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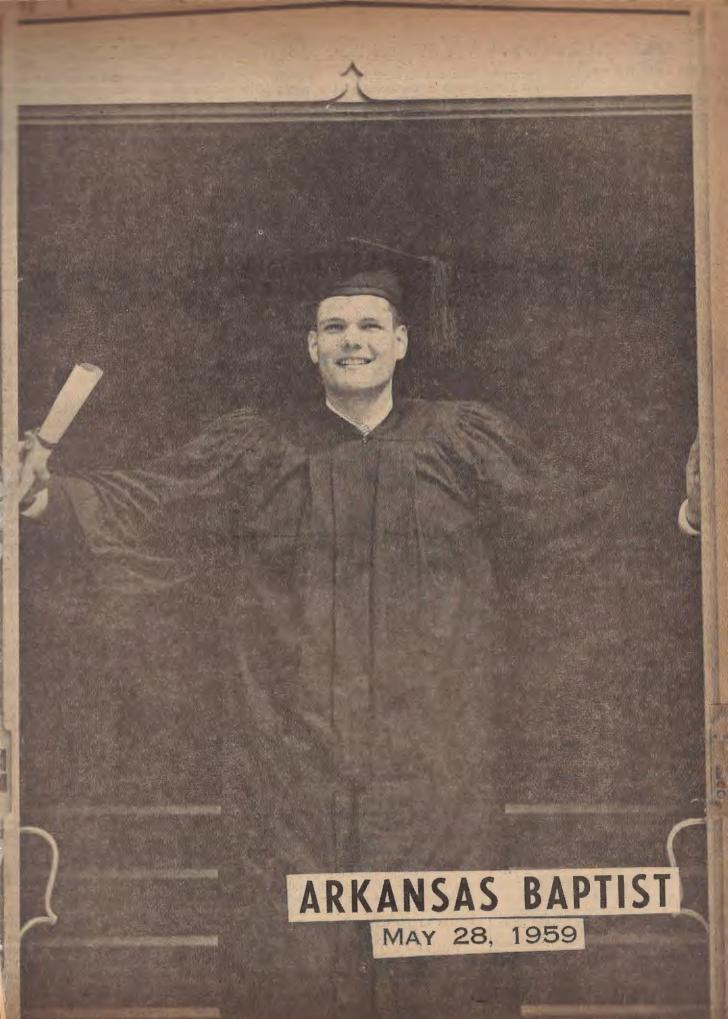
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## Arkansas' W. O. Vaught Heads Pastors' Conference

W. O. VAUGHT, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, is the new president of the Pastors Conference of the



Southern Baptist Convention. Described at the convention as "an outstanding courageous voice in these troubled times" Little Rock, Dr. Vaught was elected by the pastors in a session preceding the Convention proper.

DR. VAUGHT The 48-year-old pastor, who has been at Immanuel for 14 years, told a newsman that since he has been in Little Rock he has preached good will, love, brotherhood and the love of Christ but "I have felt that this [integration row] is a political crisis and that it was quite wise to keep it out of the structure of the

He said, "But more than anything else, I have made it a matter of daily prayer."

Dr. W. Wayne Dehoney, 1st Church, Jackson, Tenn., named vice president of the conference, said: "I think it is significant that he was chosen to head 30,000 Southern Baptist pastors. Dr. Vaught has demonstrated the moral force of the Christian ministry in stabilizing a community in hours of great crisis by faithful adherence to great Christian truth . . . We pastors look to him with great respect."

Dr. Vaught served as vice president this year. He also was renamed to the Foreign Mission Board.

Speakers at the preachers-preach-topreachers conference included the Rev. J. D. Grey, First Church, New Orleans, and a former president of the Southern

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In a discussion of the virgin birth of Christ he said:

Opposition to the virgin birth has not come altogether from its avowed foes, for there are some so-called Christian teachers today who reject it . . . Many so-called learned men who make loud claims of having a scientific mind occupy chairs in tax-supported schools and some private institutions and flaunt their unbelief before the young people in their classes. The attitude of these 'would-be' intellectuals is summed up in the words which a professor in a large university used before his class when he said, 'The virgin

birth is the same sort of legend as that beautiful little story about the stork."

Dr. Grey maintained the virgin birth must be accepted in order to believe in the deity of Christ. "The virgin birth furnishes the only explanation of His unique and sinless life," he said.
Other speakers at the conference

were Robert E. Naylor, president of Southwestern Seminary; W. D. Wyatt, 1st Church, Albuquerque; Ralph H. Langley, Willow Meadows Church, Houston; W. A. Criswell, 1st Church, Dallas; A. B. Van Arsdale, Central Church, Decatur, Ala.; Carl Bates, pastor-elect of 1st Church, Charlotte, N. C., and R. G. Lee, Bellevue, Memphis. (DP)

Received

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## Offerings Reflect New Interest in Missions

FOLLOWING is a record of the most recent offerings for three mission causes:

Geal \$190,917.80 Lottie Moon (Foreign Missions) Annie Armstrong (Home Missions) 47,820.75 Dixie Jackson (State Missions) 27,500.00

Totals

It will be noted that the receipts for the three offerings exceeded the goal by almost five thousand dollars. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is the only one which fell below the goal. However, on a Southern Baptist Convention basis this offering amounted to \$6,762,468.63, which was an increase of \$640,883.49 over the 1957 offering.

