is no religious significance in the nun's garb, then why wear that particular kind! One might as well say there is no doctrinal teaching involved when crucifixes and images are set up in the schoolroom. If nuns want to teach in the public schools, let them wear the same kind of cloth ing worn by other Catholic women. If their church will not allow it, they have no business in the public schoolrooms of America or any other nation. -Baptist Standard



MANY THINGS have disappeared from the mind of Russia during the 41 years of the Communist tyranny. As



the Communist party, was having noticeable trouble with some of the translation while we were

asking about teaching moral behavior

Third in a Series

# Inside

Red

# Russia

By DR. H. E. WILLIAMS

(President, Southern Baptist College)

UZBECK CHILDREN, shown above in a physics class, are inspired by the government in Russia to believe that their country will ultimately rule the world through science and Marxism.

in the schools. Finally he broke down and aggravatedly said to us, "Legal behavior I understand, and illegal behavior I understand, but what do you mean by moral behavior?" Yes, it is possible for a nation to forget God when that nation is not permitted to know anything about Him.

I hope and pray that America shall never see the day when all of her education shall come from any one source. It will be a sad day for our nation and the world when there exists a monopoly of the mind in this country. Monopolies in any form are a serious detriment to both freedom and progress. We Baptists need to think again and again before we go further in disarming ourselves for modern warfare by closing or starving our schools and colleges. There will come a time in the not distant future when we will see again that our most effective missionary tool for Christian survival will be our educational program for our people, running from the cradle roll to the Christian college and seminary.

We need to rethink our relation to the state schools which tempts some to feel that we can make Christian schools of them by a student program. The day may come all too soon when we will have lost too many of our colleges simply because we did not think ahead and we will find ourselves asking the mercy of liberal educators who are so strongly entrenched in a state-controlled educational monopoly that they have no fear of our pressure nor concern for our plight.

The only way we can keep the mind of America free is to keep much of the education of our land from the control of the politician. I sincerely believe this to be the most significant basic difference in our country at this moment and that of the Soviet Union. If we fail in this area, we will ultimately fail in all others and the predictions of some sociologists that all of the world

will become Communistic by 1984 will become a grim and hopeless reality. We cannot, we must not consider trying to face the future in service to our Master without education and the institutions to provide education with a warm Christian atmosphere permeating every minute of that training.

This premise does not minimize the importance of the public school system of our country but proposes rather that we preserve the dual system of education, both private and public, in order that the world shall continue to find in this land the full reality of mental and spiritual freedom. I would not propose that we revert to churchcontrolled education only, lest fanaticism again rule the mind of man. However, I am more concerned that we shall not surrender to complete political control of all education, knowing that we cannot trust opportunist politicians and unleashed liberalism in the ivory towers of our educational life in America.

We must not weaken our public schools in this hour when the destiny of the world hangs on the education of our people. Nor can we consider offering a weaker program of Christian education as a mere gesture of missionary interest on the part of the Christian leadership to answer the crying need of a Christian influence in the intellectual life of the world.

This is a day of battle for the minds of men and the nation or cause which weakens her provisions for battle here will lay vanquished tomorrow at the hands of the radicals, on fields of world tragedy. The state system of education is spiritually powerless to face the tirade of radicalism and needs desperately the influence of the Christian colleges and universities to preserve the fine balance for intellectual equilibrium. Those who feel that the state institutions can go it alone are only

inviting disaster for all of education.

LET ME talk to the pastor.

The question in my mind is: What type of leadership principles do you use in accomplishing your purpose with your church? Are you using principles which have been proven to be successful and useful or are you blundering through the best way you can?

Leadership has been defined in many different ways. There are some areas involved in principles of

leadership which will define what we mean.

Leadership is always relative to a situation. If one is a leader of a group it means he is in relationship to that particular group at that particular time. One group will be different from another. A church will be different from a business. In fact, one church will be different from any other church. A pastor must be conscious of the situational factors involved

# Leadership

Or

# Headship

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at his particular place of service. He needs to be conscious also of the timeliness of his leadership effort. That is to say, there are favorable moments in which a new effort may be attempted. Other moments may be unfavorable and it would be unwise even to sug-

gest a forward step.

Leadership also has to do with a definite objective goal. A pastor who is perfectly satisfied for his church to move along from month to month without significant planned change is not the leader. He must have a definite goal in his own mind and he must be working toward this objective. Leadership involves an effort at a deliberate change and at planned progress. Good leadership always involves something in the nature of a challenge. Leadership also involves a process of mutual stimulation.

These principles involved in good leadership automatically exclude such activities as business management, teaching and what we shall call headship. It means rather that a leader is one of the group who is

helping to set the pace for the group.

Degree of Domination

The term headship has been used to imply a more authoritative type leadership. This type involves some degree at least of domination, authority and control.

Headship usually involves an organized system. This means that an institution is developed along traditional patterns and the process follows established customs. The leader then becomes the head of this organized system.

Headship implies that the leader is the one who arbitrarily chooses the goal for the group to achieve.

Headship implies that we are dealing with an in-

stitution and not with an informal group.

Headship usually implies social distance between the head of the organization and the members. That is to say, the leader assumes a place of high prestige and maintains some bit of isolation from the members of the organization. The social distance frequently prevents two-way communication between the head and the members.

### Pastor Relationship

The pastor sustains a rather unique relationship in relation to the above definition of terms. Officially he is the head of an organization, since he is the pastor of the church. On the other hand, unofficially, he is a leader working with and through the members of

the group.

As pastor of the church he is automatically the head of an organization. In this position as the head of an organization, he naturally assumes the role of headship and in some measure at least will direct his program from that viewpoint. There are some areas in which the pastor should have a measure of authority and control. A man must be very astute if he understands clearly the limits of this headship and stays within proper bounds.

From an unofficial standpoint, however, the paster is the leader of the membership of his church. He works as the leader of small groups such as deacons committees, etc. In many of these areas he does not have the role of headship but only the influence and persuasiveness of his own personality and thought.

It must be recognized, then, that as these principles apply to the pastor, the idea of headship and the idea of leadership are not necessarily mutually exclusive. At one point in his ministry he may act as the head of an organization, whereas at another point he is strictly an informal leader. In one particular area of the church he may be the leader; in another he may be the head.

### Leader But Not Head

It needs to be recognized that a person may be the leader of a church and not be the head of the organization, or, on the other hand, he may be the head of the organization and not be an effective leader.

A good example was the case in which one layman in a church was actually the leader of the church, and the people did mostly what this layman suggested they do. The pastor was the head of the organization but his personal influence was so small that he had little influence regarding the work of the church. The pastor was the head of the church but not the leader. The layman was the leader of the church but not the head.

The particular point of difficulty here is probable the fact that the more the pastor depends upon authoritarian type domination, the less likely he is to be the official leader of his people.

The pastor who can continue as the official head of the organization but at the same time maintain his personal influence in the church is fortunate.

