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Executive Board Recommendations

A FEW weeks ago we discussed the reorganization of the Executive Board which was proposed by the Survey Committee and adopted by the board in a special meeting last November. This proposed plan was to go into effect January, 1959. A nominating committee was appointed by the board in a called meeting at the close of the annual convention to recommend the members of the six committees into which the board is now organized. The board will meet Jan. 26 for the organization meeting and to attend to a number of other items of business.

Included in the Survey Committee's report which the board adopted are also the following recommendations:

"We further recommend that the Executive Secretary, with the proper committee of the Executive Board, study the possibility and procedure for a gradual reduction of supplemental aid for associational missionaries' salaries over a three-year period, providing for a plan for hardship cases to be considered annually by the Executive Secretary and the proper committee. We further recommend that this study be completed by June 30, 1959, so that proper adjustment can be made in the 1960 budget."

"We recommend that the Executive

Secretary and the proper committee make a careful study of the wisdom of bringing the Baptist Foundation under the direction of the Executive Board. We recommend that the committee consider carefully the possibility of each institution of our Convention and each department of Baptist Headquarters working toward the raising of funds, with the head of the Foundation being an investment officer for the funds secured."

Another recommendation of vital interest to all of our churches was: "We recommend that a Calendar Planning Retreat be attended by all the staff of Baptist Headquarters in June of each year. We further recommend that the calendar suggested by the staff be approved by the Executive Board in the July meeting, and that the adopted calendar be published immediately so that churches and associations can plan their work without conflict."

All of us recognize a tremendous need for the coordination of our work in the state to avoid duplication, and in order to make our total program more effective.

We covet the prayerful concern of all of our people for the Board as it gives careful consideration to these matters.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary. ■

District Stewardship Conferences Set

WE WANT to remind our readers of the four regional, or district, Forward Program of Church Finance Conferences to be conducted during the month of February.

The dates, time, and places are as follows:

East Central District, 1st Church, Wynne, February 16, 7 p. m. This district is composed of Tri-County, Woodruff, Arkansas Valley, and Centennial associations.

Southeast District, 1st Church, Dermott, Tuesday, February 17, 7 p. m. Harmony, Carey, Bartholomew, Liberty, Ashley, and Delta associations are in this territory.

Southwest District meets at the 1st Church, Prescott, Friday, February 20, at 7 p. m. This region includes Red River, Little River, Caddo River, and Hope associations.

Central District, which includes White County, Conway-Perry, Faulkner, Buckville, Pulaski, and Central associations, has been postponed because of a conflict in dates. Watch this column for an announcement about a future date for this meeting.

The Executive-Secretary, Dr. S. A. Whitlow, and the writer, along with others will conduct these conferences.

We are looking forward with eager

anticipation to these days of information, inspiration, and fellowship.

Brother Pastor, bring a carload from your church. Brother Missionary, encourage all of the associational officers to attend.

Start Now!

Many inquiries have come to our office about the Forward Program of Church Finance. We want to answer two of the questions most frequently asked. They are: When should we start planning for a Forward Program of Church Finance campaign? Then, When can we get the materials?

The best time to start planning for a 1959 campaign is now. In some instances that planning includes a Forward Program of Church Finance Clinic. If your association has not had a 10-hour study under the leadership of someone who is thoroughly familiar with the program and has had experience in using the entire plan, this would be a good time to get the plans in the mill for such a study. We have some open dates and will be glad to help arrange such a clinic, enlist the workers, and conduct the study.

The Forward Program of Church Finance materials can be ordered from the Stewardship Services of the Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. The price of one package, containing all of the materials, is \$2.

What to Do With Your Baptist Paper

SOME SUGGESTIONS on how you can make your copy of the **Arkansas Baptist** count for the most each week are featured in a picture story in this issue on pages 8 and 9.

The photos were made by the editor, with his secretary, Mrs. Mary Giberson, serving as the principal model. Pictured with Mrs. Giberson in the last picture in the panel series is Mrs. Lou Alice Watson, secretary to Dr. Clyde Hart, in charge of work with Negroes, and Dr. C. W. Caldwell, secretary of Missions and acting secretary of Evangelism.

Attendance Figures

(For Jan. 11)

Church	S.S.	T.U.	Additions
Fayetteville, 1st	858	263	1
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	975	391	3
(Including missions)			
LR, Gaines St.	484	264	3
McGehee, 1st	530	264	2
Magnolia, Central	824	308	2
Mission	70	36	
Malvern, 3rd	341	111	
Mena, 1st	319		
Mission	43		
NLR, Calvary	457	181	6
W. Memphis, Calvary	260	139	4

Mrs. Sid Goza Claimed by Death

MRS. SID Goza, wife of the pastor of the Sedgwich Church, died on Sunday, Jan. 4, at Camden. Besides her husband she is survived by 4 children. The funeral was held on Jan. 6 at the Sparkman Baptist Church, with Rev. Mack Stallings of the Calvary Baptist Church, Camden preaching the funeral message, and Rev. Doyle L. Lumpkin assisting.

Mr. Goza's temporary mailing address is Sparkman, Ark. ■

New Churches. Please Note

AS A contribution to the 30,000 movement, the Arkansas Baptist is offering to send its paper free for three months to any newly organized church. All a church needs to do to qualify is to write to the editor, giving the date the church was constituted, and supplying the mailing list of families. This should be done as soon after the organization of the church as possible.

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Order early, order now, and start planning for the best stewardship year in the history of your church.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

Pastors Commend Revival Plan Book

THE REVIVAL Plan Book, prepared by the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board to assist pastors and churches in the '59 Crusades, has captured the attention and praise of pastors and laymen alike.

One pastor reviewed it with his deacons and they voted to follow the suggestions on Deacon's Pre-revival Visitation. Another pastor secured copies for the Church Council and reviewed the entire booklet with them.

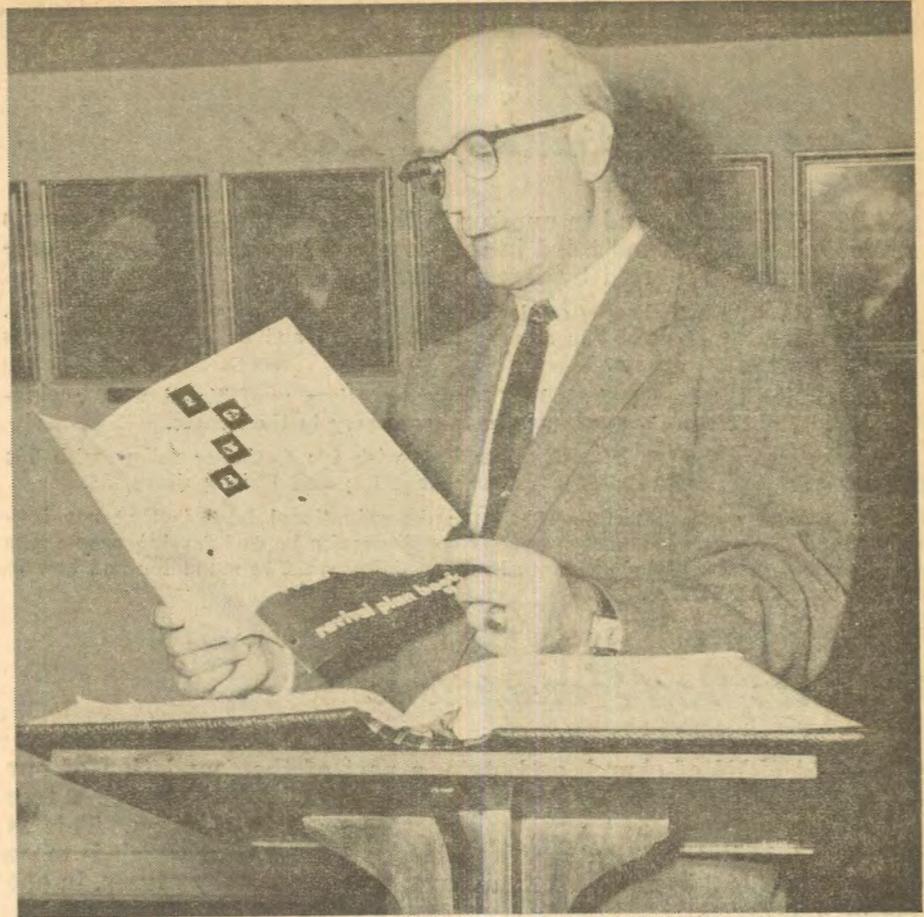
Below are some comments from Arkansas pastors:

"... a fine production ..."