These special offerings constitute a notable part of our total mission program. There seems to be an increased interest in missions reflected in these special offerings year by year. This is especially true of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions. Since this has been made a church-wide offering a much greater emphasis is being placed upon it each year. We are gratified by any movement that strengthens the cause of missions.

On the other hand there is a danger at this point. We must never lose sight of the fact that the bed-rock of our total work is the Cooperative Program. This includes our total responsibility. With many there is more glamour in a special offering. More publicity is usually given to a special offering and as a result there is the ever present danger of losing sight of that constant flow of mission giving that sustains our total program. We would not want to say anything which would take away from the good which comes from the special offering, but we must never allow ourselves to think that a worthy kingdom program can be carried on by special offerings. Past experience speaks in no uncertain terms at this

What, then, is the point of the matter? Let us thank God for the increased ministry that comes from the special offering, but never lose sight of the fact that the foundation of our denomination's whole redemptive ministry is made possible through the Cooperative Program. Let us never cease to thank God for this bit of wisdom — the Cooperative Program which He has given to us as our most effective way of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ at home and abroad-and our most effective means of ministering to man in every area of life!—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

\$266,238.55



Cover Story

#### On The Threshold

OVER THE state, students are saying goodbye to school, many of them for the last time. Graduation marks a milestone. To many it is the real beginning, a full life dedicated to His service.

# The President's Message

### ADDRESS OF BROOKS HAYS, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, LOUISVILLE, KY., MAY 19, 1959

OUTHERN BAPTISTS feel at home in the great and historic city of Louisville and in the State of Kentucky, where the churches have so energetically carried forward our program.

For the first time in 32 years, we assemble in this home of two of our most important institutions, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Carver School of Missions.

(Editor's Note: Some of our readers may not agree with the views of SBC President Brooks Hays expressed in this annual address delivered May 19 at the Southern Baptist Convention, but we trust each one will read it in full and give it prayerful consideration. For the benefit of those who could not be present to hear the address, we have indicated the points at which the SBC messengers applauded.—ELM)

Louisville Baptists have not been idle in these 32 years, their 112 churches being double the number of those existing

in 1927. We are deeply grateful to the people of this city for their warm welcome and their splendid exertions during the last few months in preparation for our sessions.

Since we met a year ago in Houston, our vast endeavors have been crowned with success. Our membership is at an all-time high and the number of churches, also a record figure, increases daily. Enormous responsibility accompanies these achievements.

During my two years as your president, I have traveled



BROOKS HAYS

from Hamilton in Canada to Lima in Peru, and from Los Angeles to Moscow. My travels have brought profoundly moving experiences, and many simple and satisfying incidents have come out of the service which I have attempted to render.

#### THE NO. 1 PROBLEM

It would be impossible for me to describe what your friendship has meant to me. I ask your indulgence for a brief reference to the recent change of fortune in my professional life, since it came at a critical stage in the denomination's efforts to relieve racial tensions and contribute to the mission of reconciliation. The relevancy of events in Little Rock to our work is acknowledged by all who are familiar with the problem. But I make this fleeting reference primarily to acknowledge my everlasting gratitude for the spirit of helpfulness and the personal anxiety for my family and myself which so many Southern Baptists evidenced in this crisis. In my official activities as your president. I have tried to keep in mind that there is a wide diversity of viewpoints with reference to race relations, but I have steadily insisted that this, the nation's number one problem, has an impact upon our missionary enterprise and must be met with high statesmanship and Christian insight. [Appleuse]

In my talks with members of the minority race I have

thought of them not as members of another group, but as fellow Christians. A simple incident indicates that the response is satisfying. Following a Baltimore meeting in which I discussed the problem, a Negro member of the congregation said to me, "Tomorrow I will go to a white friend to apologize to him for some things I have said and done, and this decision was produced by what you had to say tonight." And on the majority side it is evident that our members are more determined than ever to find a Christian solution.

As one of the few laymen who have been honored with the Convention presidency, I have been conscious, too, of my limitations and have tried not to attempt any service that should be reserved for the minister. I have visited as many states and communities as possible, and have tried in what might be called the ceremonial functions of the office to maintain its dignity. One thing I can claim for myself is that I have been happy in the contacts with Southern Baptists, old and young. The superintendent of one of our orphans' homes told me after a visit by his children to my congressional office in Washington, that a little eight-year old girl said to him, "He sure was glad to see us, wasn't he?" And I was. I am glad to see all of you, too, in this final gathering under my presidency.