Each of us must be sensitive to this profess. Church members can help the pastor by a sympathetic understanding of the pastor's dilemma. The pastor can help by maintaining proper balance. After all Christ is the head of the church and we are member of His body.—

### THE BOOKSHELF

The Holy Spirit, by Edwin H. Palmer, Baker Book House, 1958, \$3.50

Mr. Palmer is a graduate of the Free University of Amsterdam and pastor of he Christian Reformed Church in Ann Arbor, Mich. In his introduction he states: "The Holy Spirit is to our spiritual lives what the Creator is to this world. Without God, the Creator, the world would never have come into existence, and without his continuing, sustaining, preserving work, the world would crash out of existence. Similarly, without the Spirit of God, the Christian would never have been born again, and without the Spirit's ever-present sabetifying influence, the spiritual life of the Christian would drop back into the spiritual deadness from which it came."

Your Vocational Advanture, by Jesse C. Burt, Abingdon, 1959

This should be good reading particularly for young people trying to make the all-important decision of what to choose as a life vocation. Help is offered on rating oneself as well as rating positions which may be open.

Rural Churches in Transition, by

Carl A. Clark, Broadman Press, 1959, paper binding, \$1.50; cloth, \$2.25

Just as farming methods are changing, so are methods in rural church work. Dr. Clark, a former pastor who is now professor of pastoral ministry and rural church work at Southwestern Seminary, has made an excellent contribution, through this new book, to the strengthening of rural church-

Invitation to Commune, by Charles Ray Goff, Abingdon, 1959, \$1.75

Some terminology of this book, such as referring to the Lord's Supper as "the sacrament," will sound strange to Baptist ears. The author is pastor of The Chicago Temple (First Methodist Church), located in the famous Loop of down-town Chicago.

Evangelical Sunday School Lesson Commentary, The Higley Press, 1959, \$2.25

The seventh volume of a cumulative library, this commentary includes, in addition to studies on all of the Sunday School lessons for the year, daily Bible readings related to each weekly lesson and a variety of teaching illustrations.

Higley's Sunday School Lesson Commentary, 1959, The Higley Press, \$2.25 Each lesson is approached from four different ways of teaching: lecture, expository, topical, and question and an-

Loyalty to Christ, by Donald E. Demaray, Baker Book House, 1958, \$1.50

The sermons of this book are de-

signed for use for the Easter season or any time of the year. They point men to Christ as one who can change the lives of men and women into something happy and meaningful.

Calvary Attitudes, by Russell Brad-ley Jones, Baker Book House, 1958,

Ministers will welcome this book as

# are YOUR LIPS consecrated

THE TONGUE can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similtude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (James 3:8-10).

Christian, are YOU guilty? Not necessarily of direct profane cursing (that, too, perhaps), but of biting, sarcastic criticism or gossip?

"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged" (Isaiah 6:5-7).

Christian, do YOU need purging? Only with such a purging can we say with Christian truthfulness: "My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit" (Job 27:4) or "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile" (Psalm 34:13).

Christian, should not this be our constant prayer:

"Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips" (Psalm 141:3).

If we are to have consecrated lips, as the lips of all Christians should be, we must first have a consecrated heart:

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh" (Luke 6:45).

And finally, Christian, as well as following all the admonitions

above, your consecrated lips will confess Him to men:
Jesus Christ said: "I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God" (Luke 12:8, 9). -Jack Leigh

valuable background reading for the preparation of messages for the Easter season. It is excellent for devotional reading throughout the year.

REV. AND Mrs. Alex F. Garner, missionaries to Argentina who are now in the States on furlough, have moved from Tulsa, Okla., to Ft. Worth, Tex., where their address is 1328 Boyce, Seminary Hill. Both are natives of Arkansas, he of Ft. Smith, and she, the former Charleta Beindorf, of Pope County.

**OBU Starts Building** Million-Dollar Chapel

SHAWNEE, Okla. —(BP)— Ground-breaking for a \$1 million chapel at Oklahoma Baptist University here and two dedication ceremonies will highlight Oklahoma Baptists' sixth annual Christian Education convention in Shawnee Feb. 20.

Benefits of attending a Christian college will be stressed at the convention expected to attract some 1,500 Oklahoma church leaders and students. The meeting will be at OBU.

# Why People Fall Asleep in Church

DALLAS (EP) - Why do people fall asleep in church? Part of the blame, delegates to the recent Minister's Week at Southern Methodist University were told, may be charged to the preachers.

Bishop William C. Martin, Methodist bishop from the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, declared that the ministers with "tears in his voice when there is no need for weeping," with "meaningless mannerisms" or big words "cuts himself off from his congregation."

People do not stop listening to a preacher deliberately or spitefully." the bishop maintained. "After all, they bother coming to church because they want to hear. They stop when something raises a barrier between them and the minister."

Commenting on the ministerial tendency to use big words, Bishop Martin pointed out that "any truth, no matter how profound, can be expressed in simple words."



MR. BLEVINS

DEXTER BLEVINS, 39, native of Prescott, has assumed the pastorate of Park Place Church, Hot Springs. Previously he was at 3rd Church, Malvern, where he led in reaching the Advanced Standard in Sunday School work and in the completion of a new auditorium.

A graduate of Ouachita and Southwestern Seminary, Mr. Blevins is district Sunday School superintendent and is vice moderator and associational Sunday School superintendent of the Central Association. He serves on the board of Bottoms Orphanage and is Arkansas chaplain of the National Guard.

Mr. and Mrs. Blevins are the parents of three sons, 11, 8 and 3.

## The World of Religion

### In the World of Religion

ACCORDING TO reports received by the China Committee of the National Council of Curches, all Protestant denominations in Communist China are being merged into a single church body, and the majority of local churches are being forced to close. Wallace C. Merwin, executive secretary of the committee, says the closed churches are being turned over to the government as "Patriotic gifts."

Methodist Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis, upon his return from a 30,000-mile world tour, says: "Time is no longer on the side of the Reds. If the strong Christian democracies can stand fast and uphold their moral principles, the world's deadliest disease of communism will run its course and be dissipated." But he came back more frightened of communism than ever before.

"ISN'T IT hard to keep a budget straight?" wailed Mrs. Johnkins.

"My dear, it's terrible!" confided Mrs. Smithkins. "This month I had to put in four mistakes to make mine balance."

### Texan, Floridian Head Baptist Organizations

SAVANNAH, Ga. — (BP) — A Texan and a Floridian will head organizations of Baptist state executive secretaries and editors of Baptist papers during the coming year.

Forrest C. Freezor, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, was elected president of the secretary group.

W. G. Stracener, editor of the Florida Baptist Witness, Jacksonville, heads the Southern Baptist Press Association, which represents 26 state Baptist papers and other Southern Baptist periodicals.

