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personally speaking

Innocence up Nort'



NEW YORK CITY, Aug. 20—A trip to New York is always a thrilling experience for us fellows from down on Bunker, as I have said before. And no small part of the thrill is that we don't have to stay up here, we can go back to Bunker!

Clabe Hankins says this is "a mighty good time to come to Noo York, for with th' water bein' so scarce, a feller can become a hero jist by not takin' a bath."

Paul Meers and I have been here this week attending meetings of the national committee of the recently formed Institute of Fundamental Communications. We turned out to be better politicians in New York than back home, both of us "getting elected." Paul is now treasurer of IFC and I am the recording secretary.

After all of the shocking news about so much of man's inhumanity to man up here, I was agreeably surprised to find that not everybody in this metropolis is a yegg or a hood. In a whole week I have not been mugged once, and I have ridden the subways, on my own, more than once! I have decided that people here come about as close to being human as us folks back in Arkansas. The only difference is there are just more of them here and they are in a heap bigger hurry. Even the taxi drivers, though they drive like Jehu, are really nice fellows, when you get to know them. The one who took me to East Side Air Terminal this morning said: "Some days for us are better than others. When we have a bad day we have to be careful to be considerate of others, for everybody has his own troubles."

One of the extra dividends of attending the IFC meetings has been getting in on sessions of the 19th Annual Conference of the University Film Producers Association, on the campus of New York University. Here I met many of the nation's top producers of educational movies and filmstrips, including Dr. Don Williams, of the University of Missouri, who took a crew to Iran sev-

eral years ago and established that nation's first television station; Steve Knudsen, of the Film Production Unit, Iowa State University, both of whom, with Miss Ella Harlee, Washington, D. C., were among the founders of IFC. Incidentally, Dr. Williams' brother J. F. now lives in Hot Springs and, with Mrs. Williams, belongs to one of our Baptist churches there.

Time fails me to tell about crashing the UFPA official party to the World's Fair, for Betty Woods says this is the end of our space. Don't go away, though. I'll be back next week with a further word.

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

POSTWAR Japan, the problems of its people, whose emperor is no longer a god, the struggle for souls . . . Miss Annie Hoover, missionary on furlough, reports on 12 years in the Orient in a special interview, beginning on page 6.

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CONTROVERSY still whirls around a recent article by Don Harbuck on the Lord's Supper and baptism. Today we hear another side of the question from Don Hook, Little Rock. His letter appears on page 5.

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We appreciate all of your kind comments about our "Smiles" column on page 23, and hope you will enjoy all of them, but especially those recently contributed by our readers. We're always happy to hear of the bright and amusing things of your church and community.

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Name change

ONE of the latest proposals for a new name for Southern Baptists is that of Editor Gainer E Bryan Jr., of the *Maryland Baptist*. Mr. Bryan proposes that the name be changed to "Baptist Convention of the United States of America," this to be shortened in usage to "Baptist Convention, U. S. A."

That is the best name we have heard offered. We've been offering it for several years!

Gifts increase

TOTAL gifts for world missions were up for the month of July, according to the latest report that was just received from Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. As compared with July a year ago, July this year showed a total of \$1,936,884 given through the Cooperative Program for a gain of 5.65 percent. A total of \$441,806 was given through designated gifts for an increase of 4.76 percent over a year ago.

The amounts for Arkansas were: \$60,161 through the Cooperative Program for a gain of 2.16 percent over July a year ago; and \$4,924 designated, for a decrease of 8.76 percent over July a year ago.

For the first seven months this year, the Southern Baptist Convention received \$12,740,952 through the Cooperative Program, showing an increase of 5.54 percent over the first seven months last year. In designations, the Southern Baptist Convention received during the first seven months this year \$16,043,350 for an increase of 7.52 percent over the corresponding period last year.

These figures do not include the gifts retained by the various state conventions for their own budgets; but only those gifts that were distributed to The Southern Baptist Convention.

Guest editorial

Three papers in a wastebasket

YES, there they were—three copies of the *Florida Baptist Witness* in the wastebasket at the post office. On first glance it didn't look good and especially to Deacon TyteWyth Munny who promptly reported the matter to

the pastor along with an urgent suggestion that something ought to be done about such waste of the church's funds.

Having heard this complaint a time or two before, the pastor decided he would do something immediately, before the papers were dumped from the basket. Retrieving the papers, he read the address labels and flipped through the pages of the papers as he thought about what he should do next.

When he reached page five of the third paper he noticed that an article had been neatly cut out of this *Witness*. So this paper had been read and at least one article in it had made impression enough for the reader to want to save it. It was not wasted, it had been well used.

Taking the other two papers in his hand he started down the street, only to run into one of the two addressees of those papers coming out of the hardware store. The response to his greeting was, "You know, Preacher, I believe I found the answer in the Training Union column of my *Witness* this morning to that problem we were discussing last Wednesday night. I'm going to give it a good trial anyhow." So, paper number two had not been wasted, it had been profitably read before being dropped in the wastebasket.

Tactful questioning revealed that the third paper had been deliberately thrown unread into the waste basket, not by the addressee who had been a regular participating member of the church for several months now, but by her unbelieving husband who was quite unsympathetic to the church and to what he regarded as her waste of time with it. The lady did not even know that the church provided the paper for every family in the membership and that she had been on the mailing list for some time. Fortunately in this instance the town also had home delivery of mail, so a simple change of address put the paper into the hands of the addressee who was glad to receive it and to read it regularly.

Except for the name of the deacon which was changed for obvious reasons, the above is the digest of a true experience of a good pastor in the state as told to the editor.

All of which should remind us once more that things are not always what they seem to be. A copy of the *Florida Baptist Witness* in the post office wastebasket does not necessarily mean that the addressee is disinterested in the paper. If before he put it there he read from it even one small item in which he was interested, then the paper was worth more than the 2½ cents it cost the church to send it to him. And even if he didn't read anything in it, he was at least reminded that his church is interested in him enough to provide him with a copy of the Baptist state paper each week. —Editor W. G. Stracener, in *Florida Baptist Witness*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the people SPEAK

THE spelling and sentence structure in this department are those of the writers. The only editing of letters to the editor is the writing of headlines and, occasionally, deletion of parts that are not regarded as essential.

For China's freedom

NEVER in the history of mankind has there been a nation with so large a population as China—700 million:

Never before have so many people been completely shut off from the rest of the world.

Never have so many of our fellow-beings been denied the right to worship the Lord God who created them.

Even the angels of heaven must wonder that the rest of us allow this condition to exist.

How did this last, most serious, situation come about and why in so short a time? Two great mistakes are responsible—and, alas, made by our own government.

1. When Japan took Manchuria, the Lytton Commission was sent there by the League of Nations to investigate. The Commission reported against Japan. Her military then actually began withdrawing. But the United States failed to back up the League of Nations.

Japan proceeded, therefore, with her conquest of the Far East and universal enforcement of emperor worship, thus starting World War II in the Far East. Her proud military ran amuck. Not only did she attack Pearl Harbor, but a Japanese general cynically warned the writer before the attack that in a few months, or less, our own president would be brought to Japan to bow before the emperor—told in detail in our book *Repaid a Hundredfold*, ready soon for publication.

When Japan was defeated, we China missionaries were jubilant at the great possibilities; Chinese leaders hopeful and determined to complete development of their country as begun before Japan's invasion. But these Chinese, mostly Christians,—and we missionaries were to suffer great disappointment.

2. Again our nation, "land of the free and home of the brave," declaring sympathy and help toward all peoples seeking political freedom made another—even greater—mistake. Our government did not ask information from missionaries, as did the League Commission, but allowed itself to be deceived by crafty communists. Aid was withdrawn from Generalissimo Chiang and his Christian forces. China was sold out to deceptive cut-throats of the Castro

type, who took over the armies of China. Communism has proven worse than the Japanese war and domination.

Immediately persecution, cruelty and death befell China such as the world had never known—to noble Chinese Christians and faithful missionaries who cherished great hopes of winning others of their seven hundred million from darkness to light and salvation.

When Japan attacked Manchuria and China proper, nation and civilians were helpless. The Western powers would not allow China to build a navy, and the people have never owned firearms. China's millions are now in even greater helplessness, brainwashed, children and parents forced to live apart in separate communes, no way for the gospel to be passed on to the younger generation.

Imagine these millions denied all means of knowing God and his plan of salvation: The situation is the most satanic ever known. Those of us who labored among the Chinese appeal to the Lord's people to pray with us that He provide some way to free these helpless millions. Southern Baptists alone number more than ten million. If God's people of all faiths will pray earnestly, surely He will hear their prayers and give deliverance. Just how, we cannot say.

From a human standpoint, the United States is the only nation He could use to bring this freedom. Lives and money may have to be spent, but, with the atomic bomb perfected in the hands of such ruthless men as now rule China, a greater menace will exist than the world has yet experienced. Nationalist China's half million troops on Formosa—mostly Christians—await our assistance. Let us pray earnestly for China's deliverance and give full support to our president and the government.—Charles A. Leonard, Emeritus Southern Baptist Foreign Missionary, 3307 Dominion Drive, Naples, Fla.

Another viewpoint

I AM writing in response to two letters that appeared in the August 12th issue of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

Last month (July 5-10), I served as counselor at Siloam Baptist Assembly. The manner in which the camp was conducted was not only disturbing, but I feel dangerous. The young people that attended were subjected to un-due pressure to make public decisions. The decision services were so lengthy and

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U. S. AIR FORCE PERSONNEL, through an Easter offering in their chapels, contributed to the world-wide causes of Protestant churches. The Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists received a proportionate share of \$14,275.11. A check for this amount was presented Porter Routh of the SBC Executive Committee during home mission week at Glorieta Baptist Assembly. Making the presentation were George W. Cummins, secretary of the chaplains division, and Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge of the Home Mission Board. Air Force officials, in a letter to Cummins, commended the chaplains for their encouragement of the stewardship of giving among military personnel and their families.—Home Mission Board Photo

emotional that it was a disgrace.

It seems unfortunate that with all the facilities we have at Siloam a camp could not be conducted that would be a real asset to our young people, and also glorify God.

I believe that if enough people are aware of this situation, it will be revised.—John Russ, 713 N. 12th, Arkadelphia

More about Adams

I APPRECIATED very much the letter to the editor in the Aug. 12 *Newsmagazine* concerning Bro. Heyward L. Adams who is a member of our church. I would like to make more information

available concerning him to our Baptist people. Bro. Adams has served three terms of service in Nigeria dating back to 1948. He served almost four years as the first pastor of a new congregation in Seattle, Washington from 1952-56. He led the church in its organization and worked every day in the construction of a new building in addition to being pastor. He returned to Nigeria at the end of 1956 for two more terms, serving as missionary advisor to two associations.