The Revival Plan Book is a fine production that sets forth a definite, comprehensive, and practical outline of work. This plan meets a real need and the Department of Evangelism is to be commended for this excellent booklet. —Roy A. Lambert, South Side Baptist Church, Pine Bluff.

"... practical and adaptable ..."

I have surveyed the Revival Plan Book and have found it to be excellent in the help it offers in making adequate plans for a successful revival. Our church is using it as a guide in preparing for our 1959 Spring Revival. We have found it to be practical and adaptable. The one thing I like about it, above others, is the fact that it seeks to enlist the entire Sunday School enrollment, the deacons, the W.M.U. and all the working forces of the Church, in planning for revival. I can recommend its use to any church without reservation. —E. Clay Polk, 1st Church, Piggott.



Dr. W. O. Vaught examines a copy of the Revival Plan Book

"... masterpiece of literature ..."

I have just studied the Revival Plan Book which was sent me and want to thank you for making it available to the pastors. The plan book itself is a masterpiece of literature on revivals. It is a gold mine of suggestions in regard to planning and conducting revivals. The detailed, day-by-day suggestions make it possible for anyone to conduct a successful revival. I am sure it will be widely used. —D. Hoyle Haire, 1st Church, Marianna.

placed at our fingertips the finest methods in modern evangelistic programs. I believe these suggestions are practical and workable. Any Church can have a great revival when the people decide to work and pray. This plan book simply outlines the best way to get the job done. I like it and plan to use it. —W. O. Vaught, Jr., Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

Cover Story



HOWARD BUTT, JR., Corpus Christi, Tex., one of the outstanding Christian laymen of the nation, will be a featured speaker at the Arkansas Statewide Evangelistic Conference in Little Rock's Immanuel Church, Jan. 26-28. (Additional pictures and story on page 7.)

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"... most comprehensive ..."

My minister of education and I have carefully studied the Plan Book. I found it to be one of the most comprehensive and detailed books I have ever seen. Surely if the pastor and people will follow the plans set forth here the church will experience a great spiritual revival and be strengthened. We plan to adopt as much of the program as possible. I especially appreciate the plan to use people in all of these ideas. If our own people can be made to feel a personal responsibility for some part of the plans and preparations, then more people can be expected to attend. My hat is off to those who worked so diligently to prepare such a Planning Book for us. I feel sure that it will be appreciated by all the pastors. —James F. Yates, 1st Church, Paragould.

"... finest methods ..."

GATHERED INTO one well-outlined booklet, the 1959 Revival Plan Book has

Above Denominational Label

BAPTISTS rank second in number in the Senate of the 86th Congress of the United States and third in the House of Representatives, according to a survey reported by Baptist Press.

First place, in both houses of the current Congress, goes to the Methodists. Roman Catholics rank second in number in the House and tie with Episcopalians for third place in the Senate.

The House membership includes 77 representatives unaffiliated with any religious body, while there are only two in this category in the Senate.

In Congress as a whole, Methodists lead with 90; Catholics follow with 79; Baptists are third, with 62; Presbyterians have 56; and Episcopalians, 51.

What is of more importance than the denominational label is that our lawmakers and the people who make up their constituencies be God fearing people who are earnestly seeking divine guidance in determining what to stand for and how to conduct their daily affairs.

Further Tax Exemptions

SEPARATION of church and state, a part of the foundation of our American democracy which seeks to guarantee a free church in a free state, becomes more and more complicated as time goes on. This is especially true in the climate set by a benign government which is more and more inclined to make tax funds available for worthy causes, in one way or another.

Churches and church agencies, by registering with the federal government, can now qualify for additional tax exemptions, according to a Baptist Press release out of Washington.

This is in line with a law passed by the 85th Congress exempting non-profit educational institutions from the retailers excise tax, the manufacturers excise tax, and the excise tax on transportation and communications. According to the temporary regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, both the seller and the purchaser must be registered in order to qualify for the exemption.

Special certificates of exemption are available for schools operated as an activity of a church, parish, or other religious body.

Many see little difference between a special tax exemption and a grant out of tax monies.

Hospitals for Alaska

ONE OF the greatest needs in Alaska, as she takes her place as the 49th state in the Union, is for hospitals, according to L. A. Watson, of Anchorage, executive-secretary of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

"The Chamber of Commerce, the medical association, and the city council of Anchorage have urged Southern Baptists to open and operate a hospital in Anchorage because of the city's hospital shortage," Mr. Watson reports.

This would seem to be a door of effectual Christian ministry open for Southern Baptists, who now number 5,000 in Alaska's total population of 250,000 for the rank of third in number of the religious denominations and societies represented. Catholics, who have been in the territory since the 1700's, already have five hospitals and ten schools in operation in what is now the State of Alaska. Catholics and Presbyterians each have 37 churches and missions as compared with the 34 operated by Southern Baptists.

Some idea of things to come is seen in the fact that Alaska's largest city, Anchorage, with a current population of 75,000, is expected to have 200,000 residents by the end of the next decade. A land rush is now on, with Alaskan property often selling as fast as it is surveyed.

May our Christian forces move in and possess the new land for Christ.

Personally Speaking . . .

Greatest Stoop

"Greatest Stoop in the World," is the title of an interesting feature in the Jan. 15, 1959 issue of R. G. LeTourneau's little magazine, NOW.

Here Stuart P. Garver tells about a mayor of the city of Boston, Mass., and an experiment the mayor carried out, many years ago, in an effort to "find out how the other half of the world lives."

After he had a several days' growth of beard, the mayor dressed himself in the apparel of a tramp and went into the slum sections of Boston. At the close of the day he applied at a cheap boarding house for over-night lodging. He was told he would be provided bed and breakfast upon his promise to chop a quantity of firewood the next morning.

Now the mayor had never tried before to wield an axe. When he got around to his wood-cutting chore, he found the going even harder than he had imagined it would be. But in the midst of his predicament, a young man stepped to his side. "Let me have the axe," he said, "for I can see that you know nothing about chopping wood."

Soon the young man had completed the task. The disguised mayor took from an inside pocket one of his cards. Handing it to the young man, he said: "Report to me at my office this afternoon at 4 o'clock and I will see that you are given a good job."

The young man took the card, but he thought to himself: "Poor fellow. He's crazy. He thinks he is the Mayor."

But the youth's curiosity got the better of him during the day and 4 p.m. found him at the mayor's office. He was ushered into the presence of the man he had thought was a crazy hobo, but he now found him shaven and dressed as becoming one of the high office he held.

As he had promised, the mayor assigned the young man to a good-paying position. But he made one specific request: The young man was to tell no one about the mayor's slumming experience.

But like the man Jesus healed with the admonition to keep the healing secret, this young fellow went out and told the thrilling story. Someone on the staff of a Boston daily newspaper heard it and the paper carried the mayor's story under the big headline: "The Greatest Social Stoop in the World."

But this "stoop," as Mr. Garver points out, "is pallid, insipid, when compared with the stoop our blessed Lord accomplished when He humbled Himself to become our Savior. His, indeed, is the greatest stoop in all the world (Phil. 2:8)." —ELM

Convention Conversation

PART OF every Convention is the extra sessions in the halls and corridors of the building. Many of those conversations fall into a stereotyped routine, with the persons looking over the passing parade for familiar faces, while catching a word here and there, and carrying on in great professional style:

Bro. Big-blow: "Well, well, if it isn't my good friend," (searching the lapel tag for his name) . . . "Yes sir, Brother Never-do-well, I could never forget you."

Bro. Never-do-well: "Thank you, I'm glad to see you, too."

Bro. Big-blow: "Where are you now?"

Bro. Never-do-well: "Same old place you know, I've been there twenty years."

Bro. Big-blow: "Twenty years, why I remember your son when he was in diapers, back at the Alma Mater . . . How is your work going?"

Bro. Never-do-well: "Not so good, I've had a tough break, the church asked me to resign last month."

Bro. Big-blow: "Wonderful, wonderful, I always knew you deserved a break . . . How is your wife?"

Bro. Never-do-well: "She passed away last spring."

Bro. Big-blow: "Ah! That's good news, we had a great spring revival too, more additions in my ministry than the church has ever had . . . What are your plans for the future?"

Bro. Never-do-well: "I'm retiring, the Doctor says I only have a year to live. I'll be crossing over the river soon."

Bro. Big-blow: "You don't say, I'm so glad for you, I know you will enjoy your new field of service. You deserve a promotion and I mean this from the bottom of my heart. It couldn't happen to a more deserving person . . . Well, so long, I am glad everything is going good for you . . . By the way, when you get over there, wherever you're going, if there's some good work open, remember me."—Jack Gullede, Pastor, East Main Church, El Dorado

Prayer Request

Please pray for us because some have said we're walking in a "forbidden" field. We know God will hear your prayer for us and we write beseeching you to pray.—Harold E. Williams, Evangelist, Hammond, Ind.

