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## What's Wrong With the Cooperative Program?

By RALPH A. PHELPS, JR.

President, Ouachita Baptist College

As a preacher boy in college, as a theological student in the seminary, and as a young pastor on the field, I devoted many an hour to discussing the question, "What's wrong with the Cooperative Program?"

My fellow students and I — all of whom considered ourselves quite profound and erudite in our judgment — could orate for hours on the inequities, injustices, and evils of the Cooperative Program as it was being run. We marvelled at how men who had reached such high places of leadership in our Southern Baptist Convention could do such a poor job of running such a big program.

Fortunately, the Lord lets some of us live long enough to outgrow at least a portion of our ignorance, or He lets a wise man try to talk some wisdom into our foolish heads, or he puts us in a place of responsibility where our perspective is entirely different.

I experienced all of these things. First, I became a little older — old enough to be concerned with interests other than my own.

Second, a very wise man and great Christian statesman set me to thinking in terms other than carping criticism. Dr. M. T. Rankin, late secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, shortly before his death met at our request with a small group vitally interested in exploring ways of getting more money into our foreign mission program. After hearing us speak at some length with much heat on the subject of how we were not getting the job of world evangelization done with the Cooperative Program, he replied in a manner I shall never forget.

### How to Improve It?

As I recall his measured words, they were like this: "I would agree with you that the Cooperative Program is not perfect. I, too, can tell you of ways I would like to see it changed. I share with all of you a keen desire to see more money available for missions. But for the life of me, I do not know of a better plan than the Cooperative Program to care for all parts of our mission cause.

"If the Southern Baptist Convention were to say to me today, 'Theron Rankin, you work out a better program than the one we have,

and we will put it into effect tomorrow exactly as you have outlined it,' I do not know of anything to suggest in its place. Until I can think of something better, I am going to support it wholeheartedly."

Ever since that day, I have been trying to think of something better, but as yet I have not succeeded.

A third experience which has helped change my viewpoint has been that of being president of Ouachita Baptist College for a little over two years. In this position, I have seen the Cooperative Program as the very life blood of our own institution as well as of many other vital Convention-Kingdom projects. We could not operate without it. And I have further realized that the Christian college is as vitally related to world missions as an army base at home is related to an expeditionary force overseas; without one, the other would be impossible.

In this position, I have further seen the problems faced by others who head our Baptist institutions. I do not know of a single cause supported by the Cooperative Program, either in the state or on a southwide basis, that is receiving more money than it needs or can spend profitably. I know of a great many causes that need much greater support from the Program but none that needs less.

### Whose Fault—After All

As a result of my own "growing up," I have come to the conclusion that there is only one thing of any consequence wrong with the Cooperative Program: We do not give enough money through it. The fault, therefore, is not with the program but with those of us who fail to support it adequately. If we were to give a larger share of our money to meet the needs of causes outside our local churches into the ends of the earth, the apparent "weaknesses" of the program would disappear. Our mission boards, our seminaries, our colleges, our hospitals, our orphanages, our publications, our commissions, and the many other worthy causes we support will be cared for adequately when we give adequate support to the kingdom's advance through the Cooperative Program.

I cannot think of any better plan, can you?

## Effects of Known Sin

A Devotion by the Editor

"My bones waxed old."

You have heard persons, who were in the grip of malaria or influenza, say, "Every bone in my body aches."

The bones are the framework of the body, as the sills, sleepers, joists, and rafters are the framework of a house. When the framework decays or is destroyed by termites, the structure will collapse.

Thus figuratively speaking, David was saying that the framework of his life was decaying. In his weakened spiritual condition, every storm of temptation or trial caused his life structure to tremble and threaten to fall. In his fear he would try to brace his life by adding another rotting timber, which only added to the menace instead of fortifying him against further danger. So, when there was danger of his sin of adultery being exposed, he added the props of murder and deception.

The salt water worm is to all woodwork and wooden boats in salt water what sin is to human life. This little worm, we are told, so honey-combed one of the most costly ocean piers that it fell before it was three years old.

"Thy hand was heavy upon me," says David. The consciousness of God's displeasure was pressing him down. It was an oppressive suffocating sensation. He was trying to smother his conscience, and was himself being smothered.

There is an Eastern legend to the effect that a magician once gave his prince a wonderful ring studded with priceless gems. But what gave the ring its chief value was, that so long as the prince was doing right the ring was comfortable to wear, but whenever he cherished evil thoughts, or did anything wrong, it suddenly contracted and pressed painfully on his finger.

A living, well trained conscience in the Christian heart will press painfully when one lives in sin.

"For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

"I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah" (Psalms 32:4-5).

Baxter is a forceful preacher, having changed the moral tone of entire communities through his messages.

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## Immersion is Sin, Murder, Writes Critic of Baptists

LONDON, 1656 — (BP) — The practice of baptism by immersion is nothing less than "a heinous sin and murder" and the Baptists are highway murderers who should be restrained by law.

This is the ringing denunciation hurled at Baptists by Richard Baxter, prominent Protestant minister and author, in his latest book, **Plain Scripture Proof of Infants' Church Membership and Baptism.**

"That which is a plain breach of the Sixth Commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill,' is no ordinance of God but a heinous sin," Baxter declares in his scathing criticism. "The magistrates ought to restrain the Baptists and forbid this dangerous practice in order to protect the lives of subjects."

That this is "flat murder," Baxter writes, is a fact which should be obvious to any man with common sense. Dipping people over their heads in cold water is a direct attack on their health and lives, he warns, and is therefore murderous.

"If murder be sin," Baxter concludes, "then dipping in cold water over the head is sin.

Those who would make it men's religion to murder themselves as their duty are not to be tolerated in the commonwealth any more than highway murderers."

Baxter's bitter indictment is but another broadside in the long controversy between Baptists and other denominations over the ordinance of baptism. Baptists insist that church membership is for baptized believers only and that infant baptism is without scriptural support. Other denominations are as out-spoken in their criticism of Baptists for practicing immersion.

Baxter is a leading critic of the Baptists. Ordinarily a man of mild temperament and kindness, he apparently is inflamed by the subject of baptism. He defends infant baptism as vigorously as he attacks Baptist immersion.

As a young man Baxter was a strong conformist but later grew indignant over the practices of the Anglican church. He has openly opposed many of the doctrines of the State Church since identifying himself with nonconformity.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### If I Were Old —

#### Would Maintain An Interest In The Church And Denomination

Many old people complain that they are neglected by their church. When that is the case the church is derelict in its duty and responsibility. When age has taken its toll of one's energy and vitality so that one is unable to take an active part in the organizations of the church and assume responsibilities which in former years one carried, it is, to say the least, thoughtless on the part of the church to neglect such an one. This neglect becomes even more serious when the aged person is a shut-in. There is no justifiable reason for the church to neglect its old people simply because they cannot be active and carry the responsibilities which they once carried.

#### There are Two Sides

However, there is something for the old people to consider which might be responsible, at least in part, for their neglect by the church. When old people begin to live in the past with regard to their church life, when they begin to glorify the program of the church when they were active in its program, and at the same time find fault with the church's present program and activities, they may not expect to receive the same consideration from the church which they think they deserve. When old people do not keep step with the progress of the church, they tend to find fault and to criticize. Perhaps the young pastor does not visit as much as old brother so-and-so used to. Maybe the children and young people are more noisy (because there are more of them) than they used to be. Or perhaps there are too many meetings at the church, and too much eating at the church. The church is supposed to minister to the spiritual life of its members.

I have heard all these complaints and many more from old people who had lost step with the progress of the church program. It is difficult to visit old people who always have a complaint against the church and perhaps against the pastor and the church leaders. One goes away from such a visit with a sense of depression and futility and perhaps with the resolve that it will be a long time before one visits that person again.

However, the old person who, though physically disabled, keeps mentally and spiritually abreast of the progress of the church life and program is not likely to feel neglected. Such a person is far more likely to receive the attention and consideration of the church and often considers the attention shown him or her far more than they deserve.

These two classes, the faultfinding class and the cheerful, interested, and encouraging class, stand out in striking contrast in my experiences as a pastor through the years. I can recall scores and scores of old people who had succumbed to the physical

disabilities of age, but who had kept their spiritual and mental outlook as fresh as the morning dew and as bright as a sunny day. It was a delight to visit with them and my problem and the problem of other church people was in holding our visits to them to the minimum lest we should neglect other important responsibilities for the sheer joy of visiting with these delightful old people.

#### A Pleasant Attitude

I made up my mind long ago as I observed these two classes of old people that if I ever grew old I wanted to be like those old people in the churches where I had been pastor who made it a pleasure and gave me a real lift to visit them.

If I were old I would want my faith to be vigorous and strong, my hope to be bright and promising, my interest in the church and denominational program to be dynamic and up-to-date. I would want to keep informed on the local church program. I would want to rejoice with the increase in the membership of the church; increase in the enrollment and attendance on the organizations of the church; the increase in the financial budget of the church and especially the increase in the Cooperative Program allocation. I would want to read my state Baptist paper in order to keep up with the denominational program. I would want my interest to reach out through my denominational program to the ends of the earth.

There might be things in the local church program and in the denominational program with which I disagreed, but I would not allow my disagreement to be the occasion for losing interest in my church and denomination. I have often disagreed during my ministry with local church programs and with the denominational program, but instead of making such disagreements the occasion for losing interest, I made it the occasion for intensifying my interest in church and denomination.

If I were old I would not bore everyone with my physical ailments and complaints and disabilities. I would be glad to answer inquiries about my health condition, and there will be honest, sincere, solicitous inquiries concerning one's health, but beyond that I would refrain from forever parading my disabilities before all comers.

If I were old I would want to be the kind of person whose company people would enjoy and whose presence would give others encouragement and hope.

May God bless our old people and give them grace to grow old graciously and people will love them.

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#### Short Circuit or Full Power

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Faith in God and the experience of divine worship can fill our minds and personalities

### Vatican Envoy

Again the suggestion is made that the United States should have a diplomatic representative at the Vatican.

Representative Victor L. Anfuso (D.-N.Y.) has charged that the failure of the United States to have a diplomatic representative at the Vatican is a roadblock impeding the efforts of the Roman Catholic Church for world peace.

How absurd can these Catholic congressmen become!

Mr. Anfuso wants to make it appear that world peace depends upon the United States establishing diplomatic representation at the Vatican, saying that it is "imperative" for the United States to establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican "through the immediate appointment of an envoy as a gesture of friendship and because of our desire to promote world peace and greater understanding." He claims that such an appointment "would also enable the Church to undertake mediation for disarmament and peace along the lines advocated in the Pope's Christmas message." The New York lawmaker claims that the Catholic Church is "a major force, spiritually and morally, in the struggle against the evil forces of Communism," and that the Vatican is an important center of information and intelligence about countries and people behind the Iron Curtain.