#### CONCERN FOR SEMINARY

On the occasion of the centennial of the great seminary which has honored Southern Baptists, and which was honored by us last evening, there is a sense of pride and thankfulness for its impressive 100-year record. Yet, there is a feeling of deep concern about the threatened loss of accreditation, and the controversy that surrounds this beloved institution. It has been a great privilege to work with the special committee of former presidents appointed by the Executive Committee to study the problem. Our committee has made its report, but I believe I should bring this personal word to the Convention on my own responsibility. The Convention's overriding interest should be in the correction of faulty procedures, not in deciding specific questions which certainly remain with our distinguished board That high procedural standards for faculty of trustees. termination were not meticulously followed should be apparent. Responsibility for the defect rests officially, of course, upon the board, but our committee, appreciating the complexities of the situation, is convinced that any criticism must be accompanied with profound appreciation for the unselfish service of the trustees that has been rendered the institution. The board demonstrated true Christian humility in rescinding its action of June 12. The same humility was displayed by the twelve professors in speaking of their mistakes. Further, the priority which I would give to the complaint of individuals discharged without an adequate hearing, is not to make the Seminary's interest secondary. It is rather to identify the institution with the concepts of justice and fair dealing. The grandeur of its service rests partly upon sensitivity to the needs and rights of human beings, including those within its own walls who as faculty members interpret the gospel.

History cannot be rolled back. The status of former faculty members cannot be re-established, and, having adjusted their lives to the change, they have assured us that they seek merely a new and helpful relationship to the Seminary and the Convention. The resources that are available in the board of trustees, the administration and the faculty are adequate. As special presidents' committee has pointed out, the board is taking steps to improve the rules governing the faculty relationships. We should not assume, however, that a solution has been reached, nor should we assume that any reshuffling of authority will accomplish desired results. The task is challenging and it must be confronted with courage. I see no need whatever for any action

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## Southern Baptist Progress

A GLANCE at the Southern Baptist statistics for 1958 reveals substantial progress in all areas of our world mission program.

Baptisms, an indication of the evangelistic fervor of our people, since they show how many persons accepted Christ as Savior during the year, totaled 407,892, an increase of 18,176, or 4.7% over the previous year.

The number of churches increased six-tenths of 1%, from 31,297 in 1957 to 31,498 in 1958. Total membership of churches reached 9,206,758, reflecting a gain of 2.7%.

Sunday School enrollment was up 1.8%, to 7,096,175.

Total gifts to churches for all objectives—local, national, world-wide—reached \$419,619,438, well above \$1,000,000 a day, for a 5.6% increase, the first time total annual giving has gone above \$400,000,000. Of this amount, total missions-benevolence giving reached \$74,750,699, an increase of 6.8%.

The total enrollment for Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador organizations, organizations for men and boys, respectively, showed the greatest advance, climbing from 511,521 in 1957 to 582,497 last year, for an increase of 13.9%.

Vacation Bible School enrollment was up 4.7% to 2,908,157; enrollment in Baptist Training Unions was up 3.7%, to 2,503,920; and enrollment in the organizations of the Woman's Missionary Union climbed 5.4%, to 1,395,974.

As to the spread of our work geographically, the 31,498 churches are located in 42 states, plus the District of Columbia and Hawaii. Open country churches still comprise almost half the total—15,472. Another 4,546 churches are located in villages and 3,733, in towns. Only 7,747 churches are classified as city churches.

Choir enrollment was up 12.6% to 622,694.

The total value of property of the churches rose a whopping 9.8% to \$1,825,474,318, an increase of \$162,961,428 over 1957.

The Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845 with 351,951 members of 4,126 cooperating churches. By 1873 its membership had reached the one million mark, and, by 1940, had climbed to the five million mark. In the 18 years since 1940, membership has increased more than four millions.

Let us rejoice in these advances and give God the glory. But there is another side of the picture, a side not so bright for us. Living in a nation having approximately one-seventeenth of the population of the world, we have 75% of our work in our own homeland! And for every 100 men whose names are on our church rolls, 20 of them never attend church or have any share in the work of the churches; 25 attend irregularly; 25 attend on restricted schedule; only 12 approach the Biblical standard for financial support of the church; and only three out of the 100 could be listed as personal soul winners.

The fact remains, as has been stated in these columns before, that our generation of Christians has the greatest opportunity to win the world to Christ of any generation that has lived, but we are playing at the job. We are not lacking in the necessary financial resources, nor are we lacking in the means of communication, nor in the message needed to win the lost world for Christ. We are not lacking in manpower, if we count our memberships, but we are lacking in Christians who are fully dedicated to sacrificial living, even unto death. Too many of us do not pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers to the fields with a willingness in our own hearts to be sent or to have our own loved ones sent into distant and difficult fields. Surely, the need for church revivals, for revival of church members, was never so clearly our need as now. We need to look again at Christ's terms for discipleship:

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."—ELM

Personally Speaking:

#### In Tall Bluegrass

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 19 — Covering a Southern Baptist convention for the papers is about as complicated



as trying to report a three-ring circus. (Nobody but Methodists, Presbyterians or other non-Baptists would press this analogy too far!)

Although the convention does not begin till tonight, we have already had meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union, the SBC Pas-

tors' Conference, the Religious Education Association, the Music Conference, the Southern Baptist Editors, the State Executive Secretaries, and the Executive Committee.