Passes It On

. . . WHEN I am through reading my *Arkansas Baptist*, I give it to friends that don't take the paper.—Mrs. Rozella Johnson, Batesville



THE FIRST BAPTIST SERMON TO BE PREACHED IN WHAT IS NOW ARKANSAS WAS DELIVERED BY JAMES P. EDWARDS IN THE SUMMER OF 1817.



AMONG THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCHES IN ARKANSAS WAS SALEM CHURCH AT FOURCHE A THOMAS, LAWRENCE COUNTY (THEN MISSOURI TERRITORY) CONSTITUTED IN 1818, WITH 12 MEMBERS.

Finest Remarks

I THOUGHT the remarks made by Dr. Clyde Hart on the race question were some of the finest I have read in a long time. If people would read and apply these simple statements to their daily living, much could be done to solve the tension that exists in the hearts of so many at this time. —Arkansas pastor.

The 'Key' Whipping

I DEEPLY appreciate the copy of "Personally Speaking" having to do with the whipping you received for another in connection with the corn crib key. I think it is very fine as are those columns generally. This one is especially appropriate, and I expect to use it.

Thank you very much for what you are doing for evangelism through *Arkansas Baptist*. — Leonard Sanderson, Secretary, Department of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, Dallas, Tex.

Pastor Placed

I WANT TO thank you deeply for publishing the item in the Jan. 1 *Arkansas Baptist* regarding Brother Maurice Hargis. He has received at least four invitations. He went last Sunday to the Urbana Church, Liberty Association, and they called and he accepted. The *Arkansas Baptist* really gets results!

I am following up on two of the other openings and may be able to help them also. — Carl A. Clark, Pastoral Ministry, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

One of the Best

YOUR PAPER is one of the best . . . I read it more closely than when I was in the state. Your editorials and "Personally Speaking" interest me very much. May our Lord ever be near to guide you as editor, also in your personal life.—Mrs. L. M. Kelling, 237 Aliso Dr., N. E., Albuquerque, N. M.

Arkansas All Over

21 Arkansas Mission Volunteers at Seminary

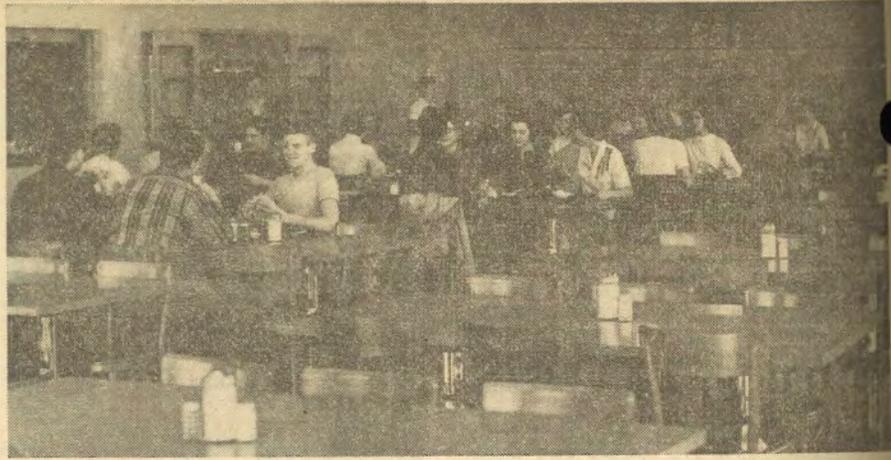
MISSION VOLUNTEERS studying at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, include 21 from Arkansas:

Roy G. Adams, Arkadelphia; Jack Bodie, Pine Bluff; James A. Copeland, Ft. Smith; Mrs. Marie J. Doolittle, Centerton; Earl Gene Goatcher, Formosa; Graydon Hardister, Pine Bluff; and Gerald W. Jackson, Hope;

John Bedford Jackson, Bentonville; Fannie Laverne Moore, Mena; Howard Pagan Nix, Benton; Ray Perkins, Texarkana; Dallas E. Pinkston, Crossett; Mrs. Dallas Edwin Pinkston, Harrison; David E. Railey, Ft. Smith; and Billie Murray Soilear, Stamps;

James F. Spann, North Little Rock; Robert J. Stewart, Little Rock; Richard Walker, Green Forest; Billy J. Walsh, Little Rock; Mrs. Billy J. Walsh, Beebe; and Fred Williams, Van Buren.

Southwestern's student missionary volunteers come from 30 states and three foreign countries. Of the 392 there are 297 foreign missions volunteers, 57 home missions volunteers, and 38 who are undecided at the present time. ■



A GROUP of students in the new Birkett Williams Dining Hall at Ouachita College enjoy pleasant atmosphere. Tables and chairs are maple finished. This modern air-conditioned building serves students cafeteria style. It has a large dining room, a small private dining room and a terrace room for receptions and parties.

● THE TRAINING Union of 1st Church, Pine Bluff, is engaged in an attendance contest with 1st Church, Anchorage, Alaska.

● SECOND CHURCH, Hot Springs, has licensed Bill Williams, superintendent of the church's Vista Heights Chapel, to preach. (CB)

Ouachita Has Open House In New Dining Hall

OPEN HOUSE was held Sunday, Jan. 11 from 4 to 6 in Ouachita College's new Birkett Williams Dining Hall.

Twelve hundred students per meal can be served cafeteria style in the new brick building which was built and equipped at a cost of \$250,000. It is located on the northwest corner of the campus on the site of the old tennis courts.

The air conditioned building seats 342 in the main dining room and has a private dining room that will seat 60. The main dining room overlooks a terrace which is equipped with a small enclosed kitchen which will be used for parties and receptions. The building is furnished with dark maple tables and chairs, the tables seating from four to six persons.

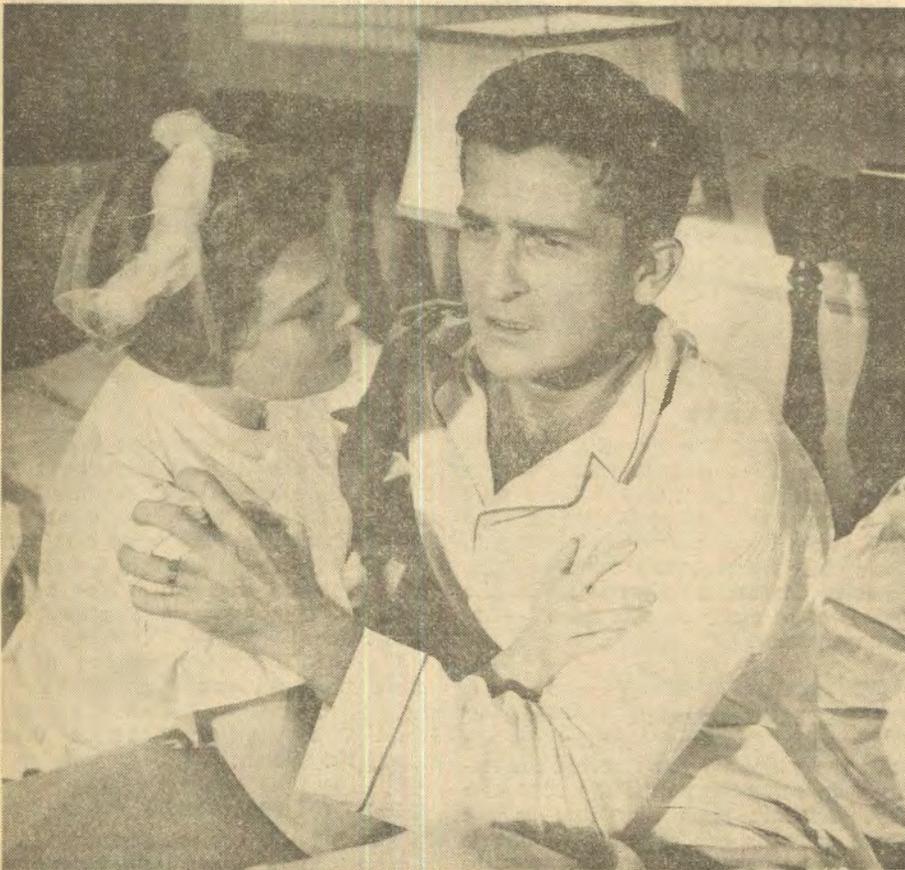
The building is named for Birkett Williams, a native of Hot Springs and a 1910 graduate of Ouachita, who is now a civic leader and automobile dealer in Cleveland, Ohio. ■

TV Drama Strikes At Problem of Revenge

THE HUMAN urge to "get even" leads to deeper troubles according to a new drama in the TV series "This Is The Answer" to be seen on Sunday, Jan. 25.