The Adams will remain in the United States so that their son can complete his high school education and get established in college. A minimum of three years will be spent in this country before they will give any consideration to returning to Nigeria.

Bro. Adams is a splendid preacher and will prove himself to be a warm-hearted pastor to the congregation who is led to call him as their under-shepherd. If a pulpit committee desires to hear him there are several pastors in the Camden area who would be glad to have him supply the pulpit for that purpose. Brother Adams and his family live at 2756 Dogwood Ave., S.W., Camden, Ark. Telephone JE 4-5750.—Robert A. Parker, Cullendale

Baptism, Lord's Supper

DR. Don Harbuck recently wrote an article on the above subject for The Arkansas Baptist. It was a strong appeal for Baptists to "make scriptural principles the touchstone of their faith" and to constantly keep "our polity and practice under the perpetual searchlight of the Holy Scriptures."

With this appeal I heartily agree and would make it my own to 20th century Baptists. However, the only scriptural reference of any kind in the article is a parenthetical reference to Philip and the eunuch. Therefore, in order that we might at least get a glimpse of the "touchstone" and the "searchlight," I offer the following:

1. Jesus organized or established something while he was here on the earth. (Mark 3:13; Matt. 10:1-15; Luke 6:12-16; Luke 9:1-6; I Cor. 12:28).

Among the material that Jesus put in this organization was some material which at least bore a remote "Baptist label" (John 1:35.) Dr. Harbuck's catchy little statement "New Testament Christians did not claim to be Baptists" bears the simple explanation that in their day there was only ONE group, the one Jesus called, commissioned, and continues to build. They were "baptizers." No one else claimed to be. Why should there be any name by which they were distinguished from other similar groups if there were no other groups? Any way, some 13 times in the New Testament God's Word calls John "the Baptist" or "the Baptizer."

2. Whatever it was that Jesus organized had AUTHORITY:

A. To Arbitrate differences between members of it (Matt. 18:15-17.)

B. To preach and heal (Luke 9:1-2; Mark 16:14-15; Matt. 28:16-19.)

C. To baptize (Matt. 28:16-19; John 3:22.)

D. To exclude members from its fellowship and FROM THE LORD'S SUPPER (I Cor. 5:9-13.)

E. To KEEP the ordinances. (I Cor. 11:2.)

3. Jesus called this organization a "Church," not the "Kingdom," nor did Jesus Himself call it an "Assembly." Jesus said that this organization would be perpetuated in and through every age as long as time should last (Matt. 16:18; Matt. 28:19-20; Eph. 3:21.)

4. This same organization was baptized with the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of promises made (John 15:26-27; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-13.)

5. Any innovations since the time of Christ denies His infallibility and efficacy. (John 17:4; John 19:30; Matt. 16:18.)

Solemn warnings are given in the Bible against deviating from Divine pattern (Exodus 25:9, 40; Heb. 8:5; I Sam. 15:22.) To argue that any so-called church, or any baptism, or any pattern of observing the Lord's Supper is as good as the one God Himself established is to insult God and His Word. God either means what He says and says what He means, or He doesn't. And God says what He says to us in the Scriptures. And I do not think that the Scriptures merely "appear" (Harbuck's term) to teach anything—THEY TEACH IT! Applications and methods may vary, but the scriptural principle NEVER!

The above scriptures disprove Dr. Harbuck's statement that "believer's baptism was abandoned in Christian history." Jesus no where says that there would be a complete and perfect chronological historical record of the functions and performances of New Testament churches. That record is in heaven. But HE DID SAY that that which He Himself established would function and perform somewhere every moment until the end of time. Why should any one insist on some secular verification of His Word?

I think Dr. Harbuck is dead wrong about two other assertions he makes. The first is his assertion that there are churches actually insisting that only baptism administered by a SOUTHERN Baptist Church is valid. I have never heard of this. It could be true but if it is the charge ought to be specific and not so general as to make many Baptist Churches suspect.

The other assertion is that there are some Baptist Churches who "invite ALL Christians" to partake of the Lord's Supper when it is administered by a Baptist Church. I do not know of a single major denomination whose polity, practice and doctrine goes that far.

I don't think Dr. Harbuck knows one either. Most of those of all denominations who practice open communion demand that each communicant be a "baptized" Christian. Baptist Churches who practice open communion insist that the communicant be a "baptized" Christian and most of them insist that they be "immersed" Christians. Again I say, if he is going to make such an assertion and charge, he ought to be specific.

As for me and my house, we will continue to be "unreconstructed Baptists" for, as such, we find ourselves in company with such men as Broadus, Jeter, Ryland, Mercer, B. H. Carroll, Truett, E. C. Routh, Richard Fuller, T. T. Eaton, J. T. Christian, W. R. White, and a host of others.—Don Hook, pastor, The Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock

Returns to Japan

THE furlough is over now and I am leaving for Japan on August 20. My wife will wait a few days to help the children get settled here. We shall have three children in Carson-Newman College, where my sister's husband, Dr. Carl Tabb Bahner, teaches, and our oldest expects to be working in this area, so my wife and I are returning to honeymoon status as we go back to Japan to begin the thirty-second year of work. We shall be living at Seinan Jo Gakuin, at the below address, our junior college and high school for girls, with 2,200 lovely students, where I have served as president since 1962. I shall continue to teach part-time in our seminary, which is fifty miles away in Fukuoka.

We are grateful for our Arkansas friends, and it will be appreciated if you will let them know through the Arkansas Baptist that we are returning to Japan.—W. Maxfield Garrott, 491 Nakai, Kokura-ku, Kitakyushu City, Japan

Pen pals wanted

A 16-YEAR-OLD Japanese girl desires American pen pals. She writes:

"We want to have friends in America with whom we can discuss frankly a variety of topics and also we'd like to exchange informations about our daily way of life, customs, and traditions, school life, hobbies, etc. . . . My main interests are reading, movies, music, sports, drawing, collecting stamps and postcards."—Miss Kazuko Itoh, 2-24 Oppama Honcho, Yokosuka-Shi, Kanagawa-Ken, Japan

"Through the Cooperative Program Baptists, both as individuals and as churches, are able to add many voices to their own in proclaiming Christ to the world."—T. A. Patterson.

Into the void-- materialism! ?



MISS Annie Hoover, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, and her secretary-language teacher, Miss Hiroko Nomura, at Arkansas Baptist Hospital, where Miss Hoover recently underwent surgery. She has been released. The two ladies are holding a Japanese Bible, which, incidentally, is open to the 23rd Psalm. Feminine readers will be interested to learn that Miss Nomura's native dress is valued at approximately \$200.

BY BETTY WOODS

MATERIALISM, not Christianity, is filling the Japanese soul, left empty when the emperor's divinity was revealed as sham. And to win souls to Christ more Japanese themselves must feel the call of God to bring their fellows to salvation.

These thoughts were expressed by a Southern Baptist missionary, home on furlough after 13 years of service on the northern island of Hokkaido. She is Miss Annie Hoover, interviewed while recuperating from surgery at Arkansas Baptist Hospital. She was to be moved from the hospital after release to the home of her mother, Mrs. Eudie Hoover in North Little Rock.

With Miss Hoover is her secretary and language teacher, Miss Hiroko Nomura, on her first visit to America, which she describes with indrawn breath as "so big. . .so big."

It was in 1952 that Miss Hoover, a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, chose Japan as her mission field and joined a Japanese minister, his wife and two American missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Morehead, to form the first missionary team on the

island. They settled in Sapporo, a city now of 700,000. There were no churches or missions then, but nine have been established during her years there. Total membership is 450. Serving with Miss Hoover now in the fishing and plywood center is another SBC missionary couple, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Keith.

Miss Hoover's treatment by the Japanese was most kind upon her arrival. By nature, they show deference to authority and those were the days of American occupation after World War II. Today they politely listen as she talks of American customs and products, especially products, but interest lags when she tries to introduce Christianity into the conversation.

The children of the Sunday Schools in which she works may be the hope for the spread of teaching over the country, but even they drop out at the insistence of Buddhist parents, and church members become non-members when some employer makes disparaging remarks about the foreign belief. The employer, the Japanese decides, will, after all, supply the work that will furnish the money that will buy the necessities and luxuries he now desires above all else.

Communism has a hold on Hokkaido but is not the menace to Christianity that materialism presents.

The hope of redemption for new Japan—facing its first juvenile delinquency with the breakdown of family unity—is in Hiroko Nomura and other Japanese like her, whose Christian example and sacrificing faith will lead others along her path.

It was after the war when many in Japan decided that wisdom lay in learning the English language. The best way to learn, young Hiroko's teacher told her was at a mission school. The daughter of a family of prominent Buddhists went to Kobe to a Baptist mission school. It was here she first learned of the Bible as the Word of God.

Returning to her family and telling them of her decision to become a Christian was not easy and the days that followed were no easier. Her parents threatened to cast her out, emphatically forbidding her baptism. She slipped away from home one midnight and it was then she was baptized. She has never returned to her family.

For the past 12 years she has made her home with her friend, Annie Hoover, earning her way as secretary and language teacher. Her mother a militant Buddhist, has made numerous overtures, begging Miss Nomura to renounce her new faith and offering material benefits in reward. They were refused.

Miss Hoover and Miss Nomura will return to Japan, probably in May, 1966, to continue their service to the five million people of Hokkaido.

A BIG LIFE

BY J. I. COSSEY

THE natural setting for my life was little, ordinary, and common-place. But, I have never wanted to be little, ordinary or common-place. I want to be big in life even though little may be expected of me. I am willing to be ordinary, if the ordinary is my best. My goal is to be big in life and I do not mean to settle for a less measure.

I am working overtime to reach a big life in every field of endeavor. Every day I find my cup overflowing into the build-up of the big life. I have so completely enjoyed the big life growth that I would be surprised if a "little-sized" result should bob up.

One of the most thrilling experiences in life is to see a little church take on the big-life program and move up the spiritual stream. Every church I have ever observed would glow with growth by putting on a big-life program. Why not establish a big-life program in your church and watch your people grow?

Little ideas can be made big ideas. Every church movement may be filled with the spirit and power of the Holy Spirit. Wherever the Holy Spirit leads, little plans become big, life-plans and the power of heaven is felt in every service. I want the work in my church to be power filled and the plans to be big-life-sized.

When I talk about being big, I am not talking about avoirdupois, but dedication to a spirit that motivates the better things of life. When I talk about a big church, I am not talking about big numbers or buildings, but a church dedicated to a divine leadership and program big enough to demand the dynamic leadership of the Holy Spirit.

A church located out in the open country with a small membership should have a program big enough, under divine leadership, to main-

Baptist beliefs

THE DELAY OF JESUS

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

"LORD, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days" (John 11:39).