The history books state that Kentucky used to be a part of Virginia, but over here in the bluegrass commonwealth the people put it a little differently. Kentuckians say that Virginia used to be a part of Kentucky. And it is generally understood over here that Virginians learned how to cure hams from Kentucky ham curers.

Arkansas is not the only place where the people do not see everything alike. Here in Kentucky, where the people have been noted for their individualism from the days of Daniel Boone, they can't even agree on the time of day! You have within the confines of the Kentucky state line Central Standard, Eastern Standard, and Daylight Saving time. You are never quite sure what time you are going to run into, in traveling across the state. It happens we have Daylight Saving time here in the convention city, putting our timepieces an hour ahead of Arkansas time.

One of the current candidates for the governorship here in Kentucky is complaining about the Federal tax on two of Kentucky's basic "crops" — tobacco and liquor. He thinks the Federal Government has no more right to tax these Kentucky items than to tax Florida's oranges or Texas' oil.

Kentucky Baptists, with more than 2,000 churches with memberships totaling more than 600,000, have long since made Kentucky noted for major participation in the Baptist world mission program. They have certainly "rolled out the red carpet" and are making all of us feel at home.

A sign we saw in a restaurant reflects the Kentucky spirit: "Welcome, Tourist & Traveler! May we fill your thermos with ice water . . . warm your baby's bottle and extend true Kentucky Hospitality."

Erwin L. M. Donald

Letters to the Editor

#### THE PEOPLE SPEAK

#### Commends Student

I WISH TO recommend to your readers a young man who wishes to do evangelistic work this summer.

Brother Dean Nelson has been ordained by the Temple Baptist Church and is now a student in Ouachita College. Dean has done pastoral work near here and has also done evangelistic work and supply work. He has worked in youth revivals quite often.

Brother Nelson is well fitted for the work he wishes to do. His message and experience are exceptionally appealing and he should be able to render any church a fine service.

Any church wishing to contact Brother Nelson may do so by writing him here in Crossett, Arkansas.-J. W. Buckner, Pastor, Temple Church, Crossett.

HICKORY GROVE Church, Star City, ordained their pastor, Oscar Houston, Ouachita College student, to the gospel ministry Apr. 26. The council included: Amos Greer, moderator: Virgil Glover, secretary; Leon Conner. presentation of candidate; R. F. Weeks, presentation of Bible; Hugh Owen, charge and message, and Wesley Womack, ordaining prayer. (CB)

#### COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON (Author of the new book For Our Age of Anxiety, at your Baptist Book Store.)

#### Tied to Husband's Mother

QUESTION: For 10 years my husband has forced me and my children to live in the home of his mother. It



DR. HUDSON

has been nothing but torture and abuse. If he loved me would he not provide us a home of his own: Is it a sin for me to divorce him so that we can have peace and quiet? I want your honest answer for I am at my wits end.

have been at the end of your wits for a long time it

You

ANSWER:

seems to me.

Your husband has violated one of the basic rules of family life: "A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife" (Matt. 19:5). He never joined you. And he certainly never left his mother.

Honestly, I do not know whether or not it would be a sin to divorce him. You have stood it for 20 years; maybe you could make it 20 more. Personally, I don't think I could have, or would have, stood it as long as you have.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.)

May 28, 1959

#### Southern College **Honors Four**

SOUTHERN BAPTIST College honored four persons at commencement exercises May 25.

Miss Blanche Mays, Nashville, Tenn., regional manager of the Eastern District of the Southern Baptist Book Stores, was cited with the Distinguished Baptist Lady Award, Miss Mays is a native of Jonesboro, having taught in the public schools there for a number of years. She was in the Sunday School Department of the State Convention for a number of years. Prior to going to Nashville, she was manager of the Arkansas Baptist Book Store, Miss Mays is a graduate of Ouachita.

The Distinguished Baptist Minister Award was given Dr. Dale Cowling, 2nd Church, Little Rock, Dr. Cowling, a native of Mineral Springs, is a graduate of Ouachita and Southwestern Seminary. Dr. Cowling has been pastor of a number of churches in Arkansas and Texas. He was the State Director of the Arkansas Baptist Student Union for two years prior to his becoming pastor of his present church.

Dr. Cowling has served in many denominational positions: vice-moderator of the Pulaski County Association in 1953; first vice-president of the State Convention in 1954; chairman of the Program Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1954; member of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1955; chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee of Arkansas Negro Baptist College, 1958; currently president of the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Alliance: chairman of the Survey Committee of the Arkansas Baptist State Commission, 1958; and vice-president of the Board of Trustees, Ouachita College, 1954-1955.

The Distinguished Baptist Layman Award went to Kendall Berry, Blytheville. Mr. Berry, a graduate from the University of Missouri, has been active in the denomination as a member of the Board of Deacons of the 1st Church, Blytheville, a member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, chairman of the Southern Baptist Finance Committee, vice-president of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and a member of

#### ARE YOU MOVING?

Please clip your address label from the back of the paper, paste it to a post car, indicate your new address, and mail to us.