The half-hour, filmed teleplay, "Tooth For A Tooth," will be seen on key stations throughout the nation that day in the series dealing with problems of serious national concern.

Story concerns a doctor who gives in briefly to the temptation to get a measure of revenge on an industrialist — the man who had cheated the doctor's father and caused his untimely death years before. Though the industrialist's illness is minor, he fears it is deadly, and the doctor deliberately lets him worry on for a while longer.



DR. PAUL Robinson is awakened by his wife, Jane, from a recurring nightmare about his father's death which leads him to a catastrophic plan for revenge, titled "Tooth for a Tooth," in the television series "This Is the Answer." The half-hour drama will be presented Sunday, Jan. 25, at 12:30 p.m. on KNAC-TV, Ft. Smith; 4:30 p.m. Saturday, KTVE, El Dorado; 2 p.m., Sunday, KATV, Little Rock.

Pastoral Changes

DAN L. BERRY, Hardin Church, Harmony Association, has resigned to accept the pastorate of 1st Church, Danville. During the two years at Hardin, he baptized 40. (CB)

FIRST CHURCH, Kingsland, has called Jeff Batson as pastor. His former pastorates include Hickory Grove and Sulphur Springs. For the past year and a half he was pastor of 1st Church, Gillette. (CB)

HAROLD CARTER, Oak Grove Church, Harmony Association, has accepted the call of Linwood Church. (CB)

LAWRENCE KENDRICK has been called as pastor of Daniels Chapel, Dumas, effective Jan. 1.

LINDOL JACKSON, Southern Baptist College, has been called by Stanford Church, Greene Association.

MT. HEBRON Church, Greene Association, has called Eddie Smith, Van Buren. He will assume his work on Jan. 25. L. Ernest Perkins, the new pastor of Browns Chapel, in the same association, began his services there on Jan. 4. (CB)

CLINE D. ELLIS, 1st Church, McGehee, has resigned to become pastor of 1st Church, Fordyce, effective Jan. 15. He has been pastor at McGehee for five years. A graduate of Southwestern Seminary, he served in North-Carolina, Nevada, Texas and Louisiana before coming to McGehee. (DP)



MR. ELLIS

Sunday School Clinic To Meet in Ft. Smith

A SOUTHWIDE regional Sunday School administration and teaching clinic will be held in 1st Church, Ft. Smith, Feb. 23-27. There is no registration fee for the clinic which will be directed by Southern Baptist Convention leaders.

The faculty includes: James V. Lackey, Nashville, director and young people; Don Acklen, Nashville, Bible hour; Edgar Williamson, Little Rock, administration; E. W. Westmoreland, Oklahoma City, administration; Ray Rozell, Knoxville, Ky., adults; Robert Kilgore, Bossier City, La., adults; Ernest Adams, Little Rock, young people; Mrs. Frank Keeney, St. Louis, intermediate; Mrs. T. L. Nash, Lexington, Ky., junior; Robert Dowdy, Nashville, primary; Mrs. Walter Crowder, Dallas, beginner; William O. Thomason, Nashville, nursery; Mrs. Wallace Hough, Tulsa, cradle roll; and Mrs. J. A. Totty, Memphis, extension. ■



G. EARL GUINN



C. Y. DOSSEY

'The Message' to Be Emphasized At Statewide Evangelistic Meet

"THE MESSAGE" will be emphasized at the Statewide Evangelistic Conference in Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Jan. 26-28. The three-day session opens on Monday evening and runs through Wednesday noon.

A number of outstanding Southern Baptist leaders will participate in the meeting, designed to give increased emphasis to the evangelistic effort of Arkansas Baptists during 1959.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell will be in charge of the meeting. Following are the ses-

sion themes: "The Essentials of the Message", "The Urgency of the Message", "The Instruments of the Message", "Power and the Message" and "Rewards for Delivering the Message."

Messages will be brought by C. Z. Holland, C. Y. Dossey, Earl Guinn, Harold C. Bennet, William Walter Warrmath, Howard Butt, Burton Miley, Charles Wellborn, Jesse Reed and Lloyd Hunnicutt.

One feature will be conferences for the various leaders at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. Conferences and conference directors include: chairmen, enlistment chairmen, Robert Smith; publicity, finance, radio and TV, Hugh Cantrell; special rally, fellowship meetings, David Garland; prayer, H. G. Jacobs; Census, extension, Lawson Hatfield; music, LeRoy McClard; attendance, visitation, J. D. Tollison, and pastors and others, C. W. Caldwell. ■

Three More Churches Add Arkansas Baptist

THREE MORE churches have joined the list of progressive churches providing the Arkansas Baptist to the membership through the church budget.

New churches under the budget plan include: 1st Church, Green Forest, Gus Poole, pastor; Biggers Church, Current River Association, Basil E. Goff, pastor; West Side Mission of Central Church, Magnolia, Charles Baskin, pastor. ■

● DR. JOHN McClanahan, 1st Church, Hope, has been elected president of the Hope Ministerial Alliance. (DP)

● FIRST CHURCH, Charleston, with a membership of 215, has given \$1,083.93 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. The church's goal was \$600. Last year the total was \$470. Pastor is Eugene A. Ryan.

● E. GRANT WARD, 70, Piggott attorney and former county judge and state representative, died Jan. 10. A deacon in 1st Church, Piggott, he is survived by three sons, Ray, Oak Ridge, Tenn., Dr. Wayne Ward, professor of theology, Southern Seminary, and Maurice, Kennett, Mo., a daughter, Mrs. J. E. Lokey, El Dorado.



CHARLES WELLBORN

Housing in Louisville Reported Going Fast

LOUISVILLE —(BP)— The Southern Baptist Convention housing bureau here confirmed over 1,000 reservations during December, the first month it accepted reservation requests for those planning to attend the 1959 session beginning May 19.

Reported already full are the Brown Hotel, downtown headquarters hotel, and the suburban motel adjacent to the Exposition Center where Convention sessions will be held.

Half of the available hotel space in the city remained still available early in January. Motel space also was still obtainable at that time. Those planning to attend were urged to make their reservations before all space is filled.

Official reservation forms to be used by messengers were printed in Baptist state papers in November. Additional forms may be secured from SBC Housing Bureau, 300 W. Liberty St., Louisville.

No reservation will be confirmed without a \$10 deposit per room for which request is made. The deposit will be applied toward the messenger's billeting cost. ■

Making the Best of It

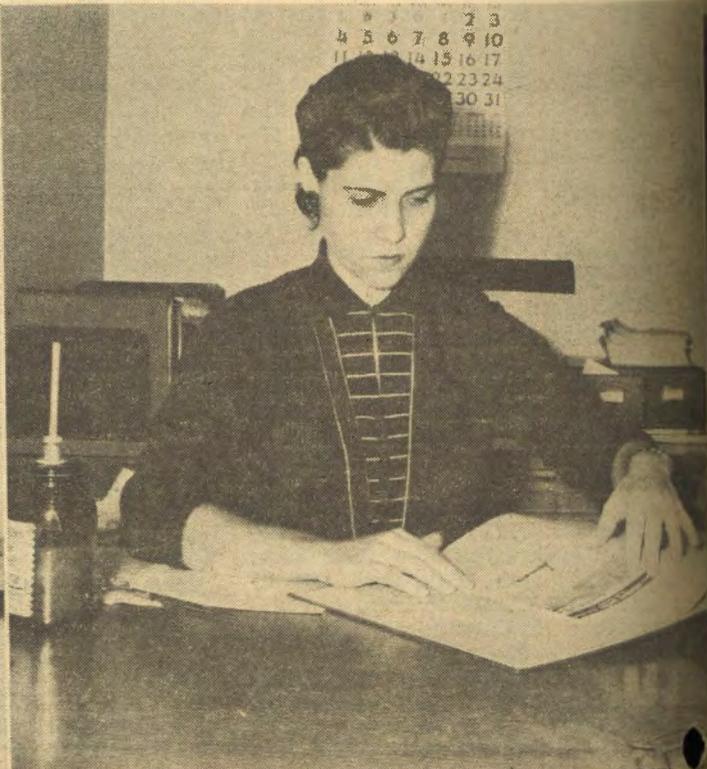
ROBERT E. Lee, proscribed by his country, far gone in years, a beaten man, came to a time when another man would have given up. His best years were gone — gone in vain. Nothing in life was left him but the second-best. But Lee knew the lesson of the manger. Across the Blue Ridge was a little college which now called him to be its president, at next to no salary and with no prestige at all. Looking down the years, the keen vision of Lee saw that what his reunited country needed now was men; and in that college he saw his opportunity for training them. So across the Blue Ridge he rode, to give his last five years training young men to be citizens, gentlemen and Christians in a great nation. So it came to pass that the last five years of Lee were the greatest after all, because he consecrated the second-best. —Kenneth J. Foreman ■

● THE MUSIC ministry of Central Church, Magnolia has met requirements for the Standard of Excellence and the church has applied for recognition. Five units of the church's Sunday School has attained Standard rating since the beginning of the new church year. (CB)

● BETTYE ADNEY and Joe Dale Howerton, speech majors from Ouachita College, were featured at the Jan. 20 meeting of the Arkansas Branch of the National Society of Arts and Letters, in the home of Mayor and Mrs. Werner Knoop in Little Rock. Representing the Ouachita Theater, they presented scenes from the recent Ouachita production of JANE EYRE. Miss Adney, junior speech major from North Little Rock, played the title role. Mr. Howerton, senior speech major from Springdale, plays the male lead of Rochester.