However, Mr. Anfuso fails to mention this fact, that the strongest Communist parties on the continent of Europe are in Italy and France where the Catholic Church is strongest. It is undoubtedly true that Italy would have fallen to the Communists long ago if it had not been for American influence and dollars.

The American people who love liberty of conscience and freedom of worship and separation of church and state must be alert to these periodic efforts to have the United States government establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican. As well establish diplomatic relations with the World Council of Churches or with the National Council of Churches or with the Southern Baptist Convention of any other Christian body as to establish diplomatic relations with the Roman Catholic Church.

with a surge of power that cannot be attained from any other source. Many ordinary people have lived extraordinary lives because of this. History is full of the remarkable achievements of individuals who had little in themselves but, because of a power flowing through them, they were able to illustrate and transform all life around them. Why does this not happen to more of us? It is because we dam up this power; it has no chance to flow on and do its work. We think only of ourselves and what we want, thus the divine current is stopped. All around us are things God wants to have done: children and young people need dedicated leadership to help them find wholesome living in a complex industrial society; the sick and aged, who may receive medicine for their ailing bodies, languish for friendship and the touch of love and goodwill.

# Kingdom Progress

## Arkansan to Ft. Worth



MRS. HELEN EMMONS

Mrs. Helen Emmons, for the past five and one-half years the educational secretary for Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, has resigned that position and entered Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, to prepare herself for work in the field of elementary education. Prior to her employment with the Little Rock church, Mrs. Emmons served as a secretary in the Religious Education Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

## School of Missions In Mississippi County

By JOHN D. GEARING

Associational Missionary

Mississippi County received one of its greatest blessings in its history during the week of December 4-9, when 36 missionaries, from all parts of the world, told of their experiences in their work for the cause of Christ.

During the evening services in the various churches, the missionaries spoke to 16,362 people. At two rallies that were held, the attendance was 400 and 265. During the daytime, the missionaries spoke in public schools, radio broadcasts, in civic clubs, in W.M.U. meetings, in colleges, G. A. & R. A. meetings, and one of the highlights was a meeting with the Negro churches of Mississippi County to bring the missionary story to them. There were 4 conversions, 5 dedications to special Christian service, and 303 subscriptions taken for the Home Missions magazine and The Commission magazine.

## Pastoral Change

Homer Robertson of Hickman, Kentucky, accepted the pastorate of Eagle Heights Church, Harrison, and moved on the field January 25. He succeeds Hugh Cooper who resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church, Melbourne.

Mr. Cooper was pastor of the Harrison church for four years and led in starting a building fund for the expansion of facilities.

## Pastor's Son Enters Ministry

By MRS. R. H. JONES, Osceola

Robert Herschel Herring, younger son of Dr. Percy F. Herring, pastor of First Church, Osceola, and Mrs. Herring, was licensed to the gospel ministry at the January business meeting of the church.

Robert, a 1955 graduate of Osceola High School, is now a freshman at Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, from which his father was graduated. He is also cheer leader and president of his class. He is active in music circles of his church and school. He attended Baylor University during the summer of 1955.

George Florida, deacon in the Osceola church, in seconding the motion to license young Herring paid tribute to his fine record and integrity, and mentioned the fact that he is the first minister ever to be licensed by the Osceola church in its history of over 100 years.

John Herring, older son of Dr. and Mrs. Herring, is a student in the University of Tennessee Medical School at Memphis.

Robert Herschel has volunteered for foreign mission service when his college and seminary training shall have been completed.

## New Providence Pastor



F. M. ROBINSON

F. M. Robinson recently resigned the pastorate of First Church, Bay, in Mt. Zion Association and assumed the pastoral duties of New Providence Church, Rt 2, Leachville, in Mississippi County Association.

During his three year pastorate at Bay, Mr. Robinson received 80 additions for the church; started a building program for a new educational unit; paid off the indebtedness on the pastor's home; purchased a new piano; and installed a nursery.

## Arkansas Baptist Hospital Has Open House New 137-Bed Wing Dedicated

A four day open house program began at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital Thursday, January 19, and closed Sunday afternoon, January 22. The extended schedule began with a press luncheon Thursday noon, followed by a special tour for newspaper, TV, and radio representatives. The remainder of Thursday was Open House for staff doctors and wives; hospital personnel and families, and a dinner at 6 p.m. for the Board of Trustees and their wives.

Friday noon featured a luncheon for the committee and personnel who raised the money for the new building and its equipment. The luncheon was followed by Open House for that group.

Saturday's luncheon was for the hospital School of Nursing Alumnae, followed by the dedication of the new addition. Open House was held from 2 to 5 for ministers and wives of all denominations.

At 2 p. m. Sunday, tape-cutting ceremonies were observed, followed by Open House for the public.

This gala event marked the opening of the new 137-bed wing of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital to the public, bringing the latest facilities of medical science to the citizens of Arkansas, including a radio-active cobalt machine for the treatment of cancer.

Every room in the new section has a private bath. Each room has piped in oxygen and suction. Pillow speakers for the Muzac system will be used so each patient may adjust the sound as desired. The rooms are equipped with TV aerials. The high-low beds are designed so each bed may be adjusted from hospital height to normal home height, each patient can adjust the head and foot level by using a lever, and each bed has side rails if needed.

There will be a new section for colored patients, which will provide some private rooms, also additional nursery facilities.

Fifth floor, east section, will provide a new addition for children, to include mother and child rooms, and three semi-private children's rooms.

Extensive plans are underway for remodeling the old building. Provision will be made for a doctor's lounge on fourth and fifth, more operating and recovery rooms, the X-ray department enlarged. A pediatrics section will be retained on Five West, including two examining rooms and a play room for children. On fourth floor another delivery room is to be added and the nursery enlarged.

A 26-bed psychiatric unit will be provided in the remodeled second floor.

A new dormitory wing, which houses 100 students, was opened in September. It includes class rooms and faculty offices on the first floor.

The new addition brings the hospital to a 430 bed capacity.

The new wing represents nearly ten years of planning. In 1945 former administrator John Dudley asked the Board of Trustees to consider such an addition. Plans were begun and stopped until 1952 when present administrator, John Gilbreath and the Trustees decided to go ahead with the plans. A fund raising drive had to be instituted, and on July 16, 1954, the groundbreaking ceremonies were held, the first patients were admitted to the new addition on January 9, some 17 months later.

—The Baptist Buzz

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## Bellue to Michigan

Dr. Vernon M. Bellue resigned as pastor of Calvary Church, Batesville, in November to accept the pastorate of Hebron Church, Detroit, Michigan. The church has called C. G. McCalmon, of Crothersville, Indiana, and he has accepted.

### Music Director, Cullendale, First



WM. HUBBARD

William Hubbard is the new director of music and education at First Church, Cullendale. He goes to the Cullendale Church from Woodlawn Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia.

Mr. Hubbard received his B.M. degree from Southeastern Louisiana College in 1949. He then completed one year of work on his masters at Louisiana State University. During the Korean conflict he served for two years as a chaplain's assistant in the Army.

Mrs. Hubbard is the former Patsy Graham Fort Smith. They have two children, Kala 3, and William Ricky 1½.

Harold Coble is pastor of the Cullendale church.

### News From Ouachita

#### \$2000 From Esso

Ouachita College has been given a grant from the Esso Education Foundation, according to Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Ouachita president.

The grant is for \$2000 and was given with no strings attached. Eugene Holman, chairman of the board of Esso, made the announcement.

"This gift is a welcome addition to recent grants which we have received," Dr. Phelps declared. "We are grateful that private industry is increasingly recognizing the place that non-tax-supported schools play in America's educational structure," he stated.

#### Summer School

The tentative schedule of the 1956 Ouachita College summer school session was released by Dr. H. Preston James, acting director of the summer school.

In the first session, to be held June 4 through July 6, there will be 37 courses taught by 19 instructors. The second session, July 9 through August 10, will include 25 courses.

Registration for the first session will be June 4, and July 9 for the second session. Summer commencement will be August 10. Students may receive a maximum of six hours credit per summer session, Dr. James explained.

#### Trustees Elect Officers

The Ouachita College Board of Trustees elected officers at its quarterly meeting re-

### Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Announces Open House

The new \$8,250,000 Madison-East Building of Baptist Memorial Hospital will be formally opened and dedicated the week of February 12, Dr. Frank S. Groner, administrator, announced.

Two nationally known speakers will attend formal opening functions which include a series of open houses and banquets. They are Ray E. Brown, superintendent of the University of Chicago Clinics and president of the American Hospital Association, and Dr. Jack Masur, assistant Surgeon General and chief of the Bureau of Medical Service, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C. Dr. Masur is also vice-president of the American Association of Hospital Consultants and a member of the board of trustees of the American Hospital Association.

There will be a press and radio open house Friday, Feb. 3, with tours of the hospital buildings that afternoon.

Sunday, Feb. 12, there will be an open house at the new hospital for 1,250 Hospital employes and their families. The tour will be preceded by dedication services in the hospital chapel.

Monday, Feb. 13, staff doctors will be honored with a banquet at Hotel Peabody, with Dr. Masur as the speaker. All Mid-South doctors and University of Tennessee College of Medicine students are invited to an open house and hospital tour during the day and evening.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, there will be an open house for nurses especially honoring alumnae of Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.

Wednesday, Feb. 15, will be open house for the general public and donors to the building fund, with all invited to take conducted tours of the new 13-story building.

Thursday, Feb. 16, will be open house again for the general public and donors, with the thousands of "Baptist Babies" — those born at Baptist Hospital — as especially honored guests.

Friday, Feb. 17, there will be a big community banquet at Hotel Peabody, climax of the week's activities. Mr. Brown will be the speaker. Program for the day will include an open house and tour of the new hospital for campaign workers in the drive which raised funds to help make the Madison-East Building possible.

cently, it was announced by Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, president.

Re-elected were J. E. Berry of El Dorado, chairman, and W. P. Jones of Arkadelphia, secretary. R. L. South, North Little Rock, pastor, was elected vice-chairman.

#### Historical Committee

A five-member historical committee was appointed at Ouachita College recently by Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, president.

G. T. Blackmon, associate professor of Religion and Greek, is chairman. Other members are Miss Frances Crawford, registrar; Dr. R. C. Dailey, professor of History; Dr. Orville Yeager, professor of History and Economics and Daniel A. Seager, librarian.