Freezor succeeds Harry P, Stagg of Albuquerque, N. M., and Stracener succeeds Floyd Looney of Fresno, Calif.

Other officers of the secretary organization are Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, Columbus, vice-president; and N. J. Westmoreland, executive secretary of Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, Wichita, secretary.

Southern Baptist Press Association vice-president is W. C. Fields, editor of Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss. Association secretary is Erwin L. McDonald, editor of Arkansas Baptist, Little Rock.

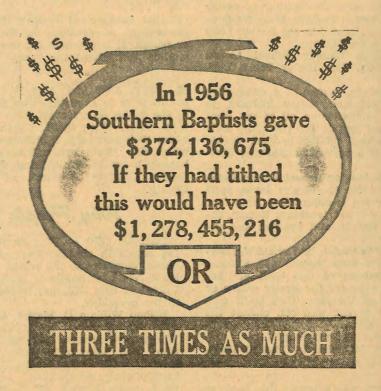
The elections took place at the winter meetings of the two groups here. The groups will hold simultaneous meetings Feb. 15-17, 1960, in New Orleans.

THE ARGUMENT you win with your wife isn't over yet. — Franklin P. Jones.



MR. McCULLOUGH

SECRETARY FOR Home Missionary Personnel Glendon McCullough has been elected and his new duties will begin on Mar. 1, with the responsibility of recruiting and screening-missionary personal and giving guidance to prospective home missionaries in their training. McCullough, presently serving as associate pastor of Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, is a graduate of Baylor and Southern Seminary.



# Lottie Moon Receipts Swell January Totals

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Lottie Moon Christmas Offering contributions began showing up in receipts at the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office here last month.

They helped swell the total SBC January receipts to \$3,293,636.

Treasurer Porter Routh said that Cooperative Program receipts, which are not designated for any specific cause but are disbursed proportionately among agencies, totalled \$1,555,365.

Designated offerings — these would include the special Christmas offering to foreign missions — reaching the SBC treasurer in January were \$1,738,270. An indication of Lottie Moon offering totals reflected in the January report is shown in the disbursement of \$1,713,677 to the Foreign Mission Board in designations.

Books do not close on the offering until April or May. So it is estimated the amount reaching the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office in January is only a portion of the final amount.

The January total for 1959 for both undesignated and designated gifts was over \$21,000 greater than the combined total for January, 1958. Coperative Program receipts showed almost an \$80,000 increase while designations ran about \$58,000 below January, 1958.

Texas and Tennessee each forwarded more than \$200,000 in Cooperative Program receipts during January. Texas' designations were \$321,685 while those of Virginia and Georgia each surpassed \$200,000.



THE LOTTIE MOON Christmas Offering at 1st Church, Batesville, totaled \$2,525, 11 per cent over the goal set by the W.M.U. A Christmas tree was placed in the church auditorium with a blue light being turned on for each \$50 given. Left to right are John Holston, pastor; Mrs. Bill Magness, WMU president; and Mrs. George Hunter, prayer chairman.

# Baptist Briefs

H. O. WEST, Minden, La. businessman, has been reelected president of the Louisiana College board of trustees.

MORE THAN 500 local and out-oftown guests were on hand for Mary
Hardin-Baylor College's 20th annual
Charter Day celebration, held in recognition of the 114th anniversary of
the founding of the college. Mrs. Martha Smirl Cooper, Dallas, was the keynote speaker for the occasion. The high
point of the evening featured a tribute
to Professor W. H. Vann of the college English department for his more
than 40 years of service as a teacher.
Dr. Vann, former chairman of the college English department, is now on limited service with the college.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — James Roger Skelton, Van Nuys, Calif., has joined the staff of the Sunday School Board as superintendent of teaching, a new position in the Sunday School Department. He assumed his duties Feb. 15.

EARL WALDRUP, secretary of the audiovisual aids department of the Sunday School Board since 1946, will become pastor of the Northeast Church, Miami, Fla., Mar. 15.

CRAWFORD HOWELL has been promoted to the position of superintendent of training in the School Board's Sunday School Department. He succeeds Allen B. Comish, who has accepted the pastorate of the Hilton Street Chapel, Columbus, Ga.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — (BP)— Loren J. Belt has been elected by the executive board of Missouri Baptist Convention as state director of work with National Baptists. He will assume his duties on Mar. 1, with offices in the Baptist Building here.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —(BP)— The executive board of the Missouri Baptist Convention has elected Miss Mary Bidstrup of Jefferson City to the position of secretary for the department of Woman's Missionary Union.

## Trinity, Texarkana, Honors Pastor Hughes

ON SUNDAY, Feb. 1, members of the Trinity Church, Texarkana, observed the 5th anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Leo Hughes with the church. After a covered dish luncheon, someone from each department of the Sunday School spoke on how much the pastor and his wife had meant to the church.

R. L. Rice, Sunday School superintendent, presented Mr. and Mrs. Hughes with an envelope. In it was a brief note of appreciation and the picture of a lovely china cabinet, on order with a furniture dealer — the cabinet to be delivered to the Hughes' home sometime in the near future as a gift from the church.

During the five years, 228 members have been received, 119 by letter and 109 by baptism. The auditorium has been enlarged and new furniture installed throughout. When the Texarkana school system sold the adjoining property a few years ago the church purchased it and is making plans for its conversion to church uses. The new \$35,000 educational building, in which the service was held, is a part of these plans. —M. T. McGregor, Missionary, Hope Association