● BETHANY CHURCH, Kansas City, where J. T. Elliff, formerly of 1st Church, Fordyce, is pastor, has begun construction of a new chapel in the 30,000 Movement. The first unit for the new work will accommodate nearly 500 in a two-story Sunday school unit and the same number in the chapel. Within the next ten years facilities to care for an attendance of 1,000 is expected to be completed. The \$167,000 cost of the building and grounds will represent a loan from the newly organized Missouri Baptist Building Fund, Inc.

What Can I Do with My Arkansas Baptist



I CAN READ IT. In no other way can I keep posted on what Arkansas Baptists are doing to win a lost world to Christ. Too, my Baptist paper helps me to be sound in doctrine and faith.

I CAN CLIP FROM IT material that I want to preserve in my files or scrapbook. It provides excellent illustrative and factual helps to Christians in training, preaching and soul winning.

Concord Notes

A FORMER OKLAHOMA banker, Fred J. White, who has been with the Arkansas Valley Trust Company in Ft. Smith for the past four years, has been named administrative assistant of the Oklahoma Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma with headquarters in Oklahoma City. Mr. White served as a deacon in South Side Church, Ft. Smith.

THE BRANCH CHURCH has extended a call to Hugh McGehee, pastor of the James Fork Church in Buckner Association. He will begin his new work Feb. 1. McGehee succeeds Jimmy Maness who resigned to accept the pastorate of 1st Church, Abbott, in Buckner Association. McGehee is a graduate of Southern College in Walnut Ridge.

EDDIE SMITH, a student in the Concord Seminary Extension Center, has resigned the pastorate of the Calvary Church in Clear Creek Association to enter Southern College in Walnut Ridge. While in Southern Eddie will serve as pastor of the Mt. Hebron Church, in Green County Association.

KELLEY HEIGHTS Church has ordained Buddy Coleman to the minis-

try. Buddy, a sophomore in Ouachita College, has accepted the pastorate of the Mt. Zion Church, near Arkadelphia. Jim Pleitz, pastor of Grand Avenue Church, served as moderator; Burl Lowery, deacon, Kelley Heights Church, presented Coleman to the council. C. C. Roberts, formerly superintendent of missions in Concord, led in the interrogation; Murl Walker, pastor of the church, preached the sermon, and Paul Cook, mission pastor of 1st Church, Ft. Smith, presented the Bible.

THE BURNSVILLE CHURCH, Don Durden, pastor, has ordained Paul Jarred and Bill Jones as deacons. The pastor served as moderator. Jay W. C. Moore, superintendent of missions, led in the interrogation and preached the ordination sermon. Roy Geren, deacon, led in the prayer of ordination.

FROM OCT. 1, 1957, to Sept. 30, 1958, Concord Association was second in the state in the number of Training Union awards earned, according to an announcement from Secretary Ralph Davis. Pulaski led with 3,533 awards and Concord followed with 2,061. Jack Hull, pastor, 1st Church, Lavaca, was Training Union director most of this period.

SOUTH SIDE Church, Ft. Smith, Victor Coffman, pastor, and Robert Hartsell, minister of education, has made application for a Standard Sunday School. ■

Arthur Rutledge to Be Missions Director

ARTHUR RUTLEDGE, secretary of stewardship and direct missions in Texas, has been elected director of the Division of Missions by the Home Mission Board.

Under the Home Board's new organization, the missions division has 1,282 missionaries, a budget of over \$2,600,000, with six departments: Language Group Ministries, City Missions, Associational Missions, Pioneer Missions, Work with National Baptists, Survey and Special Studies.

Rutledge will begin his new responsibilities March 1, after almost 20 years of service in Texas, his native state. ■

Dr. Allen Named Radio Bible Teacher

DR. CLIFTON J. Allen, Nashville, Tenn., editorial secretary for the Baptist Sunday School Board, will teach the International Sunday School Lesson each week on 79 radio stations in 19 states. The series began Jan. 3. This program is aired in most places on Saturday.

The International Sunday School Lesson, a 15-minute program produced by the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission, is distributed by tape transcription. ■



I CAN KEEP IT complete in my files for future reference. A detailed index for the complete year is carried in the paper each year, adding greatly to the reference value of the files.

I CAN PASS IT on to somebody else who is not receiving it . . . In fact, the only way I could lose by being a subscriber would be to throw it away, and I'm far too Scotch for that!



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Graham Told to Take Rest

EVANGELIST BILLY Graham will have to take at least a month's rest and then curtail future activities as result of a serious eye ailment, his personal physician said.

Dr. Kenneth Gieser of Chicago, working with Mayo Clinic physicians, said early tests had confirmed an angio spastic edema of the macula in the left eye. He said that the blood vessels back of the retina were not ruptured as was first believed the case.

(A spastic edema was described as an abnormal swelling of blood vessels brought on by accumulation of serious fluids because of muscle spasms back of the retina).

Grady Wilson, a Graham associate, said Graham still was planning to undertake the Australian revival campaign, with its start delayed to Feb. 15 instead of the earlier planned Feb. 8 date.

C. Oscar Johnson "Hung"

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BWA) — A portrait of Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, seventh president of the Baptist World Alliance, was unveiled at special ceremonies in connection with a meeting of the B. W. A. administrative committee. It will hang in a gallery of portraits of other B. W. A. presidents in the Alliance's offices in the Baptist building here.

World Health Plan

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BWA) — A vast pool of medical skill "operating under the banner of the cross" was envisioned here as a result of last summer's Baptist World Alliance medical mission. Possible projects for the future were outlined by members of the medical team of six doctors and nine associates which traveled three months in Asia and Africa "surveying medical needs and the resources to meet those needs." Dr. Robert A. Hingson of Cleveland reported that the team found "the world sicker than we thought." But he pointed to Jesus as "a great Asian physician of some 2000 years ago, whose prescription for a sick world was that we love our neighbors as ourselves."

World Peace Commission Planned

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BWA) — A Commission on World Peace was authorized by the Baptist World Alliance administrative committee at its fall meeting Nov. 25. The commission, consisting of some 15 members from all areas of the world, will be named by B. W. A. President Theodore F. Adams. It will meet annually for discussion of Christian principles helpful in a positive solution to the world's ills and will carry on a perennial international exchange of ideas on the subject. Both the American Baptist Convention and

Baptist Crosscurrents

Kansas Dry Forces Rally

KANSAS BAPTISTS should be proud of the showing which was made November 18 in the Wichita Forum by the dries with more than 2,000 persons present, half of them Southern Baptists.

In spite of a prelude of religious jazz, slow hymns, resolutions, and many introductions, the state-wide rally was excellent. Even though George Docking failed to keep his commitment and the wet newspapers gave the meeting no publicity, fighting Roy Holloman passed the ball to Gov. Raymond Gary of Oklahoma and the fun was underway.

Holloman, superintendent of the Kansas dries, publicly commended Attorney General John Anderson Jr., who was present, as a friend of the dries. He then took to task the Wichita Beacon and Eagle for being wet and therefore not allowed to print news about the Oklahoma governor and the dry meeting. After showing one week's accumulation of liquor ads from the Beacon (about 8 pages), he stated that out of the 1,000 liquor stores in Kansas, 180 of them are located in Wichita.

Governor Gary, a man who "is not running FOR or FROM anything," spoke sharply and bluntly against current liquor and racial attitudes, as only a layman can.