The committee will be charged with preserving all historical materials relative to the college and to aid in the writing of a history of Ouachita.

### Music Director



H. L. ROSENSTENGEL

Harry L. Rosenstengel of Esther, Missouri, has taken up his duties as Music and Education director of First Church, West Memphis.

Mr. Rosenstengel received his education at Flat River Jr. College, and Kirksville College. During World War II he was a Navy musician, and upon receiving his discharge played professionally for two years. He later attended Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Rosenstengel is a well-known singer and trumpeter. He has served as music and educational director of several churches in Missouri. Later he went to Oklahoma City to serve in a similar capacity and from there he went to First Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, where he served for almost three years.

Walter Yeldell is pastor at West Memphis, First Church.

### Subscription Analysis Arkansas Baptist

#### New Budgets:

Immanuel Church, Lansing, Mich., Motor Cities Association, B. J. Ferguson, pastor.

First Church, Pochontas, from club to budget; Current River Association, B. D. Smith, pastor.

Concord Association has 17 budgets, 8 clubs, and 12 with neither.

Conway-Perry Association has three budgets, no clubs, 12 with neither.

Current River has six budgets, four clubs, and ten with neither.

Dardanelle-Russellville has one budget, six clubs, 15 with neither.

Watch for the analysis of the churches of your association in future issues of the Arkansas Baptist. We are publishing the analysis with the hope that it may stimulate other churches to adopt the budget plan of subscriptions to the Arkansas Baptist.

### DeQueen Church In Revival

First Church, DeQueen, had the services of Billy Walker as evangelist and Owen Kersh of Ada, Oklahoma as singer in an eight-day revival meeting ending January 15. There were 27 additions to the church, 19 of whom were received for baptism. Our church was greatly strengthened in every way. We would like to commend these two men of God to the brethren.

—Earl R. Humble, Pastor



## Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

### Bodies of Four Slain Missionaries Located

The bodies of four of a party of five American Protestant missionaries attacked by hostile Auca Indians in the Amazonian jungles some 100 miles southeast of Quito were located by U. S. Air Force searchers flying a helicopter.

Word of the discovery was radioed from the missionaries' base at Shell Mera, a former oil company town at the end of the road from Quito and about 120 miles south-southeast of Quito.

Two American airmen who flew the helicopter to the scene of the attack, the report said, spotted the bodies, one of them headless, in the Curaray River not far from wreckage of the missionaries' plane.

Arrangements were made for a party from Shell Mera to travel overland to the site, some 50 miles northeast of Shell Mera.

Members of the ill-fated mission party were Nate Saint of Huntingdon Valley, Pa.; Edward McCully of Milwaukee, Wis.; Peter Fleming of Seattle, Wash.; James Elliot of Portland, Ore., and Roger Youderian of Billings, Mont.

### Methodist Leader Asks Moratorium On Grumbling

The Rev. Albert Holland, president of the Methodist Church in Ireland, made a public appeal here for "a truce to grumbling in 1956."

He proposed occasional "grumbling services" in the churches to "get all our complaints off our chests."

### Georgia Commission Backs Bill To Confiscate Obscene Material

The Georgia Literature Commission has endorsed a bill that would allow local law enforcement officers to confiscate obscene material.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Chappelle Matthews of Clarke County, would make the solicitor general responsible for deciding whether suspect material could be defined as obscene under the law.

If the seller wished to contest the solicitor general's decision, the issue would be settled by a jury, Mr. Matthews said.

The definition of "obscene," he said, would be the same as in the law setting up the commission: "Any literature offensive to chastity or modesty, exposing or presenting to the mind or view something that purity or decency forbids to be exposed."

James P. Wesberry of Morningside Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., is chairman of the commission, which was set up by the state legislature in 1952 to control the publication and distribution in Georgia of any literature which might be "detrimental to the morals of the citizens of this state."

### Warsaw Commentator Admits Reds Fail in Upbringing of Youth

A top Warsaw Radio commentator says Poland's Communists have produced youth who are "amazingly poor in character and moral fibre."

Wanda Odolska, Communist social affairs expert and a member of the Sejm (parlia-

ment), made the admission in a nationwide broadcast.

She said the Communist press and radio had been campaigning for months against drunkenness, loose morals and hooliganism among Polish youth and even young children.

But despite this campaign, she observed, newspapers everywhere report increased juvenile crime, brawling on the street and outrages against women and children.

### Kentucky Legislature Gets Bill To Ban Indecent Comics

A bill to ban the publication or sale of comic books devoted to "crime, terror, physical torture, brutality or illicit sex" was introduced in the Kentucky House by Rep. John J. Isler of Covington.

It provides a penalty of \$1,000 and a prison sentence of up to a year, or both, for publishing such comics. Their sale to persons under 18 would carry a fine of up to \$500 and a jail sentence of up to six months, or both.

The measure authorizes a Commonwealth's attorney, a county attorney, or any other citizen to file suit to prevent the publication, distribution or sale of comic books prohibited by the bill.

Mr. Isler filed a companion bill that sets a penalty of \$1,000 and six months' imprisonment for any distributor who requires the purchase of illegal comic books as a condition for the purchase of other books or magazines for resale.

### Theological School Enrolment Up 7.7 Per Cent

Opening fall enrolment of men and women in the nation's theological schools showed an increase of 7.7 per cent, Commissioner of Education S. M. Brownell reported. There were 30,965 theological students enrolled last fall as compared with 28,760 at the same time in 1954.

The report also showed that there were 24,728 male theology students in 1955 as against 22,710 the previous year, a gain of 8.9 per cent. Women theology students totalled 6,237 in 1955 as against 6,050 in 1954, an increase of 3.1 per cent.

Total enrolment in all U. S. colleges and universities was more than 3,000,000 for the first time in history.

### Anti-Clerical Group to Seek Repeal of School Aid Laws

The National Committee for Lay Action, an anti-clerical group, announced in Paris it will draft immediately a bill to repeal French laws that provide State aid for church schools.

The group said it also will prepare a bill to revoke a concordat in Alsace-Lorraine that regulates Church-State relations in that area.

The committee's program was supported by Radical, Socialist and Communist candidates in the recent national elections.

Hailing the triumph of the anti-clerical parties in the elections, the Committee urged its supporters to "watch carefully so that the will of the French people is respected from the beginning of the new legislature."

## A Smile or Two



You complain 'cause you have to slop the hogs twice a day. I gotta three times a day.

The best recipe for making food taste like that which your mother used to cook is to walk five miles before dinner.

Salesman: "I've been trying to see you for a week. When may I have an appointment?"

Executive: "Make a date with my secretary."

Salesman: "I did, and we had a swell time, but I want to see you."

An invitation to dinner had been sent to a newly settled physician, and in reply the hostess received a letter so hopelessly scrawled that she was unable to make out whether it was an acceptance or otherwise.

"Take it to the druggist," her husband said. "Druggists can always read doctors' writing, no matter how bad it is."

She did so. After looking at the letter a moment, the druggist went to the rear of his store. In five minutes he returned with a bottle.

"There you are, ma'm," he said, "that will be one dollar."

During vacation, a sophomore wandering along a back-country road found this sign: "You are lost. This is a private road."

Doctor to stout matron: ". . . and no more meals. You're getting enough between meals."

Sign on a highway in Connecticut: "Cross-road ahead, better humor it."

The lawyer was attempting to discredit a witness. "You say," he challenged, "that you came to the city in search of work. I put it to you that there was another, a stronger, motive that brought you here."

"There was," said the witness blandly. "A locomotive."

The six-year-old daughter of a clergyman was sick and was put to bed early. As her mother was about to leave, she called her back. "Mommy, I want to see my daddy."

"No, dear," her mother replied, "your daddy is busy and must not be disturbed."

"But, Mommy," the child persisted, "I want to see my daddy."

The mother again replied, "No, your daddy must not be disturbed."

But the little one came back with even more determination.

"Mommy," she declared, "I am a sick woman, and I want to see my minister."

## News From Baptist Press

### Convention Given Record \$18 Million During 1955

Members of about 30,000 Southern Baptist Convention churches gave \$18,240,455 during 1955 to support missionary, educational, and benevolent work of the Southern Convention, Porter Routh, Convention treasurer, announced in Nashville.

This record-making sum for Convention work is \$1½ million greater than the amount contributed in 1954, Routh continued. These figures do not include contributions for activities of local Baptist churches and state Baptist groups.

Were the local and state contributions figured in also, total contributions would very probably exceed \$300 million, according to Routh. The exact amount of all contributions will be tabulated later.

Fifty-six per cent of the money given last year to support the Southern Baptist Convention (both Cooperative Program and designated gifts are included) went into its world missionary program through the Foreign Mission Board, Routh declared. This agency received \$10,377,575.

Another 17 per cent went to the Home Mission Board which carries on missionary work in the United States, Alaska, Cuba, and the Canal Zone. Its receipts were \$3,172,714.

#### Seminary Contributions

Members of the Convention gave \$2,943,226 to support its five seminaries which train ministers and full-time religious workers.

Routh reported that each of the 25 states in the Convention contributed more to the work of the Convention in 1955 than it did the year before.

One of the newest states in the Convention, Ohio, contributed 207½ per cent more in 1955 than in 1954 — \$12,794 compared with \$6,240. Texas, largest state within the Convention, has the greatest monetary increase from 1954 to 1955 according to Routh, jumping from \$3,769,989 to \$4,173,745.

More than 10 per cent of the Foreign Mission Board funds and more than a fifth of those for the Home Mission Board came in after October 1, when the Convention entered the Advance portion of its annual budget.

During the Advance — which the Convention enters after meeting its regular budget obligations for the year — money received in non-designated, or Cooperative Program, gifts goes only to the two missionary boards.

Advance funds for 1955, a record, provided the Foreign Mission Board with \$1,836,630, and the Home Mission Board with \$612,210.

Secretaries of the two boards said "We are encouraged because Southern Baptists are strengthening a world ministry. Support of the Cooperative Program is vital to sustained advance."

### Gift to Children's Home

Mr. and Mrs. H. Terry Parker, of Jacksonville, Fla., have announced they will begin construction of a \$75,000 addition to Baptist Home for Children early next year. The Home also recently received \$10,000 from Mrs. John H. Pace to build a combination auditorium and gymnasium. Parker is president of the Children's home.

### Caruth Contributes \$17,400

The Caruth Foundation has given Baylor University Hospital \$17,400 to buy scientific equipment to diagnose and treat disease. Five pieces of equipment can be bought with the funds and will be placed in the departments of radiology, pathology, physical medicine, and rehabilitation.