JESUS was east of the Jordan, possibly a two-days journey from Bethany, in the area where John the Baptist had begun his ministry. A messenger came from Bethany telling Him that Lazarus was ill. He delayed two days before going to the village. Why this delay?

It is possible that Jesus knew that Lazarus was already dead. Hence, He could not heal him. However, one would think that He would have hastened to Bethany to comfort the bereaved sisters. Yet He delayed two days before going to them. Jesus had a greater blessing in store for them than either healing or comfort (John 11:14-15).

The clue to the meaning of Jesus' delay is seen in the fact that when He arrived in Bethany Lazarus had been dead four days. Jesus delayed two days; it probably took Him two days to go to Bethany. Hence, four days.

Jesus proposed to raise Lazarus from the dead. He would show His power over death. There must

be no question about Lazarus being really dead. No grounds should be left to explain this miracle in any other way. So when Jesus came to the tomb Lazarus' body had had time to begin decaying.

But the "four days" probably have another significance. Lightfoot quotes a Jewish tradition to the effect that when a body died the soul hovered about the tomb for three days in hopes of re-entering the body. On the fourth day it departed. Certainly Jesus did not believe this. It is probably that neither the two sisters nor the apostles did so. But it must have been a popular belief among the Jews.

So Jesus accommodated His actions to this tradition. After Lazarus was considered truly dead even according to Jewish tradition, Jesus raised him from the dead. Thus there could be no basis of denying or explaining away this miracle. Even the Sadducees did not deny it (John 11:47; 12:10).

Jesus truly is the Lord over death.

tain a world-wide program. Every little rural church should have a big Sunday School, big preaching service, big singing, big prayer meeting, big visitation, and a big soul-winning program. Just because a church is located out in the country is no reason for it not having a world-wide, heaven-sent, friend-making, Holy Spirit-filled weekly schedule of activity. Just because a church is a country church is no reason for it being a dead church. Everything else in the country has a big-life program.

I challenge all of our rural

churches to "come alive" and go to work, doing the things they were established to do in the first place. Every church, regardless of its location, deserves a vigorous New Testament, Holy Spirit guided program of activity that runs 52 weeks in the year. I would like for someone to come with one good, heaven-sent reason for a church being dead. A church is a divine institution dedicated to service, filled with life-giving elements. Please join me in prayer that our little churches may become activated and alerted to do what they are designed to do.

With Hingson on safari in Honduras

BY GAINER E. BRYAN JR.

(Mr. Bryan, editor of *The Maryland Baptist*, weekly state paper, is on special assignment for the Baptist World Alliance through the Operation Brother's Brother Fund.)



THE Amigos de Honduras project is Honduran as well as U. S., this picture shows. Wielding jet inoculator is Dr. Humberto Pineda Santos, public health doctor in San Pedro Sula, where project has headquarters. Guy Bevil Jr., of Houston, Tex. (center) looks on with satisfaction as bleb rises on arm of Honduranian (not identified), signifying successful vaccination. Bevil is project director. (Photo by Gainer E. Bryan Jr.)

SAN PEDO SULA, Honduras, C. A.—I walked today where Jesus walked, following in the footsteps of a missionary doctor whose field is truly the world.

Dr. Robert A. Hingson, professor of anesthesiology at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, came here to join the Amigos de Honduras, who are giving a drink of cold water to the sick and needy in Christ's name.

I came with him as an observer for the Baptist World Alliance through the Operation Brother's Brother Fund.

We joined youthful Guy Bevil Jr., captain of this unique summer missions program, and his teenage drivers at La Lima where the headquarters personnel are billeted. He is youth education minister of River Oaks Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., sponsor of the inter-faith, inter-racial undertaking.

Honduras was not chosen for this youth and medical mission because conditions are any worse here than in many other parts of the world. Bevil knew the Honduran government has an efficient health ministry, functioning down to the grass roots in programs of sanitation, preventive medicine and hospitalization.

"I had been in Central America because of my hobby of archeology," he explained. "We have some convenient arrangements here—a small land mass, closeness to Houston. Mr. Johnson is taking care of poverty in the United States."

Honduras does have its share of the world's problems, however. Half of the babies die here before they are one year old. Average life expectancy is only 47. "We are not preaching or starting churches here this summer," Bevil said. "Our primary concern is ministering to disease that tears your heart out when you see it."

While we talked with Bevil, Dr. Hingson read from the latest annual report of the Honduran Health Ministry. I jotted down some of the figures: 2,501 new cases of tuberculosis hospitalized last year, 18,374 cases of amoebiosis, 53 of leprosy, 40 of paralytic polio, 6,673 of malaria, 81,518 of worms. Population of the country is about 2¼ million.

Dr. Hingson came back from safari impressed by the "soul-shaking amount of dental caries and rotted teeth on infected gums. Thousands without dentures gum it from age 35 onward. Nearly every mother, beautiful in her teens and twenties, loses an average of three teeth per pregnancy to become a garrulous witch-like grandmother at 33. Under such conditions, tuberculosis takes over and sends thousands to untimely graves."

"One out of five persons in Honduras went to the hospital for some kind of treatment last year," Dr. Hingson said. "Many more needed to go who didn't."

Bevil said, "Most of these people will never see a

doctor.”

The project director explained that about 120 people from various parts of the United States, but mostly Houston, came down the first day, June 22, and were assigned to 35 villages and towns. These included 10 doctors and several medical students. They were to be followed by others on a rotation basis until a total of about 300 persons have participated.

Since most of the needles and syringes, sent by ship, had not arrived, Bevil said his teams were inoculating for polio using eye droppers on the tongue. The resourceful Amigos were buying vitamins from the local pharmacies and giving them to pregnant mothers. They were sharing their own stores of Tourista, medicine for the familiar malady of tourists abroad, to babies with diarrhea, and were bathing the babies.

Dr. Hingson put the project into high gear by unpacking the \$8,000 worth of jet inoculators which he loaned and the smallpox vaccine for 200,000 doses which he gave. Bevil's drivers were painstakingly shown how to mix the vaccine and operate the "guns of peace," as they came to be called during Operation Brother's Brother in Liberia four years ago.

Then we set out on safari on a winding, dirt, mountain road with no bridges. The jeeps simply forded the smaller streams, and crossed the rivers by ferry.

Right outside San Pedro Sula, we were stopped by a broken-down bus and another vehicle sitting in the middle of the road. The bus passengers were standing in the shade beside the road. Dr. Hingson immediately got out and vaccinated 17 out of the 24, only three of whom had ever been vaccinated before. He accomplished this with the aid of a Peace Corpsman, Bob Johnston of Riverside, Cal., who was on the bus and spoke Spanish well enough to interpret.

At the villages en route we dropped off supplies of vaccine and "peace guns" and showed local Amigos how to operate them, demonstrating with Hondurans in the streets. In one town we left the Amigos vaccinating long lines of school children as teachers turned out school for this purpose.

At 7 o'clock we reached Santa Barbara, pictur-

esque old Spanish city of 6,500 in the mountains of the interior, seldom visited by tourists. It had taken seven hours to come the 60 miles from San Pedro Sula, with about three hours spent in the village stops. That night I gave 50 centavos to a crawling cripple with handshoes on the plaza.

I was in my room at the San Carlos Hotel dressing at 6:30 the next morning when Dr. Hingson came in off the street excited and told me to bring my camera. He disappeared in the direction of the plaza. I returned to find him seated on a bench in the square, surrounded by Honduran school boys and men, his foot on a shoeshine box, his jet gun aimed at an arm, the crawling cripple seated beside him with warped legs dangling, and the whole group grinning like Cheshire cats. This did indeed make a picture for my color camera.

Later Dr. Hingson showed me the medical summary that he had made following his clinic on the plaza of Santa Barbara before breakfast. Here it is:

- 6 totally edentulous (no teeth)
- 10 had dental caries (decay)
- 1 little boy (Jorge Alberto) had gonorrheal ophthalmia (active gonorrhea of the eye, which meant he might lose it)—he was sent to the hospital
- 3 victims of polio
- 3 cases of severe anemia
- No obesity in the crowd.
- 11 out of 17 vaccinated had never been vaccinated before
- 11 could not write their names. Someone had to sign for them

The day we left Santa Barbara, Dr. Hingson, with the cooperation of the local health doctor, provided three women with the new plastic coil devices for birth control. All had several children and medically valid reasons for avoiding further pregnancies. This was Dr. Hingson's contribution to the solution to the problem of too many babies, the excessive mortality rate of mothers and too little food to go around in Honduras.

(Final installment: "One Way to Reach Young People")

Revival news

WESTSIDE Church, Magnolia, Aug. 2-8; Garland Morrison, pastor, Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, evangelist; 1 by profession of faith; 8 rededications; B. D. Smith, Pastor.

FIRST Church, Cabot, Sept. 27-Oct. 3; Paul Fox, Huntsville, Ala., evangelist; Verne Carpenter, music director.

GREGORY Church, Aug. 9-15; Ed Walker, evangelist; 3 for baptism; 2 by letter; 18 rededications; Raymond Jackson, pastor.

PERRY Church, Sept. 6-12; Ed Walker, evangelist; Charles Hall, pastor.

IRONTON Church, Edward Edmondson, pastor, evangelist; Ed Walker, song leader.

GRAVES Memorial Church, North Little Rock, Ed Walker, evangelist; Raymond Bull, singer; Curtis Bryant, pastor.

HOLLY Springs Church, Sept. 27-Oct. 3; Ed Walker evangelist; Bill Elliott, pastor.

PARKVIEW Church, El Dorado, tent revival, Aug. 4-15; Walter K. Ayers, staff evangelist, First Church, Little Rock, evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Short Sr., music directors; 11 by profession of faith; 3 by letter; 1 for special service; J. W. Burrows, pastor.

STEEL Bridge Church, Lonoke, Aug. 8-15; Ken Chapman, pastor, First Church, Concord, Tenn., evangelist; Raymond Bull, music director, Iron-ton Church, song leader; 9 for baptism; Jack Hogue, pastor.

FIRST Church, Camden, Sept. 19-26; Dr. G. Allen West Jr., Nashville, Tenn., evangelist; Steve Taylor, Greenville, S. C., singer; John R. Maddox, pastor.

FIRST Church, Arkadelphia, Sept. 12; Dr. Alastair Walker, pastor, First Church, Griffin, Ga., evangelist; Sam C. Reeves, pastor.

FIRST Church, Foreman, Aug. 9-15; Texarkana lay team: Joe Cervini, evangelist; Bob Bass, singer; George Peters, pianist; 6 by profession of faith and baptism; 1 for baptism; 1 on statement; James L. Ryan, pastor.