# Southern Baptist Religious Education Association

	May 18-19		Robert Dowdy	
	Louisville, Ky.		Miss LaVerne Ashby	
1	MONDAY MORNING, MAY 18		Mrs. Doris Monroe	
J	oint Session With Pastors and Music Workers—	8:05	Song	
	To Be Held in Freedom Hall	8:10	Quality vs. Quantity Ernest J. Loessner	
9:00	Song and Praise Paul McCommon	8:35	Flying Down to Rio G. S. Dobbins	
9:10	Scripture Keener Pharr	9:00	Adjourn	
	Prayer Charles P. McLaughlin		TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 19	
9:15	Welcome to Louisville Duke K. McCall		Charles L. Norton, Presiding	
9:25	Response to Welcome Sterling L. Price		Southern Seminary Campus	
9:35	Presentation of Program Charles C. Bowles	0.30	Devotion — The Worker — His Witness	
9:40	Our Common Task W. L. Howse	0.00	Denton R. Coker	
10:05	Song and Announcements	9:45	The Staff at Work Improving Teaching Ray Rozell	
10:15	Doctrine of Christian Growth Grady C. Cothen	10:10	A Panel — Baptist Jubilee — 1960 Emphasis	
10:40	Teach-Baptize-TeachJames L. Sullivan	10.10	W. L. Howse	
11:05	Special Music Miss Joe Ann Shelton	10:45	Sectional Conferences:	
11:15	Religious Education in Foreign Missions	20.20	Ministers of Education (More than 5 yrs.	
	Baker James Cauthen		experience) S. C. Ray	
1000	(Introduced by James Morgan)		Ministers of Education (Less than 5 yrs.	
11:50	Prayer R. Archie Ellis		experience) James A. Ivey, Jr.	
11:55	Adjourn		Youth Directors Miss Rebecca Tune	
	MONDAY AFTERNOON		Children's Workers Miss Elizabeth Hutchens	
	Keener Pharr, Presiding		Teachers Findley B. Edge	
	Southern Seminary Campus		Sunday School Field Workers Roy E. Boatwright	
2:30	Devotional — The Worker — His Dedication		Training Union Field Workers Charles L. Norton	
0.45	Allen W. Graves		B. S. U. Workers G. Kearnie Keegan	
2:45	Program Preview and Announcements Keener Pharr Trends in Christian Recreation Robert M, Boyd		Workers' Wives Mrs. Martha Boone Leavell	
2:55	Our Church Camp Robert Myers	12:00	Adjourn	
3:40	Song Robert Myers		TUESDAY AFTERNOON	
3:45	Guidance in Christian Vocation		John K. Durst, Presiding	
4:10	Meeting Youth's Needs Philip B. Harris		Southern Seminary Campus	
4:40	Adjourn	2.00	Devotion — The Worker — His Challenge	
1.20	MONDAY EVENING	2.00	J. M. Price, Jr.	
	James Ivey, Presiding	2:15	The Ministry of Interruptions Harold Dill	
	Southern Seminary Campus		Emotional Health of the Worker Richard K. Young	
7:00	Devotional — The Worker — His Education		Business Session — Election and Presentation	
The same	R. Othal Feather		of Officers	
7:15	More Effective Administration Howard Foshee	3:30		
7:40	Preview of Primary Correlation — S. S. B. Panel —	4:00	Adjourn	
	Primary Age Group Workers	OFFIC	CERS: President, Keener Pharr; Vice-President, (Church	
	Moderator W. L. Howse	Workers) James A. Ivey, Jr.; Vice President, (Teachers) John		
	Panel Members Miss Dolores Baker	K. Durst; Vice-President (Denom. Workers) Charles L. Norton;		
	Miss Nettie Lou Crowder	Secret	ary-Treasurer, Miss Gracie Knowlton.	

## 1959 Forward Program Material Ready Apr. 15

NASHVILLE — The 1959 edition of materials for the Forward Program of Church Finance will be available Apr. 15, according to Merrill D. Moore, secretary of stewardship program for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee here.

The materials include a revision of the Guidebook of Fund Raising and Church Budget Promotion, which describes the way a church should carry out a Forward Program campaign effectively.

Also included are new pledge cards, bulletin inserts, budget folders, Sunday school lessons, tracts, and posters. Theme of the campaign materials this year is "Because God Loved, I Will Give."

New copy for the campaign newspapers will be included in the 1959 Guidebook, so that churches will be able to prepare local publicity distinctive from that used in previous years, Moore said.

Orders for Forward Program literature should be sent to SBC Stewardship Services, 127 Ninth Avenue No., Nashville 3, Tenn. Churches are advised to wait until Apr. 15 to place their orders if they desire the revised materials.

"Churches which plan to use the Forward Program in the early part of this year will find the 1958 materials very effective, provided they did not use the Forward Program in 1958," Moore declared.

A "Packet of Forward Program Materials" will again be available for \$2. If desired, these packets may be ordered for study purposes, and subse-

quent orders placed for materials in quantity.

The \$2 packet will include the 1959 order blank, and churches will find it necessary to use the 1959 blanks to obtain the best service in filling their orders

In subsequent years, it is planned to have Forward Program literature available each Jan. 1. Thus, the materials for use in the churches during 1960 will be available Jan. 1, 1960.

### Broadus on Preaching

"THE MOMENT that you think you can preach well enough, quit."

"Don't be satisfied with doing well if it is possible to do better."

"Gentlemen, when you preach, strike for a verdict." —John A. Broadus, Southern Seminary, as quoted in The Seminary Magazine, April, 1895.

## Nominations Open For Outstanding Wife

IS THE most outstanding minister's wife in the Southern Baptist Convention your pastor's wife?

If so, the Awards Committee of the Conference of Ministers' Wives wants to hear about her. Nominations are now being received for the Minister's Wife most qualified to receive "The Distinguished Award." She might be a musician, a writer, a teacher, or any Southern Baptist minister's wife you feel has made the most oustanding and worthwhile contribution to the denomination during the past year. She must be the wife of an ordained Southern Baptist minister now serving in a pastorate and her service must have been performed or extended through the past year.

Mail your nomination now to Mrs. Marse Grant, Thomasville, N. C., awards chairman. Be sure to include all qualifications of the Wife you feel should receive this award. Your entry will then be sent to a panel of judges who will select the one they feel is most deserving. Presentation of the award will be made at the annual meeting in Louisville on May 20.

LESTER DAVID MACK, 50, deacon and treasurer of 1st Church, Russellville, died Feb. 8 in a Little Rock hospital. He was co-owner of the Allmon-Mack Abstract Agency. Mr. Mack also sang in the church's choir. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lucille Allmon Mack, and two daughters, Marian and Elaine Mack, both of the home. Funeral was Feb. 10. (DP)

## **Ordinations**

BOB WRIGHT, a student at Ouachita College who was recently called to the pastorate of Waldenburg Church, was ordained on Wednesday night, Jan. 28, at 2nd Church, Little Rock. Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor of 2nd Church, served as moderator and led the prayer of dedication. The questioning was by O. C. Robinson, superintendent of missions, Pulaski County Association; Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convenmon; and Dr. Tom Logue, secretary of ment of the state convention, presented a Bible to the new minister.

WALTER K. AYERS, JR. was ordained to the ministry by East Side Church, DeWitt, Jan. 22. Participating were: Doyle Jameson, Hagler Church, moderator; R. C. Purviance, clerk; Pastor Allen Van Horn, questioner; Graham Fowler, Almyra Church, the charge; Andy Heskett, 1st Church, DeWitt, ordination sermon; F. B. Drake, Southside Mission, Stuttgart, presentation of the Bible; and J. W. Bazarow, ordination prayer, Mr. Ayers, a student in the University of Arkansas, is pastor of 1st Church, Mountainberg.



ANOTHER "BUSINESS meeting" is planned between businessman Bill Hannah and his secretary, Diane Wilson, in the clandestine affair that shatters a teenage boy's world. Scene is from the complete, new dramatic episode on marital fidelity, titled "Backlash," in the television series "This Is the Answer." The half-hour TV drama will be presented Sunday, February 22, as follows: El Dorado, WTVE, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; St. Smith, KNAC-TV, Sunday, 12:30 p.m.; Little Rock, KATV, Sunday, 2:30 p.m.; Shreveport, La., KSLA, Sunday, 1:15 p.m.; Joplin, Mo., KODE-TV, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Tulsa, Okla., KVOO-TV, Sunday, 12:30 p.m.; Texarkana, Tex., KCMC-TV, Sunday, 1 p.m.