I have a request from Mrs. R. W. Saville concerning a change of address from Arkansas to Spokane, Wash.; but she gave no further information. If your church is sending her the paper, please give me more information.

> Thanks (Mrs. E. F. Stokes) Circulation Manager



THREE QUEENS-Three GA queens of Grace Church, North Little Rock, who participated in GA Focus Week activities, are left to right, Barbara Douglass, 15, Linda Stagg, 11, and Bonita Schaeffer, 11. They were crowned at recent recognition servines

the Southern Baptist Convention Total Survey Committee.

Mr. Berry is a member of the board of directors of the Arkansas-Missouri Power Company; the Blytheville Ware-house Company; Merchants and Planters Bank, Hornersville, Mo.; and the Blytheville Industrial Development Committee. Mr. Berry has also served as the former chairman of the Chickasawba District Chapter of the American Red Cross, a member of the Blytheville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, a member of the Bank of West Memphis Board of Directors, and former president of the First State Bank, Henderson, Tenn. Mr. Berry has had a varied career in newspaper work with the Weekly Citizen, Hattiesburg, Miss.; the Manila Sentinel, Manila; Leachville Star, Leachville; Steele Enterprise, Steele, Mo.; and owner and operator of the Franklin Press, Blytheville.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award went to Roy Hilton, pastor of the 1st Church, North Little Rock. Mr. Hilton was a lay worker in the Marton Avenue Church, Memphis, for 13 years, Upon entering the ministry he attended Southern Baptist College and Ouachita. He also is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Mr. Hilton has pastored churches in Arkansas and Texas, and since 1955 has been in his present pastorate. During his ministry at the 1st Church in North Little Rock there have been over four hundred additions. Mr. Hilton is a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention,

 FRANK J. BAKER, educational director of Miami Shores Church, Miami, has accepted the call of 1st Church, Pine Bluff, and will begin his work in Arkansas July 15. Mr. Baker is a graduate of Baylor and has a master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary. He is married and has a seven-year-old daughter, Pamela Ann.

## Arkansas All Over

### **ABIS Chapel Dedication** Scheduled for Sunday

THE NEW chapel at the Arkansas Boys Industrial School, Pine Bluff, will be dedicated Sunday, May 31, at 2 p.m. The Pine Bluff Ministerial Alliance selected Robert L. Smith, 1st Church, to bring the dedicatory sermon.

The chapel represents more than four years effort in soliciting funds from the public. At first, Chaplain E. A. Richmond attempted to raise the needed \$30,000 through this means, but later Rep. Knox Nelson authored a bill whereby the state appropriated \$15,000 for the project.

The people of the state gave \$15.857.57 for the building, and an additional \$3,-

774.83 for furnishing.

The WMU's and BWC's are furnishing the chaplain's study in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Short, Pine Bluff.

During the four years Mr. Richmond has been at the school-Mar. 1 was his anniversary—there have been 500 boys making professions, with one surrendering to preach. During April of this year, 30 boys from the school were baptized by various churches in Pine Bluff. Lakeside Methodist Church had a total of 13.

FIVE QUEENS were crowned during recent recognition services for GA's at Dermott Church. They are Peggy Bynum, Kay Magness, Lynda Palmer, Vicky Davis and Virginia Mahfourz, (DP)

O COACH GEORGE Ed "Butch" Locke has been honored as the outstand-



ing young man of the year in Stamps. He was presented with a Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce following his selection on a citywide ballot. He is a member of 1st Church, where he teaches an intermediate boys' class and

COACH LOCKE directs the young people's Training Union department. In addition to being head football and track coach, Mr. Locke is director of the Little League program during the summer months. He is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and is 1st vice president of the junior chamber. He is married to the former Venda Hohn, and has two children. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Locke, Hamburg.

**Hospital Offers** Club for Men Only

ARKANSAS BAPTIST Hospital has begun an exclusive club for men only. The club, "Fathers Who Lived Thru It Club," is limited to fathers of babies born in the hospital's maternity section.



CHAPEL TO BE DEDICATED-This modern structure at Arkansas Boys Industrial School, Pine Bluff, will be dedicated May 31 at 2 p.m.

### Ministers, Student Take Clinical Course

TWO PASTORS and a Baylor student will participate in the clinical pastoral education program at Arkansas Baptist Hospital this summer under the direction of Chaplain Don Corley.

The pastors, who will be at the hospital eight weeks each, are W. Earl Ashley, Trinity Church, Little Rock, and Jerre R. Hassell, 1st Church, Geyer Springs. Carl Gray Vaught, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Vaught Jr., will be at the hospital for three months.

The clinical pastoral education program has been defined as "the performance of pastoral care under professional supervision, this ministry being recorded and submitted for evaluation and criticism."