Union Avenue adds building



CONSTRUCTION has begun on a 40 by 90 foot educational building of brick and concrete block by Union Avenue Church, Wynne.

Groundbreaking services were held Aug. 1. The building committee is composed of Ralph Doss, Gene Miller, Leon Van Landingham, Gene Hunt, R. L. Lawson, Wiley Brown, N. A. Holbrook, Doyle Frazier, Mrs. Paul Smith, Mrs. Frances McAvoy, Mrs. Alvin Allen and Harold Sadler, pastor and chairman.

The new building will provide Sunday School facilities for three nursery departments, primary, beginner and intermediate departments, and will include a library, kitchen and fellowship hall. The building will have central heat and air-conditioning. Improvements and an addition to the present auditorium are planned to include a baptistry.

Union Avenue Church, formerly Wynne Chapel, was organized in 1957 as a mission of Wynne Church. Additions the first year totalled '59. The new auditorium was constructed in 1960. The mis-

sion became an independent church in 1962. In 1964 members payed off an indebtedness of \$2,600 on the auditorium.

The new building should be ready for use Noy. 1.

Music minister

BILL Hansard has been named minister of music at Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, according to the pastor, Ray Nelson.



A native of Charleston, he is a 1958 graduate of Arkansas State Teachers College at Conway.

Mr. Hansard attended graduate school at Louisiana State University and he is now acting chairman of the Department of Library Science at Arkansas State College. At Arkansas State Teachers College, he was president of the Baptist Student Union and was a member of the BSU choir.

Dr. Hobbs returns

DR. Herschel H. Hobbs returns to the air as "Baptist Hour" speaker Sunday, Aug. 29, after having been away from the program since May. This marks the beginning of his eighth year as regular preacher on this international broadcast.

Arkansas stations carrying the Sunday program are:

- KVRC Arkadelphia, 3 p.m.; KBBA Benton, KTHS Berryville, 8 a.m.; KCON Conway, 2:30 p.m.; KAGH Crossett, 8:30 a.m.; KDQN De Queen, 8 a.m.; KFAY Fayetteville, 8:30 a.m.; KBJT Fordyce, 4 p.m.; KXJK Forrest City, 9:30 a.m.; KXAR Hope, 5 p.m.; KNEA Jonesboro, 6:30 a.m.; KPCA Marked Tree, 8 a.m.; KENA Mena, 1:30 p.m.; KBIB Monette, 7:30 a.m.; KHBM Monticello, 3:30 p.m.; KDRS Paragould, 8:30 p.m.; KPOC Pochontas, 7 a.m.; KUOA Siloam Springs, 7:30 a.m.; KWRF Warren, 8 a.m.; KSUD West Memphis, 4 p.m.; KWYN Wynne, 7:30 a.m.

Other programs are "Master Control," heard on Sunday, except at Siloam Springs where it is presented on Saturday.

- KVEE Conway, 4:30 p.m.; KCQB Corning, 10:30 a.m.; KAGH Crossett, 1:30 p.m.; KDQN De Queen, 3 p.m.; KXJK Forrest City, 10 a.m.; KWHN Ft. Smith, 12:30 p.m.; KBHC Nashville, 5:30 p.m.; KDRS Paragould, 10 a.m.; KCCL Paris, 4 p.m.; KPBA Pine Bluff, 7 a.m.; KTPA Prescott, KUOA Siloam Springs, 10 a.m.

"MUSIC TO REMEMBER:" KZOT Marianna.

"YOUTH SPEAKS TO YOU:" KXAR Hope, Saturday 10:45 a.m.; KLOT Marianna, Saturday 4:45 p.m.; KDRS Paragould, Monday 4:15 p.m.

"PATTERNS:" KZOT Marianna; KUOA Siloam Springs.

"INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON" on Sunday's KCCB Corning, 10:30 a.m.; KDRS Paragould, 10:15 a.m.; KTPA Prescott, 9:45 a.m.

"THE ANSWER" TV program on KTHV, Little Rock, Sunday at noon.

Trinity Association

CURTIS McClain has resigned as pastor of First Church, Harrisburg, effective Sept. 1. During his six years as pastor he led the church to build a \$75,000 educational building.

Mack Lynn has resigned as pastor of Ridgeview Mission, First Church, Harrisburg.

From the churches . . .

Mountain Home First

TROY Lee Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Lewis of Midway Mission, was licensed to the ministry by our church Aug. 4. He is a student at Southern College.

El Dorado Immanuel

ORDAINED deacons Aug. 15 were Claude Calahan, Dennis Puckett, Harvey Knight and Curtis Andrews.

Kern Heights pastor

HEBER E. Shreve is the new pastor of Kern Heights Church, De Queen, the first fulltime pastor of the church.

He was formerly pastor of First Church, Lockesburg. Under his leadership the church completely redecorated the auditorium and furnished it with new pews and new carpeting. There were 30 additions to the church. Before going to Lockesburg, he held pastorates in Benton, Antoine and Board Camp.

Mr. Shreve attended Southern College. He and Mrs. Shreve, the former Shirley Joplin, Hatfield, are graduates of Ouachita University. They have one son, Heber Jr., 8.

College buys homes

SOUTHERN College has bought 27 homes from the city of Walnut Ridge for \$3,000 each.

The homes, built about nine years ago, were originally for families of men assigned to an Air Force radar squadron, which was disbanded in 1963. They have been vacant since. They are located at the Walnut Ridge Airport, as is the college.

The homes were constructed by the Air Force at a cost of \$450,000. Dr. H. E. Williams, college president, said the homes would be assigned to faculty members on a seniority basis, with one guest house. (DP)

Helena First

VACATION Bible School, Aug. 2-6, had an enrollment of 201 with an average attendance of 174. Attendance grew daily: 155, 166, 178, 185 and 186. There were six rededications.

Lake Village

AUG. 15 three were ordained as deacons. They are Dr. Allen Talbot, Larken Brown and Ralph Hoggard.

Bearden First

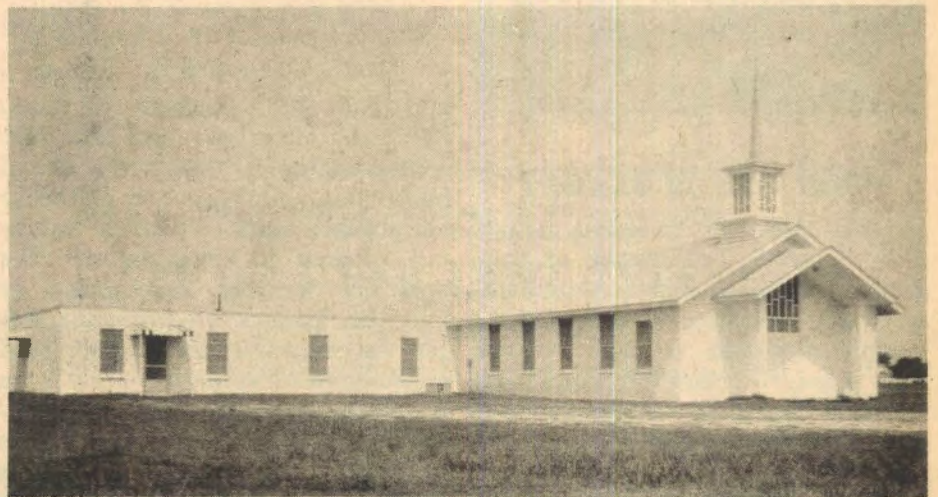
THE church recently purchased the "New Junior Hymnal" for the Junior Department and "Songs and Hymns for Primaries" for the Primary Department. New furniture was purchased for the Primary Department.

A church choir has been organized, and choir practice under the leadership of G. G. Huckabee follows the Wednesday evening service.

HOMER SAMPLE

HOMER Sample, New Bethel church deacon, died Aug. 10. Mr. Sample taught a Sunday School Class at his church. Services were conducted from the church by Paul Huskey, pastor.

Bryant Second Church organized



BRYANT Second Church was organized Aug. 8 with 94 members. It was formed three years ago as a mission by First Church, Benton.

The church building, valued at \$30,000, is located on two and

Current-Gainesville

SEVERAL churches have called new pastors.

Marion Berry is the new pastor of Reyno Church. Others include:



MR. BERRY

Biggers Church, Leonard Bunch; Shannon Church, Forrest Bynum; Mt. Pleasant, Dan Sanford; Pocahontas First, Philip May; Witt's Chapel, Maynard, Doyle Wesson; Shiloh Clay, J. B. Huffmaster; Success Church, Grover Blankenship.

Greene County Assn.

EAST Side Church ordained Darrell Stone to the ministry. Jesse Holcomb is the new pastor.

Billy Joe Dowdy has resigned as pastor of Rock Hill.

Marmaduke First Church held a homecoming Aug. 15. Amos Greer, former Greene County Association missionary, and Russell Duffer, former pastor of First Church, Marmaduke, were guest speakers.

three-fourths acres.

At organizational ceremonies, Hugh Owen, associational missionary, served as moderator. Dr. B. K. Selph, Benton pastor, delivered the sermon. T. F. Cupples is pastor.

Departments

Executive Board

Book given pastors

THE ARKANSAS Baptist Convention will soon present a complimentary copy of *Our Cooperative Program* to each Baptist pastor.



The new Convention Press release, edited by Dr. W. E. Grindstaff, is available this month in Baptist Book Stores.

A. Harold Cole, assistant general secretary-treasurer of the General Board of South Carolina Baptist Convention, evaluated the book as "well-done, not thrilling, not theologically cutting, but a study that, when really used by our churches, will contribute more to the understanding and support of our total mission outreach than any other single book ever published."

Tells of struggle

The book begins with the struggle of Southern Baptists for a workable financial system. It tells of the multitude of problems that

the Cooperative Program faced during the early years of its formation and reveals the depth of concern by great adherents who fought diligently for a unified budget that provided for all Baptist work on the basis of need rather than by eloquent and emotional requests and presentations.

The author admits that the Cooperative Program has its weaknesses but at the same time he notes that it is the best Southern Baptists have been able to discover. The Cooperative Program has been called the greatest and most practical method of financing world missions ever known to any denomination.

Dr. Grindstaff's volume moves rapidly from an account of the history and development of the Cooperative Program to explain exactly how the program operates and how Baptists are the governing body of every mission dollar given through the 40-year-old program.

The Cooperative Program is scriptural and the author does not neglect to point out from the scriptures why the Program is well grounded. He quotes from letters received from co-laborers around the globe who express gratitude

to Southern Baptists for the Cooperative Program through which they have been able to minister in Christ's name.

Chapters of the new release deal with the Cooperative Program's benefits to the local church, the association, and the State and Southern Baptist conventions.

