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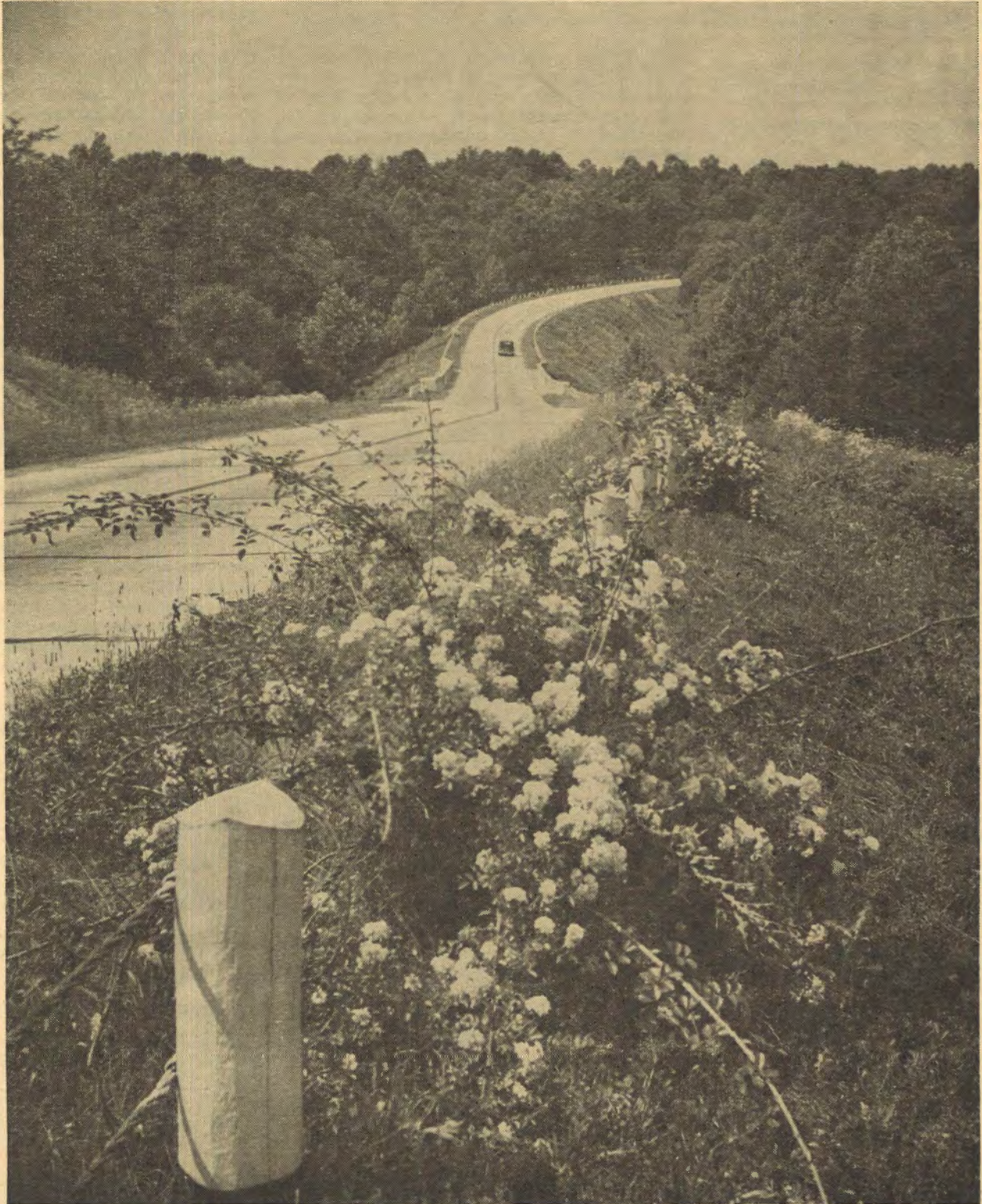
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Harvard President Forced Out Because of Baptist Doctrines

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., October 25, 1654 — (BP) — Henry Dunster, president of Harvard College for fourteen years, has been forced to resign because of his offensive Baptist convictions, it was disclosed today. He has been replaced by Charles Chauncey.

The resignation of the first president of Harvard came as no surprise here. Dunster has been roundly criticized since he first embraced Baptist principles several years ago.

The Baptist heresy of believer's baptism was the issue which swept Dunster out of office. Following the administration of the ordinance to an infant at the church where he is a member here, the former president publicly denounced the practice, thereby making himself liable to prosecution for disturbing public worship.

Earlier Dunster had refused to allow his pastor, Reverend Shepard, to baptize his own child. Dunster also has defended separation of church and state and other Baptist doctrines.

The ousted leader first submitted his resignation in July but it was refused. At that time he offered to continue as president until his successor could be found.

Dunster tendered his first resignation following a court order which declared: "As it greatly concerns the welfare of this country that the youth be educated not only in good literature but sound doctrine, this court commends to the serious consideration of the overseers of Harvard College not to allow to continue in the office of teaching, educating, or instructing any that have manifested them-

selves as unsound in the faith, or scandalous in their lives."

School officials are believed to have declined Dunster's first resignation in the hope that they could persuade him to renounce his Baptist convictions. His latest public indictment of infant baptism put to rest their fondest expectations, however. To the last, Dunster probably could have retained his position as head of the influential school if he had been less outspoken in his beliefs.

Dunster has petitioned school authorities to allow him to remain in the president's home — which he built with his own funds — until he can settle some of the school's accounts. He also has offered to assist his successor in assuming his new responsibilities.

The future is not bright for the able scholar who served Harvard so faithfully. He has never been wealthy, and his resources dwindled as he devoted himself to the affairs of the school. He is an outstanding preacher and educator, but his new doctrines doubtless will make it difficult for him to find a position in either field. Moreover, he may face a criminal suit for disturbing public worship because of his recent stand on infant baptism.

Harvard is indebted to its first president, financially and otherwise. The school never has provided him an adequate salary and now owes him money. Dunster's gifts to the college include one hundred acres of land.

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—17th Century Press

The Hurry Call of Youth

By W. R. WHITE, *President*
Baylor University, Waco, Texas

I have seen a significant change in youth the last five years. They are more serious about vital issues than I have ever witnessed. This can be a great asset or a disastrous liability. It certainly requires immediate action.

Many are turning to various escape devices. Their inner seriousness due to the impact of world tensions drives them into either good causes or false ideologies or dissipation. Churches, radicalism, crime, immorality and drinking are all being augmented.

The advocates of communism, false religions, and dangerous philosophies are losing no time. The pilfering profiteers in vice, liquor, and gambling are letting no grass grow in their tracks. All are hot after youth.

Our churches must speed up their quest. We are doing much but not enough and certainly not fast enough.

Our approach needs to be deepened and elevated. Its message and activities must have substance and significance. It must not be watered down. We dare not accommodate our challenge to the ordinary concept of youth. It must be more profound than that which we usually beam at adults.

Youth is interested in the great doctrines of the Word of God such as theology, Christology, eschatology, and providence. They are very much interested in the injustices and inequalities among men and the best way to resolve the tensions in society.

Youth can reach youth. The right kind of adults can teach and lead them. They are ripe now. They can be rotten tomorrow if they are not garnered today. The time of the crisis is exceedingly short.

Pastoral Counseling

ANDREW M. HALL, *Fayetteville*

I received a letter the other day from a school teacher in another city. She had just emerged from a personal difficulty and stated "I wanted to speak with my pastor but somehow didn't feel free to — so I didn't."

This statement started me to thinking about the matter. Why do we like to "unburden" on some folks when we would not dare to do with others. Part of the answer may be found in a statement recently made by Associate Secretary Ralph Douglas on the back page of the *Arkansas Baptist*, "Our greatest danger is that we might substitute organization for a personal ministry."

I live in dread that I should ever appear so busy that I assume a professional air. More than God needs administration, He needs understanding servants who know how to listen as well as to give advice.

This article has just been interrupted by a call from a football player who wants a conference. The average pastor has calls every week from individuals who need help.

Never should we be so busy that we don't have time to do the ministry of helping others. I almost agree with one Baptist pastor's wife who said "If we didn't have to go to church so much we could serve the Lord more!"

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Your fear (speaking to members of his own church) sometimes is as mine, that this church will be a hospital of people not active, instead of a barrack of soldiers aggressive for God.

I could name a host of agencies for the redemption of children that would have been made unnecessary by the right kind of homes.

—Geo. Truett

Message of Righteousness

A Devotion By The Editor

"As he reasoned of righteousness. . ."

There were occasions when Jesus spoke blighting, blistering words to those who appointed themselves to thwart His purposes of grace. Peter uttered words of flaming retribution to the man who dared to offer money for the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul's withering words smote with blindness a man who set himself to hinder a soul from finding his Lord. There are times when there is no other alternative.

But the weapon with which God's people are to attack a sinful world is a message, a message in word, in deed, and in character; a message of righteousness, self-control, and judgment to come. This message centers in Christ and is reinforced by the Holy Spirit.

There have been two futile and fatal mistakes often made by Christian people. The one is to substitute compulsion, some form of coercion, for the persuasive power of the gospel. This substitution means the loss of the force of the message, the dulling of the edge of the sword, the weakening of the impact of the charge. The other mistake is to accept a compromise from the agents of sin in the hope of winning by presenting easier terms and less exacting standards. Both alike defeat the end which they strive to accomplish.

Righteousness, and righteousness alone, will reveal the ugliness and the deformity of unrighteousness. The effect of the perfect standard of righteousness is not to drive men to despair and hopelessness, but to make them dissatisfied with their ugliness and with the deformity of sin, and to inspire them to strive for the righteousness of God in Christ. The greatest compliment ever paid to man is God's confidence in man's appreciation of a response to that righteousness.

Two men went through an art gallery. The first man began to praise in exaggerated terms the cheap, gaudy, pictures which hung near the entrance. The second man said nothing of these, but when they came to the real masterpieces he began to skillfully point out the superior qualities of these works. The first man became silent and as they passed out of the building he never once looked toward the pictures which he praised on entering.

"And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time: when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee" (Acts 24:25).

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From The Editor's Desk

The Road Ahead for '56

The road ahead for Arkansas Baptists in 1956 will have long, straight, level stretches. It will have sharp and dangerous curves. It will have steep hills and deep valleys. But Arkansas Baptists can negotiate this road with whatever hazards it may present if they keep their minds and hearts fixed constantly upon the goals which they have set for themselves in the service of and obedience to our Lord.

Arkansas Baptists were successful in meeting their financial goal for 1955 of \$1,227,-848.80 with \$22,473.80 overage. There were hills to climb and valleys to cross in 1955. But Arkansas Baptists were courageous enough to challenge every roadblock that was put in their way and with determination and fortitude they drove on to the goal and surpassed it.

So for 1956 we are encouraged by the success we have achieved during 1955 and enter the new year with an enlarged budget with hope and assurance and determination. The financial goal for 1956 is \$1,331,409.09. This

is only \$81,087.49 more than Arkansas Baptists actually gave to the Cooperative Program last year. That is not a great increase and is well within the ability of Arkansas Baptists to meet.

However, this is no time for complacency or to let up in our program of promotion, thinking perhaps that it is an easy goal to meet. There will be times of struggle and perhaps anxiety. There will be some difficult hills to climb. There may be valleys of discouragement, but there will also be the long stretches of straight, level road which will compensate for the difficult stretches of road that we will inevitably encounter.

We invite you to turn to page 8 and study the 1956 budget in detail. It is challenging, it is promising, it represents, not the best that Arkansas Baptists could do, but at least a worthy goal in comparison with past achievements. Let us commit ourselves to the challenge of this goal and determine to follow through to the successful achievement at the end of the year.

There Was A Revival —

When Jesus Came to Church

The one supreme requisite to a revival is the presence and power of Jesus.

We have called attention to the Evangelistic Conference, January 23-25. We are 100 per cent for this Conference and urge all pastors and missionaries and lay-workers to attend this Conference. We believe in every method and technique used in evangelistic services so far as they are in harmony with Christian principles and teaching. We would not discount organization in the promotion of evangelistic services. In fact, we should use every method, every appeal, every technique consistent with the gospel message in our evangelistic efforts.

Having said this we hasten to say that all our efforts will be in vain if we do not make sure of the presence and power of Jesus. The success of Billy Graham's meetings cannot be explained by organization, advance build-up, and publicity. The presence and power of Jesus Christ alone explain the results of the Graham meetings. The presence or absence of Jesus from our evangelistic efforts will explain the success or the failure of those efforts.