# Marital Infidelity Topic of TV Drama

MARITAL INFIDELITY, considered a mushrooming American problem by many, is the subject of a television scrutiny on Sunday, Feb. 22, in the dramatic TV series "This Is The Answer."

Titled "Backlash," the drama not only shows how the unwary can slide almost thoughtlessly into the trap of unfaithfulness, but it also explores the problem's devastating effects upon teenagers.

Story concerns a father and teenage son who find their warm companionship disturbed as the father increasingly cancels their hunting and fishing trips for "business meetings." The boy's world is suddenly shattered when he discovers the "meetings" are really a clandestine affair the father is having with his attractive but demanding secretary. The tense situation between father and son explodes into nerve-wracking decisions for both.

ATTENDANCE AT the recent study course at Gravel Ridge, Pulaski Association, was 55, out of an enrollment of 71.

### Favorable Results Seen From Television Series

FORT WORTH —(BP)— Southern Baptists across the U.S. and Canada are reporting "favorable" evangelical results to the SBC Televangelism series, said Paul Stevens, director of the denomination's radio and television commission.

Incoming mail to the Commission was twice as heavy in January as in any previous month, Stevens said.

More than 100 television stations are currently carrying the 13-film series, "This Is The Answer." Three of the stations telecast in color.

Filming of the 1960 Televangelism series will begin this month in Hollywood, Stevens said.

## Pastoral Changes

JIMMY WATSON, Bethany Church, North Little Rock, has accepted the call of Leonard St. Church, Malvern. He will move to his new field Mar. 1. (CB)

CHARLES CHESSER, pastor at Antioch, Central Association, has been called to Kibler Church, Clear Creek Association. (CB)

tle Rock, March 6-7. Convention Theme will be: "Proving One's Own Work" (Gal. 6:4).

There will be three sessions: Friday afternoon, 2:30 to 4:45; Friday evening, 7 to 9:20; and Saturday morning, 9 to 11.

Several outstand-MR. TULL ing speakers and leaders will be on the program, including: Dr. E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor of South Main Church, Houston, Texas, a native of Arkansas, who has become one of our denomination's great men; George Wheeler, Brotherhood secretary of Illinois; Lucien Coleman, associate secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.; and Thel Smith, lay evangelist, president of the Arkansas State Brotherhood Convention.

The Friday afternoon session is keyed to Brotherhood promotion on all levels. All that is new in Brotherhood promotional materials will be demonstrated. Brotherhood methods will be discussed and evaluated. Every pastor, every Brotherhood officer, every Brotherhood member, and every Royal Ambassador leader, should be present at this session.

The Friday night session will be informative and inspirational. Many men will be driving in from all over Arkansas to this session. We hope that they will come early for the afternoon session and remain over for the Saturday morning session, which will be pointed at the individual Christian man: his needs, his development as a Christian, his work as a child of God.

Mark your calendar for the State Brotherhood Convention. Plan to come. Begin working to see that your church is well and worthily and enthusiastically represented. Pray for the greatest Brotherhood Convention ever held in Arkansas! — Nelson Tull, Secretary, Brotherhood Department

100 Subscriptions For Magazine Come In Daily

Memphis — Mail bags at the office of the Brotherhood Commission here are bulging these days with requests for subscriptions to the new publication, Ambassador Leader, Commission Executive Secretary George W. Schroeder announced, Subscriptions are arriving at the rate of over 100 a day.

Pre-publication subscriptions passed the 5,000 mark by the time the first issue was printed Feb. 1. OPERATION BAPTIST BIOGRAPHY



The Southern Baptist Historical Commission is asking for 50,000 biographical sketches of Baptist preachers and lay leaders.

We need your help to get these.

Forms will be sent to you upon request.

L. C. Tedford, Chm. Baptist Building Little Rock, Arkansas

Missions and Evangelism

## Mt. Zion Churches Making Survey

 Mt. Zion Association will conduct simultaneous church surveys, Feb. 20-22, under the direction of Billy Har-



grove of the Home Mission Board and Carl Bunch, Super-intendent of associational missions. This program analyzes the past records, studies the present activities and facilities, and recommends a program for the future.

DR. CALDWELL

J. T. McGill has resigned as missionary in Buckner Association to enter Mid-Western Seminary, Kansas City.

- Fred Hubbs, Michigan, will be the director of the Pulaski Co. Simultaneous Crusade in April. He will serve as evangelist in Calvary Church, North Little Rock,
- Five things will help to lift the number of baptisms back to the peak where it belongs!
- Each church cooperating in the Simultaneous Crusades both as to time and length of revival!
- 2. Another church revival in the summer or fall!
- 3. Some mission or community revivals in those neglected areas in town or surrounding territory!
- 4. A planned visitation program one day in each week, just to win the unsaved!
- 5. Keep the evangelistic fervor burning in every service and expect people saved each week.
- "My men want to start a mission," a pastor states. The same feeling is found in many places though it is not often expressed. Sometime ago a layman carried this servant through an area of his town and pointed out a new church and said, "Our church

should have established a mission in this section, but we waited too late."

- Do you need an evangelist for your revival? We will be glad to help you get in touch with one if you will write the Department of Evangelism, Baptist Bldg., Little Rock.
- The Department of Missions appreciates people reading its little articles each week. The recent survey made by the Broadman Press reveals that it stands near the top among features "read regularly." C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism
- MRS. MAURICE Brantley, a native of Arkansas and a former foreign missionary to Nigeria, died recently in Tucson. She was the former Louise Doyle, daughter of S. R. Doyle, who was with Central College at Conway. They had returned to the United States because of the health of her husband. Both had been teaching in schools near Tucson since their return.

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# Native of Malaya Likes Our Paper

WOULD THAT all of our readers could take the same interest in their Baptist state paper that Wayne Y. Slao, a native of Malaya who has received the paper during the past year, reports.

Mr. Siao recently completed a year of training at Southwestern Seminary for his Master-of-Religious Education degree and is returning to his home at 31 Nambyar Street, Penang, Malaya. He writes:

"I really enjoy reading it. I have preserved every issue I received and am going to bring all the issues home to Malaya."

Because he has indicated a use for our paper in his home country. the Woman's Missionary Union of Central Church, North Little Rock, has authorized the renewal of Mr. Siao's subscription for the coming year and the paper will be mailed to him in Malaya.

### Relaxes Ban on Bibles.

LONDON (EP) - The Belgrade branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society has obtained permission to import 200 Bibles a month in the form of registered parcels from abroad. This action is a relaxation of Yugoslavia's ban on imported Bibles in effect since September 1956.