Asks for new look

Our Cooperative Program calls every Baptist to a new evaluation and rededication of self and possessions. One cannot conscientiously study the book without becoming deeply conscious of the needs of a lost world nor can he restrain from pride in the fact that countless persons everywhere have come to Christ because Southern Baptists cared and shared together.

Baptists have found no better way to be obedient to the complete command of Christ than through the Cooperative Program. Therefore, it behooves every church member to study the new publication carefully and prayerfully.

After 1,000 pastors have studied the copy soon to be mailed them, they will want to lead their churches in a thorough and organized study of *Our Cooperative Program*—Baptists' united missions effort.

Brotherhood

What do you expect?

"WE had a Brotherhood, but it didn't work." The writer of this article has heard such a statement on many occasions and has generally answered it with words like these: "A Brotherhood can't work unless it is made to work." The same can be said of any other church organization.

A new automobile is a wonderful piece of machinery. It is a fine example of correlation of parts and of a high potential of co-ordination; but it won't work unless it is made to work. An automobile needs the human touch to get it started, to guide on in the way,

and to make it perform the function for which it was put together.

Organizing a Brotherhood and making it work are two different accomplishments. It takes spiritual wisdom to organize men for spiritual service. The choice of spiritual leaders is paramount. After the organization is completed a program of spiritual work is an absolute necessity. The Brotherhood must not only lead men into the proper position for real work for their Lord through their church, but continuing work opportunities must also be provided if the Brotherhood is to move into the realm of real accomplishment.

The keys of Brotherhood success are simply: COMPLETE ORGANIZATION (organize for

work!), GOOD MEETINGS (carefully and prayerfully planned), regular meetings of the PLANNING COMMITTEE (officers and leaders), and a program of continuing work that offer a perennial challenge to the men involved to put their abilities and energies to work for their Lord—Nelson Tull

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MR. HATFIELD

These will be conducted at First Church, El Dorado, Sept. 27-28 and at First Church, Ft. Smith, Sept. 30-Oct. 1.

The meetings will open the first day in each location at 1:45 p.m., with a second session at 6:45. The second day conferences will start at 9:00 a.m., 1:45 and 6:45 p.m.

J. T. Elliff, director of the Division of Religious Education will bring five studies in John as a preview of some teaching suggested for January Bible Study for 1966.

Donald Ackland, of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will teach five special lesson units offered and suggested for January-March quarter for Adults and Young People. This unit "Bearing our Witness for Christ" will assist in involving many church members in the proclamation and witnessing emphasis for 1966.

Five special and short features will help promote the Adult Thrust, Year 2, training, and other phases of Sunday School advance.

The conferences offered will include all departmental age groups and special conferences for pastors, general officers and others.

Conference leaders include:

General Officers: Bryant Cummings, Sunday School Secy., Miss.

Pastors: Harold Marsh, Sunday School Department, Nashville, Tenn.

Studies in John: J. T. Elliff, Religious Education Division, Little Rock.

Special Sunday School Lessons: Donald F. Ackland, Sunday School Department, Nashville, Tenn.

Adult Department — Doris Cutter, Sunday School Dept., Nashville, Tenn.

Young People — Jerry Don Abernathy, Sunday School Department, Little Rock.

Intermediate—Josephine Pile, Sunday School Dept., Nashville, Tenn.,

Junior—Mrs. John Danner, First Baptist Church, Searcy.

Primary—Jack Cowling, Little Rock.

Beginner — Mrs. J. E. Humphrey, Sunday School Department, Little Rock.

Nursery—Mrs. Robert Feazell, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock.

Cradle Roll—Mrs. A. C. Kolb, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock.

Extension — Rev. Orville Haley, Northside Church, Fort Smith.

— Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School Department Secretary

Mission highlights

THIS year the Ghana Baptist Convention is observing its first anniversary as a separate entity and the 30th anniversary of organized Baptist life in Ghana. At its annual meeting, July 11-14, the Convention celebrated by electing an African as acting general secretary and launching a nationwide emphasis on evangelism. The new secretary is J. A. Imosun, who had been president of the Convention and of its forerunner, the Ghana Baptist Conference, for four years. E. O. Ojebeyi was elected to succeed him as president. J. A. Boadi was elected vice president, and J. K. Nyame was re-elected recording secretary.



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Training summary

Report from Hawaii

"I AM working with three other summer missionaries. Each one of them has truly inspired my life this summer.



DALE

"We began our work on Maui with a youth revival. Mitch Williams and I did the preaching, and the girls led in the fellowships and singing.

"The Lord truly blessed us in this revival. Seven young people made professions of faith and eighteen rededicated their lives to Christ. We have continued to see the results of the revival. The young people are still making moves as they are led.

"It really thrills me to see how the people rejoice over one soul being saved. The churches have an average attendance of about 50. When some one makes a move, it is a sure sign that progress is being made.

"There are three churches and two missions on Maui. I think the one thing that impresses me most about these churches is the unity among them. During the youth revival all of the churches and missions worked together. I really think this accounted for the success of the revival. In the laymen's revival that was held they all worked together and not against each other. Our churches the main land could learn a very good lesson from these small churches.

"The biggest problem here on Maui is the lack of adult leadership. The children come to church, but the parents stay home. One man from a Buddhist background said to me, "I want my children to go to the Baptist mission, but I can't go because of my Buddhist ties." They seem to know that there is nothing to Buddhism, but family ties keep them from breaking away from it. The future looks bright, but the greatest concern is for the present.

"The highlights of my summer

AWARDS EARNED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND METHODS

	Category 17		Pos.
	Pct. Total	Awards Total	
Red River	61	140	13
Faulkner	58	125	18
Harmony	49	313	3
Current River	47	129	15
Bartholomew	38	113	23
Black River	37	148	11
Calvary	36	84	26
Trinity	35	192	8
Pulaski	34	485	1
Clear Creek	31	127	17
North Pulaski	31	253	4
White River	30	69	29
Central	29	209	7
Rocky Bayou	29	34	32
Concord	27	218	6
Gainesville	27	74	27
Washington-Madison	25	144	12
Liberty	24	402	2
Benton	22	91	24
Independence	22	85	25
Caroline	21	117	21
Arkansas Valley	20	128	16
Hope	18	251	5
Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	18	51	30
Delta	17	149	10
Ashley	15	161	9
Little River	14	123	19
Mississippi	14	136	14
Tri-County	14	121	20
Mt. Zion	8	116	22
Boone-Newton	7	21	34
Caddo River	7	10	36
Conway-Perry	7	12	35
Greene	7	35	31
Carey	5	25	33
Ouachita	5	72	28
Dardanelle-Russellville	4	4	38
Buckner	3	9	37
Big Creek	---	---	39
Buckville	---	---	40
Carroll	---	---	41
Centennial	---	---	42
Little Red River	---	---	43
Total	23	4,977	
Total Last Year	26	5,581	

THE TOP 70 CHURCHES IN SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING

DIVISION I		
Church Membership 1-99		
Top 25 (403 Churches)		
1. Trinity	Hope	13
2. Antoine	R. Riv.	18
3. Bethel	Con.	13
4. Swifton	Bl. Riv.	12
5. Brownsville	Carln.	10
6. Pitts	Bl. Riv.	10
7. Emmanuel	B-N	9
8. Temple	Bknr.	9
9. Temple	Calv.	8
10. Altus	Cl. Cr.	8
11. Emanuel	Fau.	6
12. Hopewell	Wh. Riv.	6
13. New Bethel	Fau.	6
14. New Hopewell	S-VB-S	6
15. Oxford	R. Bay	6
16. Antioch	Bar.	5
17. Old Walnut Ridge	Bl. Riv.	5
18. Bethel	R. Riv.	4
19. Mt. Bethel	R. Riv.	4
20. Unity	R. Riv.	4
21. Fairview	R. Riv.	4
22. Hartman	Cl. Cr.	3
23. Shiloh	R. Riv.	3

have been the youth revival and laymen's revival. I think it is really something how these men will pay all their expenses and give all their time to bring the gospel to these people. We had several from Arkansas to come to Hawaii.

"I have truly received a great blessing from this summer, more than I really expected. I pray now

24. Wooster	Fau.	3
25. Mt. Zion	R. Riv.	2
25. Okolona	R. Riv.	2
25. South Side	Fau.	2
25. Trinity	Calv.	2
25. Witt's Chapel	Cur. Riv.	2
25. Zion Hill	R. Bay	2

DIVISION II Church Membership 100-199

Top 20 (332 Churches)		
1. Calvary	Cur. Riv.	36
2. Bee Branch	Fau.	30
3. Faith	Centr.	25
4. Hopewell	Cur. Riv.	25
5. Coy	Carln.	24
6. Glendale	Con.	23
7. Wheatley	Tri-C.	23
8. Alicia	Bl. Riv.	22
9. 1st, Grady	Harm.	20
10. Dennison Street	Pul.	19
11. Oak Grove	Harm.	17
12. Bowman	Mt. Z.	15
13. Sage	R. Bay	14
14. Brush Creek	W-M	13
15. 2nd, Fayetteville	W-M	13
16. Greenfield	Trin.	13
17. Northvale	B-N	12
18. West Side	Hope	11
19. Victory	Lib.	10
20. 1st, Coal Hill	Cl. Crk.	9
20. Pickles Gap	Fau.	9
20. 1st, Tupelo	Calv.	9
20. West View	Greene	9

DIVISION III Church Membership 200-499

Top 15 (290 Churches)		
1. Elmdale	W-M	56
2. Diaz	Bl. Riv.	55
3. Strong	Lib.	48
4. 1st, Ashdown	L. Riv.	42
5. Joyce City	Lib.	42
6. Beech Street	R. Riv.	41
7. Shiloh Memorial	Hope	40
8. Webb City	Cl. Cr.	38
9. 1st, Marshall	S-VB-S	36
10. 1st, Stephens	Lib.	36
11. 1st, Sherwood	N. Pul.	35
12. Martindale	Pul.	33
13. 1st, Decatur	Benton	32
14. Fitzgerald Crossing	Tri-Co.	32
15. Eastview	Hope	29

DIVISION IV Church Membership 500-up

Top 10 (159 Churches)		
1. Grand Ave.	Con.	114
2. 1st, Crossett	Ash.	98
3. Harrisburg	Trin.	86
4. Immanuel	Har.	85
5. 1st, Hope	Hope	81
6. Immanuel	Pul.	77
7. Levy	N. Pul.	73
8. 1st, Mena	Oua.	72
9. 1st, McGehee	Del.	63
10. Walnut Street	Mt. Z.	62

SUMMARY OF BOOK AWARDS ALL CATEGORIES

Category 1-15—Juniors	2,591
Intermediates	1,883
Young People and Adults	16,045
Category 16—Church Administration	35
Category 17—Sunday School	4,977
Category 18—Training Union	1,296
Category 19—Church Music	284
Category 20—W. M. U.	112
Total	27,223
Total Last Year	28,407

that I can share my experiences with others."