Speaking abruptly and forcefully, he said, "We must humble ourselves before God and ask Him to give us a 'Moses' that can lead us out of this confusion . . . God won't let us have the respect of other nations if we go to them with a bottle in one hand and a money bag in the other." India publicly denounces liquor, but they cannot understand us as we continue to go against the teachings of the Bible. He also mentioned the great difficulties our foreign missionaries have teaching overseas while we have racial strife here at home.

"As the word about the large crowd at this rally gets out to the wets, they will shake in their boots. It is the largest dry crowd I've ever spoken to," the governor said.

It was announced that 1962 had been chosen as the target date for the dries to amend the state constitution and rid themselves of liquor.

We believe press coverage from the Wichita papers concerning the visit of a neighboring governor was a mighty poor example of public relations. The Beacon printed a libelous and misleading editorial against a "near-sighted governor," which Governor Gary said was garbled as only the Beacon can do.

The Eagle used a one-column picture of the Governor the evening of the rally. We are sure that all of this "red carpet" from Kansas made our Oklahoma neighbor feel right at home.

Baptists are glad to have a fellow Southern Baptist who is both a personal and a political dry. Hurry back, Governor Gary.

—Baptist Digest (Kansas)

the Southern Baptist Convention (U. S. A.) have special Committees on World Peace, set up by Convention Presidents Clarence W. Cranford and Brooks Hays after their trip to Moscow last April for a visit with Russian Baptists.

H. F. BURNS, city superintendent of missions in Portland, Ore., is the new editor of the Baptist New Mexican. Mr. Burns previously had served as editor of the New Mexico state paper, and also on two occasions as associate editor of the Baptist Standard of Texas. ■

JOHN HARRISON, formerly at Memorial, Waldo, is the new pastor of 1st Church, Nashville. (CB)

Students Call for Integration

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—The student magazine at Wake Forest College, a Southern Baptist institution, called for racial integration in the school's student body "if it is to call itself an intellectual and Christian center for education." College officials recently revealed that several Negroes had sought admission to Wake Forest but were rejected because none was academically qualified.

SQUAWK!

"IN A city where they had difficulty getting voters to vote, some people took a goose, tied a placard round its neck, and had it wobbling up and down the streets. The placard read: 'I do not vote; I just squawk.'"—Southern Seminary. ■

THE BOOKSHELF

This *Infernal War*, The Confederate Letters of Sgt. Edwin H. Fay, edited by Bell Irvin Wiley with the assistance of Lucy E. Fay, University of Texas Press, 1958, \$6.

The publication of the letters of Sgt. Fay, who had earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees from Harvard University before the war, adds a most significant volume to the reference works on the War between the States.

Dealing with the Western theaters of operations, a substantial portion of it with the least known segment of the Confederacy, the Trans-Mississippi country, the letters provide fascinating information concerning food, clothing, equipment, morale, mail service, substitutes, body servants, cavalry skirmishes, and many other facets of Confederate Army activity. Several of the letters were written from Lewisville, Ark.

The author of the letters lived until 1898, and his wife until 1919. The letters were preserved by the youngest child of the marriage, Lucy E. Fay, who was associate professor of Bibliography in the School of Library Service at Columbia University until her retirement in 1942, and who now resides in Chapel Hill, N. C.

Daily Meditations on the Seven Last Words, by G. Ernest Thomas, Abingdon Press, 1959, \$2.

Noted as a Methodist preacher and lecturer, Dr. Thomas attempts in this volume to portray what the Cross means personally to the people of the world. The meditations are planned for seven weeks, as a guide in exploring the meaning of the event — the supreme revelation of God's infinite forgiveness and love.

Devotions for Women at Home, by Martha Meister Kiely, Abingdon Press, 1959, \$1.75.

An experienced homemaker and mother of three sons, Mrs. Kiely is particularly aware of the problems and frustrations of the housewife. This sensitivity prompted her in this book to help others appreciate more fully the privileges and responsibilities of homemaking.

I Believe in Jesus Christ, by Walter Russell Bowie, Abingdon Press, 1959, \$1.25.

Another in the "Know Your Faith" series, this book shares the religious experience and faith of Dr. Bowie, who writes in simple, non-technical language to help answer every person's questions.

Prayers for Christian Services, by Carl A. Glover, Abingdon Press, 1959, \$2.25.

This book consists of 132 original events. Included are all the main types of prayer used in worship services — invocations, offering prayers, the collects, general pastoral prayers, litanies and responsive prayers, and many others.

Discovering Love, by Lance Webb, Abingdon Press, 1959, \$3.

Everybody yearns for love, yet many never discover it in its fullness. The

Growing Pains



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Jimmy and Grandpa should respect each other, understand irritating little habits. Different generations have different needs. Acceptance of this fact can make a happier home.

difficulty comes, Dr. Webb writes, because people confuse two kinds of love — the *giving-love* that heals and inspires and exalts our human relationship, and the *desiring-love* that may hurt and devour.

Thirty Years a Watchtower Slave, the Confessions of a Jehovah's Witness, by William J. Schnell, Baker Book House, 1956, \$2.95.

In spite of its denial of most of the major Biblical truths — including the Trinity, the divinity of Christ, the physical resurrection of Christ, the physical return of Christ — the Jehovah's Witness movement poses as a Christian movement and each year lures thousands into its fold with its ingeniously devised system of proselytizing. This book will help people to understand the true nature of the movement.

Jerome's Commentary on Daniel, translated by Gleason L. Archer, Jr., Baker Book House, 1958, \$3.95.

Jerome was a Church "father" and ecclesiastical author who died in A.D. 420. His writings cover nearly all the principal departments of Christian theology, but the most numerous and important belong to that of Biblical study. Among the later is this *Commentary on Daniel*, said to be one of the most interesting and significant of his expository works. ■

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Editors to Discuss Current Issues

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Three editors of Southern Baptist weekly news magazines will give major addresses here at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association, Feb. 2-5, at the Manger hotel.

Erwin L. McDonald, editor of *Arkansas Baptist*, will speak at the Tuesday afternoon session on "The Baptist Editor and Political Issues."

Wednesday afternoon, C. R. Daley, editor of *The Western Recorder*, Louisville, Ky., will speak on "The Baptist Editor and Denominational Controversies."

A feature of the Wednesday night meeting will be an address by S. H. Jones, editor of *The Baptist Courier*, Greenville, S. C., on "The Baptist Editor and the Changing Social and Economic Order."

General theme for the convention will be: "The Baptist Editor in Today's World."

Executive secretaries of the various Baptist state conventions affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention will hold their annual meeting at the Manger hotel, meeting concurrently with the editors' sessions. ■

● OMAHA CHURCH has included Bottoms Baptist Orphanage in the new church budget, which also calls for an increase in Cooperative Program gifts to 16 per cent of the total figure. Quentin Middleton is pastor.



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THE MATERIALS that are to be used for the Intermediate Sword Drill are found in the intermediate quarterlies from July 1, 1958, through March 31, 1959. In the January-March, 1959 intermediate quarterlies, the materials for the last six months of 1958 are reprinted in the back of the quarterlies. The materials for the first quarter of 1959 are also found in the current issues of the Intermediate quarterlies.

The Junior Memory-Sword Drill verses are the memory verses found in the junior quarterlies from April 1, 1958, through March 31, 1959.

Mimeographed sheets containing the information concerning the church drills, associational drills, district drills, and the state drills may be obtained by writing to the Training Union Department.

Each church may select only one intermediate sword driller to represent the church at the associational drill and each association may select only one sword driller to represent the association at the district.

Each district will select only one sword driller at the district drill held at the district Training Union Convention and the sword driller will represent the district at the State Youth Convention which will be held at Little Rock on April 10.

Any number of juniors may be selected from a church or an association provided they do not make more than 12 mistakes in the church drill or more than 9 mistakes in the associational drill.—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary, Training Union Department ■

Swilley Heads Georgia Executive Committee

ATLANTA — (BP) — Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., pastor of Atlanta's 2nd Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, was elected president of the executive committee of Georgia Baptist Convention.

Swilley succeeds Howard P. Giddens, pastor, 1st Church, Athens, who last month was elected president of Georgia Baptist Convention.

Searcy S. Garrison, Atlanta, convention executive secretary-treasurer, was re-elected for an indefinite term of office, marking the first time an executive secretary had been elected on an indefinite basis. ■

New Language Mission Worker Hired in Texas

DALLAS — (BP) — A former Southern Baptist missionary in California R. R. Harvey, has been employed by the Texas Baptist Bi-Lingual Missions department to help promote Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work in Spanish-speaking Texas Baptist churches. ■

N-O-T-I-C-E

Intermediate GA Houseparty
CANCELLED

Due to unavoidable circumstances it is necessary to cancel the houseparty scheduled for February 20-22.