He Brought a Revival

There is an interesting story in the first chapter of Mark. It is the story of Jesus entering the synagogue and teaching. His presence and His teaching converted a monotonous and uninteresting religious service into a dynamic service which electrified the congregation with new interest, new hopes, and new aspirations. His presence and power were felt by the demon-possessed who cried out in the midst of the service in recognition of Jesus as the "Holy One of God." It was Jesus who spoke to the same demon-

possessed, commanding the demon to come out of him and to the amazement of all present he came out. There was a revival when Jesus came to church.

Therefore, in all our conferences, in all our plans, in all our methods and techniques in visitation, we should realize that unless Jesus is present it is all in vain. In fact, He is worth more than all our plans, and He must infuse our plans with the spiritual dynamic of His presence and power to make them effective.

The church at Laodicea was materially prosperous saying, "I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing . . ." It was complacent and self-satisfied and yet Jesus described the church as wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. He sent a message to that church by John saying, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me." Jesus was saying that the church at Laodicea, self-satisfied and complacent, had shut Him out and that He was trying to get into the church.

May we not learn from this that Jesus is trying to come into our churches and revitalize them, then give them the dynamic of a revival of interest in Christian service.

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I thank God that I learned as a boy in Training Union that your pastor can be your best friend. I am grateful also for the privilege of continuing to learn as a member of the Training Union.

—Porter Routh

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Whatever ripens fast decays fast.

—Geo. Truett

If I Were Old

I Would Keep Abreast of the Times

One of the surest indications of age and the deterioration of mental faculties is to lose interest in the events, the issues, the problems, the struggles, the hopes, and the challenges of the present day. The loss of interest in these present day issues and events will inevitably throw one back to the dead past in an attempt to glorify the days gone by. For those who have lost their interest in the current life of today, it is easy to forget the dark days and hard experiences of the past and remember only the sunny days and the joyous experiences.

Such an attitude will cause one to rebel against progress and become disgruntled and critical toward the people and the events of the present day, like the retired farmer who declared that if he were farming today he would not allow a tractor on his farm, he would use mules.

Joyous Living

The only way to live joyously and constructively to the end is to maintain a lively interest in current events. One must enter into the life of today with all the zest that one can command in order to live happily and contentedly.

The physical infirmities which accompany age can best be endured if one maintains a healthy mental attitude and outlook upon life. Such a mental attitude and outlook will be the result of long, continuous mental discipline. And it requires stern discipline to control our thinking and prevent our minds from wondering aimlessly and picking up the mental garbage of life in general and the community in particular.

It is a tragic degeneration of the noble powers of the intellect for a person to become a mental scavenger and a gossip monger. We would not claim that there are no unpleasant experiences in everyday life, but we do maintain that to dwell solely upon these is to defeat life's purposes and result in a wholly miserable life.

The Apostle Paul writing to the Colossian Christians urged them to "set your affection (mind) on things above, not on things on the earth." In his letter to the Philippians, he wrote, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." The same apostle advised his young friend, Timothy, to "let no man despise (think down on) thy youth." The apostle meant to advise Timothy to so elevate his thoughts that men would have to lift their thinking in order to reach his level.

The same advice should be given to old people, let no man think down on thy age. A searching question that every old person should address to himself is this, "Do the people around me have to lower their thinking or lift their thinking in order to reach my level of thinking?" You may be sure that you will be a favorite in your community, among your acquaintances and friends if they have to think up instead of down in order to reach your level of thinking.

Kingdom Progress

Youth Director, Pike Ave., N.L.R.



MISS MARTHA SMITH

Miss Martha Smith has been youth director at Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, since November 1.

Miss Smith is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Harold Smith of First Church, Fort Smith. She is a senior in Ouachita College. She is majoring in Speech and English; minoring in Music. She is vice president of the BSU and president of the YWA.

R. H. Dorris is pastor of Pike Avenue Church.

Prescott, First, Ordains Deacons

First Church, Prescott, Wesley A. Lindsey, pastor, ordained three men to serve as deacons in New Year's Day services at 5:00 in the afternoon. The new deacons are J. D. Hines, Leroy Phillips, and Roy Loomis. The Ordaining Council was composed of pastors and deacons from five neighboring churches. Harold Hightower, Gurdon, delivered the ordination sermon; and Red River Association Missionary Charles Conner delivered the charge to church and deacons.

Calvary, Ft. Smith, Receives 20

Calvary Church, Fort Smith, had the services of Bill Lewis, pastor, Central church, Bald Knob in a revival January 8. Tommy Lane, minister of music at Belvue Baptist Church, Memphis, led the singing.

There were 15 additions to the church for baptism, and 5 by letter.

Pastor William B. Williams came to the Calvary Church about one year ago. There have been 200 additions to the church in that time.

Practice Teaching Offered At Ouachita

Twenty Ouachita College seniors will begin practice teaching in the Malvern public schools on January 30, it was announced by Dr. C. A. Yeoman, chairman of the Division of Education.

The students will teach daily from 8-12 o'clock during the entire spring semester, and will return for 1:30 classes at the colleges.

Former Ouachitonian Honored

Ouachita College has received two copies of a biographical sketch of one of its most illustrious graduates. Berlin B. Chapman is the author of the booklet entitled DR. HENRY G. BENNETT AS I KNEW HIM which appeared recently in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, publication of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Two copies were donated to Ouachita's Riley Memorial Library.

After graduating from Ouachita in 1907, the late Dr. Bennett received his master's degree from the University of Oklahoma and his doctorate from Columbia University.

He served as president of Oklahoma A & M at Stillwater from 1928 through 1951. Prior to nomination to that position he was completing his ninth year as president of Southeast Oklahoma State Teachers College at Durant, Okla.

Dr. Bennett served as head of the government's Point Four program until his death in a plane accident near India in 1951. He was a native of Arkadelphia and received his education in the public schools there.

Christmas Surprise

Christmas morning there were many gifts under the tree of Cpl. Milton L. Bridges, enlisted instructor in the Ouachita College Reserve Officers Training Corps department, but one of them came as quite a surprise.

Corporal Bridges opened one package to find that it contained orders promoting him to a sergeant.

When Bridges re-enlisted in the Army, he was unable to retain his former rank of sergeant first class, due to the length of time between enlistments. After he came to Ouachita during the summer, Major Clare H. Armstrong, professor of Military Science and Tactics, asked for a promotion quota which was granted just before Christmas.

Sgt. Bridges is a graduate of the Infantry Leadership School at Fort Benning, Ga. He is married and has three children. He is a native of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Ouachita Benefits By Ford Grant

Ouachita College will receive a part of the recently published \$142,100 grant from the Ford Foundation by July 1956, according to Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, president.

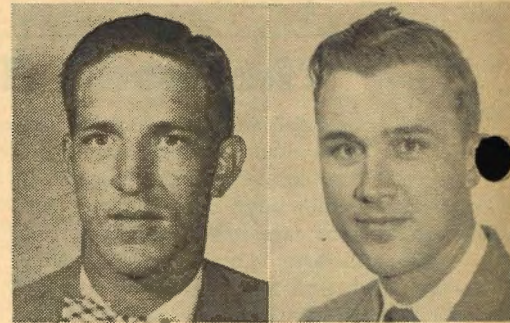
The balance will be received sometime in 1957, he stated. The grant will go into the college endowment fund. However, Dr. Phelps hastened to point out certain restrictions concerning the grant — only the interest from the amount can be used for a period of ten years, and this for increases in faculty salaries.

"We particularly are thrilled about this grant. It is the first addition of any size to the endowment fund in a number of years," Dr. Phelps stated.

Ouachita's endowment now stands at \$637,741.26.

Trustees of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex., recently adopted a million-dollar campaign to construct four new buildings — a library, student center, hospital, and dormitory — and make general repairs and improvements.

Arkansas Graduates At Southern Seminary, Jan. 19



THOMAS HALEY

G. WALLACE DENTON



GEO. L. BALLENTINE

Four Arkansans graduated from Southern Seminary on January 19. They were George B. Balentine, W. Helena, B.D. degree; Thomas Haley, England, B.D.; G. Wallace Denton, Manning, Th.M.; and D. David Garland, pastor of Baring Cross Church, No. Little Rock, Th.D.

Dr. Garland's picture was not available.

Tract Ministers to Unsaved

"I have something I want to tell you!"

"Yes, and what is that?"

"I met God here last night in a real way, and now I have peace in my heart that I never had before."

This conversation took place recently between a patient and a chaplain in a Southern Baptist hospital.

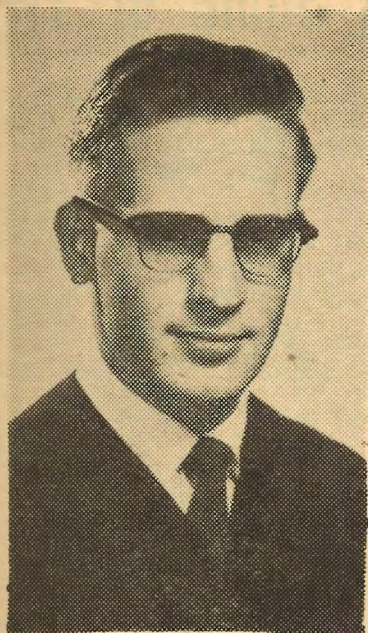
The patient told her story.

She had come to the hospital worried and fearful. Her spiritual life was zero. As she walked to and fro in the hospital hall a tract display caught her eye. She picked up a copy of "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" by the late Dr. R. C. Campbell. One paragraph in the Baptist Sunday School Board tract struck home. It told of a visiting preacher during a revival meeting who had asked an unsaved lady, "When do you want Jesus to save you? When will you make your surrender to him and let him save you?" The answer, after sober reflection, had come: "Why, right now I surrender to him!"

The Holy Spirit used a little tract to lead this patient to make the same decision as the lady in the story. In the quietness of the night in the Baptist Hospital she gave her life to the Lord. She had met God and found peace in a real way through her experience. The hospital and a tract had helped bring a needy soul in contact with God.

The Sunday School Board will make free tract grants in reasonable quantities to churches and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. Send application for tracts to the Tract Editor, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

Roland Pastor



JOHN D. RIGGS

John D. Riggs is the new pastor at Roland, Pulaski County.

Mr. Riggs is a graduate of the Jacksonville High School, and has the B. A. degree from Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He was formerly the pastor of Carter Munch Baptist Church, Lott, Texas.

Mt. Zion Enlarges Auditorium

The Mt. Zion Church, Independence Association, has completed an 18x26 addition to its auditorium. The cost was approximately \$2,500. The auditorium will accommodate 250 people. There are five Sunday school rooms. D. Thomas is pastor.

Fair Brown, Vice President, Mary Hardin-Baylor

In unprecedented action, the trustees of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas, elected Miss Fair Brown vice-president of the college on January 5. This is the first time in the 110-year-old history of the tradition-rich college for women that a woman has been elected to a top administrative office.

Miss Brown, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin E. Brown of Beeville, has been publicity director and assistant professor of journalism at the college since the fall of 1954. She received her BA degree from Mary Hardin-Baylor in 1936 and her masters degree from Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, in 1940. Miss Brown lived in China one year, and has travelled extensively in the United States, Asia, Europe and Africa.

She taught journalism in Pettus high school and worked on several weeklies and dailies in Texas and Illinois. Before coming to Mary Hardin-Baylor she was connected with the South Texas Children's home near Beeville as office manager.

Deacons Ordained

New Harmony Church, El Dorado, ordained four deacons on Sunday, December 18. They are E. L. Ward, Thomas Ward, Aubrey Barree, and Guy Hollengsworth.

The ordaining council of sixteen members included the pastor of the church, John Graves, who served as moderator. Graham Fowler, Camden, served as clerk. Dr. T. L. Harris, Camden, delivered the message. Associational Missionary Bill Couch questioned the candidates. Jimmie Harris, El Dorado, offered the ordination prayer.

2500 Baptist Writers Needed in Five Years

Southern Baptists need to realize their young people can serve God in newspaper work and related fields and should encourage them to prepare for this kind of work, one of the denominations publications.

Albert McClellan, of Nashville, director of publications for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, said that at least 2500 Baptist young people should train for secular editorial work during the next five years.