Sincerely,
Dale Christian

(Dale Christian, a student at Arkansas State College, is serving in Hawaii as BSU summer missionary.)

The pastor, a truant officer

SOME time ago, two friends and I—one was a pastor—were discussing our work. We were trying to decide what is causing so much unrest and dissatisfaction among church members and pastors. They asked me what I would do if I were a pastor. I said I'd go back to doing it like I used to. On Monday morning my secretary and I went over the Sunday School roll and dropped the ones to be dropped and added the new members. Then, usually, four lists of absentees were typed out. I took the first one, the superintendent got the second one, the third one was cut up and sent to the department superintendents, and the fourth one was sent to the teachers. I led out in contacting the absentees and prospects.

"So you would be a truant officer," said my pastor friend. The more I think on the matter, the more I am inclined to say, "Yes, I'd be a truant officer." What is a truant? The dictionary says, "One who stays away from business, school, etc. without leave; one who shirks his duty." Many Sunday School pupils are absent because of illness, work, and conditions over which they have no control. However, some are absent "without leave."

The truant officer exists, not

CORRECTION

THE Beginner - Primary Music Conference listed in last week's Baptist as Second Church, Hot Springs, should be Park Place Church, Hot Springs. Other locations and dates are correct.

for himself, but for the pupil. What is more important than Bible teachings and preaching the word of God? It is good for the pastor to know why pupils were absent from Sunday School.

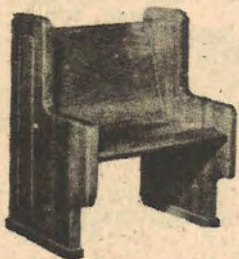
When one is "absent without leave" it indicates a lack of interest, and this becomes dangerous. Many times a pupil like this is dropped, and he is put in the list of one-out-of-240 not enrolled in Sunday School that we win. Really, no one is responsible for him.

Pray, visit and preach. These are the main things for the pastor. Much information and inspiration will be received while visiting. How long has it been since you have worked your Sunday School absentee list? Yours for more souls won.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism



ALVIN C. SHACKLEFORD, technical director in the Texas Baptist Public Relations Office, will be editor of Indiana Baptist, and director of public relations for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. (BP Photo)

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The Bookshelf

Pie in the Sky, by Lois Hamilton Fuller, illustrated by Mel Silverman, Abingdon, 1965, \$3

This book, designed to be read by children, is the story of the experiences of a red-haired boy in the tragedy of the destruction by volcano of the city of Pompeii, A.D. 79. A pirate's treasure adds interest to the story. The book is beautifully illustrated.

Stories From the Bible, by Elaine M. Ward, illustrations by Howard Simon, Abingdon, 1965, \$1.65

Another beautifully illustrated book for children, this is about a little boy and how he learned that the Bible is sometimes a big book, sometimes a little book, that it comes in many sizes and colors and in many languages. But the important thing is, the stories are the same, telling of God's love and his plans for his people. The boy's questions and the answers he receives are interwoven between simple retellings of the stories about well known Bible characters.

Walter Knott, Twentieth Century Pioneer, by Norman Nygaard, Zondervan, 1965

This is the story of the man behind Knott's Berry Farm, the internationally known tourist attraction in Buena Park Calif. It tells how a small berry stand on a country road was parlayed into a fascinating complex of restaurants, western shops, and an authentic ghost town manned today by more than 900 employees.

Communism, Christianity, Democracy, by Surjit Singh, John Knox Press, 1965, \$3

The author shows that Christianity has played a major role in the development of two other competing world outlooks: Marxism-Leninism and Liberal Democracy. Both communism and democracy have become secular "religions" in their respective spheres of influence by displacing Christianity from its central position, contends the author. He says this has happened largely because of the past social irrelevance of Christianity.

A Theology of Christian Experience, by Delbert R. Rose, Bethany Fellowship

This book is divided into three main parts: Part I, which covers the origin and development of the Christian movement in America which is known today as the National Holiness Association. Part II, a biographical study of Rev. Joseph H. Smith, a Methodist minister who was a product of the National Holiness Association and who became its chief expositor-evangelist; and Part III, the theology which Mr. Smith taught for more than 60 years. This theology is representative of the Wesleyan interpretation of the New Testament standard of holiness.

Baptism by stealth

IF the practice and form of baptism seem unimportant to modern Christians it might be well to reflect a moment upon the trouble to which men have gone to carry out the literalness of this ordinance. Oftentimes their lives have been in danger!

A subject of such magnitude can only be mentioned in such a short space. A study of the New Testament period could be made of it. Church history concerning Europe abounds with the sufferings undergone in an effort to establish believers' baptism. Ridicule and sarcasm have been heaped upon those who insisted upon being involved.

But our own nation has seen the dedication and courage of those who accepted the biblical teachings on this subject. In the early days it was not always easy to find one to perform the rite of baptism. Oftentimes ministers or candidates had to travel long distances for this purpose. Sometimes they waited long periods of time. Samuel Harris journeyed 200 miles in Virginia in 1770 to baptize 53 candidates. This was the first baptism many had ever witnessed and they were impressed by what they saw.

Some faced sore trials in their homes. The wife, daughter, and son of a family in Kentucky illustrate this fact. The husband and father opposed Baptists and immersion. Despite this, the three became interested in salvation. The daughter chose to follow the footsteps of her Master but it meant leaving home. She never dared put her foot in her father's house again. He cursed and swore and wished her in hell.

The husband had told his wife he would kill her if she was baptized. She believed him and talked with her minister about it. She wanted baptism. One day when her husband was away from home

she took extra clothes to the minister's home. She related her experience and he and his wife went to a stream nearby and he baptized the woman. Her daughter knew about it but was afraid to attend for fear she would be questioned on the subject. The husband did not learn about it for four years. By then his rage had passed.

The son, a grown man, was con-

verted and sometime later was baptized at night. When the father learned of this he threatened him with his cane and drove him away.

'Jesus must have had something like this in mind when he said, "And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." (Matt. 10:36-7a.)

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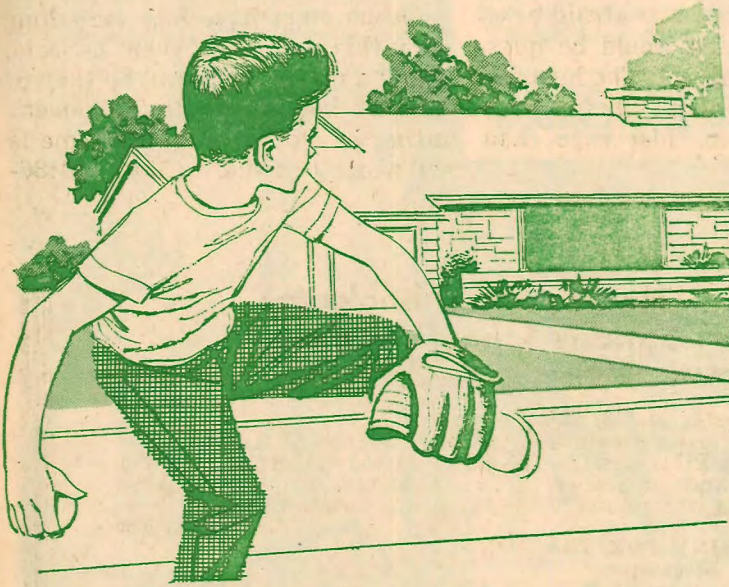


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THE MISTHROWN BALL

BY ENOLA CHAMBERLIN

FRED and Walter were playing "catch" with Walter's ball. They were having a wonderful time. Then Fred threw the ball too hard. It sailed over the fence and landed in the yard of some people who had just moved into the neighborhood. Fred looked at Walter. Walter looked at Fred.

"You'll have to get it," said Walter.

"Why should I get it?" asked Fred.

"Because you threw it over there," replied Walter.

"It's your ball. If you want it, you can get it," Fred told him.

Walter went after the ball. Just as he was picking it up, the neighbor came out the door. He was cross.

"You should be more careful about throwing balls," he said. "You could have broken one of my windows."

"I'm sorry it came into your yard," said Walter.

He really was sorry. He was sorry because he had to come after the ball. He was angry, too. He was angry with Fred, who had thrown the ball and wouldn't go after it. Walter walked right by his friend without speaking and went home.

He was feeling so badly that he dragged his feet as he went into the house. He even held the screen door so it didn't slam. Usually he dashed in happily. Often he let the door slam behind him.

"What's wrong?" asked Mother.

"Fred and I don't like each other anymore," said Walter.

"What happened?" Mother wanted to know.

Walter told her about the ball going over the fence and of the man who had scolded him when he went after it.

"That makes you not like Fred?" asked Mother. "But what makes you think Fred doesn't like you?"

"If he liked me, he would have gone after the ball. He threw it," said Walter.

Mother thought a moment. "Are you happy about what happened?"

Walter shook his head.

"Is Fred happy about it?" asked Mother.

"I don't think so," Walter told her.

"I don't know who is wrong or who is right," said Mother, "but true friends continue to like each other no matter what happens. Why don't you ask God what you should do?"

Walter wasn't sure just what he was to ask God. Yet he had a funny feeling inside. It seemed as though he were being asked a question.

If he had thrown Fred's ball over a fence into a strange man's yard, what would he have done?

Walter wasn't sure of the answer. He might have gone after it, and again he might not. And if he hadn't gone, he would have been just like Fred. Besides, he and Fred were friends, weren't they?

He reached for the telephone and dialed Fred's number. "I'm sorry, Fred," he said when Fred answered.

"I'm sorry, too," replied Fred. "Can we play ball again?"

"Oh, yes," cried Walter. And he dashed out to meet Fred, letting the screen door slam behind him.

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INSTITUTIONS

Occupational Therapist to Set Up Department



Mrs. Helen Loflin, register medical therapist

Mrs. Helen Loflin, registered medical rehabilitation therapist, will join the staff of Arkansas Baptist Hospital September 1 to set up Arkansas Baptist Hospital's first occupational therapy department, which is also a first for the state in private general hospitals.

Although the department is still in the planning stage, the location will be on first floor behind the information and switchboard area. It will include arts and crafts and other activities for long-term and psychiatric patients.

Mrs. Loflin has been with the State Rehabilitation Service at the State Hospital for the past nine years. She is a native of Columbia, Miss., and is a graduate of the Mississippi State College for Women. She studied fashion art and designing at the Fashion Academy in New York City and taught art, interior decorating and clothing construction at the University of Mississippi.