### Couple Gives \$20,000 For Children's Home

A Baptist couple has donated \$20,000 to make it possible for Southern Baptists to have a children's home in Arizona.

The gift is from Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carnes, members of Trinity Southern Baptist Church, Yuma.

State Baptist leaders also said negotiations are being made to receive a gift of 40 acres of land near Phoenix, property which has an estimated value of \$30,000.

The person who offered the land left the way open for the state convention either to use the property itself for the children's home or to sell the property and use the proceeds to buy other land on which to build.

The children's home will open as soon as property and children are available.

### Missouri Association Chooses Two Leaders

The Missouri Baptist General Association (state convention) has elected a new director of promotion and publicity and a new secretary of evangelism.

Lloyd W. Collins, former pastor in the state who has served as director of public relations at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kans., for six years will assume the promotion-publicity post Feb. 1.

A state pastor, Marshall Boroughs, of College St. Baptist Church, Springfield, became secretary of evangelism on Jan. 1.

The two were chosen at the December meeting of the association's executive board.

### New Children's Cottages

Two new \$100,000 cottages have been opened at Oklahoma Baptist Orphans Home, Oklahoma City, bringing the Home's capacity to 215 children. Funds for the two cottages were provided by two Oklahoma families. The Home now has 10 cottages and property valued at \$1½ million, including an 800-acre farm.

### Mission Council Elects L. O. Griffith President

The Missionary Education Council of the L. O. Griffith, Atlanta, director of promotion for the Home Mission Board, president for 1956.

Griffith, formerly vice-president, succeeds Mrs. William McMurry, Birmingham, secretary of the department of missionary fundamentals, Woman's Missionary Union.

Fon Scofield, Richmond, Va., in charge of visual education for the Foreign Mission Board, becomes vice-president. Miss Elizabeth Menshew, also of Richmond and the Foreign Mission Board, has been re-elected secretary.

The council, a voluntary co-operative organization of Southern Baptist agencies for promoting missionary education, chose Birmingham as site for its 1957 session. It will meet there Jan. 3-5.

Council action is not binding on any agency of the Convention. Its actions are suggestions or recommended courses of actions for the agencies to follow in missionary education work.

The council suggested that the Foreign Mission Board adopt the theme "World Evangelism: Overseas" and the Home Mission Board the theme "World Evangelism: At Home" for 1959.

Another suggestion was that specialists who work with intermediates, juniors, and primary-age children prepare guidebooks which can be used by those who write mission study course books for these different age

## Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

**Question:** In World War II I dated a man and when he was ordered over seas we had intimate relations. I have repented of this and believe God has forgiven me.

Now I am going with a man who loves me. Should I tell him of my past sins?

**Answer:** Why would you want to tell him? Do you still feel guilty about your former sins? Do you want to test him to see if he will reject you? Or could it be that you wish to degrade him a little?

If you are the kind of a person who lives in the past, you will not make a good wife anyway. And if he is so childish that he tries to pick your memory pockets, he will make a poor husband. I know that love is normally frank and open, and that some husbands and wives feel the necessity of unearthing all their skeletons. It seems to me that frankness should apply to the present, not to case histories.

But if you ever intend to tell him, do it before you marry him. Men do not like to be surprised. It hurts our vanity.

No, I would not tell him. He might use it against you in a family quarrel, some day. It might worry him or hurt his pride. Some men just cannot stand such information.

If he really loves you, as one adult should another, it would not make much difference. But many men are not capable of such mature love. If you really love him, why saddle him with the memory of your past failures?

If God has forgiven you, forget it. He has.

groups.

Agencies represented at the recent Nashville meeting were the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Baptist Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and Executive Committee.

### WMU Will Confer On Carver School

The Woman's Missionary Union has been asked to send five persons to confer with other Southern Baptist leaders on the operation of Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

The conference will be called by Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City minister serving as chairman of the Carver sub-committee on the Southern Baptist Committee on Theological Education.

The Committee on Theological Education is studying the financial relationship between Carver School and the Convention. The school is in Louisville, Ky.

Hobbs announced two more persons will serve on the Carver sub-committee. They are Forrest Feezor, state secretary for Texas Baptists, and J. S. Bell, Hindman, Ky.

### Furman Makes Contract For \$1,081,428 Library

A contract for construction of a 250,000-volume main library on Furman University's new campus in Greenville, S. C., has been let to Daniel Construction Co., of Greenville, for \$1,081,428, according to Julian H. Scarborough, administrative director of the university.

Preliminary construction is already underway on the new library, which will be the fourth major building on the new campus. It will be about a year before the library is completed.

### Blue Mountain Donation

The Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad has given \$10,000 to Blue Mountain College for capital needs. Blue Mountain community is located on the GM&O line.



## On the Job

C. H. Seaton, new associate in the Brotherhood Department, is on the job and hard at work! Seaton's acquaintance with the state, both its geography, its people and its Baptist leadership, has enabled him to get immediately into his new work without the usual break-in period. Requests for his help in Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador promotion are coming in from all over Arkansas.

We are grateful to God for such a man as Seaton, for his fine cooperative spirit, and for his cheerful willingness to work. He is going to be a decided asset to the Brotherhood Department, and to all the work of our denomination throughout all our great state.

Remember that Seaton is not a state Royal Ambassador Secretary. Instead he is Associate Brotherhood Secretary. And as such he will engage in both Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador program.

Call on him for help in both areas of work!

### New Tract Available

A new tract, "Sensible Steps in Organizing a Brotherhood," is now available in mimeographed form. The tract outlines a definite procedure in setting up a church Brotherhood, and gives detailed consideration to each step.

Two men interviewed the Brotherhood Secretary some time ago, asking him to "locate the trouble" in their Brotherhood. It "wasn't doing much," they said. The Secretary asked about the organization, and found that only a president had been chosen. Then he asked about the work program of the Brotherhood, and found that no such program had been set up. So the trouble was easy to locate. The Brotherhood was not organized for work, and it had no work to do. No wonder it "wasn't doing much!"

One sheet of the new tract is given over to the following emphases and suggestions:

### The Emphases

If your Brotherhood is to be made to function as AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT for enlisting the men of your church in all the work of the church and denomination, SEVEN THINGS MUST BE DONE.

1. The Brotherhood must be completely ORGANIZED, with all necessary officers and committees.

2. The ACTIVITIES PROGRAM must be set up.

3. This Program of Activities (the WORK program of the Brotherhood) must be FED INTO THE ORGANIZATION.

4. Each Brotherhood Officer must be charged with his EXACT DUTIES.

5. Each Committee must be charged with its particular ITEMS OF WORK.

6. The Brotherhood programs to be brought at your regular Brotherhood meetings must be WELL PLANNED, and designed to con-

tribute to the carrying on, carrying out, and carrying through of the Brotherhood WORK PROGRAM.

7. The Executive Committee must meet REGULARLY, to counsel concerning everything about your Brotherhood, and to plan for more effective work in every area of church life.

(Note: Check your Brotherhood CONSTANTLY on these items!)

### (The Suggestions)

1. TIE the programs for your regular Brotherhood Meetings onto the whole Brotherhood WORK PROGRAM.

2. Have an outside speaker only OCCASIONALLY. Utilize YOUR OWN MEN and ALL OF THEM, on your programs.

3. Keep your Brotherhood Meetings ON SCHEDULE. Don't postpone them for any reason. Plan to keep regular Brotherhood Meetings within a 75-MINUTE LIMIT.

4. Do not fall for the "MEET AND EAT" delusion. It is NOT necessary to have a meal when the Brotherhood meets. Instead, some light refreshments may be served AFTER the meeting at a Fellowship Period. "Meet and Eat" Brotherhoods with an outside speaker can easily tie the Brotherhood off OUTSIDE a program OF REAL AND CONTINUING WORK. Watch this!

5. Remember that a Brotherhood exists for the WORK it can do! The work program of the Brotherhood should result in UNDERGIRDING and BUILDING UP the church IN EVERY AREA of its life and work.

6. Keep your Brotherhood SPIRITUAL! A Brotherhood is NOT a civic club brought into the church. Civic clubs may have their place, but their objectives are FAR REMOVED from the ideals of the Brotherhood movement. A Brotherhood is an organization of SPIRITUALLY MINDED MEN banded together to carry through on a program of SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES to produce results that are SPIRITUAL. KEEP YOUR BROTHERHOOD SPIRITUAL!

7. Make your Brotherhood PRODUCE! A live Brotherhood will produce RESULTS that will show forth in the lives OF THE MEN concerned, and which WILL BE FELT in the life of the church and throughout the community.

MAKE YOUR BROTHERHOOD PRODUCE!

(Note: A FEW NIGHTS' STUDY of the Brotherhood Guidebook by your men in a Church Brotherhood Clinic will give the men an ENHANCED PERSPECTIVE of Brotherhood organization and work. Such a Clinic is HEARTILY RECOMMENDED!)

A copy of the tract, "Sensible Steps in Organizing a Brotherhood," will be sent free upon request. Write the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Nelson Tull, Secretary

## Superintendent of Missions Relates Interesting Experiences

"This is the day to turn in your article to the Arkansas Baptist," my secretary stated today as I walked into the office. I began to wonder what to write about. We do not like to just fill up space, but to give some information that will be helpful to our work and an inspiration to the people who are supporting it. There are so many things that I could stress in this article. I could tell about the critical situation we are facing in our Negro Christian Education and the outstanding need for more mission work among the colored people. I could relate some of the experiences which Chaplain Richmond is having in the Boys Industrial School at Pine Bluff; and the conversions witnessed through the ministry of Chaplain Charles Finch at the Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Booneville. I could also tell about the revival meetings in which M. E. Wiles and Jesse Reed are engaged from week to week, as well as the far-reaching program carried on by our associational missionaries and pastor missionaries. But I have decided to tell you about a few little thrills which have come to me as I have traveled over the state and witnessed some fruits of our mission program.

### Pleasant Valley Church

Two weeks ago I was in Little Red River Association speaking to their Workers' Conference. The moderator called the roll of the churches and afterward presented a banner to the church with the largest number present and had traveled the greatest distance. The banner went to Pleasant Valley Church which had 24 in attendance.

I began to recall in my mind the fact that it was this church that was revived through the efforts of a missionary after they had gone several years without any services; and that it was only last May that services were re-established in the church. A pastor was called in the summer, R. E. Fowler with supplementary aid being given out of mission funds.

I also thought about the fact that had it not been for the aid which was given through missions and the work of an associational missionary that this church probably would have still been inactive and the people who were there in that service for the Workers' Conference would probably not have been reached with the gospel message.

### Cord Church

A few days after the above experience, I had the privilege of preaching at the Workers' Conference in Independence Association.