Sunday School

# **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS**

When pastors, Sunday School workers, and other leaders work together to build mission Sunday Schools, they fol-

MR. HATFIELD

low the spirit and command of Jesus in spreading the gospel. Jesus said, "I am

that come they might have life" (John 10:10), and "Ye are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:48). Through new Sunday Schools we witness to additional multitudes.

In his president's address to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1956, Dr. C. C. Warren recommended the es-

 FORTY-EIGHT members of Plainview Church, Arsenal, qualified for awards during the January Bible Study Week. Thirteen juniors completed "Jesus Saves," according to Homer Haltom, pastor.

TWENTY-THREE additions in the last six months have been reported by the Pangburn Church. The church has added five new Sunday School rooms, and is planning to build a pastor's

tablishing of 30,000 new churches and missions by 1964. Against the background of the "Million More in '54" campaign and a growing interest in local missions among churches, the messengers were impressed. A movement was born.

### The Theme

The slogan, "Every church with a mission" is not an impossibility. Surveys from the state conventions reveal known needs for 30,000 new churches alone. There are thousands of other needs for mission Sunday Schools.

Dr. Charles L. McKay, in a leaflet, "The Association Breaking Bounds," correctly states the best method of starting a new work. He says, "Usually the most effective way to open new work is for a church to start a branch Sunday School." Such work is a "natural" for Sunday School workers.

#### The Team

For growth and advance, Baptists have learned that teamwork produces the best results. For this purpose Baptists already are banded together into associations. In "The 30,000 Movement," no new team or substitutes are needed. The team is already on the field and doing well. Who is on the team? The Southern Baptist Convention, the various state conventions, and the associations. Certainly in "quarterback" position are the local churches and the pastors.

In establishing these 30,000 new churches and missions, the most effective work will be done when at least two committees are at work. These are the associational missions committee and the local church missions commit-

(To be continued in next week's issue of the Arkansas Baptist)

# Need Seen for More Baptist Hospitals

ST. LOUIS - (BP) - The concensus among Baptist hospital administrators is that Southern Baptists should operate more hospitals.

This feeling was evident at sessions of the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association here attended by administrators of Southern Baptist-related hospitals.

The association includes administrators of hospitals operated by the Southern Baptist Convention directly, by affillated state Baptist conventions, by associations of Baptist churches, and by community Baptist groups not directly and formally related to a church or denominational agency,

The administrators apparently felt, however, that new hospitals should be established along lines of recommended policy - that is, that new hospitals are the responsibility of state and local Baptists rather than the Southern Baptist Convention directly.

Reasons why new hospitals are needed generally were given as these:

1. Population growth and the need for increasing medical services means that more hospitals, whether denominationally-affiliated or not, must be

2. Baptists have a duty to render medical service to the poor in keeping

with Christ's teachings.

3. Baptists need to train dedicated young people in a Baptist setting in fields related to medicine (medicine itself, nursing, hospital laboratory operation, therapy etc.). These young people are needed both in Baptist and non-Baptist hospitals.

4. Religious groups can operate bet-ter hospitals for the people than can people themselves through government or other auspices.

5. Healing and Christianity are inseparable. The Baptist hospital can prove that man has access to the power of God.

6. Through the service of a Baptist hospital, its patients and the residents of the hospital community will see the compassion of Christ and the denomination.

John Gilbreath of Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, was elected president-elect of the association. This means that normally he will become president next year.

Freeman May of Baptist Hospital, Alexandria, La., came into office of president for the year ahead.

Emmett Johnson, assistant administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., is the association's secretary and treasurer.

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# A One-Thousand Dollar Annuity

ANOTHER GOOD Baptist deacon and his wife have made a \$1,000 contribution through the Baptist Foundation! This time the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage will be the final beneficiary

This kind of annuity is set up by a donor and the Arkansas Baptist Foundation pays a good rate of interest and puts the money to work. When the donor passes to his reward, the corpus of the fund goes over entirely to the cause for which it was given. In this case, the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage will be the beneficiary.

When such annuity is established the Foundation puts the money to work and pays a good interest rate to the donor as long as he lives.

In this instance, a deacon and his good wife have made a donation, and the Foundation pays the interest over to the couple until both of them shall have passed away, and then the Orphanage gets the donation.

Many of our Baptist people could make such a gift. Many have \$1,000 or \$5,000 or even more that they will not use during their lifetime. Perhaps they are already getting a reasonable interest on the money; the Foundation can pay above an average interest rate to a Baptist donor, and then he can be



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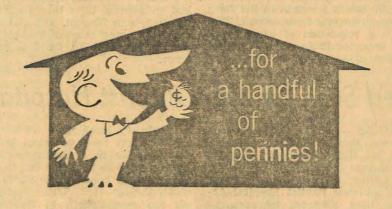
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### Statistics

THE STATISTICS of a revival meeting may be more the result of brainwashing than true conversion or religion. — R. Inman Johnson, Professor of Speech, Southern Seminary.





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BELFING SUILS ASSAUSAS

### Many Events Ahead For WMU Leaders

IN ADDITION to the regular sessions of the 70th Annual Meeting of Aransas Woman's Missionary Union to



be held at the 1st Church, Little Rock, March 31-April 2, there are scheduled the following additional activities:

On Tuesday
March 31, 11 a.m.,
the executive Board
of Woman's Missionary Union will
hold its annual
meeting and lunch-

MISS COOPER eon at Immanuel Church, 1000 Bishop Street. At 5:30 p.m. a banquet at the 1st Church will honor members and counselors of Young Woman's Auxiliary.

Conferences only will be held Wednesday morning, April 1, at the 1st Church for local and association leaders on mission study, prayer, community missions, stewardship and Jubilee Advance. These will be under the leadership of state directors.

A banquet at 5:30 p.m. at the hostess church will offer opportunity for members of night circles to know and hear many of those who will be featured on the general program.

Advance reservation for the ban-

Advance reservation for the banquets, accompanied by remittance of \$1.25 per plate, should be sent to Miss Nancy Cooper, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Student Missionaries Available

Information has come that the three college students from Arkansas who served on Home Mission fields last summer are willing to share their experiences through message and visual aids whenever possible. They may be contacted as follows:

Peter Abbott, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, served in Alaska. Miss Pat Clary, Star City, worked with the Indians of Arizona. And Miss Patsy Middleton, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, served in California.

Any group desiring their services should provide transportation and entertainment, and bear in mind that busy school schedules may limit the engagements that they can take.

SAM ED BRADLEY, superintendent of Spring Meadows and Pine Crest, two of the Kentucky Baptist children's homes, was back in Arkansas for brief visits recently with friends of former days on his way from the annual meeting of child care executives of Southern Baptists, which met in Oklahoma City. He spoke at First Church, Van Buren, where he was baptized and ordained as a young man, and visited at Alma, which was his first pastorate after finishing Ouachita. Mr. Bradley was accompanied by Mrs. Bradley. They also visited relatives in Little Rock and friends in the Arkansas Baptist Building.