She and her husband, who is now an engineer with the U. S. Corps of Engineers, spent two years in Venezuela. While living there, she helped organize a Sunday School for children of families connected with the Orinoco Steel Company. It has since grown into a church with a full-time minister. Mrs. Loflin is now active in Pulaski Heights Baptist Church.

When Mrs. Loflin returned to Little Rock, she worked for the Little Rock School System for one year and then assumed her position with the Rehabilitation Service. She has worked with patients in arts and crafts, food therapy and homemaking. Mrs. Loflin is a member of the Pulaski Heights Health

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Arkansas Baptist Hospital

Volunteer Hours

The Candystrippers worked a total of 2,152 hours in June and the Jay-V's 86 hours. Adult volunteers totaled 1,027 hours in May and 746 in June when vacations took many of them away.

Candystriper Glee Club



Mrs. Cora Ward, hostess, has directed the Candystriper Glee Club this summer which was organized as an extra activity for the Junior volunteers working throughout the Hospital during their summer vacation. The singers meet each Thursday at noon.

The Future Pediatrics Section



By the end of the year, the Hospital hopes to have pediatrics patients in this remodeled section of fifth floor. It is part of the extensive remodeling work being done on the entire east wing of the Hospital.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST

Fuller Senior Named "Candystriper of Year"



Emma Jean Dixon

Emma Jean Dixon, who is working for her third summer as a Candystriper and who wants to be a nurse, was selected as the Candystriper of the Year and was honored at the junior volunteer picnic held August 12 at Boyle Park, Little Rock.

Emma Jean, a senior at Fuller, hopes to enter the Ouachita School of Nursing at ABH because "it seems like home around here." She will have worked almost 1,000 hours at the end of the summer and has served throughout the Hospital. She likes general floor duty best. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dixon of 68 Shamburger Lane.

Other junior volunteers also received awards for service at the picnic.

Receiving the emblem for their first fifty hours were: Jean Ashley, Carol Barnes, Delores Carlton, Cissy Coleman, Brenda Fields, Anita Hallsell, Mary Hefner, LaVern Jones, Ann Jackson, Linda Lindsey, Ann Nolte, Karen Sewell, Louise Smith, Gloria Singleton, Cindy Woodard, Phyllis Griffin, Cherry Vess, Vicki Dunn, Becky Ciliberti, Donna Ellis, Karen Grant, and Debbie Parsons.

Receiving their 100 hour star were: Sherry Harrison, Sharon Harvey, Libby Heard, Nettie Hickey, Charlotte Kerr, Sandy Lawson, Judy Lewis, Jane Moore, Bonnie Nelson, Roselyn Norwalk, Patricia Reppond, Susan Reynolds, Ann Roachell, Marcia Wagner, Charles Bottoms. Jean Ashley, Bill McIntyre, Bucky Hayes, Vicki Tanner, Robin LeMaster, Phyllis Griffin, and Judy Moore.

The 200 hour star awards were earned by: Rose Fulmore, Mary Matthews, and Anne Shamburger.

The 300 hour star awards were earned by: Linda Bridges, Phyllis Bradley, Jackie Jackson, Norma Muller, Linda Santoro, and Beverly Lilly.

The 400 hour star awards went to:

Ruth Chandler, Anita Middleton, and Marsha Seidenschwarz.

Vicki Baker received an award for 500 hours of service.

Lofton Assumes PR Duties At ABH



Floyd Lofton

Floyd Lofton, formerly associated with the March of Dimes in Texas, Illinois and Missouri, is the new director of public relations for Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

Lofton is a graduate of the University of Texas in business administration and is a native of Malvern. He was a consultant to local chapters on

Practical School To Graduate 23

The Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Practical Nursing will hold its first graduation at 5 p.m. September 5 in the chapel of the Student Union Building.

Dr. Carl Wenger of the Medical Staff will be the chief speaker. W. H. Patterson, assistant Hospital administrator, will preside and Dr. Glenn Burton of the Dental Staff will be soloist.

A reception given by the junior class of student practical nurses will follow the exercises.

The graduating class includes: Marie C. Brown of Magnolia; Eugenia C. Shaw of Los Angeles, Calif.; Ann Boeckman of Marche; Marie L. Miller of New Orleans, La.; Cloyes M. Pittman of North Little Rock; Essie Louise Moton of North Little Rock; Susan Smith of Jacksonville; Bobbie Wright of Little Rock; Loreta Garton of Little Rock; Maedean Johnson of Little Rock; Sandi Sanders of Little Rock; Sondra Bright of Lewisville; Carolyn Rodgers of Baton Rouge, La.; Martha Osborn of Beaumont, Tex.; Irma R. Sands of El Dorado; Geraldine Jones of Little Rock; Regina Harris of Bryant; Linda Griffin of Little Rock; Jessie Johnson of North Little Rock; Mickie Brown of Clinton; Becky Irby of North Little Rock; Betty Outlaw of Watson; and Linda Turner of El Dorado.

public relations programs for the March of Dimes in northern Illinois and in Jefferson City, Mo. He became executive director of the Harris County Chapter of March of Dimes at Houston, Tex., in 1963 and continued in that position until he moved to Little Rock in early 1965. He has been associated with the marketing department of Dow-Smith, Inc., here.

Mother-Daughter Tea



The ABH Auxiliary honored Candystripers and their mothers at a tea on July 21 in the Student Union Building. From left are: Mrs. T. E. Baker, Jr.; her daughter, Candystriper Vicki Baker; Mrs. J. O. Henry serving; and Mrs. Ray Wilson, Auxiliary president.

Straubie Chooses Students Over Lab Career



Miss Juanita Straubie, front center, is shown with a group of her students who served as camp nurses for the Arkansas Baptist Convention at Siloam Springs this summer. Front row, with her, are Nancy Bair and Carolyn Holiman. Back row, Kathy Goodman, Sue Threet, Judy Gibbs and Stella Brooks. The students were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Cutsinger at the Embers July 25 in appreciation of their work at Siloam Springs this summer.

When the right person gets in the right job, the result is nearly always outstandingly impressive. Several hundred former student nurses now scattered across the country and the world would testify that Juanita Craig Straubie in her position as BSU director and now coordinator of student activities is such a person.

It was no accident that Straubie, as she is affectionately known by students, wound up where she is. She thought hard for five or six years about it and then decided to completely switch careers. She has never been sorry.

Miss Straubie started out as a laboratory technician. She attended Little Rock Junior College and St. Vincent Infirmary to study medical technology and became a registered medical technologist with the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. She worked for hospitals and then individual doctors for 19 years. During that time she worked for Dr. Alan Cazort, Dr. M. J. Kilbury, Sr., Dr. S. B. Hinkle, Dr. Clyde Rodgers, Dr. Charles Wickard and Dr. Fletcher Watson.

Through this period she was quite active in First Baptist Church. She was training union director, superintendent of the Intermediate Department in the Sunday School, a Girls' Auxiliary leader and a member of the Young Women's Auxiliary. The desire to enter full-time Christian service began to grow until she finally decided to abandon her medical technology career for a new one.

"I can honestly say that all the training I got for my present position was at First Baptist Church," Miss Straubie said recently. Her practical experience and courses of Bible study which she took there were accepted at

the time in lieu of seminary training. She decided last year, however, to start working toward a college degree when Ouachita Baptist University began offering college courses at Arkansas Baptist Hospital. So far she has completed courses in freshman English, psychology and Christian heritage.

A native of Springfield, Mo., she moved to Tuckerman when quite small and later to Hot Springs. She was a member of the first class to graduate from Central High School at Little Rock. After her father, Walter B. Straubie, died 20 years ago, she and her mother continued to live at 1110 West Markham but following her mother's death this year, she purchased a smaller home at 1016 John Barrow Road.

Miss Straubie gets along so well with the students because she understands them, shares their enthusiasm for whatever they are doing and because she has an unflinching sense of humor. She knows, for instance, that far more important to most students than planning a career is the really serious business of finding a husband. How to have a successful BSU social? Ask boys, says Straubie. She even coined a new slogan for the initials: "Boys, Socials and You."

Although she jokes with the students about their preoccupation with meeting boys and having dates, she points out that many students attending BSU retreats and conferences have indeed met their future husbands, many of whom are now ministers, doctors and missionaries.

Miss Straubie's real concern is to help students, away from home for the first time, keep their lives centered around religious activities. She encourages them to affiliate with the

Drug Store Gets New Manager



Robert Hurd

Robert Hurd will become manager of the Medical Arts Drug Store on September 13, succeeding Flent Ward, who will continue working until his retirement on December 31.

Hurd has worked for the Broadway Hospital and Pharmacy at Shawnee, Okla., for the past 15 years. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Pharmacy and this year received his degree in hospital administration from Oklahoma Baptist at Shawnee. He is married and has four sons ranging in ages from 10 to 15.

church of their choice which includes at present some 10 denominations besides Baptist. Local churches also work closely with her in holding welcoming parties for new students and older students encourage them to join local churches. Several churches have contributed substantial amounts for student nurses to attend BSU conferences outside the state.

Miss Straubie's effectiveness resides in her own deep religious faith which is apparent to students in all their contacts with her. As her job was expanded to cover more student activities, she has had helpers. Right now, Mrs. Beverly Luce, a summer missionary from Louisiana, is assigned to her staff. Evening workers in the Student Union Building are Mrs. Theo Storey who does clerical work; Mrs. Burl Purkiss who is wedding consultant and helps with cooking and sewing; and Mrs. Ann Dunlap who helps with art, posters and music. Terry Lynn, assistant administrator, is chairman of student activities in the area of recreation and Mrs. J. C. Fuller heads the student association and social committee as advisor. Miss Straubie's work involves planning the noon devotions, the student hour, the annual religious emphasis week and countless hours of talking with and encouraging students.

"The big change that I've seen in student groups is their independence. I used to try to do too much for them—now they go ahead and do it themselves," Miss Straubie said.



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You Are Urged to Be Present and to Voice

Your Views on This Complex Question



The pressures from without

BY RHINE MCMURRY*

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

AUGUST 29, 1965

"NEVER underestimate the power of an enemy."

This is good counsel, but many seem to have forgotten we even have an enemy. When conflict comes, there is the tendency to turn it off by saying it is just routine, that it is just life. I am afraid the pressures which come in our lives have not been dealt with as being under the direction of a real, working Devil. Defeat is sure if we "underestimate the power of our enemy."



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During a pause, when the marching stopped for a minute, we saw one man take out a handkerchief and carefully wipe the dust from his patent-leather shoes; then he brushed off the long red plume that waved from his hat. A man standing beside us said, "wonder that would happen to those fellows and their fancy uniforms if they ever got into a scrap?"