DR. ARTHUR H. Hottel, 1st Church, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., delivered the message at the baccalaureate service, May 10, at the Star City High School. Dr. Hottel was paster of the 1st Church, Star City, for 4½ years until September 10, 1957, and also taught the Bible in the high school for three years. Five honor graduates headed the senior class, all members of the 1st Church, Star City. They include Carolyn Clary, Patsy Mack, Jesse Dancer, Claudette Smith and Barbara Kay Mar-

EIGHT NEW members have been initiated into the Theta Omega chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society in education, at Ouachita College. New members, chosen for membership on personal qualities, educational ideals, and sound scholarship, are: Don Allen, Texarkana; Patricia Bowen, Benton; Joyce Buckner, Arkadelphia; Nancy Dunham, Nixa, Mo.; Deanna Jones, Oil Trough; Scotty Ogletree, Hot Springs; Mayo Riley, Wynne; and Irene Sablan, Agana, Guam. Betty Rae Allen, Hughes, and Dr. Horace Nelson, counselor, conducted the initiation. Don Allen was elected president for 1959-60.

### Horace Duke Selected For Special Training

HORACE DUKE, a native of Hot Springs, has been selected by the Institute of Religion in Houston for

training in pastoral clinical counseling in conjunction with the pastoral minisdepartment, trv Southwestern Seminary.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Duke, Sr., 79 Hobson, he is a graduate' of 1957 Ouachita. He is currently working toward a bachelor of

MR. DUKE divinity.

The Institute of Religion accepts three students from each seminary under consideration. To qualify the student must maintain a B-average, take psychological projective test and physical test.

Duke will go to Houston June 8 and complete his work there August 20.

While in Hot Springs, Duke worked with the boys club work where he boxed and also helped coach the boxing team.

MARY ANN FARIS, Conway, and Linda Day, Arkadelphia, will begin working as hostesses at Arkansas Baptist Hospital next month. Miss Faris, graduating from Hendrix College with a degree in English, was president of the Hendrix Christian Association, secretary of the Student Senate and was listed in Who's Who Among Students of American Colleges and Universities. Miss Day, who majored in religion, music, shorthand and sociology at Ouachita, was president of the Women's Student Government, secretary of the Student Senate and a member of Gamma Phi social club and Alpha Chi honor society.

## Dr. R. G. Lee Speaker For Nurses Commencement

DR. R. G. LEE, Bellevue Church, Memphis, was speaker at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing graduation at 8 p. m. May 25 at which 46 students received their pins and diplomas.

The graduation was held in Pulaski Heights Church.

Dr. Kearnie Keegan, director of student work for the Southern Baptist Convention, was the speaker for the baccalaureate service May 24.

Members of the June graduating class are: Mary E. Adney, Bauxite; Barbara Allen, Little Rock; Fern Bailey, Jacksonville; Barbara Jean Biggers Wikman, Camden; Virginia Sue Beasley Brumfield, Brinkley; Shirley Calloway, Benton; Mary Juanita Fortner, Hatfield; Frances Hatfield, Stamps; Marilyn Huey, Benton; Shirley Ledbetter Gentry, Bauxite; Marilyn Morrison Smith, North Little Rock; Duffy Nolen, North Little Rock; Wanda Faye Perry, Benton; Susan Ursery, Pine Bluff; Frances West, Benton; Betty Jo Wyers, Ozark; and Alta Fern Young, Little Rock

Members of the August graduating class are: Shirley Ashcraft, Hot Springs; Jean Billingsley, Bald Knob; Jean Bradsher, Junction City; Peggy J. Caloway, McGehee; Linda Cassel, Smackover; Doris C. Cormack, Greenwood; Adine Cunningham, Camp; Kaydell Currie, El Dorado; Jeanne Davidson, Parsons, Kan.; Juanita Fisher, North Little Rock; Loretta Fay Griffin, DeValls Bluff; Myra Harrison, Mabelvale; Linda J. Havens, Conway; Norma J. Hester, Crossett; Patricia Sue Hooper, North Little Rock;

Martha Carolyn Lee, Little Rock;
Betty Carolyn Manson, Little Rock;
Alma Ruth McDonald, Camden; Pauline McDougal, Hot Springs; Marjorie
Earlene Norris, Dumas; Freda Ann
Ricketts, Gurdon; Gwendolyn Roetzel,
Russell; Jean Siegel, Little Rock; Shirley Strawn, Bell Buckle, Tenn.; Patricia
Ann Taylor, Roland; Shirley Nan Taylor, Warren; Syreda Fay Usery, Searcy;
Linda Ruth Walker, North Little Rock;
and Diane Kay Wright, North Little
Rock.

- JACK RILEY has resigned as music director of 1st Church, Cabot, to return to South Highland, Little Rock, as director of education and music. (CB)
- MRS. J. H. KINNERLY and Verne Carpenter, 1st Church, Batesville, have earned the Worker's Citation, the highest award of the Sunday School Board for Sunday School training. (CB)
- ROBERT JONES, Ouachita student, has been called as music director of Central Church, Harmony Association. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odis Jones, 2nd Church, Pine Bluff, (CB)



ON RIDGECREST STAFF—Martha Ann Pittard, freshman at Ouachita, will serve on the staff of Ridgecrest during June and July. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Pittard, South Side, Pine Bluff, she has been active in Sunday School, Training Union and the choir program. She has served as assistant pianist and was a member of the girls ensemble and girls trio in her home church. She is a member of 1st Church, Arkadelphia, while in college.