He also said the denomination needs to establish a Public Relations Advisory Committee composed of Baptist editors, ministers, and interested laymen.

"We should say to these young people, 'Consider the field of communications your vocation. Train yourself to serve as a Christian in a newspaper office, radio or television station, advertising agency, or public relations position,'" McClellan continued.

Speaking to about 100 Baptist leaders in Nashville to plan their future denominational program, McClellan stated that individual Baptist churches as well as the Southern Baptist Convention need to make their message clear to the communities they are serving.

Other Southern Baptist leaders supported his suggestions.

Eight Colleges Offer Degrees

R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Commission, Nashville, reported eight Baptist colleges are at the present offering degrees in journalism. He said if more young people demand journalism training, more colleges will offer such degrees.

J. E. Lambdin, secretary, Training Union department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, remarked that 1400 Baptist young people last summer committed their lives to the service of God. From these, he added, would come many who could cultivate the talent of writing.

The director of public relations for Southern Baptists in Texas supported the statement that a Public Relations Advisory Committee must be formed.

Leonard Holloway, of Dallas, said "This is a sound approach to get men in the public relations field together and keep the Baptist success story before the public.

Receptive to Baptists

"News outlets are more receptive now to the Baptist message than at any other period in history," according to Holloway.

McClellan said in encouraging young people to enter secular publications work and in enlarging the Baptist public relations program, it was important to emphasize integrity.

"We must tell what we are doing, but we must tell it right," he said. "And it is also necessary that we teach these young people how to be good reporters and writers — the kind who will be an asset to those for whom they work."

He said there are openings in the denomination itself for trained young people, those who have a college education and also have experience on newspapers and elsewhere in the field of mass communications.

—Baptist Press

H. J. Adkins, Missionary, Big Creek Association

H. J. Adkins, pastor at Gravel Ridge Church, near Jacksonville, has accepted a call to Big Creek Association to serve as associational missionary.

He succeeds H. M. Dugger who resigned to serve in Little Red River Association.

Subscription Analysis Arkansas Baptist

Carroll County Association has three budgets; two clubs; two with neither.

Centennial Association has eight budgets; no clubs; and two with neither.

Central Association has 22 budgets; two clubs; eleven with neither.

Clear Creek Association has twelve budgets; three clubs; and twelve 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.

Gene Davis and Lawrence Ridgeway Ordained

Ordination services were held in December at the Remount Church, North Little Rock, for Gene Davis and Lawrence Ridgeway, who had been called to the pastorate of Harmony and Waldensburg Churches, respectively.

Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr. brought the sermon after an examination conducted by Missionary Happy Ingram, prayer by J. Harry Hunt and the presentation of New Testaments in behalf of the Remount Church by J. C. Myers. Pastor Floyd Simmons served as moderator. Twelve deacons served with the above named ordained ministers on the presbytery.

Dr. Vaught's message also signaled the dedication of the new wing to the church edifice to be used for education purposes.

Student Missions Conference At New Orleans Seminary

The second annual Student Missions Conference will be held at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary on February 24 and 25 (Friday and Saturday). The initial conference, held in February of 1955, was attended by approximately 300 students drawn from all parts of Southern Baptist Convention territory. The Department of Missions, which sponsors the conference, has planned a strong program to be presented by outstanding missionary statesmen.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Executive Secretary, Mr. Elmer S. West, Jr., Secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Foreign Mission Board, and the latter's associate, Mr. Bill Cody, will bring messages which will give the student volunteer both high inspiration and practical guidance. Others on the program include missionaries Ruben Franks (Chile), Miss Martha Knox (Japan), Miss Bonnie Moore (Nigeria), and Dr. J. T. Gillespie of the Home Mission Board staff.

The over-all purpose of the conference is to guide missionary students in the selection of pre-seminary courses which will enable them to derive maximum benefit from later seminary work. Information from the mission boards will acquaint the students with methods and opportunities to be found on Southern Baptist mission fields at home and abroad. Also included are facts regarding appointment as missionaries.

Ministerial and missionary students from all parts of the country in which Southern Baptists labor will be welcome to attend. A registration fee of one dollar should be sent to Miss Helen Falls, Associate Professor of Missions, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans 22, Louisiana. Miss Falls will be glad to answer any letter of inquiry concerning details of this student missions conference.



Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

Kansas Council Gets Grant For United Evangelism Program

The Kansas Council of Churches has been granted \$10,000 by the Moorman Foundation of Quincy, Ill., to finance the first year of a united evangelism program.

Milton R. Vogel, executive secretary, said the money will be sent "as soon as we secure the man to direct it." He added that the council hopes it can keep the program going itself after the first year of operation.

Plans include united evangelistic preaching missions in communities all over the state and a direct visitation campaign to be launched during Lent, 1957.

The Moorman Foundation, set up in the will of a former Quincy Methodist businessman, has made \$10,000 grants to finance evangelism programs of the Illinois Council of Churches for the past two years. It also has made annual grants for several years to the National Council of Churches' department of evangelism.

In New York, Berlyn W. Farris, director of the National Council department, hailed the action of the Kansas Council as evidence of a growing trend in the state bodies to promote self-sustained local evangelism programs.

He said the Pennsylvania Council of Churches has had such a program for several years and that a movement to establish a similar one is under way in Arkansas.

Brewers Launch Attack On Oklahoma Dry Movement

The beer industry launched an attack on petitions filed by Oklahoma United Drys, a Protestant group, to initiate county option elections on outlawing 3.2 beer in the state.

A 20-point protest against the petitions was made to Andy Anderson, Secretary of State, by Oklahoma United, a new organization formed by brewers to oppose the anti-beer campaign.

One of the points alleged that the petitions do not contain names of 137,000 qualified, registered voters, as claimed by the drys. Only 91,379 signatures are needed to bring the question to a vote of the people.

Mr. Anderson's ruling on the validity of the petitions could be appealed to the Oklahoma Supreme Court by either side. State capitol observers believe such an appeal almost is a certainty.

M. R. Dykema, vice-president of the Progress Brewery in Oklahoma City and head of Oklahoma United, said "it is our moral duty to examine closely this dry petition because it attacks one of Oklahoma's greatest basic industries, but goes even further to attack one of our few remaining precious liberties."

"If the professional drys are successful in driving the beer industry out of Oklahoma," he said, "our state would suffer a social and economic blow which would set it back for at least ten years, and probably more."

"The drys want to wipe out our industry, the jobs we supply, the school salaries we pay, the highways our taxes build, but they never, never have the forthright honesty to say how they will replace the lost revenues, the lost jobs, the missing roads and I now challenge them to do so."

Graham Opens Butt Crusade With Warning on Communism

Evangelist Billy Graham launched a 12-day Crusade for Christ in Boston, directed by Howard Butt, 28-year-old Corpus Christi, Tex., millionaire.

Mr. Butt, who heads a 68-store grocery chain, devotes half of each year to evangelism.

Mr. Graham was the featured speaker at the Crusade's opening rally in Mechanics Hall attended by more than 5,000 persons.

"Only God can save us from the Communists," he warned. "The Communist millions are on the march. No human power can stop them from overrunning the West. And we can't expect God to be on our side — we've got to get on God's side."

Calling for a spiritual awakening, the evangelist cited the grievous social, economic and scientific problems facing the world.

Mr. Butt brought to Boston an evangelistic team that has assisted him in campaigns in other parts of the country.

Advance man for the team is Bill Mead, another Texas businessman who devotes a good part of each year to evangelistic work. Mr. Mead is the head of a successful baking firm in Lubbock, Tex.

Prof. Fague Springman of the University of Maryland — known to concert, radio and television audiences under his stage name of Lee Fairfax — is the team's musical director. Dr. Carleton Booth, professor of evangelism at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., leads the general singing. Prof. W. Karl Steele of Wheaton, (Ill.) College gives "chalk talk" sermons.

Others on the team are Howard Skinner, organist; Fred Smith of Cincinnati, O., vice-president of the Gruen Watch Co.; and Cullum Greene, religion editor of the Fort Worth (Tex.) Star-Telegram, public relations director.

Methodist Laymen Plan Church Membership Campaign

About 4,000 laymen from 61 Methodist churches in the Oklahoma City area will stage a one-day campaign, Feb. 5, aimed at boosting church membership by 2,000.

Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Methodist general board of evangelism, met with denominational leaders to plan the campaign.

Polish Communist Party to Weed Out Religious Observers

Polish Communist leaders have ordered a year-long screening of the party's 1,500,000 members to weed out those who persist in attending church, sending their children to services or observing religious holidays.

All membership cards are being withdrawn and new ones issued only to Communists who faithfully adhere to the party ideology in every respect.

Local party committees were instructed by the central committee in Warsaw to investigate the private life of every member with particular emphasis upon his religious beliefs.

A Smile or Two



"I wouldn't be a bit surprised to hear that the Russians invented schools."

In January, when Johnny brought his report card home, his merchant father was perturbed by the low grades.

"Johnny, what's wrong?"

"Dad, you know how it is," said Johnny. "They always mark things down after the holidays."

In the high school English class, the teacher was trying to impress the class with the importance of a large vocabulary. He said that if the student took a word and used it ten times it would be his for life.

One girl was heard to murmur: "Tom, Tom, Tom, Tom, Tom, Tom, Tom, Tom, Tom, Tom."

I notice that in telling about the fish caught, you vary the size of it for different listeners.

Yes, I never tell a man more than I think he will believe.

There's the story of the little girl who caused quite a stir at a recent wedding reception.

A group of women had clustered at one end of the room, where they were busily recounting all weddings they'd ever attended. After listening to the grownups ramble on and on, the cherub finally interrupted. "When I get big," she said, "I'm going to marry Tommy."

"How can you be so sure?" asked an amused woman.

"Oh, I'll have to," was her innocent reply. "You see, he lives right next door."

"But that doesn't mean you'll have to marry him."

"Oh, yes it does. Mother won't let me cross the street, and that is where all the other boys live."

Mother was telling her small son about the good times she had when she was a little girl — riding a pony, sliding down a haystack, and wading in a brook at the farm.

"Mother," he said at last with a sigh, "I wish I'd met you earlier!"

A farmer wrote to a mail order house as follows: "Please send me one of those gasoline engines you show on page 785, and if it's any good I'll send you a check for it."

He received the following reply from the firm: "Please send us the check, and if it's any good we'll send you the engine."

News From Baptist Press

Baptists Thank Ford Foundation For Gifts

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee has thanked the Ford Foundation for its magnificent grants to hospitals and colleges throughout the Nation.

Southern Baptist colleges themselves received \$5 million of the total \$500 million grant to hospitals and colleges. The exact amount given Southern Baptist hospitals was not immediately available but exceeded \$1 million.

Twenty-three of Southern Baptists' 29 standard senior colleges received grants ranging from Baylor University's \$884,800 to \$52,900 for Blue Mountain (Miss.) College.

The second largest grant was to Wake Forest College in North Carolina, \$515,300, followed by University of Richmond (Va.), \$455,700. Furman University in South Carolina received \$428,800.

None of the six church-related colleges receiving over \$1 million was Southern Baptist. Four were Roman Catholic colleges; one, Mormon, and one, Methodist.

Baylor was among the top 10 church-related schools, however.

The amount given Hardin-Simmons University in Texas had not been finally determined by the Foundation.

Executive Committee Message

The Executive Committee's message to Ford Foundation was based not only upon its grants to Baptist institutions but for its aid generally.

The text of the message, signed by Committee Chairman Frank Hooper and Secretary G. Allen West:

"The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville took official note of the magnificent grants allocated by the Ford Foundation to colleges, universities, medical schools, and hospitals. The Committee wishes to express its grateful appreciation to the Ford Foundation and especially to Mr. Henry Ford, II, president of the Foundation.

"Appreciation also is expressed for the vision of those who began and established the trust funds and for those who have the responsibility of now administering the funds.

"On behalf of Southern Baptists the Committee takes this opportunity to express its profound thanks for these magnificent bequests. The Committee feels that these grants will mean to educational institutions a better qualified teaching staff and will result in better teaching and stronger youth. For the sick ministered to in hospitals it will mean better care.

"Thus shall the stewardship of the Ford Foundation set forward many of our educational and benevolent institutions in service to man for the glory of God."

Hope McCall's Friends Will Provide Portrait

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee hopes friends of Duke K. McCall will donate his portrait so it may be hung in the Committee's conference room in Nashville beside that of Executive Secretary Emeritus Austin Crouch.