When Cord was announced as the church to receive the banner I began to turn back the pages of memory several years. I recalled that my first revival engagement after accepting the superin-

tendency of missions was with the Cord Church. Stanley Cooper was the missionary in Independence Association, and the church was pastorless. Brother Cooper had helped them in a building program. They had struggled along for many years in trying to get on their feet. Cooper and I worked with them in a week's revival to challenge them to an enlarged program, and helped them in their building plans and future ministry. The meeting proved to be very successful with about 13 for baptism.

When I rose to speak in the Workers' Conference I called attention to the fact that my first revival engagement was in the Cord Church, and I had remembered that experience through the years. Well, at the close of the service, a man came by to speak and said that he was one of the converts in that revival and that now he is a deacon in the church. The church has a pastor, J. C. Montgomery, and is doing a great work. The thought also occurred to me that had it not been for a missionary to serve that church while they were pastorless and to help them in a building program that it might have gone the way that many others have gone.

### And Via Church Bulletins

The mail I get and even the bulletins received often give me a thrill. Here is a bulletin just received from the Oak Grove Church near Paragould. As I read the bulletin I can visualize the little garage in which a few people met to worship as they began services in the Oak Grove community. It was through the efforts of an associational missionary that a Brotherhood revival was sponsored in the community that resulted in establishing a mission which met in a garage until the Methodist church house in the community was purchased through some help from mission funds. Now a church has been organized and are doing an outstanding work. For instance the bulletin gives some highlights of the last quarter which includes October, November, and December, and here are the facts given.

"Our church gave \$50 on the Missionary's Home Offering. We gave \$46.32 on the Orphans Home Offering. We gave \$510 on the new administration building at Southern Baptist College. Our Lottie Moon Foreign Mission offering was \$112. Our total special offerings for outside causes were \$718.32.

Now, don't you feel that \$500 was well spent in helping to get a church established in the Oak Grove community.

Missions Department,  
C. W. Caldwell, Secretary

## Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

### Foreign Mission Board Begins Allocation of Advance Funds

At its January meeting the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$719,933.52 for capital improvements and current operations on overseas mission fields.

The money was part of the \$1,-836,630.83 received from the Advance Section of the Cooperative Program during the closing months of 1955. (Advance funds of the Cooperative Program is that money received after the Southern Baptist Convention's annual budget is reached.)

Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen said: "In 1953 we received \$998,520.73 from these funds. In 1954 we received \$1,-297,123.14. The remarkable increase from \$998,520.73 to \$1,836,-630.83 in two years' time indicates the determination of Southern Baptists to support the Cooperative Program and to make possible a greater world ministry. Every dollar of this money will go for advance in world missions."

The Board had already appropriated \$800,000 of the money, \$600,000 to be applied to the 1956 budget, thereby making advance possible, and \$200,000 to be applied on the headquarters building for the Foreign Mission Board. Appropriations made at the January meeting were from \$900,000 which is to be equally divided among the Board's three general areas of work.

Thirty-five thousand dollars was earmarked to make possible the production and distribution of a motion picture film as a sequel to **Recruits for Christ.**

Dr. Cauthen said \$101,630.83 will be held for recommendations making possible advance steps in evangelism and church development projects on the mission fields as requested by the Missions.

Early reports from the 1955 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are bringing joy and encouragement to the Board. First Church, Augusta, Ga., has reported an offering in excess of \$10,000; First Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., reports that nearly 1,400 people gave \$16,384; Highland Church, Shreveport, La., reports a total of \$24,300; and South Main Church, Houston, Tex., reports an offering of \$30,000.

Dr. Cauthen said another reason for encouragement is that larger provision is being made for foreign missions through the Cooperative Program. The South-wide budget of the Cooperative Program for 1956 includes \$325,-000 more for foreign missions than it did in 1955. The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will recommend to the meeting of the Convention in Kansas City a budget for 1957 in which the amount for foreign missions will be increased \$750,000 beyond 1956.

"As we think of what Southern Baptists are saying to the Foreign Mission Board through this tremendous expression of missionary determination, there is room for thanksgiving and rejoicing," Dr. Cauthen said.

"The highest giving of all is not measured, however, in terms of dollars. It is measured in terms of life and here again we find reason for rejoicing. The personnel department of the Board has in its files the names of more than 3,600 young people who are at some stage in consideration of or preparation for the mission field. The prospects are excellent that in 1956 we will appoint 125 missionaries.

"It is because we believe God is at work that we face the future with confidence and determination."

### 1955 Income

Treasurer Everett L. Deane reports that the Board's total income for 1955 reached an all-time high of \$11,108,268, an increase of more than 9 per cent over 1954.

### Dr. Hill Assumes New Responsibility

Dr. Eugene L. Hill, secretary for missionary education and promotion, outlined some of his aspirations as he presented his first report as a member of the Richmond staff. Among them is the hope that the circulation of **The Commission**, the Board's world mission journal, will reach a half million by 1964, the year in which Baptists will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the organization of the Triennial Baptist Convention.

"I conceive the task of the department of missionary education and promotion to be to inform Southern Baptists of the needs of the world and to inspire them to respond commensurate with the needs and their capacities and resources to meet those needs," Dr. Hill concluded.

### Dr. Sadler Abroad

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, left the States January 5 for an extended trip to Africa and brief stops in the Near East.

He is paving the way for possible entrance into several countries of East Africa. Other projects under study include the possibility of undertaking medical work in the northern part of the Gold Coast, a Bible school for local pastors in Kumasi, a liberal arts college in Nigeria, and a hospital among the Moslems of northern Nigeria.

### Dr. Means to Make Trip

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, is scheduled to leave Richmond January 26 on a trip which will take him to Mexico, Honduras, Costa Rica, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, South Brazil, and Argentina. He is due to return to Richmond about May 4.

## Foundation Directors Meet

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation met in an organization meeting Tuesday, January 17. E. E. Nowlin was chosen chairman, Dewey Moore vice-chairman, and Edward C. Maddox recording secretary. Dr. B. L. Bridges, will continue as Foundation treasurer and custodian of all Foundation funds and other assets. The new investment committee is composed of E. E. Nowlin, C. R. Cole and Dewey Moore, with C. H. Moses as investment advisor. The Investment committee directs the investment of all Foundation funds, hence has a very responsible work to perform in the management of the business of the Baptist Foundation.

Three vacancies of the Foundation Board were reported. One was caused by the resignation of a member who lives so far away and it was so difficult for him to attend meetings he felt that he should not try to serve longer. It was discovered that another member had also been placed on the

Executive Board, and since one can not serve on two boards of the Convention at the same time, he offered his resignation from the Foundation board. A third member is moving from the state, thus leaving his place vacant. These unexpired terms were filled by the board, as authorized by the Foundation charter. The board now has its full membership, composed of the following; E. E. Nowlin, Arkadelphia; Dewey Moore, Helena; Victor Coffman, Fort Smith; C. R. Cole, Magnolia; Fred Carter, Lake City; Edward C. Maddox, Harrisburg; J. K. South-erland, Batesville; and John L. Carter and B. T. Harris, Little Rock.

The Executive Secretary made a full financial report of the Foundation to the Board of Directors. This report will be given in this column in a later issue of the **Arkansas Baptist**, and our readers are asked to watch for this important report.

W. A. Jackson, Secretary

One of the major purposes of his trip is to attend a conference in Rio de Janeiro of representatives from all of the 13 republics of Latin America and two British colonies where Southern Baptists have missionaries. This conference, approved by the Board at its annual meeting in October, will be attended by the presidents of the Missions, field missionaries, representatives of theological education, the administrative staffs of the two international publishing houses, medical doctors, and consultants in religious education.

Dr. Means commented on the meeting: "While the results of this conference cannot be anticipated or predicted, it is our confident expectation that much good will come from the conference."

Dr. Means has received word from Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, director of the Baptist hospital in Asuncion, Paraguay, announcing that the Paraguayan Medical College has officially approved the nursing school conducted by the hospital. It is the first School of Nursing in Paraguay to attain this distinction.

## FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. Judson Blair, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina who are in the States on furlough, have a new address in Fort Worth, Tex. It is 4228 Frazier. Mrs. Blair, formerly Dorothy Rose Sullivan, is a native of Monticello.

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## Missionaries' Addresses

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Kendall, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Indonesia, have left for their field of service, where they may be addressed at Djalan Hegarmanah 41, Bandung, Java, Indonesia. Mrs. Kensall, formerly Katherine Kerr, is a native of Batesville.

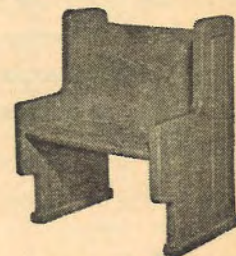
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—Geo. Truett

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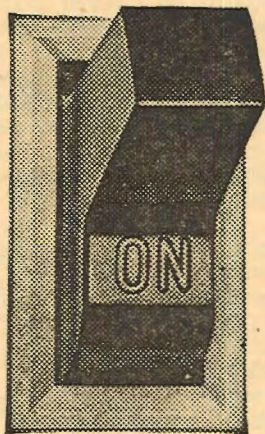
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## Children's Page

### A Surprise For Her Teacher

By LOUISE JEAN WALKER

Muney was an Indian American girl with big, dark eyes and black hair. She had gone to school only a short time.

One day while Muney's mother was combing her daughter's hair, Muney said, "I wish I could take a present to my teacher."

"Why don't you make her a sewing basket?" asked her mother. "I will help you." Muney was pleased. She danced about. "When can we make it, Mother?" she asked eagerly.

"Tomorrow we will go to the swamp. We will look for a black ash tree," answered her mother. "Black ash makes good baskets because the wood splits easily."

The next day Muney and her mother walked to the swamp. They took axes with them. Soon they saw a black ash. They cut the tree down. Then Muney's mother cut off a piece of the tree. She laid it on the ground. With the back of their axes, Muney and her mother began pounding the wood. They pounded the whole length of the piece of wood. They did this over and over again, until the fiber of the wood was loosened. Then the wood was in loose layers. Muney's mother pulled the pieces apart with a sharp knife. Then they took the pieces of wood home.

The next day Muney's mother soaked the wood in warm water. When the wood was wet, more layers loosened. Then Muney's mother showed her daughter how to cut the layers. She cut them with her scissors. They fell in long strips at her feet. Muney chose pink, purple, green, and yellow dyes, like children use to color Easter eggs. Mother dipped the strips in the dyes.

Soon the strips were dry. Then Muney started to weave the basket. She put in strips of purple at the bottom. Then she made a band around the basket. She chose pink, green, yellow, and purple strips for it. Above the colored band, she wove more purple.