Christians are not asked to "put on the whole armor of God" just to march in a parade, but as Vernon Elmore expresses it in *Sunday School Adults*, "the Christian has a fight on his hands. He not only has to contend with the unruly aspects of his own nature but with the evil forces at work in the world. Spiritually speaking, life is not a ball but a battle, not a fiesta but a fight."

Henry Ward Beecher said, "it is not a man's part merely to keep his armor bright and to hang around the edge of the fight. Man was not meant to be an armor-keeper, but to go down into the battle and to use his sword when he gets there."

Directions in the battle

JAMES instructs, "submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you" (James 4:7-8). The direction which must be followed is, while resisting the devil be drawing near to God. A Christian must not dare to resist the Devil without seeking God's assistance. Paul's words in our Scripture passage indicate that God is strong and wants to make His strength available to the believer. God has also provided sufficient armor which the believer is urged to put on completely. We must use every weapon which God has provided.

The armor for the battle: Eph. 6:14-20

SINCE our enemy is so strong we *must* put on God's armor. Dressed in His armor we will be able to stand during the most severe part of Satan's attack. And when the battle is over we will still stand victorious because the armor provided protection and the weapon provided was effective.

Paul mentions six specific pieces of equipment. They are "the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God."

Five of these pieces of armor are defensive or protective in nature. Notice them again: the girdle of genuineness, honesty, and sincerity; the breastplate of righteous deeds (when one is involved in righteous deeds, he does not have time for evil actions); the sandals of readiness (a Christian can keep his footing because of the Gospel of "the peace which passes understanding"); the shield of faith (this involves God's forgiveness; therefore, the flaming criticisms of men do not injure because it is God who has forgiven); the helmet of salvation (the words "take up" shows this to be a gift one receives which guards the center of life.)

The sword of the Spirit is the only offensive weapon mentioned. The Bible is the only reliable Word of God. It is used by the Christian to give answer to those who question the hope that is within him and to bear witness about the joy of his salvation.

The soldier's attitudes: Eph. 6:18-19

THE first attitude is that of prayer. Someone has said, "men praise prayer much more than they practice it." Paul lets the Ephesians know that the attitude of prayer must be used to provide inward strength if the armor of God is to be used properly.

Alertness is the second attitude

The battle: Eph. 6:11-12

FROM last week's lesson we learned of the pressures within, that every Christian is by nature weak and in need of help. This week we must see each Christian confronting a subtle and powerful devil. This battle against Satan and his forces will not be easy. There will be super-human dimensions to this battle.

A few weeks ago, a man walked into my study and said, "I am just out driving, trying to forget my troubles. I've been driving for six hours; I'm a long way from home. I don't know you—you don't know me. I don't have any real explanation why I'm here except I just saw the church and decided to come in. Would you take the time to let me talk my troubles out with you?"

He spent about an hour and a half "unloading;" then said, "I guess I didn't realize the enemy was so powerful and so close—I wasn't prepared for his attack."

Frank S. Meade illustrates my point. He said, "we watched a parade; in its long line were hundreds of men, brilliantly costumed.

mentioned. Paul uses the word "watching" which implies being alert to outward opposition and opportunity.

Humility, then, is taught by Paul as he asks for them to remember him in prayer that he be able to do his work properly. Paul was conscious of impending failure if he attempted to confront Satan in his own power.

Let us not underestimate our enemy and fail to be prepared, for Satan seeks to destroy our effectiveness as God's servants. Christian growth is hindered by pressures from without which are directed by a real Devil.

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A Smile or Two

Money tree

SEEMS that seven - year - old Robert had been receiving an allowance for all of three weeks and was fast becoming aware of the value of money. Out for a walk with his grandmother one day, he spotted a Goodwill Industries truck which proclaimed in bold letters on its side, "Jesus Saves."

"I didn't know," exclaimed the young fiscal expert, "He had a bank account."

Samuel Hood, Hot Springs

Unbeetable

A YOUNG agricultural graduate looked over a farmer's field and attacked his method of cultivation.

"Why, I'd be surprised if you get two tons of beets from that field," the young man said.

"So would I," said the farmer, "that's a potato field."

Missionary kid

AFTER being flower girl in five weddings, nine-year-old Rebecca Whaley, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Whaley, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, is quite wordly-wise. She had hiccups when she left one wedding banquet of 10 courses, 16 pieces of silver, and five wine glasses. "But, Daddy, I didn't drink anything—hic," she explained. "I just ate too much."

\$1 per toe

SMART Alec: "How much are your ten-dollar shoes?"

Alert Clerk: "Five dollars a foot."

Perfect squelch

THE young man, dining in the restaurant, turned around to the pretty girl sitting at the table behind him and said: "Pardon me, but I'm sure I've met you somewhere recently."

"Of course," said the pretty girl. "I go there often."

Attendance Report

Church	August 15, 1965		Ch.
	Sunday School	Training Union	
Beirne First	75	40	
Berryville Freeman Heights	135	51	
Blytheville First	544	163	8
Chapel	69	36	
Camden First	478	120	
Crossett First	514	130	
Mt. Olive	202	86	2
Dumas First	277	64	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	36	30	
Ebenezer	165	77	
First	758	538	6
Immanuel	438	160	
Trinity	221	83	2
Foreman First	167	40	4
Greenwood First	295	120	
Gurdon Beech St.	155	53	
Harrison Eagle Heights	227	98	
Hope First	439	106	1
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	139	87	2
First	466	125	3
Second	277	97	
Jasper	71	46	
Jonesboro Nettleton	243	111	1
Lavaca	255	139	2
Little Rock			
Immanuel	1,053	326	1
Rosedale	260	99	
McGehee First	413	166	1
Chapel	80	60	
Magnolia Central	565	181	
Marked Tree Neiswander	140	77	
Monticello Second	238	94	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	723	208	1
Calvary	381	109	1
Forty-Seventh St.	221	106	3
Grace	113	45	
Gravel Ridge First	186	90	
Runyan Chapel	68	40	
Levy	481	162	6
Park Hill	846	220	3
Sixteenth St.	50	21	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	224	104	1
South Side	635	240	3
Tucker	25	9	
Star City First	230	88	6
Springdale First	428	143	
Texarkana Beech St.	470	137	4
Mission	32		
Van Buren First	456	177	2
Vandervoort First	58	33	
Ward Cocklebur	54	38	
Warren			
First	415	109	
Southside	60	60	
Immanuel	274	83	
Westside	99	55	

It really happened

MR. Conner, who writes the "About Town" column for the Batesville Guard, tells of twin girls aged 10 who often come to him with some sort of puzzle or pun. Recently they asked him what a baldheaded man would say if he were given a comb for a birthday present.

"I don't know. What would he say?" replied Conner.

"He would say, 'I'll never be able to part with this present,'" giggled the girls.—W. B. O'Neal

HEARD about the experimenter who crossed a potato with a sponge? Tastes terrible, but it sure holds a lot of gravy.

Religious News Digest

By Evangelical Press

E. P. Special

'Mother, bid thy daughter . . .'

THE case histories of adoption agencies show that girls who bear children out of wedlock are often victims of their parents' problems and of improper relationships in the home.

Many unwed mothers whom EWA has helped come from homes where one parent—usually the mother—is very domineering. A domineering mother can't accept her femininity and must dominate the home, especially the husband. The daughter then cannot identify with her mother as a feminine person and her father is out on the periphery of things. When Dad is domineering, mother becomes a big sister to the daughter instead of a mother (since both are afraid of him) and the daughter becomes unconsciously hostile toward her mother because of her failure to stand up to the father. She is consciously hostile towards her father but does not recognize her dependence upon him. She lacks a feeling of self-worth; her ego development suffers and she has tremendous unmet affectional needs. Consequently she is apt to read into a friendly relationship with a boy more than he intended. Such a girl can easily become involved sexually and be stunned to discover that the boy is not interested enough or ready to accept responsibility for the deed.

Mothers, you perhaps can have the greatest influence on your daughter. Make your relationship something your daughter will always cherish. Encourage her to bring you her problems. Follow the Saviour closely yourself, so that you can bid your daughter to

In the world of religion

. . . . BIBLE Societies around the world have set a major goal of selecting a single Scripture text acceptable to all Christians. They are seeking "texts and versions less as a Roman Catholic, Protestant, or an Orthodox Bible, and more as a Bible from a common source, translated into all the languages of men." More than 500 translation and revision projects are under way with over 3,000 persons directly engaged in translations.

. . . . The United States Post Office Department will issue a Christmas stamp this year showing a weathervane watercolor reproduction of the Angel Gabriel blowing his trumpet. This is the first religious motif used by the Post Office Department in the four years it has issued Christmas stamps.

. . . . The number of conversions of non-Jews to Reform Judaism in New York has tripled in the last ten years. In the decade under study, the annual number of conversions has risen from 100 to 300. Marriage accounts for 90 percent of the conversions.

. . . . Mexican and United States Methodists will co-operate in a Nationwide Methodist Evangelistic Crusade in Mexico during the summer and fall. Fifty-one Methodists from the United States were scheduled to spend two weeks in Mexico in August to preach, lead visitation evangelism, and train laymen of the 25,000-member Methodist Church of Mexico in evangelism techniques.—The Survey Bulletin

a higher plane than that to which the temptations of this life would lead her.—Adrin C. Sylling, Executive Director, Evangelical Welfare Agency, Whittier, Calif.

A PRAYER of gratitude "for the life and work" of Adlai Stevenson was offered in the U. S. Senate on the day following the death of the U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Senate Chaplain Frederick Brown Harris, retired Methodist clergyman, led the prayer.

A 12-member committee which will draw up plans for an Italian Evangelical Federation has been organized in Rome. Included as ex officio members are Pastor Mario Sbaffi, president of the Federal Council of Italian Evangelical Churches, and Pastor Manfredi Ronchi (Baptist) and Pastor Ermanno Rosten, Council vice presidents. Represented are Methodist, Baptist, Adventist and Apostolic Churches, the Missionary Alliance and the Salvation Army. Two seats have been left open for representatives of the Assemblies of God.

AN armed uprising by other African nations against South Africa appears "inevitable," a leading Negro Baptist clergyman from New York declared recently in Sydney, Australia.

Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, Brook-

lyn pastor active in the U. S. civil rights effort, arrived in Sydney after a four-week preaching tour of African countries, where he said "bitter hostility" exists against South Africa's oppressive racial laws.

YORUBA-speaking Christians throughout the Western Region of Nigeria observed Aug. 1 as "Bible Sunday," marking the 100th anniversary of the translation of the New Testament into their language. More than 1.5 million copies of the Yoruba Bible have been sold since its first printing in 1865. It is one of the few translations done not by missionaries but by one who spoke the native language.

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