McCall, now president of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was executive secretary of the Executive Committee from 1946 to 1951. He succeeds Crouch, the Committee's first executive secretary, who retired after 18 years' service.

The Executive Committee also authorized the writing of its own history but has selected no one yet to prepare it.

Counseling Conference Scheduled in October

What Southern Baptists should do about counseling on personal and family problems will be discussed at a conference in Nashville, Tenn., next Oct. 1-2.

Joe Burton, secretary, home education department, Baptist Sunday School Board, said he and four other members of a committee will meet in January to plan the October program.

Southern Baptist leaders from various Convention boards, agencies, and schools will attend the October conference on counseling, the first of its kind. About 50 persons are expected.

"The aim of the conference," according to Burton, "is to find what the Southern Baptist Convention is already doing and needs to do in the field of counseling on personal and family problems.

"The basic personal need can be met by the Christian message and the application of Christ's teachings. We also recognize the value of scientific knowledge in the field of personal tensions," he added.

The conference hopes to secure a well-known authority from the counseling profession as program speaker, Burton reported.

Several Southern Baptist agencies and schools have work in the field of counseling, but Burton said there is a need for denominational leaders to confer with each other about their responsibility.

The program and arrangements committee includes Burton, chairman; A. C. Miller, Nashville, executive secretary, Christian Life Commission; Orin Cornett, Nashville, executive secretary, Education Commission; Wayne Oates, professor, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and S. F. Dowis, Atlanta, secretary of co-operative missions, Home Mission Board.

Anti-Intergration Action At Two Baptist Schools

Two Baptist colleges have reported action against admitting Negroes to the student body.

Trustees of Chowan Junior College, 107-year-old institution at Murfreesboro, N. C., unanimously voted to bar admission of Negroes as students.

At Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., students were asked if they favored admitting Negroes in 1957. They said "No."

Action by Chowan's board of trustees followed a policy adopted by Baptists in North Carolina at their annual state convention in Asheville recently. There, they said individual Baptist schools over the state would determine for themselves if they wanted to admit students of all races.

Chowan's trustees stated in a resolution that its students "must be of the social race to be accepted in homes of our community. Therefore the admittance committee shall not accept applications from the Negro race."

They said further that to be admitted to Chowan, students "must be acceptable for full membership in our local churches of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention" which supports the college.

Chowan reported an enrolment of 227 students.

Stetson has about 1500 students. The executive council of the college's Baptist Student Union suggested the student referendum in which the proposal to admit Negro students in 1957 was defeated.



Denominational Calendar

22 — Spring Term Begins at Ouachita
23-25 — Annual State Wide Evangelistic Conference, First Church, Little Rock
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Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Baptist Answers

QUESTION: Will you please answer the following questions?

Why do "Baptist churches" call themselves "Baptist"?

ANSWER: Because that is their name, the name by which they are called. In some Catholic countries, New Testament churches have to use the term "believers" instead of "Christian" because "Christian" means anyone who belongs to a church.

QUESTION: Are Baptists a denomination?

ANSWER: Of course, every religious group is a denomination, even if they deny it. "Denomination" means those who have a denominator, a name.

QUESTION: Is there New Testament authority for using mechanical instruments of music in the church worship?

ANSWER: No, nor for hymn books, nor tuning forks, nor public address systems, nor pews, nor pulpits, nor even electric lights. How absurd can you get?

QUESTION: Why do Baptists teach that baptism is not essential to salvation?

ANSWER: Because this is what the Bible teaches. There are a hundred passages that explain the way of salvation. Only two of them even mention baptism in connection with salvation, and these in their context show clearly that baptism does not save, but faith.

QUESTION: What constitutes the New Birth?

ANSWER: It is an act of God by which the individual is made a child of God.

QUESTION: Why do Baptists vote members in?

ANSWER: Because the church has final authority as recorded in Matthew 18:17. Because the church which Jesus started, the one at Jerusalem, refused at first to receive Paul as a member, as recorded in Acts 9:26. And because there are only three ways that a member can be received — somebody always passes on converts — by the pastor, by a committee, or by the congregation. Baptists believe in congregational control.

(NOTE: Please don't write me controversial letters. Life is too short, time is too valuable, my secretary is tired of reading them, and my waste basket is running over. This column aims at helping those who are open to help. Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

Du Pont Announces Mississippi Grant

The du Pont Co. in Wilmington, Del., announced gifts to over 100 colleges and universities, including Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

Mississippi College will receive \$4,000 during the 1956-57 academic year to help it maintain "the excellence of its teaching" program in chemistry, according to the donors.

Du Pont gave the college \$2500 during the present school year.

Catholic Domination

By JOHN J. HURT, JR.

I am convinced that Roman Catholicism is the one big political curse in Europe and as great an evil as Communism.

Those, I know, are strong words. They come after two months of observation and talking with the people. I doubt that any fair-minded person could escape a similar conclusion.

Spain, for example, is ruled by Franco and his henchmen with a ruthlessness known only to Russia. It is a land of dire poverty and of a people 20 and more years behind in their civilization.

Yet, it is the nation allied closest to the Vatican. The alliance is so strong that a formal concordat describes the Roman Catholic Church as "the only true religion of the Catholic nation."

That is bad enough in the thinking of any freedom loving person. It is repugnant to our sense of democracy. It is the opposite of what the Vatican would have you believe it plans for these United States.

These are the Facts

But, look at the facts which cannot be disputed in Spain. Remember, too, that the situation is much the same in Italy.

A Baptist, just as any other evangelical in Spain, is tolerated for "the private practice of his cult." Those, too, are the words from the concordat.

That means no signs to identify the churches. It means no church buildings as we know them, but only a place to worship on some side street or back alley. There must be no proselyting or, more simply, no effort toward evangelism.

Catholic freedom? The two words don't mix. It is Catholic domination. How else would you explain the government seals closing half a dozen or so Baptist churches in Spain?

Forget that propaganda about 99 per cent of the Spaniards being Catholic. They are so baptized before they are old enough to cry in protest. It would be interesting to know what percentage of them have so much as climbed the steps of a cathedral in the last dozen years.

Quit this talk about tolerance to the extent we must not criticize Roman Catholicism. We will criticize now, and awake our people, or fall victims to the same oppression that stifles Spain.

Be silent when you stand before a Baptist church closed by government order because Roman Catholicism so decreed?

Be silent when you worship and talk with people who assemble under the threat of ar-

rest?

Be silent when you see a former priest baptized and know that he, like others, will be hounded the rest of his life as a traitor?

Be silent? Then, you are a coward to your own convictions.

Spain is no exception. Franco is a great dictator in the present rating of the Vatican. So was Peron when he played the tune as ordered by the Roman Catholic Church in Argentina. Peron became the evil man he is only when he selected his own music.

Who is Franco?

The one-time pal of Hitler and Mussolini. His regime has had its troubles from the beginning. It might be tottering now but for the economic aid from Washington in the guise of something they called a military pact.

All history teaches the futility and the sin of dealing with evil people. That is what irks us as we see our government in cahoots with a dictator who tolerates Baptists and other evangelicals for the "private practice" of their religion.

Maybe it is only an affair for the Spaniards. But, not so long as the Vatican talks about liberty in the United States and denies it wherever it gets control. Nor is it an affair only for the Spaniards when Washington dollars are flowing into Spain.

The answer? It is not difficult to give. Every freedom-loving person in these United States must come alive to the fact that Roman Catholicism is as much a political doctrine as it is a religion.

The Vatican wants Church control of State. It has stopped nowhere short of that in any nation on this earth.

Doubt it? Then, explain Spain, explain Italy, explain Argentina and the other nations of Catholic domination.

Now, back up and be sure you understand I said "Roman Catholicism is the one big political curse in Europe. . ." It is not for us to criticize Roman Catholicism as a religion.

But, when the political powers of the Vatican are used to stamp out all other religions that is a different matter. You can't blame Spain's troubles on Franco alone. Two dictatorial governments got together when they signed the concordat.

The facts can't be denied. The concordat is a matter of record. Baptist churches are closed. Baptist preachers and Baptist church members have been arrested. Freedom of religion, just as most other freedoms, are not tolerated in Catholic countries.

—The Christian Index

Missionaries Present Needs To Texas Medical Students

The pressing need for the highest caliber doctors and nurses on Southern Baptist mission fields was presented to 150 medical students from five schools during a two-day medical missions conference held in December at Camp Allen, near Baytown, Tex.

This, the first such conference held for Texas Baptist students, was sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and the student directors of the five institutions represented. The program was designed not only to explore the need for medical personnel but also the call of God for this generation to respond to that need—now.

The students came from Baylor University College of Medicine and Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, both in Houston; Univer-

sity of Texas Medical Branch; and Lamar State College of Technology and Baptist Hospital School of Professional Nursing, both in Beaumont.

Southern Baptist missionaries present shared their experiences: clinics under the mango trees; early morning hospital staff devotionals; the testimony of a man, when a pagan religious leader was trying to lure him away from Christianity: "I don't understand what you are saying about these people who have healed my body; but this is the first time I have ever seen love put into practice."

Ten years ago popcorn sales amounted to less than \$100 million annually. The popcorn business has now become a \$375 million-a-year industry.

1956 Operating Budget

DIVISION I

Non-Distributable Items:

Administration	\$ 41,000.00
W. M. U.	30,000.00
Retirement Plans	80,000.00
	\$ 151,000.00

DIVISION II

State Causes:

Department of Evangelism	\$ 10,000.00
State Missions Department	85,000.00
Southern Baptist College	30,000.00
"Arkansas Baptist"	15,000.00
Orphanage	45,000.00
Hospital School of Nursing	30,000.00
Hospital Charity Fund	15,000.00
Sunday School Department	19,000.00
Training Union Department	18,000.00
Church Music Department	7,500.00
B. S. U. Department	30,000.00
Ouachita College	175,000.00
Brotherhood Department	18,000.00
Foundation Department	7,000.00
State Assembly	5,000.00
Promotion and Convention Fund	11,000.00
Emergency Reserve Fund	7,200.00
Ministerial Education	8,400.00
Memphis Hospital	10,000.00
	\$ 546,100.00

DIVISION III

Southern Baptist Convention Causes:

(1956—45 pct. of Distributable Budget) \$ 446,809.09

DIVISION IV

Capital Needs:

Siloam Assembly	\$ 15,000.00
For Reconversion of Office Building	10,000.00
Bottoms Baptist Orphanage	25,000.00
Ouachita College	50,000.00
B. S. U. Department	30,000.00
Arkansas Baptist Hospital	40,000.00
Camp Grounds	7,500.00
Memphis Hospital	10,000.00
	\$ 187,500.00

TOTAL BUDGET \$1,331,409.09

NOTE: The Sunday School, Training Union, B. S. U., and Music Departments are to get additional amounts from the Sunday School Board, respectively, as follows: \$5,713.00; \$4,849.00; \$4,419.00; \$2,319.00. The Departments of Evangelism and Missions will be supplemented by the Home Mission Board, \$2,000.00 and \$13,000.00, respectively. Budget receipts in 1955 will be approximately 5¼ pct. increase over 1954. This proposal will be nearly 11+ pct. increase over the 1955 budget.

All overage on the budget will be divided 50-50 between Southern Baptist College and Southwide Causes.

Alcoholism Shrinks Brain X-Rays Show

X-ray evidence that severe alcoholism can cause shrinkage of the brain is reported by a United States Navy Medical researcher, according to the *Chicago Tribune*.

Films of the brains of six alcoholic retired veterans yielded the information, said Dr. S. A. Skillicorn of the Naval Hospital, San Diego.

The six veterans all had symptoms of severe damage to the cerebellum, the part of the brain below and back of the cerebrum or thinking apparatus. The cerebellum controls coordination of movements.

—National Voice

Let Us Renew Our Covenant

A Message For Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 5

To fellow-believers around the world: Grace and Peace!

On Baptist World Alliance Sunday, as we gather to worship, let us thank God for all the blessings that are ours, the mercies of the past, the opportunities of the present, and our hope for the future as we trust in His unfailing promises. With grateful hearts, let us renew our covenant of faith and fellowship with our Heavenly Father and with each other. We are one in our faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and in God who is our light and our salvation. "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

We are part of a mighty host of believers in many lands. Let us be grateful that we know each other better than ever before because in the providence of God we have been privileged to share in three significant World Congresses in eight years. The visits of our Presidents and Secretaries and others have further helped us to understand each other better and have strengthened our bonds of Christian love. Now more than ever before we know that "the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."