Often Muney stopped to look at her work. "Oh, Mother isn't it beautiful!" she cried. "Yes, my little girl is doing her work well," her mother answered. "I'm sure your teacher will like it."

For the handle, Muney used strips of white ash. This wood is strong and tough. She made a plaid design. She fastened the



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handle with sweet grass. She wove the grass throughout the basket. This gave it a sweet smell.

Muney's mother wove a small box out of sweet grass to put inside the sewing basket. The small box would hold the spools of thread. When the small box was finished, Muney put pieces of maple sugar in it. Then she filled the rest of the sewing basket with trailing arbutus.

The next day, Muney took the basket to her teacher. The children hurried to see what Muney had brought. They crowded around their teacher's desk. "Oh Muney, it is beautiful! Did you make it? Please tell us how you did it!"

Muney only smiled. She looked at her teacher.

"Muney," said the teacher, "This is one of the prettiest presents I have ever had."

Muney was pleased. The children liked her present, but best of all the teacher liked it. Muney was glad Mother had taught her how to make a basket.

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### God's Light

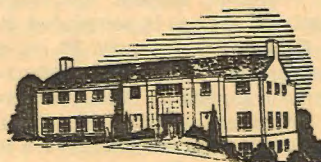
By GLADYS CLEONE CARPENTER

A sea gull, in the dashing spray  
Of ocean, struggles on its way  
Through wet and wind without a  
fear,  
Upward to a brighter atmosphere  
Though troubled seems to be each  
life,  
Cannot we find our way through  
Cannot we rise where the day is  
bright  
Because we sense God's Eternal  
light?

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# God's Concern for Sinners

By BURTON A. MILEY

## Sunday School Lesson

January 29, 1956

Luke 15:1-10

The three-fold parable in Luke 15 is one of the best known in the Bible. Two important lessons are outstanding. One is the deep concern God has for the lost. The second is the spirit of rejoicing when the lost is found. The stories of the sheep and coin form foundation for today's lesson. The story of the Prodigal Son is scheduled for another study. Everyone should be grateful to Luke for placing these stories in his gospel to complete the picture of the compassionate Christ and the longing God. If one is not thoughtful, his conception of God may picture Him as inactive and far removed from the human sphere. These stories prove God to be active; bearing the initiative for, and diligently applying the search until that which is lost is found.

### WHY THE STORIES?

If one wishes to win sinners he must go to where sinners are. The Foreign Mission and Home Mission programs are based upon that premise. Both programs send workers out to where sinners are. The church must realize the operation of this same principle and must send its representatives to sinners. The sinner may be on the avenue or in the alley. He is won only when he is lovingly sought.

The publicans and sinners were an unholy corporation in Jesus' day. Publicans were tax collectors who had bought tax franchise from the Roman government. These in turn collected taxes from the Jews. The Roman government and its representatives were disliked. Any Jew who had aught to do with the Roman government and its tax program was despised, ostracized, looked down upon. "Sinners" were those of the Jewish group who failed to attend the temple services. He did not have to be criminal or viciously immoral to be classed a sinner. Jesus did not hesitate to associate with this kind of people. He was criticized for doing so. The Pharisees and Scribes murmured: "This man receiveth sinners even to the eating with them." One eats with another by choice. The sting of criticism is that Jesus chose the sinners instead of the Pharisees and Scribes, who thought themselves to be upstanding and righteous.

### THE LOST SHEEP

Expression of Jesus' interest in sinners was made by the first story. His association with them was vindicated by His concern. Jesus told of the man who had a hundred sheep. He lost one during the day's activity. He personally entered into a thorough, lasting search for him. There can be no thought but that the shepherd's heart was in that search. He purposed that fruitful search as soon as the other sheep were

safe in the fold. He had persistence to retrace the steps of grazing range. He was unselfish. He did not plead his tiredness or question whether he felt like searching. He was fruitful for he found the sheep. That tireless shepherd represents God working for the lost.

But let us look at the sheep. The sheep had gone astray somewhere during the course of the day. How had he strayed? He had grazed himself apart from the flock. A lush morsel of grass led to another and in course of time the sheep raised his head to find that the flock and shepherd were gone.

Many lose their sense of direction and contact with God in the same manner. They seek a desired acquisition with head down and attention focused upon it. Then they strive for another and over a period of time, they place unrealized distance between themselves and God. When awakened they are shocked to find that they are apart from God.

The shepherd found the sheep and got under the weight to carry it back home. He did not try to lead the sheep. He attempted not to drive it. Though he had put in more time than his job called for, he lifted the weight to his own shoulder and carried the sheep back to the corral. This represents God bearing our infirmities. One is made to realize the prophet of old was not blind when he said: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Is. 53:6). Truly God is a sin-bearing God as well as a sinner-loving God.

The result of the find was joy. It was joy to the shepherd's heart and overflowed from his heart to all the community. Fellow shepherds had part in the joy. How wonderful to have an overflow of joy in the church membership where others catch the note of rejoicing because the lost has been found.

### THE LOST COIN

The sheep was lost because of carelessness. But the coin was inanimate. It could not be blamed with carelessness. It represents the sinner as one unconscious of his lost condition. The woman who owned this coin along with nine others was not a wealthy woman. Jesus might have been thinking of the home in Nazareth where He had been brought up. There pennies had to be pinched to make a go. The value of the coin was very little; 17 cents. This was half of

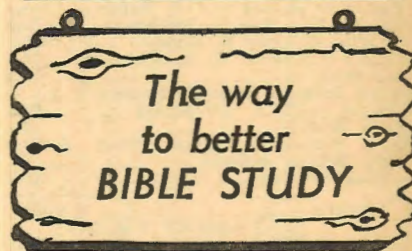
the temple tax for an adult male, but a tenth of all the woman possessed. The ten could have represented her life's savings or her head dress. The symbolism of the head dress would have been broken by the loss and the woman would have been in deep embarrassment. The woman inaugurated a search. Her house had few if any windows. She took a candle and broom and went from front to back peering in corners, turning up mats, sweeping until the coin was found. The persistency of her search bore fruit and reward.

The first story pictures God under the figure of the shepherd bearing his sheep's infirmities. The second story projects the searching God under the figure of the woman. Christ Jesus "came to seek and to save that which was lost." How grateful should one be for the concern that God has for sinners? It has touched the heart flame of many men and caused them to lift eyes to a new horizon and to build greater hopes within their breasts. Every man has a desire for God within his soul. Many times that desire is banked by all of the selfishness, worries and pursuits of the carnal life. Other times that desire is tampered with until it seemingly is dissipated. God can reach into the life and fan the desire by calling the best from one that seems so far removed. Was not that his goal for the Pharisees and Scribes?

### PRACTICAL LESSONS

He went where they were. Each story teaches this lesson. The Finding, Redeeming One went where the lost ones were. It is the only method of redemption. The Pharisees gathered their robes about them to avoid contamination from the ungodly. They forfeited their opportunity to help them. They scorned and caused others to scoff. Jesus went into the midst of sinners and won them. Let the church and individual Christians learn this lesson well.

Lost condition is horrible. The sinner, represented by the sheep, never intended to get lost, but he did. The coin was unconscious of its lost condition, but it was lost. Therefore, whether one grazes away from God or slips, he is lost.



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(This statement does not include receipts for Ministers Retirement Fund)