# Three Big Dates to Remember

1. MARCH 23-27 — EIGHT DISTRICT TRAINING UNION CONVENTIONS 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

March 23-West Central District - First, Van Buren

March 23—Southwest District — First, Prescott

March 24—Northwest District — First, Fayetteville

March 24—Southeast District — First, Monticello

March 26—East Central District — First, Forrest City

March 26-North Central District - First, Batesville

March 27—Central District — First, Little Rock March 27—Northeast District, First, Jonesboro

Guest conference leaders will be Jimmy Crow and Kermit King, Training Union Secretaries of Louisiana and Mississippi

2. APRIL 10—STATE YOUTH CONVENTION—FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK — 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Theme for the convention will be: "Tomorrow is Yours." Three messages will be brought by three pastors of Arkansas:

Morning — "Tomorrow is Yours — to Die"

(Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground . . . — John McClanahan)

Afternoon - "Tomorrow is Yours - to Live"

(For me to live is Christ -Jim Pleitz)

Night - "Tomorrow is Yours - to Go"

(Let us arise and go -Dale Cowling)

The Youth Convention will also feature the state sword drill and state speakers' tournament. About 75 Intermediates and Young People will be on the program.

3. JUNE 29 - JULY 4 — STATE TRAINING UNION ASSEMBLY

- SILOAM SPRINGS

Speaker - Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Virginia

Chalk Talk - Miller Mikel, Ft. Worth

Recreation - Mrs. W. S. Gilmer, Atlanta, Georgia

Song Leader - LeRoy McClard

Featured Soloist — George Stark

Guest Conference Leaders — Jimmy Crowe (Louisiana), Kermit King (Mississippi)



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# Almost A Sailor

By ESTHER MILLER PAYLER

HE ENGLISH ship is coming!" cried George Washington,

Everyone on the plantation crowded down to the wharf or came out on the



porch. George was so excited that he almost fell into the Potomac River.

The American colonies at that time belonged to England. The English king would not allow the Americans to have big shops and mills. They had to buy everything from England, Every summer ships came up the river by which George lived. These ships brought clothes, tools, carriages, dishes, tea, and sometimes horses for the people of Virginia to use on their big plantations.

All the things had been ordered the year before. After the goods had been unloaded, the ship went up the river to other plantations. Then it would return in a few weeks and pick up what the plantation had to send to England to pay for the things they had received.

George's brother said, "We have the best crops this year since Father's death. We shall be able to buy many things from England for next year. What do you want, George?"

"I would like to be a sailor on one of the king's ships," said George dreamily. "I would like to sail on the great sea and see the wonderful cities of the world."

George's brother was thoughtful. He talked to his other brother.

"Maybe it would be good for you," said the brothers. "You could soon be a captain perhaps."

"Will you ask the captain when he returns?" said George.

George listened as his brothers talked to the captain, who agreed that next year when he came George, who would then be fourteen years old, could return with him as a sailor.

At first George talked a great deal about going to sea. He noticed that every time he mentioned it his mother left the room. Because George knew it was worrying her, he stopped speaking before his mother of becoming a sail-

No matter what he was doing however, he thought about it. When summer finally came, George eagerly watched for the ship. His clothes and books were already packed neatly in a sea chest.

At last the ship came and sailed up the river as usual. The ship returned, loaded with lumber, grain, and sassafras roots.

All the family and friends were gathered at the plantation to wish George farewell. Tom had carried the sea chest down to the shore. George said good-by to all and went inside to kiss his mother. Suddenly he felt sad. His mother kissed him, and felt her tears on his own cheek. She tried to smile at him, but tears started again. She could only hug him tightly.

"Tom," cried George, "please run to the landing and get my chest. Tell the captain I'm not sailing now or ever."

He held his mother's hand. "I will stay with you, Mother, and try to make you happy."

"My son," answered his mother, "there is a blessing promised to the child who honors his father and mother. I am sure this blessing will be vours."

You know that God had better plans for George Washington than to be an English sailor. Our country, too, was blessed in George Washington's

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## A Priceless Possession

By W. P. Keasbey

THE MIDDLE letter is missing from several three-letter words in the following sentences. The letters you will need to insert to complete these words will spell the name of a priceless possession.

Tommy wearily took O\_F his wet shoes and put on D\_Y ones. H\_S mother probably would scold him for getting his N\_W shoes wet A\_D muddy. To A D to his troubles, he had forgotten to A K Mrs. Baker T E time, and he was late getting home. But one comforting thought occurred to H M. He remembered the fine exciting game of "I S\_Y" that he had been playing with Mrs. Baker's son Jimmie.

### ANSWERS

eFf, dRy, hIs, nEw, aNd, aDd, aSk, two, him, sPy; FRIENDSHIP
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### A Smile or Two

WHITE-FACED, a patient rushed into his doctor's office. "Oh, doctor!" he cried. "The ghosts of my departed relatives come and perch on the tops of the fence-posts all around my garden at dead of night. They just sit there staring, staring. What can I do?"

The doctor thought a moment and then replied helpfully, "Sharpen the posts." -L&N Magazine.

WE LIKE the little boy who, asked to describe the taste of chocolate, replied, "It tastes just the opposite of vanilla." - Capper's Weekly.

PATIENT: "Five dollars is an awful lot of money for pulling a tooth — two seconds' work."

DENTIST: "Well, if you wish, I can

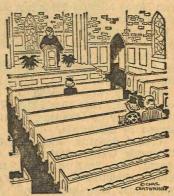
pull it slowly."

DAD MAY be a big shot at the office, but when he gets home, he's just another pop.

THE CLASS was asked by the teacher to write compositions on the subject of the post-war world. The teacher picked this, written by one of her youngest pupils, as the gem of the lot:

"When peace comes it will bring many people great joy. Some will be reunited with loved ones, others with their husbands."

ACCORDING TO news reports our jet planes have passed the speed of sound and are fast approaching that of gossip.



". . . and so, THIS Sunday I have decided to preach on a less controversial subject. . ."

None of us enjoy being told our shortcomings. No minister relishes the necessity of risking offense. Yet our spiritual health is his primary duty. If, sometimes, we need a dose of bitter medicine to protect our physical health, we don't resent the doctor. Shouldn't. this apply to the guardian of. our spiritual health, too?

# Watchfulness, A Christian Characteristic

By MAXWELL BAKER

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Feb. 22 Mark 13:1-37

INTRODUCTION: I do not wish to seem repetitious in my beginnings each week by stating that these events



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in the life of Christ which we have studied this month follow direct succession.

Right after Christ's discussion of the Great Commandment he had gone into the temple and on this Tuesday afternoon as the radiant beauty of the sun's rays

reflected on the beautiful, gigantic stones of which the temple was built, He was just emerging at its entrance.