With the broad foundation of fifty years of work together and the inspiration of our Golden Jubilee Congress, there is much that we can do in the years just ahead. As that Congress closed in a memorable session, the new President suggested four words that sum up "the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love".

Evangelism

Facing a lost world beset by false faiths, we are called to a greater effort to win others to a saving faith in Christ. Each in our own land and together in our missionary efforts, let us seek to win the lost as never before. Baptists more than trebled in numbers in the past fifty years. Surely we can add ten million more in the next ten years.

Fellowship

Let us seek to strengthen the ties of fellowship that unite us in Christ. As individuals, let us keep in touch with believers in other lands and unions and conventions. On each continent, let us seek closer ties and more ways of cooperation in the work of the Kingdom. Regional and continental gatherings and evangelistic efforts can help to this end, as will the World Conference of Baptist Youth and the meetings sponsored by our Woman's Department.

Faith

As we join with other believers in proclaiming the central truths of the Christian Faith, let us never fail to bear our distinctive witness as Baptists. We must keep faith with those who have gone before us and with those in our fellowship who even now are suffering for their faith and the truth that sets men free.

Prayer

Your officers and Executive Committee made a Covenant of Prayer in our closing meeting in London. We hope Baptists everywhere will join us in this covenant to pray regularly with and for each other and for all who serve the Lord Christ. Apart from Him we can do nothing, but with God all things are possible.

Evangelism, Fellowship, Faith, and Pray-

The New Man

By JAMES L. SULLIVAN

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles on the Crusade for Christian Morality

Where does Christian morality begin? Is it born in good resolutions? Can it be produced through proper classroom instruction? Is it inspired by private or public appeal?

These are timely questions in this period of special emphasis on the need of a moral awakening in America. To build a better nation, we must first find the proper foundation on which to base it. On what we are to build a deeper national sensitiveness to sin?

Conversion

No movement for morality will get far without linking it first to New Testament evangelism. Lost men are "blind" (Eph. 4:18) and cannot see. They are "dead" (Eph. 2:1) and cannot know.

No lasting good can come from mere complaining about that situation. It would be like complaining at a deaf man because he could not hear a symphony orchestra. Complaining will not improve his hearing.

Thank God, there is a way to improve the situation and the individual and the nation. It is through the "new birth" (Jno. 3:7-which produces a "new life" (2 Cor. 5:17). Faith in Christ, which brings conversion, gives an individual the experience and understanding he needs for a moral awakening. When someone knows Christ, he can then know himself.

Unless he knows Jesus in a personal experience of faith, he can never set himself free from the devil's entangling web. Being unable to emancipate himself, he is certainly in no position to assist others. Conversion lays the groundwork for building a moral wakening in our land at this time. Only as we lead people to know God through Christ, can we enable them to help others.

Instruction

Before an individual can become morally aware, he must know right from wrong. He must be able to separate good from bad. Where does his measuring stick come from? True standards of right and wrong must be found.

An inexperienced young carpenter was given his first assignment. It was to saw three dozen boards the same length. He was given a measuring stick by which he was to cut the planks. He measured the first board by the measuring stick. Then he laid the measuring stick aside and sawed the first board.

He took the first board to use as a measuring stick for the second one. He used the second board as a measuring stick for the

er. Surely these words call us to greater loyalty and deeper devotion to Christ, and to closer cooperation and more zealous labor in our Baptist World Fellowship.

Let us then on this Baptist World Alliance Sunday renew our covenant with our Lord and with each other and pray that God will bless and guide and use us as we serve together in His name, by His power, and for His glory.

Theodore F. Adams, President	Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary
Henry Cook, Acting Associate Secretary in Europe	Robert S. Denny, Associate Secretary for Youth Work

third and so on. When he had finished, he was amazed to learn that his last board was six inches longer than the measuring stick which he was originally given. His error came through his failure to use the same measuring stick throughout his assignment.

Any man who is constantly shifting standards is confused. With such confusion we cannot build a moral consciousness in America. The Bible is the measuring stick that gives us unerring guidance and unchanging standards. It must be constantly taught and conscientiously followed.

Consecration

The dedication of Christians to high moral living is apparent to everyone — even to unsaved men. Everyone expects Christians to have high standards of conduct. Christians must lead out, therefore, in this campaign to build a moral consciousness in America. Once he accepts Christ, the believer is then on the right track as he travels the high road of moral and ethical conduct.

Public morals are built on private conduct. If all individuals did right in private conduct, there would be no problem at the level of public morals. We find our answer in building acceptable public morals as we lead individuals to live righteous lives individually and privately.

Among the numerous religions of the world, Christianity calls for the highest standards of morality. Many of the world's lesser religions have no moral standards at all. Some of the infamous religions of past history have actually lowered the moral standards of their people.

How wonderful it is that Christianity not only inspires men to high and righteous living, but portrays a Saviour who lived that sort of life as an example before his people. What is even better, we as Christians are promised God's help as we try to reach a high standard of moral living and serving.

Dedication

To lift the world's level of moral thinking demands the personal dedication of all Christians even at the cost of sacrifice. Every great heritage we have has been purchased by blood, sweat, and tears — religious freedom among them. A moral consciousness for Americans must be purchased through the same high cost. It cannot be inherited.

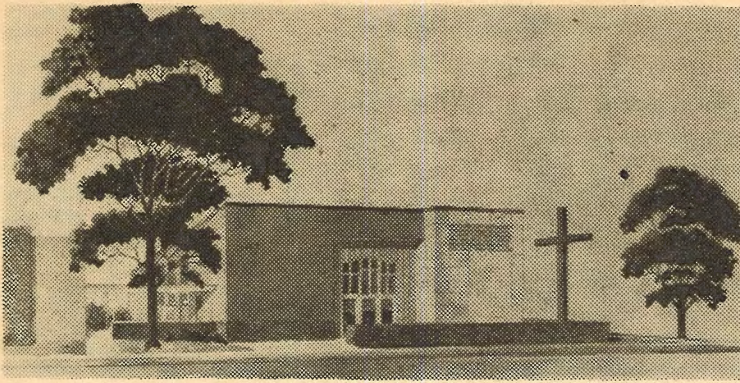
The purchase price required may be high for some of us. What does that matter? Consider the price paid by the prophets and seers of ages past. Even more, consider the price paid by the Master and His disciples.

Only by complete dedication on the part of Christians to this noble ideal can our country be lifted from its present drunken, licentious, and worldly ways.

In building for a better day, we must begin on the fundamental basis of conversion. All men must know Jesus before they can live better lives. Only as Jesus purifies men can they be pure. Instruction, guidance, and training must then follow.

Our task is not complete until men are presented flawless before the throne of God's grace, at which time it will be obvious to all that they have taken on the image and shape of the Master to whom their lives have been so willingly and gladly given.

Calvary, Little Rock, Builds Sanctuary



Pictured above is the architect's version of the new sanctuary of Calvary Church, 1901 Pierce, Little Rock, at an estimated cost of \$128,000. The new building will be twice the size of the old structure, with 10,700 feet of floor space; a seating capacity of 500, and a choir to accommodate 50.

The sanctuary, of functional design, will feature Calvary's hill with an empty cross 35 feet high, made of California redwood, and the Garden of Gethsemane at the right of the main entrance. Pastor Riley Munday said, "The church design by Architect Bruce Anderson is probably the only one of its kind in the South and

Southwest." Construction will be of concrete, steel, stone, and masonry. Plans call for completion of sanctuary in twelve months.

An educational building of stone and masonry was completed three years ago by Calvary Church to care for all departments up to the adult age. The new building will provide a basement to provide for seven adult classes, an assembly room, rest rooms, and kitchen facilities.

Members of the building committee are: Chairman John White; Gene Carroll; Roy Halbert; Duke Faught; and Dr. Joe Scruggs. Charles Bolton is chairman of the finance committee.

Proposed 1957 Budget By Individual Items

Here are the proposed allocations for Southern Baptist Convention missions, seminaries, and agency work for 1957. They have been approved by the Executive Committee and will be voted upon by the Southern Baptist Convention at Kansas City.

Foreign Mission	1956 Operat'g	1956 Capital	1957 Operating	1957 Capital
Board	\$3,200,000	\$ 600,000.00	\$3,950,000.00	\$ 600,000.00
Home Mission				
Board	785,000	439,800.00	1,050,000.00	500,000.00
*Relief & Annuity	500,000	291,900.00	250,000.00	
Southern	436,500	242,466.67	484,333.33	242,466.66
Southwestern	463,500	242,466.67	499,333.34	242,466.66
New Orleans	378,000	253,203.33	434,333.33	253,203.34
Golden Gate	249,000	199,800.00	261,000.00	626,733.00
Southeastern	288,000	550,363.33	321,000.00	350,130.34
Radio	200,000	12,000.00	234,500.00	35,000.00
American				
Seminary	62,500	42,000.00	65,000.00	
Carver	70,000		70,000.00	
Hospital	40,000	120,000.00	40,000.00	150,000.00
Brotherhood	80,000	6,000.00	85,000.00	
Public Affairs	16,500		16,500.00	
Baptist World				
Alliance	30,000		30,000.00	
So. Baptist				
Foundation	25,000		26,000.00	
Education	32,000		33,000.00	
Historical	27,000		30,000.00	
Christian Life	17,000		20,000.00	
	\$6,900,000			
Con. Opr.	100,000		100,000.00	
	\$7,000,000	\$3,000,000.00	\$8,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00

The Convention reaffirms its agreement made with the Relief and Annuity Board in 1946 concerning the reserves to protect the so-called old annuity contracts. If the reserves available for such old annuity contracts should prove to be inadequate to pay the benefits due under such contracts, the Convention will make such additional contributions as may be necessary to cover such deficit. The deficit, if any, shall be determined as follows: If the total payments of benefits shall exceed the total reserves, plus interest at the average rate earned by the Relief and Annuity Board, compounded annually, such excess of benefit payments shall be the amount of the deficit that shall be paid by the Convention.

America's Greatness

The following observation was written by Alexis de Tocqueville a century ago. It makes us pause.

"I sought for the greatness and the genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there. . . in the fertile fields and boundless forests, and it was not there. . . in her public school system and her institutions of learning, and it was not there. . . in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution, and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good; and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

What do you do to keep our country great? Praying during the week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 5-9, and giving through the Annie Armstrong Offering will help! (Arkansas' goal for the offering is \$36,000.)

It's Time

... To glean for the Lottie Moon Offering and remit to Miss Nancy Cooper, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

... To plan to maintain Standard requirements through the present quarter in every WMU organization.

... To realize the goal of "Every Woman with Her Own Royal Service." (Send subscriptions, \$1.50 per year, to Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama.)

... For every organization to study the series of mission study books on the American Indians. (Order all books and teaching helps from the Baptist Book Store, 303 W. Capitol, Little Rock.)

... To set a worthy goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. (\$36,000 is the increased goal for the state.)

Looking Ahead

February 12-18 — YWA Focus Week

March 5-9 — Week of Prayer for Home Missions

April 3-5 — State Annual WMU Meeting, First Baptist Church, Camden; 3rd, YWA Banquet; 4th, BWC Banquet; 4th, Special Breakfasts (Mission Study, Stewardship, Community Missions, Youth workers)

April 20-22 — Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference, Petit Jean

May 2 — Day of Prayer for Community Missions

May 13-19 — Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week

May 27-29 — Southern WMU Annual Meeting, Kansas City

A-1 Organization

We continue recognition of organizations which were Standard during the past year. A total of fifty-eight Girls' Auxiliaries were A-1.

Central District: (Junior) Hot Springs, Central; Little Rock, Calvary; Little Rock, Immanuel (Ruth Culpepper); Little Rock, Immanuel (Amanda Tinkle); Little Rock, Second (Doris DeVault); Lonoke, First; Mabelvale, Lifeline; No. Little Rock, Amboy; No. Little Rock, Bethany; No. Little Rock, Highway; No. Little Rock, Park Hill; North Little Rock, Remount.

(Intermediate; Bauxite, First; Little Rock, Immanuel (Arvine Bell); Mabelvale, Lifeline; No. Little Rock, Amboy; No. Little Rock, Highway.

West Central: (Junior) Alma, First; Ozark, First; Van Buren, Oak Grove.

(Intermediate) Fort Smith, Grand Ave. I; Fort Smith, Grand Ave. II; Gillham.