OLD AUNT (despondently): "Well, I shall not be a nuisance to you much longer."

NEPHEW (reassuringly): "Don't talk like that, aunt: you know you will."



FAMILY OF THE YEAR—Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Webb Jr. and family were selected this year as the family of the year in 1st Church, Leachville. Mr. Webb is general Sunday School secretary and a member of the choir. Mrs. Webb is junior GA leader, president of her Sunday School class, member of the choir and a cradle roll worker. Shirley, 9, was saved in 1957. A member of the GA, she recently was a winner in the memory and sword drill tournament in Jonesboro.

#### Revival Reports

CENTRAL MISSION, Harmony Association: T. R. Coulter, evangelist; seven by baptism; 23 by letter; two for special service. (CB)

STAR CITY: P. E. Titsworth, pastor; Ed McDonald, evangelist; 17 by baptism; four by letter. (CB)

GREENLEE CHURCH, Harmony Association: T. D. Douglas, evangelist; W. A. Pruitt, pastor; Erbie Spharler, music; four by baptism; two by letter. (CB)

FIRST CHURCH, Batavia: Marvin Boswell, evangelist; E. V. Gault, pastor; three by baptism.

### 24 Laymen Making Alaskan Journey

MEMPHIS — (BP) — The Brother-hood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will sponsor a "Laymen's Week" in Alaska, July 12-17. Upon invitation of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, this week will replace one of the two evangelistic weeks sponsored annually by the board.

- GILBERT DAVIS assumed his duties as education and music director at 1st Church, Paris, May 17. He is a recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary's School of Religious Education with a master's degree, (CB)
- SIXTY-SIX officers and teachers in the Sunday School of Central Church, Magnolia, received diplomas at the church's first annual commencement service May 27. The speaker was Crawford Howell, Nashville, Tenn., superintendent of training, Sunday School Board. (CB)
- FIRST CHURCH, Batavia, near Harrison, is building a new six-room parsonage adjacent to the church.



HARRIS



WHITLOW

SOUTHERN BAPTIST College's commencement speaker May 25, was Chief Justice Carleton Harris, of the Arkansas Supreme Court. Justice Harris is a member of the South Side Church, Pine Bluff, and has been the teacher of a men's class for a number of years. Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, delivered the annual commencement sermon.



MR. SMITH
Monticello Churchman
Dies Unexpectedly

CLIFTON CONRAD SMITH, well known resident of Monticello, and executive assistant to Dr. Horace E. Thompson, president of Arkansas A&M College, died April 29 from a heart attack.

Mr. Smith had served on the board of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage for more than 30 years and had been chairman of the board many years. He was a member of the 1st Church, Monticello, where he was a deacon, chairman of the Plans Committee of the present building program of the beautiful new auditorium being erected, trustee of the church, adult department director in Training Union, and a Gideon.

Mr. Smith was known and beloved by many people, and was especially thought of as "a friend of young peo-

Mr. Smith is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Fred Greeson, Portland; two sons, Vance, Monticello, and Wayne, Rome, Ga.; three brothers, Prentiss and Laron, Hamburg, and Paul, West Monroe, La.; one sister, Mrs. Janie Moseley, Beuna, Miss.; and six grandchildren.

His wife, the former Willie Sykes, to whom he was married in October, 1910, preceded him in death in October, 1954.

Funeral services were held May 1 at 1st Church, Monticello, with his pastor, Dr. Thomas J. Welch; superintendent of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Rev. H. C. Seefeldt; and former pastor Rev. Carol D. Wood officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery.

### Eason to Receive Doctorate of Laws

PHOENIX, Ariz. — (BP) — Glenn Eason, dean and acting president of Grand Canyon College here, was honored by the institution which he serves at annual commencement exercises May 25. The college conferred on him the doctor-of-laws degree.

## Pastoral Changes

TOM PIRTLE, Dyersburgh, sophomore at Southern Baptist College, has accepted the pastorate of the Barton's Chapel Church, Tryonza. Mr. Pirtle was formerly pastor of the Quilin Church, Quilin, Mo. He is graduating from Southern College this year and plans to continue his education in a senior Baptist college.

FORREST PARK Church, Harmony Association, has called G. W. Smith, pastor of 1st Church, Wilson, for the last four years. He will begin his new work June 7. (CB)

### VBS Army

If 2,908,157 people were to fall into army formation and begin to march in one direction at one time, not only would multiplied hours be required for them to pass a given point but their march would make headlines in any reputable newspaper on earth. Yet, that is how many persons marched triumphantly in the Vacation Bible schools of the Southern Baptist Con-

## The Bible Says



And let us not be weary in welldoing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

GALATIANS 6:9

vention in 1958. It was quite a parade by any standard of measurement, and the average daily attendance exceeded two-and-a-quarter million.—James L. Sullivan

OWEN KERSH has resigned as educational director of 1st Church, Tucson, Ariz., to accept a similar position with 1st Church, El Dorado. He is a former member of Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith. (CB)

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Pasa Eight

ADVANSAS RABTIS

## Former Pastors Speak At Arkadelphia Dedication

TWO FORMER pastors of the 1st Church. Arkadelphia, delivered messages Sunday. May 17, when the congregation dedicated the new sanctuary and held open house.