New Release Date

The first book scheduled for publication by Woman's Missionary Union during the Jubilee Advance 1959-1964 will be released **July 1st**. In harmony with the emphasis for the year the title is to be **CHRISTIAN WITNESSING**. The release date originally publicized was much earlier and study by Woman's Missionary Societies was recommended for the third quarter of the year. Due to this delay, mission study schedules should be adjusted to use it during the last quarter, i. e. July-September.

It will expedite shipment of books if orders are not sent to the Book Store until near the date of anticipated release. The eight books to be published by Woman's Missionary Union during the Jubilee Advance are for class study and individual reading.

Remember Your Young Women!

February 8-14 is YWA Focus Week!

It is a time for acquainting church members and parents with the purpose and value of Young Woman's Auxiliary. It is a time for special enlistment efforts to get the "Miss in missions." It is a time for making each member conscious of the opportunities for worldwide witnessing.

Specific suggestions for observance will be found in the January and February issues of **The Window**. If local conditions prohibit observance during the suggested period, select another as near February 8-14 as possible and enhance plans with your own ideas.—Miss Nancy Cooper, Secretary ■

Ordinations

JERRY SPENCER and Mack Elder were ordained to the ministry in 1st Church, Osceola, Jan. 4. Mr. Elder is pastor of Carson Lake Church, Mississippi County, and Mr. Spencer is pastor of Midway Church, Whiteville, Tenn. Thirty-five pastors and deacons in Mississippi County Association participated in the service.

SOUTH SIDE, Pine Bluff, ordained the following as deacons on Jan. 4: Raymond Fox, B. F. Hankins, Dr. S. J. Miller, A. H. Mitchell, Douglas Pittard and A. C. Rhodes. (CB)

MAPLE GROVE Church, Trumann, ordained Frank Bufford, church pastor, and Mack Lynn to the ministry Jan. 4. Participants included: L. D. Eppinette, moderator; Moran Burge, clerk; Marion Berry, examination; R. E. Cole, ordination prayer; O. D. Bass, presentation of Bibles, and Bennie Gates, sermon.



MISS JUANITA Straubie, Baptist Student Director at Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, recently began her eighth year in that position. —Tom Logue, Secretary, Baptist Student Union Department.

Mt. Zion Association

By Carl Bunch

WALNUT ST. Church, Jonesboro, has called Bill J. Smith, Grand Junction, Tenn., as pastor. The Smiths will be on the field Feb. 1.

NEW HOPE Church, Black Oak, has recently completed a new auditorium. L. C. Edwards is pastor.

ALSUP CHURCH is making plans for a new building.

CHILDRESS CHURCH is installing new pews.

MAX TAYLOR, pastor, 1st Church, Bay, will enroll in Midwestern Theological Seminary, Kansas City, for the spring semester. He will commute by train on weekends.

TWENTY-FIVE churches in Mt. Zion Association will participate in Church-Community Surveys. Billy Truett Hargroves, Atlanta, Ga., will direct the program. State and Associational Missionaries will direct the survey in each church.

THREE TEAMS of workers from Mt. Zion Association will assist East Gary Church, East Gary, Ind., and Pastor Gerald Rowe in three weeks of revivals during February and April. Those who will be going are R. L. Williams, T. B. Smith, Frank Lowe, Charles Gwaltney, Arthur Simpson, Marcus Wilkinson, Buell Stires, Paul Stockemer, L. C. Edwards, Marion Berry, and Carl Bunch. The mission program of the East Gary Church was featured in the December issue of **Home Missions**. ■

● **GREENE COUNTY Association** will hold an evangelist rally in 1st Church, Paragould, at 7:30 p. m. Feb. 27.

Brotherhood

Good Beginning for 1959

THE 1959 SERIES of regional Brotherhood conventions got off to a good start with the meeting of the Ouachita region at 2nd Church, Hot Springs, on Friday night, Jan. 9. Floyd E. Hunter, regional president, was in charge of the program. Ouachita Region comprises Central, Caddo River, Buckville, and Red River Associations.

Ouachita Region officers elected for the year are:

President: Floyd E. Hunter, 2nd Church, Hot Springs; 1st vice president: James McInnis, Piney Church, Central Association; 2nd vice president: Henry Webb, 1st Church, Mt. Ida; secretary-treasurer: W. J. Lewalyn, Park Place Church, Hot Springs; R. A. counselor: Earnest Cooper, Rockport Church, Malvern.

With this leadership, and with the manifest cooperation of all the churches, it looks like an excellent year for Brotherhood work in Ouachita region.

WEST CENTRAL Region and Harmony Region will have held their conventions by the time this issue of the **Arkansas Baptist** reaches you. Other regional Brotherhood conventions scheduled for the near future are:

Arkansas River Region: 1st Church, Russellville, February 2.

Central Region: 1st Church, North Little Rock, February 10.

Northwest Region: Sunnyside Church, Rogers, February 12.

Cottonland Region: 1st Church, Lepanto, February 13.

Regional Brotherhood conventions scheduled for later dates will appear in later issues of the **Arkansas Baptist**.

Help build the attendance from your church to your Regional Brotherhood Convention!—Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Secretary ■

Brotherhood Leaders Set Goals for 1960

PARIS, Tenn. —(BP)— State and Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood leaders adopted goals for 1960 during their meeting at Paris Landing State Park near here.

Their aim is to have Brotherhood organizations for men and Royal Ambassador chapters for boys in 15,000 churches by the end of 1960. Another goal is that 721,000 men and boys be enrolled in these organizations. ■

PETER PARSON, in **The British Weekly**, reported this as a true story: "I feel that I have really preached if my sermon produces a comment from two men in my congregation — the organist and the caretaker." Arnold Thomas of Bristol once asked one of the custodians of St. Paul's Cathedral if he enjoyed his work there. "Yes," replied the man, "the one drawback is that I can never get to a place of worship!"

Nature's Mischievous Talkers

By THELMA C. CARTER

DID YOU know that the brightly colored parakeets we have in our homes as pets were once found wild in the Carolinas? Thousands of these beautiful birds made their homes along the Atlantic coast line in the plains country.

Even in the western states of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Iowa parakeets were once native birds. The rich, fertile land of these states reminds us of verses in Psalm 104: "He sendeth the springs into the valleys . . . He causeth the grass to grow . . . The trees . . . where the birds make their nests."

Early explorers wrote about parakeets in this way: "We have found in the state of Carolina some very mischievous birds, colorful as jewels. They eat our mulberries, peek apple seed and birch buds, and feast on milky thistle seed. They are noisy, but quite tame and friendly."

Parakeets are beautiful in coloring with their orange cheeks, lemon-yellow heads, and all shades of green with red and black markings on their bodies and tails. Because they are noisy and easily seen, they became targets for the guns of early settlers. The few droves of wild parakeets remaining in our country are found mostly in the wild country of southern Florida.

Parakeets have short, hooked bills and feet with four toes for grasping and climbing. They are known as talkers, not singers. Their voices are harsh and unmusical. Many, but not all parakeets, can be trained to speak.

Parakeets belong to the family of birds which includes the parrots, macaws, cockatoos, and lovebirds of Australia and Africa.

If you visit a zoo, you can't miss the rosy-tinted, red-crested, parrot-family noisemakers. Their shrill shrieks fill the air. ■

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Who Am "I"

By Lois Snelling

1. I _____
Hagar's son (Genesis 16:15)
2. ___ I _____
He visited Jesus at night (John 3:1)
3. ___ I ___
Abel's brother (Genesis 4:8)
4. ___ I _____
Samson told her his secret (Judges 16:18)
5. _____ I _____
Paul wrote a letter about him (Philemon 10)
6. _____ I _____
A king of Judah (2 Kings 18:14)
7. _____ I _____
Joseph's brother (Genesis 42:4)
8. _____ I _____
He was honored by King Ahasuerus (Esther 8:2)

ANSWERS

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 1. Ishmael, 2. Nicodemus, 3. Cain, 4. Delilah, 5. Onestimus, 6. Hezekiah, 7. Ben-jamin, 8. Mordecai.

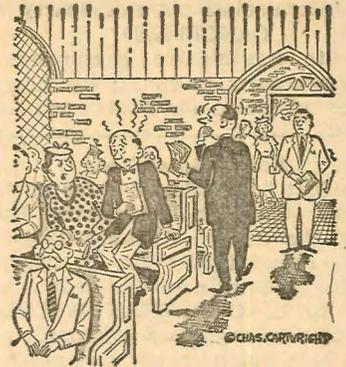
CORA WAS taking her first trip on the train. The conductor came through and called for tickets. Cora gave up her ticket.