Southeast: (Junior) Camden, First; Dumas, First (Tinkle Belles); El Dorado, Calvary; El Dorado, Galilee; El Dorado, South Side; McGehee, First; Monticello, Second; Smackover, Joyce City; Star City, First; Stephens, First; Strong, First; Urbana; Warren, Immanuel.

(Intermediate) Crossett, First; Dumas, First; Star City, First; Stephens, First; Warren, First.

North Central: (Junior) Batesville, West; Pleasant Plains.

Northeast: (Junior) Paragould, First; Blytheville, First.

(Intermediate) Blytheville, First.

Northwest: (Junior) Bentonville, First; Cave Springs; Dutch Mills, Liberty.

(Intermediate) Bentonville, First.

East Central: (Junior) Clarendon, First.

(Intermediate) Marianna, First.

Southwest: (Junior) Arkadelphia, First; Hope, First; Horatio, First; Magnolia, Central; Texarkana, Calvary.

(Intermediate) Horatio, First; Magnolia, First.

Woman's Missionary Union, Nancy Cooper, Sec'y.

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MISSIONARIES TRANSFER

Dr. and Mrs. John L. Riffey, Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil, have transferred to Niteroi, where their address is Caixa Postal 282, Niteroi, Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Dr. and Mrs. Riffey will be field missionaries for the state of Rio, with headquarters in Niteroi. Both are natives of Arkansas, Mrs. Riffey of Greenwood and Dr. Riffey of Marianna. They make their permanent American home in Forest City.

Speechless Young Coed Spreads Her Witnessing Afar

By the Baptist Press

This is the story of a young college coed, a pretty blonde whose blue eyes sparkle and whose bright smile wins her many friends.

Just 22 years old, she is unable, however, to hear the voices of those friends or to talk with them. For she has been deaf and mute since she was born.

Behind her wherever she goes, she leaves an impact — but let's follow the trail.

She attended Mississippi School for the Deaf at Jackson, then went to Clarke Memorial College, a Baptist junior college in Newton, Miss. Her ambition: To become a missionary among her people, those whose ears also are shut to the sounds about them and whose lips cannot speak.

Her name — Ila Ruth Jennings. During her two years at Clarke, Miss Jennings won her way into the hearts of her classmates, who liked Ila Ruth so well they chose her Miss Clarke Memorial College.

She wound up with a "B" grade average, although unable to understand her professors. Her secret was to sit near students who took lots of notes in class. She would copy from their notes or borrow their notes at night to re-copy them.

A visitor to Clarke Memorial College last year probably would have been surprised to notice students with no speech or hearing handicaps manipulating their hands in the language of the deaf and dumb.

BECAUSE OF ILA RUTH

But it was because of Ila Ruth Jennings that so many of the students learned the sign language.

In 1953, Miss Jennings had an opportunity to join the summer student staff at the Baptist Assembly in Ridgecrest, N C. There she met Miss Barbara Barger, a Baylor University student from Colorado City, Tex.

That summer friendship resulted in Ila Ruth's going to Baylor this year to receive her final two years of college education. And that was a tough decision —

Miss Jennings had a chance to attend a college for the deaf, where circumstances might have been easier for her. But she reasoned this way: If I'm going to become a missionary to the deaf, I need to continue my education at a Baptist college. Besides, I'll need experience in working among people who have no handicaps like mine. So Baylor she chose.

She arrived in Waco, where Baylor is located, with \$60 and faith that things would work out all right.

Miss Barber welcomed her to the campus and has served as Ila Ruth's interpreter and job hunter, since the handicapped girl needed some way to earn money

for her college work.

But, in a sense, the help from Barbara is really a turn-about arrangement. Ila Ruth taught Barbara to talk with her hands while they were prayer-mates at Ridgecrest. Since then, Barbara has used this skill to teach a class for the deaf at Columbus Ave. Baptist Church, Waco.

Their hunt for help has been partially successful. The state of Mississippi will provide \$270 a year for tuition and a local organization in Waco will furnish another \$150.

This leaves Miss Jennings without \$60 a month more she will need to cover room and board but she believes still it will all work out.

BACK AT CLARKE COLLEGE

But back to Clarke College, where Ila Ruth's influence is being felt almost as much as if she were still a student there.

Every Sunday morning, an attractive Clarke student who used to be Ila Ruth's roommate boards a bus in Newton for Meridian, 31 miles away. She returns after noon.

Miss Sara Ann Lewis, of Mor-ton, Miss., learned the language of the deaf and dumb from Ila Ruth. First Baptist Church, Meridian, pays her expenses to come each Sunday and teach its class of handicapped.

This perhaps is the beginning of a new kind of life for Sara Ann, who hopes also to give her future to teaching the dumb and deaf the word of God.

Then, there is Sally Wilson, Ila Ruth's closest friend at Clarke and the student who preceded Sara Ann as teacher of the class in Meridian.

She attends Mississippi College now, preparing for lifetime service in this field.

There's Sara Ann's brother, Aaron, too. Also a student at Mississippi College, he is engaged to Sally Wilson. Sally and Aaron work together with students at the Mississippi School for the Deaf.

A young man who dated Ila Ruth at Newton is now preaching in a church for the deaf in Houston, Tex.

So goes the story of a young college coed who spoke not a word, nor heard one, but who leaves an influence more powerful than any she might be able to with normal speech and hearing.

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Young Woman's Auxiliary is an organization in which unmarried women sixteen to twenty-five years of age come together for the study of missions through prayer and gifts.

February 12-18 is YWA Focus Week. Through this organization Southern Baptist girls join hands in a missionary enterprise which extends to the ends of the earth.

Opposition and Discontent

By LEON MACON

Basically Christ did not try to arouse man's opposition to his conditions of life, but rather He sought to make one discontented with himself. When God made each phase of creation He declared it good. To be anywhere is to be in the midst of God's creation which he declared good, so to move from one place to another will not carry us into a better environment, but we do take that which disturbs man with us in every change, namely, that which is inward.

That which was undone from the standpoint of being good was the inward parts of man. When man was created God declared him very good and it was only after sin entered humanity that there was any fault in God's creation.

We find people constantly trying to improve their environment, hoping to produce greater happiness on earth. With the advance of the better use of those things God has made, we find more sin and wickedness, drunkenness and child delinquency, tensions and unhappiness, broken homes and corruption in society than at any other time.

Ours is not a problem of environment but is definitely a problem involving the inner man. Thus it is that Jesus sought to make a man discontent with himself. Jesus did not emphasize His mission as being primarily social, but spiritual. Surely He intended that spiritual improvement on the inside of man would result in a corresponding readjustment of himself to his environment, which would be in a manner pleasing to God.

We might as well veneer wormy wood and think that we have solid perfection as to seek an answer to man's ills in his social relationships alone. Man's problem basically is sin, which involves the inner man, and is seen in the havoc wrought in his behavior.

—The Alabama Baptist

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Sayings From Dr. J. B. Gambrell
There mere objector is doomed to defeat in the face of active forces.

Difficulties are opportunities spelled the other way.

Baptists have never failed except when they have failed to apply their own principles with fidelity.

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State Primary Choir Festival and Workshops

March 1, 2 and 3

PLACE: Immanuel Baptist Church, 1000 Bishop Street, Little Rock

DIRECTOR: Mrs. Haskell Boyter from Atlanta, Georgia

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Thursday:

2:00- 4:00—Workshop
4:30- 5:30—Choir Demonstration

Friday:

2:00- 4:00—Workshop
4:30- 5:30—Choir Demonstration

Saturday:

10:00-11:00—Rehearsal of all Festival Choirs
11:00-12:00—Parade of Primary Choirs (Each choir sings one selection)
12:00- 1:00—Lunch
1:00- 1:30—Final Rehearsal
2:00—PRIMARY CHOIR FESTIVAL

Primary Festival Selections

TITLE	COLLECTION	SOURCE
COMBINED CHOIRS:		
WHAT CAN I GIVE HIM?	"The Hymnal for Boys and Girls"	Baptist Book Store
KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK	"New Carols and Songs for Children"	BBS
PRAYER OF THE NORWEGIAN CHILD	Kountz—G. Schirmer Co. Octavo #8289	BBS
GOD OUR LOVING FATHER		Church Music Dept.
JEWELS		CMD
PULASKI COUNTY CHOIRS:		
LOVELY APPEAR	"The Whole World Singing"	BBS
THE GLAD TIME	"Sing Children Sing"	BBS
GIDDI-UP!	"Christmas Carols"—Series I	BBS
JESUS CHRIST LIVES ON	"Christmas Carols"—Series III	BBS
EVENING SONG		CMD
SLEEP LITTLE JESUS		CMD
ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL		CMD
I CAN LIGHT A CANDLE		CMD
SELECTED VOICES:		
LOVING CARE		CMD
WHO HAS SEEN THE WIND		CMD
JESUS LIVED IN A LITTLE HOUSE		CMD

Primary Choir Festival Notes

- Two dollar advance registration fee for each choir, plus \$.25 per choir member.
- Groups will parade in order of registration.
- Each group will sing one selection of their own choice for adjudication.
- It is not necessary to wear robes.
- Festival music must be memorized — All choirs will memorize combined choir selections — Pulaski County Choirs will learn combined choir selections and Pulaski County selections.
- We must know the exact number planning to eat noon meal.
- To participate in Festival Program all choirs must attend final rehearsal.
- Mrs. Boyter's special instructions for teaching the music will be mailed out when your choir registers its intention of attending the festival.

Church Music Department,
LeRoy McClard, Director

State Vacation Bible School Clinic

The Annual State Vacation Bible School Conference will be held in the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Monday and Tuesday, February 6 and 7. There will be five sessions, three on Monday and two on Tuesday. The State Sunday School Department will pay the travel expense of one car from each association at the rate of 3 cents per mile to Little Rock and return when this car brings three associational workers to the conference: the associational missionary, associational Sunday School superintendent, and associational Vacation Bible School leader. Bed for Monday night will be furnished free of charge to these workers by the First Baptist Church. The First Baptist Church will also provide the noon and night meals on Monday and the breakfast and noon meals on Tuesday. The State Sunday School Department will pay for these meals.

Dr. Sibley Burnett and an associate together with the State Sunday School Secretary and other leaders, will be on the program during the five session, one and a half day conference. The very latest in materials and handwork procedures will be presented and, of course, in this state conference the central objective is to help the associational leaders to go back to the associations to help the churches with their individual church Vacation Bible Schools.

We have set as a goal for 1956 at least 1,000 Vacation Bible Schools held with at least \$10,000 given through the Cooperative Program.

A Testimony

J. GILBERT HUTCHINSON, TH.D.,
Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Clanton, Ala.

In 1949 the fine, historic First Baptist Church, Clanton, Alabama, had a Young People's department in name only. There was only one class for both sexes. After the college students had returned to school and their names were removed from the roll, the enrollment consisted of seven.

At this time plans were made for an enlarged department. After securing a list of prospects, it was discovered that at least four classes were necessary. The next problem was to discover space for the new classes. Two classes were placed in the church balcony, one in the kitchen and one in the room that was to be used for the assembly room. Teachers and workers were provided, and on the opening Sunday twenty-eight were in attendance. At this time a program of training was begun and the department book taught. The classes were organized and officers instructed, and a program of weekly visitation planned.

In five months it was necessary to divide the class for single young women. Again the problem of finding space for a new class with us. A storage room without outside light was all that was available. The young men took



When we go they come!

this room and gave their room, which was more convenient, to the young ladies. Only three months later we had again outgrown our space. At this time the church building had absolutely nothing more to offer, so a move to the county courthouse for the whole department appeared to be the only possible solution. The move proved to be unsatisfactory. A vacant house was located two blocks from the church, and the department moved again. This proved to be a real answer to prayer and a great blessing to the department.

In May, 1953, our new educational building was completed. At this time two departments for Young People were formed; Department No. 1 for single Young People and Department No. 2 for married Young People.

The story of growth is interesting. The young people have grown in numbers from one class with seven enrolled to two departments with 103 enrolled. During this period the young people have been faithful to the church, and many of them have accepted Christ as Saviour. We have also had the unusual privilege of reaching through the Young People's departments five young men, all of them captains of the county high school football teams, and five of our young people, have surrendered for full-time Christian service. Our Young People departments are giving an average of \$100 per Sunday.

We praise the Lord for all that has been accomplished in his name.