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Churches and Pastors	Cooperative Program	Designated	Churches and Pastors	Cooperative Program	Designated	Churches and Pastors	Cooperative Program	Designated
<b>ARKANSAS VALLEY</b>								
Barton — James B. Kemper	\$ 72.95	\$ —	Rogers, Immanuel — Ellis Tiffany	169.70	87.25	Denton — Harmon Allen	22.00	
Beck Memorial — James Thompson			Rogers, Sunnyside — Ray Galyean	231.57		Fellowship — Warner W. Kersh	80.90	
Brickey — B. F. McDonald	44.00		Siloam Springs, 1st — Oster R. Daniels	1,857.54		Friendship — Walter Magouyrk	15.00	
Brinkley — H. L. Lipford	750.00		Siloam Springs, Harvard Ave. — Jerry Hopkins	183.47		Hartford, First — Harold Plunkett	152.11	
Clarendon — L. Y. Lewis	100.00		Sugar Creek — Ramon Bailey	12.62		Haw Creek — Robert Wood	41.94	
Corder's Chapel — Charles Ledbetter			Sulphur Springs — Loyd Jeffers	55.00		Hon — Jess Cartwright		
Elaine — Nelson Greenleaf	766.20	38.01	Twelve Corners — John Lawson	12.00		Huntington — Charles Whedbee	140.91	
Friendship — Bob Eubanks			TOTALS	\$6,802.31	\$559.67	Ione — John E. Evans	23.60	
Helena, First — Rel Gray	3,205.06	687.94				James Fork — Lawrence Coughman	132.11	
Hughes — W. D. Wallace	650.00	484.45	<b>BIG CREEK</b>			Long Ridge — Walter Magouyrk		
Lambrook — Charley Davis	45.00	66.64	County Line — Elizabeth	6.00		Lucas — Mansfield, First		
Lexa — J. D. Rains	125.00	5.50	Elizabeth — S. T. Wells	7.00	28.52	James Walker	735.27	47.03
Marianna — D. Hoyle Halre	1,500.00	161.10	Enterprise — Flora			Midland — Loren Aimes	59.40	
Marvell — H. W. Ryan	96.72		Flora — Gum Springs	16.88	3.07	Mt. Gilead — John Staggs		
Mexican Baptist — E. G. Gonzales			Hardy — Ivan Davis	87.00		New Home — W. J. Nance		
Monroe — John Collins		32.19	Mammoth Springs — W. A. Moody			New Providence		
Moro — John Collins		32.19	Mt. Calm — Mt. Zion	15.00		Parks — G. P. Gholson	26.19	
Northside, Helena — J. D. Baker			Saddle — W. A. Moody			Pilot View — Elton Pennington		
Old Town — Tom S. Cowden	30.00		Salem — H. D. Bennett	30.00		Pleasant Grove No. 2 — John E. Evans	10.00	
Oneida — James B. Kemper	20.00		Spring River — Ben Meeks			Pleasant Grove No. 3 — Poteau		5.00
Petty's Chapel — W. A. Ginn	15.00		Viola — H. Graham Roberts	10.00		Rock Creek — Jim L. Nables	34.80	
Rehobeth — Snow Lake	14.00	20.31	TOTALS	\$171.88	\$31.59	Salem — Shiloh	8.82	8.50
Turner — B. F. McDonald	68.21	107.62	<b>BLACK RIVER</b>			Union Hope — Unity		
Twin Bridges — West Helena	2,000.00	148.30	Alicia — Charles Gray			Waldron, First — W. V. Philliber		
West Helena — Wilson Deese	45.00		Banks — Black Rock	37.50		West Hartford — Warren Leonard	60.00	
Paul Pearson			Clear Springs — N. K. Davis			TOTALS	\$3,696.38	\$79.66
TOTALS	\$ 9,559.14	\$1,752.06	Clover Bend — Lehman Smelser		12.00			
			College City — John E. Steeley	353.28		<b>BUCKVILLE</b>		
<b>ASHLEY COUNTY</b>			Diaz — James Marlair	77.80		Cedar Glades — Homer Speer	8.10	
Calvary — Cecil Avery	34.52	57.42	Grubbs — T. H. Reeves	5.00		Concord — Henry Frazier		
Corinth "A" — R. L. Smith	1,962.00	36.21	Horseshoe — Hoxie	92.80		Little Country Church — Roy Murders		
Crossett — Clyde Jones	26.55		Imboden — Earl Selby	64.29		Mt. Tabor — Mt. Valley	31.80	
Eden — Fellowship			Immanuel, Newport — James O. Melton			Mt. Valley — Joe Anderson	15.80	
Fountain Hill — Clarence Allison	214.97		Jacksonport — Murphy's Corner			Prairie Grove — Rock Springs		
Hamburg, First — E. E. Griever	1,200.00	245.80	Roger Criner			Homer Speer	31.04	10.7
Jarvis Chapel — S. E. Powell	18.00		New Hope No. 1 — Maurice Jones	25.23	17.64	TOTALS	\$86.74	\$10.75
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Meridian — Mt. Olive No. 1			Old Walnut Ridge — R. O. Pittman	18.00		Amity — Richard E. Walker	45.00	
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Mt. Zion — H. I. McLeod	10.00		Pitts — W. A. Mink			Caddo Gap	10.00	
North Crossett — Kemuel K. Corkern	162.51	41.15	Pleasant Grove — Simon O. Norris			Glenwood — J. V. Chandler	100.91	2.90
Sardis — Wayne Givens			Pleasant Valley — Ravenden Sp	22.10		Liberty — Doyle Echols	5.00	
Shiloh — Earl Montgolf	36.86		Sedgwick — Howard Williams	36.10	16.37	Little Hope — Arthur Beshears	5.00	
Temple — J. W. Buckner	398.93		Smithville — Maurice Jones	40.95	38.75	Mount Gilead — J. O. Perkison		
Unity — Antioch			Swifton — R. O. Pittman			Mt. Home — Mount Ida	75.00	
TOTALS	\$4,518.73	\$448.28	Tuckerman — Byron King	150.00	132.60	Norman — John E. Byrd	153.87	37.45
			Walnut Ridge — D. B. Westmoreland	525.00	2.10	Oak Grove — Oden	4.25	
<b>BARTHOLOMEW</b>			White Oak — A. O. Collier			Pine Ridge — M. L. Wallace	156.20	94.15
Antioch — Gilford Brassell	16.50		Miscellaneous	100.00		Pleasant Grove — C. H. Moore	3.35	
Beulah — Cominto			TOTALS	\$2,010.20	\$240.16	Pleasant Valley — Refuge		
Cominto — Wayne Givens			<b>BOONE COUNTY</b>			Sam Sherman	49.59	53.96
Corinth "B" — Vesta White			Alpena — Charles A. McNabb	75.00		TOTALS	\$634.17	\$188.46
Eagle Lake — E. L. Johnson			Batavia — S. W. Wilkerson	30.00				
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Florence — R. C. Creed	8.00		Burlington — Perry Fitchue	82.04	70.00	Calvary — Garland Anderson	428.28	
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Union Hill — Kermit Early	25.00		Valley Springs	9.50		Tulip — Sid Goza	6.91	
Warren, First — Gerald W. Trussell	1,950.00		TOTALS	\$1,889.65	\$466.68	TOTALS	\$5,348.40	\$145.50
Wilmar — Joe Warbington	85.43		<b>BUCKNER</b>			<b>CAROLINE</b>		
TOTALS	\$4,802.42	\$9.50	Abbott — E. C. Egbert	22.57		Austin Station — O. L. Justice	12.00	17.00
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Pleasant Hill — Arnold Combs	13.00	16.00						
Rogers, First — E. M. Skinner	780.59	3.00						

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				<b>ROCKY BAYOU</b>		
Saginaw				Belvue — Shaw Griffin	39.96	11.33
St. Clair Shores — Hubert Keefer	30.52			Calico — Charles Duncan	58.02	
Samaritan — Robert Junnert	33.00			Evening Shade — Homer Shirley	24.40	
Sharon — J. M. Moore	66.99			Finley Creek — Porter Cowley	18.00	25.50
Solid Rock				Franklin	1.95	
South Lyons	15.00			Gulon — G. M. Roberts	12.00	
South Shores — V. L. Overturf	20.91			Lone Star		
Spring St. — Royal Martin	51.33			Melbourne — Hugh Cooper	120.00	75.00
Third Street — L. G. Hall	40.92			Mt. Pleasant — G. M. Roberts	6.00	
Unity — Chester Cole	42.57			Oxford — J. W. Shields	15.00	
Wallis Street				Sage	40.00	28.27
Woodmere — Gordon Bachus	48.78			Saints Rest — Joe Staggs		
Wyandotte	22.22			Sidney — Homer Shirley	38.26	6.58
Ypsilanti — Sam Cathey	52.53			Wiseman	20.00	
				Zion Light — Vestal Dean		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,590.86</b>			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$393.59</b>	<b>\$146.68</b>
				<b>STONE-VAN BUREN-SEARCY</b>		
				<b>TRI-COUNTY</b>		
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Bethabara	24.00			Barton's Chapel — J. T. McGill		
Black Oak — Hal Gallop	387.90			Beck Spur — Ben Rowell	20.00	
Bono — M. L. Taylor				Burnt Cane	3.85	
Bowman — Winston Foster	6.00			Calvary — Russell Clubb	450.41	
Brookland — Dennis R. Hale	60.50			Cherry Valley — Curtis Downs	112.17	132.44
Buffalo Chapel — Bryan Spence	33.95			Crawfordsville — Cordia Reynaud	233.20	
Caraway — Tom Knight				Earle — C. M. Savage	700.00	350.00
Cash	51.79			Fair Oaks — Edward R. Black	45.01	
Central, Jonesboro — R. Wilbur Herring	1,291.48			Faith — W. A. McKay		
Dixie — Hal Gallop, Jr.	23.38			Fitzgerald Crossing		
Egypt	30.00			Forrest City — T. K. Rucker	1,078.92	413.02
Fisher St. — Selbert Haley	300.00	84.41		Fortune — Doyle Lamb		
Friendly Hope — R. L. Williams	79.35			Friendship — A. L. Archer		
Hickory Ridge	3.86			Gladden — E. G. Waddell		
Jonesboro, 1st — C. Z. Holland	3,150.00			Grace, West Memphis — T. D. Douglas	125.00	
Lake City — James Birkhead	2,612.00	257.14		Harris Chapel	60.00	
Lunford — Forrest D. Bynum	69.18			Hulbert — Edward F. Connelly	100.00	
Monette — Ray Nelson	234.66			Hydrick	6.00	
Mt. Pisgah — George Fletcher				Jericho — A. G. Anderson		
Mt. Zion — T. H. Richardson	300.00	23.00		Liberty		
Nettleton — R. D. Harrington	205.96	126.33		Madison — Jessie Hodges	15.00	15.00
New Antloch	24.00			Marion — Freeman McMenis	288.11	
New Hope, Black Oak — Darrell Ball	12.00	23.30		Mays Chapel — W. L. Thatcher	9.00	
New Hope, Jonesboro — Guy Whitney	22.00			Mt. Pisgah — Palestine	5.00	28.76
Philadelphia — Glen Giles	145.44	61.86		Parkin — Ray Y. Langley	600.00	139.39
Rowes Chapel — Bill Holcomb				Plantation — William Taylor		
Strawfloor — Oliver S. Conley	24.00			Riverside — W. M. Thompson	5.00	
Walnut Street, Jonesboro — Douglas Scrivener	1,170.00			Shell Lake — S. J. Meador	19.50	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,297.45</b>	<b>\$576.04</b>		Tilton — Lewis Bankster		
				<b>RED RIVER</b>		
Cassville — A. W. Psalmonds	17.81			Togo — E. T. Heathscott	20.00	
Deer — A. W. Psalmonds	12.00			Turrell — J. T. Midkiff	76.18	32.13
Jasper — Lowell Wright	93.26			Vandale	22.00	
Parthenon — Lowell Wright	43.58			Wallen Chapel — Dale Worley		
Walnut Grove —	36.00	9.11		West Memphis — Walter Yeldel	2,621.94	72.43
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$202.65</b>	<b>\$9.11</b>		West Side — Allen Van Horn	12.00	
				<b>TRINITY</b>		
				<b>OUACHITA</b>		
Acorn — Karl McClendon	12.00			Anderson Tulley — J. H. Wright		
Bethel — C. S. Anderson		3.00		Bethel	9.00	
Board Camp	45.00			Black Oak — Jim Brock		
Cherry Hill	54.50	53.12		Corners Chapel — Hoyt Jernigan	22.54	23.71
Concord — Mark Roberts	10.00			East Side, Trumann — Thomas Ray	22.92	
Cove — Harmon Allen	29.63			Faith — J. E. Jackson	8.00	
Dallas Ave. — Tom Dove	183.73			Fisher — G. W. Boyd	25.00	
Gillham — J. M. Holman	50.00			Freer — Frank Durham		
Grannis — John Eason	105.06	84.50		Greenfield — J. C. Mitchell, Jr.	74.00	
Hatfield	34.07	33.01		Harrisburg — L. H. Davis	644.37	
Hatton — D. Albert Birge	20.00			Lebanon — A. M. Houston	38.76	
Lower Big Fork — W. J. Barnett	30.00			Lepanto — R. B. Crotts	435.11	
Mena, 1st	1,184.40			Maple Grove — Moran Burge		
New Hope — Joe Stewart				Marked Tree — D. Bernard Beasley	479.42	480.07
Salem — M. L. Wallis	3.00			Neals Chapel	11.29	18.23
Two Mile — Staton Posey	5.19			Neiswander — Bobby Crabb		
Vandervoort — Harmon Allen	42.02			Pleasant Grove — A. M. Houston	71.54	
Wickes — J. M. Holman	67.67	48.05		Pleasant Hill — Carl Hodges	56.09	
Yocana — Mark Roberts	7.50			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,767.10</b>	<b>\$1,581.17</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,883.77</b>	<b>\$221.68</b>				
				<b>PULASKI</b>		
Alexander — W. D. Lewis	71.57	38.63				
Amboy — Arnold Teel	968.95					
Baptist Tabernacle						
Vernon Yarborough	3,541.12	7.46				
Baring Cross — David Garland	4,880.62	249.99				
Bellvue — L. M. Sipes						
Bethany — L. G. Miller	127.36					
Bethel — Don Sterling	5.00					
Broadmoor — Wesley Pruden						
Calvary, Little Rock						
Riley Munday	834.83	52.60				
Calvary, Rose City	592.46					
Capitol Hill						
C. S. Maynard		53.76				
Dixie Heights — R. W. Bishop	150.17	30.00				
Central, NLR						
C. Gordon Bayless	675.00					
Concord, First — W. T. Wadley	101.27					
Crystal Hill — Marion Grubbs	45.00					
Crystal Chapel — Lee Lewis	91.59	18.51				
Davis Chapel — Bernard Ford	45.00					
Douglasville — R. F. Weeks						
East End — George Fox	100.00					
Estes Chapel — K. A. Robinson	6.00					
Forty Seventh St. — Eugene Ryan	286.52					
Friendship — Bill Sawyer	193.48	58.00				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$4,054.15</b>	<b>845.98</b>				