It was truly a building of rare beauty. No wonder one disciple brought this to the Master's attention. But what did Jesus see as he looked at this structure of material beauty? He asked all his disciples, "Do you see these great buildings? There shall not one stone be left on another." What an awesome pronouncement concerning such an architect's dream in the eyes of the world, but in the eyes of God it had ceased to serve its purpose of worship long ago. Instead of being the house of God, it was a house of evil.

Since Jesus had made such a statement and said no more, His disciples were naturally curious as they stopped to rest on the Mount of Olives, opposite the Temple, where it was in plain view.

In the scripture that follows, Jesus answers their questions about when this destruction shall take place and what will be the signs. Since Jesus stated these truths in this passage scholars have done everything but rewrite this passage in an effort to interpret it.

Dr. Fisher, in the Adult quarterly, says this scripture is "the scholars' battleground." Since this is true let me assure the reader that I would not attempt to give a final answer to all the problems involved, but to the best of my ability I will endeavor to give my interpretation of the passage.

#### Reason for Confusion

In trying to interpret this extended assage let us first give some general facts concerning interpretation. Keep in mind that the disciples had asked Jesus about the destruction of Jerusalem and that in this passage He is

seeking to answer that question. Since, in His answer, He includes the discussion of His coming we readily see that in the disciples' minds the destruction of the temple and the end of time were synonymous.

Of course, in associating the two they were mistaken, since the latter has not come for nearly 2000 years. You might ask, "Then why did not Jesus clear up their misunderstanding?" Such a clarification was not relevant to their day and age and would have served no purpose, except to mix them up further.

In like manner, the only things we need to know about God's Word are the things relevant to our day and age. It is easier, therefore, to see at least one reason for so much misinterpretation today. Jesus in His discourse was referring to both events, but in the disciples' minds the end of the age would directly follow the temple destruction. Our viewpoint after all these centuries is an entirely different one.

Christ is Coming

But with all the misunderstanding there are two things about which we can be quite certain, namely: Christ is coming and we should be ready. Six times in this passage we are told either to take heed or to watch. In other words, be alert, be expectant. Just what are we to watch?

I. Watch the enemies without. There will be false Christs and false teachers who will seek to lead even Christians astray. This is one sign preceding the end. Another sign which shall precede the end of time is wars and rumors of war, but we are exhorted not to be alarmed because, it seems, these are a part of the birth pangs or travail that must accompany the end of the age and bringing in of the new. Notice that such are just the beginning of sorrows, but do not show that the end is near. Much must happen after that.

II. Watch the enemy within — your own self. This is your worst enemy. If what has just happened does not lead the believer astray what is about to come is much worse and may cause the so-called believer to betray the cause of Christ. There is no way for the Christian to stop these insidious forces. He must just carefully watch himself.

This leads to the third sign before the end which will be persecution. In this the Christian must not fear because persecution cannot stop the church. Persecution has always blessed the church in a spiritual way. The church and Christ will go on.

The fifth and last sign is the most trying of all. It is a sign that the end is near — "When you see the abomina-

tion of desolation standing in the holy

Just what is this? In relation to the destruction of Jerusalem this was probably the desecration of the temple by Antiochus Epiphanes. No one has witnessed such destruction before or after as was meted out to the Jews. This was exactly as Jesus prophesied.

For a graphic description of this read Josephus' "Antiquities." Notice that God Himself stopped this for the elects' sake, because if He had not no flesh would have been saved. The elect shall always be preserved. This brings us to the final admonition to watch.

III. Watch for Christ's return. We have previously seen that we must be watchful concerning our enemies. Now we are told to watch for our Friend — Jesus. We are to be alert, expectant, ready "For the Son of man cometh in the hour when ye think not."

As we watch, learn from the fig tree. In relation to other trees, it produces late in summer. In fact, the extreme heat causes it to bear and when it does, it bears rapidly and abundantly. In like manner, Christ may seem to tarry in His coming; but when he comes events will be swift and amazing.

As we watch, learn from the house-holder. This man took a trip, left his house in charge of the servants, giving caution particularly to the one guarding the door against robbers. He was to guard it carefully at each of the four watches into which the Romans divided time. Should he sleep, the master of the house might surprise and punish him. Likewise will Christ do for those not ready for His coming.

As we watch, watchfulness should become our way of life. The last word Jesus speaks in this chapter is—watch. The Christian must always be on guard and alert. This does not mean to imply that we are to be afraid of His coming, but we are to look forward to it with alertness and expectancy, being always at our best. With all the uncertainties of this chapter we know one thing with all certainty — Christ is coming again. Should He come at this moment (and He could, for we know not "the day or the hour"), would you be ready?

# Furman to Honor Four At May Commencement

GREENVILLE, S. C. —(BP)— At its May commencement, Furman University here will award honorary degrees to four persons.

They are Joseph C. Robert, president of Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Va.; J. Edward Rouse, president of Anderson College, Anderson, S. C.; James P. Carroll, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bamberg, S. C.; and Thomas T. Goldsmith, president of DuMont Television and Electronics Ltd. of Canada.

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

### How to Fight Depression

QUESTION: I am depressed and anxious most of the time. I have been given electric shock treatment but I



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still have the problem of feeling right. I have the spells almost as bad as ever. The psychiatrist says that I have to help myself from now on. Do you have any suggestions?

ANSWER: Yes, many people have to fight a depression without much help.

There are some things we can do for ourselves.

Try resisting these dark thoughts about yourself. They will poison you. All depressives run themselves down and feel inadequate.

Second, accept your anger. All depressed people have turned anger back on themselves. Their conscience will not let them feel their true anger.

Third, learn to play. This may sound trivial. Actually it is very significant. Depressives are notorious for their failure to live a well balanced life, and especially do they neglect play.

Fourth, remember that you may feel that God is a million miles from you, but this does not change the fact. God is "not far from every one of us" (Acts 17:27). Know that God understands your emotional problem, and he is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities" (Heb. 4:15).

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 W. 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Mo.)

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Thousands of letters and telegrams have reached the evangelist. "Big" people (Vice President Nixon, labor leader Walter Reuther, the late Cecil B. DeMille, just before his death) and "little" people (including Moslems and others of various faiths) alike have taken time to send assurance of their interest and prayer.

Said Graham, resting in Hawaii as the guest of C. A. Pitts of Miami, Fla.: "It did something to me spiritually to know that so many people all over the world were praying and were interested."

Commenting on the offers of various people, including a 65-year-old woman in Kentucky, to give him their eyes, Dr. Graham admitted: "I was overwhelmed, I was moved to tears... I never had anything like that happen to me before."

And more than one observer found his mind turning to an earlier-day Christian leader with a similar experience. It was the Apostle Paul who reminded the Galatian Christians:

"I bear you record that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me" (Galations 4:15).

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### Wake Forest Celebrates Its 125th Anniversary

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The program will be the first formal recognition the college has made of its 125th anniversary, President Harold W. Tribble said.

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