Sunday School Dept.,
Edgar Williamson, Sec'y.

Children's Page

Brown Bat

By VERA MAY BALDWIN

God has placed many interesting creatures in the world. And each one has its own special place. Sometimes, of course, we wonder what that place can be.

Take the bat, for instance. Oh, little brown bat, So at ease when in flight, You swoop and you dive Through the darkness of night, Your radar machine Working so perfectly, That blind-folded you'd Still fly accurately.

Many misleading tales are told about this little animal. It is often thought of as a weird, injurious creature. But the brown bat that lives in the United States is harmless, and very useful because it feeds on insects. It's appearance, to be sure, is odd. The bat has a furry body, something like a mouse. Its hind legs are short with hooked claws, and its front legs extend out into wings which make it possible for the bat to fly like a bird.

As a rule the bat flies around only at night. During the day it sleeps in some dark place, hanging head down by its claws.

Some people believe the bat is blind. This is how we have come to use the expression, "Blind as a bat." The little bat cannot see as well in the bright sunlight as it can when darkness begins to fall. But it is not blind. It has fine eyesight.

However, if you put a blindfold over a bat's eyes it would still be able to fly extremely well. And it could fly through a maze of wires or strings without hitting any of them.

This is because God in his planning made the bat's ears more important than its eyes. It has a wonderful radar system in its ears. By listening to its own voice echo against nearby objects, the bat knows where they are and can keep clear of them. If you see a bat flying through the darkness, you may hear it making sharp, shrill sounds and will know that it is using its radar. No modern airplane has any better device for "flying blind" than does the bat.

The mother bat takes good care of her children. When the babies are very young she keeps them with her all the time. They cling to her furry body with their tiny claws. They even ride along with her when she flies around. As soon as the babies are old enough to stay alone for a while, the mother sometimes leaves them hanging in the cave, or wherever their home may be. Then she goes off by herself to exercise and catch insects. When she returns, she finds the babies hanging head downward exactly where she left them.

Don't you wish that the little

bat liked to come out during the daytime? It would be such fun to get to know this furry, winged animal better! It is really one of God's interesting and splendid creatures.

"All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made." John 1:3.

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Tree Toads

By GLADYS CLEONE CARPENTER

One of the most interesting of the tiny creatures that God has made is the tree toad or tree frog.

What a voice he has for his size! He has a sound sack beneath his chin that swells like a little balloon. It is with this that he makes the sound which can be heard for quite some distance.

This toad has the power of changing colors to match his surroundings; so he often looks like bark or a leaf.

His fingers and toes are comical looking. Each has a little ball on the end. These are sticky so aid the little fellow to hold to his perch.

In April these toads lay eggs in the ponds. The eggs soon hatch into tiny tadpoles. Some of these come from the water while they still have tails.

Tree toads are a wonderful help in keeping down mosquitoes and gnats. These little folks sleep beneath moss and leaves during the winter. Then they come forth the "spring peepers" who chorus that the winter-time is gone.

When God makes such marvelous changes in nature as transforming tadpoles into frogs, we shouldn't fear the changes in our lives. For He knows what is for our best. In changing us he is making us into something worthwhile. That is what is meant in the Bible where it says, "We are his workmanship" (Eph. 2:10).

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THINGS ONE CANNOT DO

Sow bad habits — and reap a good character.

Sow jealousy and hatred — and reap love and friendship.

Sow dissipation — and reap a healthy body.

Sow deception—and reap confidence.

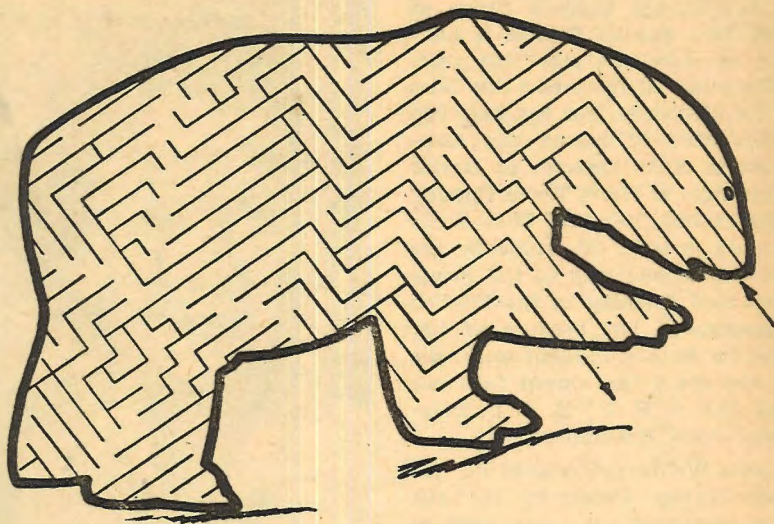
Sow cowardice—and reap courage.

Sow opposition to everybody — and reap good will.

Sow neglect of the Bible — and reap a well-guided life.

—Baptist Observer

Polar Bears



By REUBEN S. DELONG

Here we have a polar bear. It lives up in the far North, where there is ice and snow all the year round. Nature is very kind to this type of bear, for its fur is of a snow-white color. Thus the Eskimo hunters find it hard to see and to trap the bear. While the polar bear would run from the Es-

kimos, it will stand still for you as you draw a path with your pencil between the lines. You must not cross any lines. Start at the arrow at the tip of the bear's nose. The end is at the arrow on the front leg that is raised up.

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WINTER'S TREASURE

By EDITH KENT BATTLE

A wind came out of the North last night, Bringing the whirling snowflakes white,

Piling them thick on the trees, the hills,

Deep on the house-roofs, high on the sills—

Over a world asleep

In the winter darkness deep.

Sunrise silvered the snow-drifts there,

Outdoors was a wonderful dream-land fair,

Beauty and silence—music not heard,

But clear as the song of a spring-time bird.

Snow . . . a treasure brought from far,

Every snowflake a wonder-star!

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Worship is to Christian living what the mainspring is to the watch.

—Rev. Lawrence R. Axelson, Houston Times

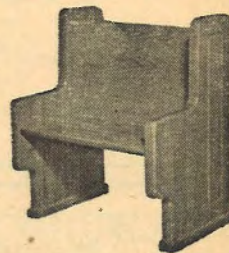
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Miss Faye Wellborne Directs B.S.U. at Ouachita

The Baptist Student Union at Ouachita Baptist College is having an excellent year this year, with much of the credit due Miss Faye Wellborne. For the past two years Miss Wellborne was associate B. S. U. Director at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Coming to Ouachita last fall, Miss Wellborne's specific assignments are serving as secretary to the President and teaching in the English Department, but because of her love for Baptist Student work, she is also doing "an almost full-time job with B. S. U." B. S. U. President John Wikman reports.



FAYE WELLBORNE

ing Float, and in preparing for the state B. S. U. convention which was held in Arkadelphia.

Miss Wellborne is the sister of Dr. Charles Wellborne, pastor of Seventh and James Baptist Church in Waco, who served as the Baptist Hour speaker for several years.

*Tom J. Logue,
B.S.U. Director*

Miss Wellborne received her AB from Baylor University in 1949. She completed one year's work at Southwestern Seminary, and during the year served as Baptist Student Director for three hospitals in Fort Worth. She returned to Baylor in 1951, and served two years as secretary to the President. From 1953-1955 she served as Associate B. S. U. Director at Baylor.

Since coming to Ouachita, Miss Wellborne has spent a great deal of time in planning Ouachita's recent B. S. U. rally, in directing the campus Lottie Moon Play, in building the B. S. U. Homecom-

State Training Union Convention First Baptist Church, Fort Smith

March 16-17, 1956

Tentative Program

Theme: "NOW!"

Rev. Lehman Webb, President, Presiding

FRIDAY MORNING

- 10:00 Worship. All music, special music, will be under the direction of Mr. LeRoy McClard, State Music Director
- 10:30 Let's Get Acquainted
- 10:40 Keynote Address: "NOW!" _____ J. E. Lambdin
- 11:00 Song and Announcements
- 11:10 "Where Are the Other 220 NOW?" _____ Panel, led by Ralph W. Davis, assisted by Robert Dowdy, J. E. Lambdin, Mrs. Lambdin, Richie Harris, and Rice Pierce
- 11:35 Stand and Sing
- 11:40 "Power for the Task" _____ Mr. James L. Sullivan, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee
- 12:15 Adjourn for lunch

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Worship
- 2:30 Message on the Home _____ Mrs. Frank Leavell, Home Curriculum Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
- 3:00 Sectional Meetings
This is the heart of the convention. For one and a half hours we will meet by departments, to learn better HOW to do Training Union work NOW. In these meetings the Intermediates will have the sword drill eliminations and the young people will have the speakers' tournament eliminations. Finals at night.
- 4:40 Adjourn for afternoon

FRIDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 Worship
- 7:20 State Sword Drill Finals
Two will be selected, one to go to Glorieta and one to Ridgecrest
- 7:40 State Speakers' Tournament Finals
Two will be selected, one to go to Glorieta and one to Ridgecrest
- 8:15 Song, Offering, Special Music, Report of Committees, Report of Judges
- 8:35 "Sharing a Great Salvation" _____ Dr. James Sullivan
- 9:10 Adjourn

SATURDAY MORNING

- 9:00 Worship
- 9:25 State Junior Memory Drill. There were 76 participants last year!
- 10:00 Sectional Meetings (Same as Friday afternoon)
- 11:30 Song
- 11:35 "Excelling Religion" _____ Dr. James Sullivan
- 12:20 Final adjournment

Some Very Important Dates to Remember in 1956

- March 16-17—State Training Union Convention, First Church, Fort Smith. Bed and breakfast furnished free. Registration fee of 50c.
- April 30-May 1—(Monday and Tuesday)—First State-wide Recreation Workshop, Second Church, Little Rock, under direction and leadership of Mrs. Agnes Pylant of the Sunday School Board. There will be a registration fee which will care for cost of the banquet Monday night and noon meal Tuesday. Worship will begin at 1 p.m. Monday and close at 4:30 Tuesday.
- June 14-20—Second Training Union Week at Glorieta. This is Arkansas week. Other Training Union week is June 7-13
- July 19-25—Second Training Union Week at Ridgecrest. This is Arkansas week. Other Training Union weeks are July 12-18 and July 26-August 1.
- September 25—First State Wide Nursery, Beginner, Primary, Junior, Intermediate Leadership Workshop, Second Church, Little Rock.

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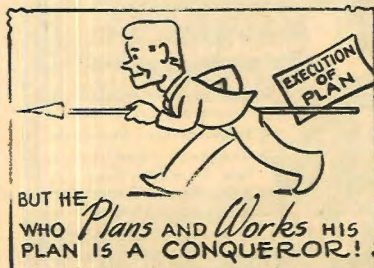
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Parables of Discipleship

By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

January 22, 1956

Luke 14:7-11, 16-24

What would Jesus do if He were at a banquet where liquor was served? What would Jesus do if one of the group started a wild, vile, dirty joke? What would Jesus do if He were surrounded by people who were against His teachings? One can be assured from Luke's picture of Jesus that there is a complete absence of prudery or primness in His relations with others. Jesus did not approve of the actions of evil men yet He was courteous and considerate in their presence. He challenged the best in every man and set forth the terms of His discipleship with positive teaching.

The Sabbath was strictly kept in Jewish life. It was a feast day but meals were prepared ahead of the Sabbath. Jesus was invited and accepted the invitation to one of the feasts. He was watched closely by men who strove to find something against Him. A victim of dropsy was present. Jesus asked His watchers if healing were permissible on the Sabbath. They failed to answer the question. No criticism was given Him in Luke's record. The incident served as framework for Jesus to present some parables on His discipleship.

HUMILITY IS THE BASE

The gathering of the people watched by Jesus and later served as occasion for His parable on humility. Jewish custom gave the place next to the host the greatest honor. The closer any guest was to the host the greater his honor. Men vied for this place. It is evident that every guest could not be seated next to his host. It was not unusual for a guest to take the station next to the host or only a place or two removed from him. If someone of greater honor came, the early guest had to be called down to a lesser station. It was humiliation and embarrassment for him to be reduced before the eyes of others. Jesus taught that one should not seek the high place but let the high place seek him. If one arrived early, take a lesser station and when the host was ready to begin, he would summons the person from the lower station to the higher and thereby exalt him.