A few minutes later the newsboy came through the car calling, "Candy?" "Never," cried Cora, bravely, "you can take my ticket, but not my candy."

BRUNETTE: Where did your beautiful pearls come from? I hope you don't mind my asking?

BLONDE: Not at all. They came from oysters.

THE BRAGGART was letting everyone know that he could bend a horseshoe with his bare hands. Finally one farmer had enough. "That's nothing," he said, "my wife can tie up ten miles of telephone wire with her chin."



"You certainly gave us away—asking how much were the programs!"

An embarrassing moment; but soon forgotten. More important, it reveals this couple obviously has no church home. Could they but foresee the times of crises ahead, which inevitably come to all—and know the comforting strength of a permanent church affiliation—one thing is sure. This very day would witness their commitment to its loving care, and a willing acceptance of their share of the accompanying responsibilities.

THE YOUNG mother was taking every precaution to insure a sanitary existence for her infant son. In fact, up to the time he was three months old, visitors were not permitted to see the baby unless they wore gauze face masks. One day the mother turned to the father and said:

"Junior seems to be cutting a tooth and I suppose I should find out about it somehow."

"Well," suggested her husband, "My mother used to put her finger in the baby's mouth and . . ."

Noticing the horrified expression on his wife's face, he gently added:

"Oh, of course you boil the finger first."

FRIEND: "Ah, professor, I hear your wife has had twins. Boys or girls?"

PROFESSOR (absent-minded): "Well, I believe one is a girl, and one is a boy, but it may be the other way around."

AMONG THE things money can't buy are those it used to.

EACH SEX has one irksome trait the opposite vents its hate on. Women were made to make men wait and men were made to wait on.

JOE: "That college turns out some great men."

BILL: "When did you graduate?"

JOE: "I didn't graduate — I was turned out."

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Jesus Reveals His Authority

By J. Harold Smith
Pastor, 1st Church, Ft. Smith

Matthew 21:12-13; 23-27.
January 25

WHILE JESUS CHRIST was here on earth all men, whether friend or foe, had to acknowledge His authority.



MR. SMITH

He taught as one having authority. He walked as one having authority. He lived and died as one having authority, and proved by His resurrection, His absolute authority over death and hell, by stepping from the tomb on the third day with the keys of death and hell in His hand.

Men, both political and religious, in His day, as in our day, both have denied and questioned the authority of Jesus Christ. They were continually saying, "Who does He think He is? By what authority does He set Himself over us?" Every true saint of God is happy to acknowledge that His is the authority of divine love, liberty, loyalty, light, and life.

The lesson is taken from two portions of the Scriptures found in Matthew 21. The first passage tells of the cleansing of the Temple and the second portion of the controversy between Jesus and the official religious leaders in which they demanded to know the source of His authority.

Jesus Speaks with Authority

When the multitudes heard Christ preach or teach, they said this man is not like all the other scribes or pharisees we have heard. If He spoke to the diseased, they were healed; to the dead, they were raised up; to the devil-possessed, they were delivered. If He spoke to the wind and wave, they both immediately obeyed. All of nature crowded at His feet, ready to obey His voice of authority.

It mattered not whether this "Stranger from Galilee" spoke in the synagogue or by the sea shore, His explanation and application of the text thrilled the hearts of the people. The messages of the scribes were dull and colorless and often void of meaning. Every word of Jesus was pregnant with thought provoking substance. His words burned their way in the minds and hearts of those who heard Him. They were on their bosom the living truth, needing no support of quotation from rabbi or scribe. Jesus spoke with firsthand information, while every other speaker utters second-hand information. Even His enemies confessed that

no other man ever spoke with authority such as Jesus possessed.

Jesus Strikes with Authority

I am not surprised that Jesus became indignant at the situation which prevailed in the temple at Jerusalem.

It was solemnly decreed that no "heathen unbeliever" might set his foot within the sacred inner courts of the temple, but on three sides of the temple proper there had been built an outer court which was known as the court of the gentiles. In this allotted space, the rabbis and the scribes were to teach gentile inquirers concerning the one true God. The temple was situated on top of a rock hill. This temple area was surrounded by a wall. In the northwest part of the area stood the temple building. It was enclosed within a rectangular space, 630 by 300 feet. It was in the large outer court area where the sellers of sacrificial animals and birds and the money changers carried on their deplorable business.

As a result of these "sellers" and "changers," there was constant confusion in the temple area. There was an absolute lack of reverence or worship. It was into this state of confusion Jesus stepped and began to drive out the traders. He "overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves," verse 12, and said unto them, "It is written, my house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

Jesus was not condemning the worship in the temple, but the abuses of the temple. God's house must be treated with reverence and respect. I wonder how much goes on in our modern churches that would call for the "stroke of authority" and for the "whip of rebuke"? By what authority did Jesus do this? Was He greater than the chief priest?

Immediately following this "stroke of anger" and the falling of the "whip on these hypocrites," Jesus turned and, verse 14 declares, ". . . the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple; and he healed them." With the hypocrites, He had nothing but the "stroke," but with the "helpless," nothing but the "touch of mercy." Oh! what a Saviour is He! Friend, how can you help but love him?

Jesus States the Source Of His Authority

Jesus did not hesitate to state the source of His authority. He made it clear that His authority came from the same source John the Baptist received his authority and power, verse 25. "The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven or of men? And

they reasoned with themselves saying, "If we should say, from heaven; he will say unto us, why did ye not then believe him?" verse 26. "But if we shall say, of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet." Jesus sealed their lips with their own "Scotch tape."

The authority and power of Jesus has always been hid from the haughty and wicked, but to the humble and obedient, He is God in the flesh and all the power and authority of the Godhead is invested in Him, verse 16, "And Jesus saith unto them yea; have ye never read, out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?"

The power and authority of Jesus did not come from the religious leaders, the public officials, the appointed clergymen, the Pharisees, the scribes, nor from the Jewish religion. Where did He get His authority? Some said from Satan, others thought evil spirits possessed Him. He hid His authority from the religious leaders of that day, but at the same time made it plain to them that He did not need "the rabbinical endorsement to teach nor ecclesiastical credentials to correct abuses of God's Temple. Jesus said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father, I and the Father are one." ■

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Theme for 2nd Quarter: "The Ministry of Music in Individual Growth."

April

Theme: "Songs of Devotion."

Hymn of the Month: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Objective: To inspire reliance upon Jesus as friend and counselor.

Important Events: Simultaneous crusades.

May

Theme: "Songs of Guidance."

Hymn of the Month: "Lord, for Tomorrow and It's Needs."

Objective: To lead church musicians to a more complete dependence on God for guidance in personal, home and church life.

Important Events: (1) Southern Baptist Music Conference, Louisville, May 18-19; (2) Southern Baptist Convention, Louisville, May 19-22; (3) Graded Choir Commencement Festival.

June

Theme: "Songs of the Saints."

Hymn of the Month: "How Firm a Foundation."

Objectives: To lead music leaders to plan and promote a program of training which will provide a foundation of faith in Him Who is the giver of song.

Important Events: (1) Ridgecrest Music Leadership Conference, June 25-July 1; (2) State Music Leadership Schools and Camps; June 15-20 South Arkansas Music Conference, Ouachita Baptist College; June 22-27 North Arkansas Music Conference, Siloam Springs Assembly Grounds.—Leroy McClard, Secretary, Music Department. ■

HE IS ILL

HE WHO SEEKS to cover his own sin by attempting to focus the attention of the populace upon the sins of another is desperately ill and needs the Great Physician.—J. Kelly Simons in **Baptist Beacon**.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

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Finding a Wife

QUESTION: I am 38 years old and have never sowed any wild oats. Even though I have gone to church regularly, and there are a number of so-called old maids in our church, I have never met one that I could love. My job pays \$5,000 a year and I want a good home. Do you know an organization that helps a man find a suitable mate?



DR. HUDSON

ANSWER: Yes, Dr. Henry W. Crane, the noted Christian psychologist, operates such an organization. He tries to match those who have suitable ideals and tastes and to help them get together. You could get information about this by writing the Scientific Marriage Foundation, Hopkins Building, Mellott, Indiana. Then if you are interested you can apply for membership.

It occurs to me that you need to see a good counselor and find out why you are not more aggressive and successful in your relationships with women.

In the meantime, pray and learn to find God's will in this matter. Faint heart never won fair lady. Talk with other Christians about your problem. Your desire for a mate is a wholesome one. ■

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

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