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Churches and Pastors	Cooperative Program	Designated
Pleasant Valley — James Whitlock	12.00	—
Red Oak — William E. Piercey	10.00	4.00
Rivervale — Elmer McCall	10.00	—
Shiloh — South McCormick	9.51	—
Spear Lake — Carl Appling	24.06	—
Trumann — J. M. Basinger	340.00	20.00
Tyronza — Earl C. Edwards	1,897.68	91.85
Valley View — T. J. Richard	60.00	9.13
Waldenburg — Weiner — Waif Hamilton	67.80	55.74
West Ridge — Frank Bumpas	—	—
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$4,329.09</b>	<b>\$802.73</b>
<b>WASHINGTON-MADISON</b>		
Berry Street — Guy Hopper	80.00	—
Bethel, Fayetteville — Al Felts	—	—
Black Oak — O. E. Wright	36.00	—
Brush Creek — Elesha Holland	60.00	—
Caudle Avenue — James W. Benton	225.00	124.15
Elkins — A. L. Leake	15.00	—
Farmington — Ewell Logue	130.33	—
Fayetteville, 1st — Andrew Hall	3,133.32	—
Fayetteville, 2nd — Hubert Hodges	57.51	—
Friendship — Norman V. Drake	20.71	—
Hindsville — D. W. Alderson	11.73	—
Huntsville — R. W. Jones	41.46	25.12
Immanuel, Fayetteville — G. W. Morrison	10.00	—
Johnson — Oakley Long	66.94	—
Liberty — J. Albert Kahler	102.74	65.00
Lincoln — Jesse Coleman	179.00	69.22
Ogden —	7.75	10.00
Prairie Grove — R. A. Collier	20.00	—
Providence — Walter Jesser	258.79	160.93
Springdale — Burton A. Miley	3,000.00	2.58
Senora — Winfred Bunyard	4.00	—
Spring Valley —	28.81	—
Sulphur City — Jack Taylor	40.00	25.85
University, Fayetteville — Walter Johnson	876.88	139.71
West Fork —	45.00	—
Winslow — Robert Vaughan	165.83	—
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$8,616.80</b>	<b>\$622.56</b>
<b>WHITE COUNTY</b>		
Antioch — J. R. Pruitt	6.00	—
Beebe — Reese Howard	225.00	100.00
Bethany, Georgetown — Dub Black	—	—
Central, Bald Knob — Bill Lewis	336.38	—
Crosby — H. M. Williams	24.00	—
El Paso —	90.94	—
Griffithville —	37.50	—
Harris Chapel —	—	—
Higginson — Paul Lewis	5.00	—
Holly Grove —	7.50	—
Judsonia — W. R. Woodell	337.50	—
Kensett — Tommie Hinson	122.69	—
Liberty, Walker —	12.65	—
Liberty Hill —	—	—
McRae — Charles Trammell	100.00	20.37
Midway — A. L. Pate	10.00	—
Morrow — J. B. Howard	—	—
Mt. Hebron — Earl Altom	20.00	—
Mt. Sidon — Ernest Anderson	20.00	—
Pangburn — Don Wright	30.00	—
Pleasant Valley — J. G. Holmes	15.00	—
Rescue —	7.50	—
Rocky Point — J. R. Pruitt	12.00	—
Rose Bud —	21.00	—
Royal Hill —	—	10.00
Searcy — W. R. Vestal	1,278.44	—
Searcy, 2nd — Allen McCurry	45.00	38.90
Smyrna — J. G. Holmes	—	—
Union Valley —	9.00	—
West Point — Joel Moody	—	—
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,773.10</b>	<b>\$169.27</b>
<b>WHITE RIVER</b>		
Antioch — Glen Hicks	5.00	—
Cotter — M. E. Dark	224.00	13.62
East Cotter — R. V. Carroll	9.00	—
Flippin — P. O. Harrington	167.74	74.59
Gassville — T. G. Monroe	12.00	—
Hopewell — Troy Melton	5.54	—
Mountain Home — Harold Presley	416.53	36.81
New Hope —	—	—
Norfolk — O. I. Ford	22.50	—
Oakland — R. V. Carroll	—	—
Pilgrims' Rest — Otha McCracken	36.00	—
Pleasant Hill, Ray Dunn	40.00	—
Whiteville, Otha McCracken	60.00	23.26
Yellville — Curtis Bryant	93.30	—
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,091.61</b>	<b>\$148.28</b>
<b>WOODRUFF</b>		
Augusta — Thomas E. Lindley	525.00	—
Cotton Plant — Sidney Holcomb	619.62	92.23
Good Hope —	5.62	—

**TV Films Mark Important Step Forward**

By The Baptist Press

So far, only Southern Baptist Convention leaders and a few "test" audiences have seen them, but films are now being prepared by the Convention's Radio and Television Commission mark an important step forward for the denomination.

These films, available also in black and white, will make Southern Baptists the only denomination presenting TV color programs.

The first series of six films — based on New Testament parables — will be released for television showings on April 1. So far, Commission Director Paul Stevens says 56 stations have asked for them and are willing to present them on "sustaining time," that is, non-commercial time for which the stations receive no pay.

The Commission will furnish the films to television stations without charge, and also will pay for delivery to the stations and return to the Commission after being shown.

The half-hour programs are of great importance since they will reach many people in the free and easy atmosphere of the home, people who, you might say, "never darken the door of a church."

The television trade describes this as a "non-captive" audience. In other words, they have the liberty of turning the dial to another television channel or turning off the set completely. Also they can leave the set on but pay little attention to what it presents.

A church audience, on the other hand, is a "captive" audience. For reverence or good manners, this audience does not move around during the service. It seldom has outside distractions which may occur frequently in a home, nor can the church audience switch the dial to another channel.

**Based on Parables**

The Radio and Television Commission's films on the parables of Jesus are necessarily planned for a "non-captive" audience and the Commission must consider the devices it needs to hold the attention of this group of people.

One of the six films, for instance, is entitled "The Rich Fool." It's based on the rich fool Jesus described in Luke 12:16-20. This fool, you remember, was so prosperous that he found he must build new barns to hold his fruits and goods. But he was so selfish and irreligious, that he ignored God and dedicated himself to a life of self-indulgence made possible by his vast riches.

It was that night, Jesus said, that God

required the rich fool's soul and demanded to know to whom all these fruits and goods would belong afterward.

The plot of the television film portrays a modern-day family (all the Commission's television releases will be aimed at family audiences) in which the father has amassed great wealth and plans to expand his production.

The father, resembling so greatly the rich fool Jesus pictured, finds himself "sick" but the doctor can find no physical basis for his "sickness," and suggests the father read this Bible parable of the rich fool. This, the doctor says, might furnish a clue as to the rich man's "sickness."

The father scorns the doctor's advice to read the parable. At the same time, he tries to interest his son in taking over management of the factory so he — the rich fool — can settle back and enjoy things. To his surprise, neither his son, nor son-in-law, wants to accept the business on the father's terms — that business come before family, civic responsibility, and spiritual needs. The daughter even frankly tells her father his own family calls the factory a "monster."

The 20th century rich fool winds up reading the parable in Luke and realizing that while God has not required his own physical health or life, God may already have required his soul.

**Begin in April**

Since the films won't appear on TV till April, there is no way of evaluating them right now in their appeal to a "non-captive" audience.

However, when another of the six films, "This My Son," based on the parable of the Prodigal Son, was shown to a "captive" audience at a Baptist mission on an Arizona Indian reservation, 200 persons professed faith in Christ, according to Stevens.

Like the other four, these two cost \$25,000 apiece. The Radio and TV Commission sketched the plots and professional script writers in New York worked out the dialogue. Family Films in Hollywood produced the films. (This is the same company which produces Baptist Sunday School Board films and films for the Missouri Synod, Lutheran Church.)

Stevens says there are four requirements in each production:

1. The films must be on a family level.
2. They must remain true to the New Testament parable.
3. The Word of God must be read in each production.
4. The plan of salvation must be woven into each plot.

While the Commission will major on presenting these films over TV stations, they may be secured for "captive" showings at churches. In these instances, they may be rented at Baptist Book Stores for \$9, black and white, and \$15, in color.

Former Convention President J. D. Grey declared after one preview to Southern Baptist leaders that the production was "tops." With the backing of the leadership, the Radio and TV Commission plans to start producing a new series of 13 films in April. Sample parable plots: "Parable of the Sower" and "The Pearl of Great Price."

Churches and Pastors	Cooperative Program	Designated
Gregory — Gerald Perry	30.00	—
Hunter — Marion Parish	104.00	—
McCroxy, First — Thomas E. Farrar, Jr.	196.77	81.16
Morton Baptist — John Noble	—	—
Patterson, First — Jesse Northweather	—	—
Pleasant Grove — J. N. Loftin	111.74	—
Raynor Grove — Floyd S. Sheeks	50.00	—
Riverside — Dewey Thompson	20.00	—
Tupelo, 1st — Fred Harris	33.26	—
White Lake —	3.00	—
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,699.01</b>	<b>\$173.39</b>
Miscellaneous	50.00	\$29,335.06
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$322,727.74</b>	<b>\$78,959.68</b>

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