The truly humble are never self-exalting. They are reverent, devoted, unselfish, kind, merciful, and forgiving. This type is despised by those who value success in terms of money, prestige and honor. "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" is workable law. Even the judgment of history shows the truth of this law.

Now the great Napoleons of war and Napoleons of business are

quite different from the rating they enjoyed in the days of their flesh. The place of honor is not theirs today. The exalted ones today are those who labored for greater ends than self; men like Paul, Francis of Assissi, William Tyndale, William Booth, Lord Shaftesburg, and David Livingstone. Their ministry was not seeking the highest but serving the lowest. Their humility brought them honor.

The host was admonished to be careful whom he invited to his feasts. Kindred, friends, brethren, rich neighbors would be invited by the motive of selfish gain. Invite the ones that were maimed, poor, lame and blind. These would be unable to return the favor. The motive would be that of compassionate help. True hospitality is rightly motivated.

PARABLE OF THE GREAT BANQUET

Possibly while seated at the chief Pharisee's table Jesus told the story of the great banquet. It was spoken in response to one who was present and who felt that resurrection reward would surely be his (vs. 14). He even sang a one man doxology of the blessedness to eat bread in the kingdom of God. Jesus' parable followed as if the question was raised in Jesus' mind: "Are you sure you will be there?"

Proper preparations were made, proper invitations were issued to proper people. The irony of the parable is that those who were proper failed to appear. They used excuses to justify their absence. (Has time changed?) Then the man who made the feast, sent out into the streets and lanes to gather the four classes mentioned in verse 13. These were ever in the streets, begging their way through life. Still there was room.

The banquet is interpreted as the gospel feast which God has prepared. Those invited were the ones within the religious fervor of the Jewish nation. When they refused to obey the invitation, the gospel turned unto others. But let us look at the excuses given by those who did not come to the banquet. Excuses have been used over and over. The more often an excuse is used, the individual feels greater satisfaction in its use because he comes to believe it to be true. Actually, the three parties who offered excuses judged their own affairs to hold promise of more happiness than the banquet. They made light of the invitation to the

banquet because they did not deem it important. The wealth of a farm, the power of five yoke of oxen, the excitement of marriage all created more vital concerns. There are really only two sins. The first is to underestimate God and thereby withhold self from Him. The other is to worship self and place it at the center of all the world. Men must have farms to live. There must be oxen for power. Marriage is a must in society. None of these are to rob God of His high place in the center of all affairs or to be used as a substitute permanently or temporarily for His presence. Modern talk is no different from the ancient when God is evaluated.

One sometimes wonders if God stands a chance along side of investments, a car, a wedding and various payments? Has God set Himself at such disadvantage? Is love willing to wait instead of coerce? Would men rather have colored glass than the real jewels of God? God had chosen the Jews for a mission. They had interpreted God's call as a favor. God does not call people for favor, and when His mission is mishandled or failed to be completed, there will come judgment. The excuses give a picture of successful secular society as it existed at that time and continues to exist at our time. What happened when the banquet tables were laden with food but empty of guest? The master quickly dispatched his servants to the streets and lanes of the city to bring in the poor, the maimed, the halt and the blind. And even when these were brought in there was more room. The lord sent his servant out into the highways and hedges to compel others to come in that his house may be filled. God is sovereign and He will not be robbed by those who grow proud in heart.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

Pride and Deceit are Enemies of Every Life. No life is completely barren of these two vices. As it is hard to find a smooth grained board in the lumber industry, it is hard to find a person who is free from deceit and pride. These two vices will eat the very vitals from any life.

Christian Motive Should Excel in Social Life. Much of social life is that "for our set". We are under obligation. We were invited therefore we must invite. Christ would have us consider His obligation. It is easier to send a check to the Salvation Army than to have some whom it helps up for lunch. Eating and drinking are not ends within themselves.

Measure Your Excuse of Excuses. Are they reasons? Would you tell them directly to God? Are your excuses mere snub posts to hold back your support from God. What about your excuse for failure to attend, support or work for God? Excuses can become thin merchandise.

Figures to Inspire SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

* Indicates Missions Included

	S. S.	T. U.	Adm.
Alma, First	226	89	2
Benton, Calvary	191	91	
Benton, First	*755	*212	2
Berryville, First	229	98	1
Camden, First	*741	*301	
Blytheville, First	*704	*278	4
Conway, First	586	151	1
Crossett, First	525	202	1
Cullendale, First	432	200	2
El Dorado, First	*1,096	*346	*5
El Dorado, Immanuel	745	306	1
El Dorado, Second	468	212	
El Dorado, West Side	372	116	
Fayetteville, First	*714	*232	5
Fayetteville, University	233	113	
Fordyce, First	431	143	
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	220	102	4
Fort Smith, First	*1,593	700	13
Fort Smith, Grand Avenue	*882	*323	4
Fort Smith, Immanuel	397	129	3
Fort Smith, South Side	353	138	1
Fort Smith, Spradling	390	115	
Fort Smith, Temple	255	137	
Fort Smith, Towson Ave.	217	112	
Fort Smith, Trinity	349	138	2
Helena, West	464	133	
Hope, First	529	170	1
Hot Springs, Central	382	175	2
Hot Springs, First	364	128	
Hot Springs, Park Place	437	168	6
Jacksonville, First	*533	217	9
Jonesboro, Central	445	174	
Levy Baptist	406	162	2
Little Rock, Immanuel	*1,726	*547	11
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	660	187	7
Little Rock, Second	*1,036	*405	3
Little Rock, South Highland	557	222	4
Little Rock, Tabernacle	687	176	3
Malvern, First	565	141	4
Malvern, Third	301	106	2
Marianna, First	314	108	
Mena, First	*372	153	2
Monticello, First	446	238	
McGehee, First	488	193	1
North Little Rock, Park Hill	556	176	5
Paragould, First	*692	*276	5
Paris, First	368	148	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	608	206	9
Pine Bluff, South Side	686	243	3
Rogers, First	397	133	
Rogers, Immanuel	133	65	
Searcy, First	400	113	1
Siloam Springs, First	383	203	
Smackover, First	317	183	
Springdale, Caudle Avenue	180	107	2
Springdale, First	528	208	
Star City, First	*321	*162	
Warren, First	549	190	2

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Highway Slaughter

There were thirty-six thousand (36,000) people killed on our highways during the year 1954. One million, two hundred fifty thousand (1,250,000) more were injured. All of this cost four billion, four hundred million dollars (\$4,400,000,000). This slaughter costs much more in heartaches, suffering and despondency.

But, there is a story worse than that. The year 1955 produced an increase in fatalities and destruction all along the line, of about eight percent.

Figures also show that about one out of every four traffic accidents in our nation is caused by liquor, which means that liquor kills and maims our people and at the same time destroys much property.

Safety experts and others have studied this problem and are seeking a solution to it. We believe something can be done and should be done to stop this mass destruction of lives and property.

Twenty-five per cent, or one-fourth of this loss could be stopped by doing away with the liquor traffic. So, every Highway Safety Plan should include some plan to curb the liquor traffic.

If a group of pirates sailed the seas and in one year murdered 36,000 of our citizens and destroyed millions of dollars worth of property, we would demand that our Government bend every effort to clear the seas of such peril. If a band of outlaws roamed our country and killed 36,000 Americans every year, our Government would go to any expense in tracking down the killers and bringing them to the bars of Justice. But John Barlycorn is traveling our highways in the form of drunken drivers to murder and destroy our people, and we sit idly by in our smug complacency. We allow this because we have been led to believe that it is the thing to do in order to bring in revenue and at the same time furnish a certain class of people employment.

When will we rise up in righteous indignation to stop John Barlycorn??— R. D.

Kindling Evangelistic Fires

Next week — January 23-25 — we go to the State Evangelistic Conference at First Baptist Church, Little Rock. We want to attend this meeting, praying that the Holy Spirit will rekindle our love for Christ and lost souls. Then, when our own revival fires are rekindled, we will take "live coals" from the altar of our hearts back to the people of the local church. If the leaders do that, our people will "simmer" with holy enthusiasm until they start marching with Christ after the lost.

Many Arkansas Baptist churches reported no baptisms last year. A large per cent of these same churches gave absolutely nothing to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

The best way to cure the ills of a sick church is to rekindle the fires of evangelism. Let that fire be rekindled in the pulpit and it will spread rapidly to the pew.

Come on pastors and other church leaders, let's go to the Evangelistic Conference!!! — R. D.

Think

Recently we saw on the desk of a Little Rock business executive a placard with one word on it — "THINK." Why, in this enlightened and highly technical age, should that type of reminder be placed in such a prominent position? Of course the answer to that question is — Thinking is the most difficult work anyone can do. That explains why we have so few thinkers.

No doubt many of our people assume that if they go to some recognized school and stay there long enough to get a degree or two, ignorance and mediocrity will be cured. But no person, because he has gathered a few facts from the class room and stored up a few dates in his mind, should feel that he is educated. Those who have graduated from college and taken post-graduate degrees are only qualified to study and read objectively. It takes years of experience, diligent research work and much hard thinking along with the degrees to equip one for the vicissitudes of life.

The person who does not think will accomplish very little. The man who cannot think is not educated, no matter how many degrees he may have earned or had bestowed upon him.

The Marquess of Chalmondely, who remained silent in the British House of Lords 32 years without ever lifting his voice, was not what we would term a "THINKER." He sat there through "thick and thin," "fair and foul," "good and bad," when the world was receiving a blood bath without ever giving the situation a serious thought. National and International boundaries were being changed because dictators were subjugating whole nations, and yet he refused to think seriously about what should be done and what could be done. But, then — after 32 years he did speak. Do you remember what he said? He made a four minute speech, the gist of which was, "I want the rabbits exterminated."

That is a good example of a man, with ability, filling a responsible position, but who refused to "THINK."

So in the spirit of the placard "THINK." — R. D.

A Resolution

(For the New Year)

This resolution recently came to my desk, and it is worth passing on to you.

"A little more patience" to bear with the persons whom I do not like.

"A little more humility" to fulfill my duty even though I find it difficult.

"A little more good judgment" to take people as they are and not as I would like them to be.

"A little more prudence" so as not to bother with the faults of others and not to get excited over them.

"A little more courage and strength" to bear the trials that disturb the peace of my soul.

"A little more charity" so as not to manifest my hurts.

And Above All:

"A little more prayer" to draw the good Lord into my heart and to keep Him there.

—R. D.

Berry Street Increases Mission Gifts

The Berry Street Baptist Church in Springdale will make a twenty percent increase in its Cooperative Program Mission Gifts for 1956. Pastor Guy Hopper is the untiring optimistic pastor and he will carry the ball victory in that great field. — B. L. B.

Your Lottie Moon Offering

In several instances a check for the Lottie Moon Offering has been sent to our office. We trust that the brethren realize that we do not handle Lottie Moon Funds. The W. M. U. is a separate organization and does its own bookkeeping and receives and disburses the money for the Lottie Moon Offering. Therefore your offering does not appear listed in the quarterly report of the Executive Board. The Executive Board publishes only the money that it handles.—B.L.B.

State Annual to Treasurers

This year we are sending an annual of the State Convention to the Treasurer of each church where we have the name and address. Brother Treasurer, we are doing this so that if your pastor resigns and leaves the field the church will have an annual which the pulpit committee can use if it needs to use it in looking over the records of pastors that they plan to recommend to the church. Please keep this annual in a place where you can furnish it to any leader in your church who desires to obtain information that the annual embraces. —B. L. B.

Can A Christian Go Anywhere?

A young woman who was defending continual attendance at some doubtful place of amusement once said, "think a Christian can go anywhere."

"Certainly she can," rejoined her friend, "But I am reminded of a little incident which happened last summer when I went with a party of friends to explore a coal mine. One of the young women appeared dressed in a dainty white gown. When her friends remonstrated with her, she appealed to the old miner who was to act as guide to the party.

"Can't I wear a white dress down into the mine?" she asked petulantly.

"Yes, mum," returned the old man, "there's nothing to keep you from wearing a white frock down there, but there will be considerable to keep you from wearing one back."

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Gift For Assembly

Nine Southern Baptist associations in North Carolina have accepted a donation of land on which they will establish an assembly grounds. The 85-acre tract 13 miles south of Morganton will be known as South Mountain Baptist Assembly.

—Baptist Press

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The Bible is the complement and counterpart of Christ. They are one and inseparable — the binominal word of God.

"When the Prodigal son left home, motto was 'give me'; when he returned, it was 'make me'."

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