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president of Ouachita and pastor of the church when the remodeling program was launched preached the dedication sermon Sunday morning. Dr. David O. Moore professor of Bible at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., brought the coning message.

The sanctuary of the church has been rebuilt during the months remodeling program. The front has been redesigned with two landings leading into two entrances. Railings have been added to the steps. The church vestibule now extends across the front of the building.

In the sanctuary the walls are paneled in Appalachian white oak with matching pews and pulpit furniture. Roman beige on the plastered walls accent the stained Belgium. In the pulpit area the walls are Raleigh and mesa green to focus attention on the maroon velvet curtain enclosing the baptistry.

Sanctuary floors are covered with light beige asphalt tile with aisles and the rostrum covered in suburban green wool carpeting.

All pews have two inch foam rubber cushions covered in brown nylon fabric. Seating capacity in the pews is nine hundred with space for a hundred chairs. Balconies are located in the back and on the south side of the church sanctuary.

A new type electronic sound system has been installed with speakers located to give excellent reception in the balconics as well as the main floor. Earphones for the hard of hearing are located on the front pews.

The church is air-conditioned.

Lights include recessed ones over the pulpit area and chandeliers. A special feature of the lighting system is that it is adjustable.

Mrs. W. P. Jones, Jr., was chairman of the committee in charge of the open



MR. AND MRS. Birkett Williams, of Cleveland, Ohio, stand beside a plaque which Mrs. Williams has just unveiled in a dedication ceremony at Ouachita College, May 15. The inscription reads: Birkett Williams Hall, Erected 1958 A.D. Named in honor of Birkett L. Williams, Ouachita alumnus of 1910, who went from his native Arkansas to achieve a distinguished career in business and civic life in Cleveland, Ohio. Ouachita Baptist College, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president, Marvin A. Green, chairman of the board. Building Committee: R. L. South, chairman, Mrs. Clarence Anthony, Tom Digby, W. P. Jones, Jr., Paul Meers, Roy Mitchell, Howard Perrin, John Plumlee. Bruce R. Anderson, architect, W. C. Burrow Co., contractor."

house Sunday afternoon. Mrs. L. C. Nichols was chairman of the refreshment committee.

Bruce Anderson was the architect. Cone and Stowers, Searcy, were the general contractors.

Total cost of the remodeling program was \$236,016.09. The sanctuary was completely rebuilt with the outside walls and the windows the only part of it remaining.

Dr. Phelps is general chairman of the

executive committee with L. M. Goza, vice-chairman; Curtis Echols, secretary; Alva Tobey, treasurer; E. E. Nowlin and the pastor, ex officio members of all committees.

Sub-committee chairmen of the building committee included: planning, L. M. Goza; finance, Curtis Echols; construction, Elwyn Williams; furnishings, Noble Welch; organ supervision, Dr. D. M. Seward; landscaping, Mrs. Bill Nowlin.



1st Church, Arkadelphia



Interior view

# The President's Message

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by this Convention. Counseling for reconciliation has been sufficient, but now we need increased enlightenment and skill in institutional management. Our prayers for this consummation will persist. [Applause]

#### MAN'S DEEPEST HUNGER

We live in an exciting stage of human progress. Scientific discovery and industrial engineering have suddenly brought changes of breath-taking significance in man's physical life. We are annihilating time and space. It is no longer fanciful to believe that poverty may be abolished. Our capacity to produce in abundance has even created problems for us, because we have not matched it with the capacity to distribute efficiently and communicate freely and wisely. The Christian view of these mighty changes is different from that of others. We welcome them, of course. We must study and adjust to them. But, further, the Christian must have regard for spiritual and moral implications. It is thrilling to anticipate the establishment of the rule of plenty throughout the world as a result of new conquests of physical force. The vast needs of the masses of men for food and shelter and raiment and medical care are a deep concern and always will be until they are met. But as we erect our towering cities and span the oceans and the deserts with our commerce, we of Christian faith will ask. "What does it profit a people if they gain whole new worlds but lose their souls?" As we benefit from the discoveries of medical men in foreign laboratories and our own, we see more clearly the oneness of the human family which Jesus taught. In the enjoyment of the results-of scientific pursuits we must not let up in our insistence that a powerful Christian witness is essential if such benefits endure and acquire spiritual significance. The inevitability of progress is a myth. Miracle drugs bring surcease of headaches, but proficiency in healing the heartaches of men is an art we must yet perfect. Our Christian undertaking, that of ruling our own spirits and submitting our ways to the Eternal, remains the most engaging task of all. If food in abundance eliminates hunger, there is still man's deepest hunger for God's presence and his love to be met, and this signifies the timelessness of our task.

Abraham Lincoln's counsel for the 19th century applies to the 20th century, too: "The dogmas of the quiet past are not adequate for the stormy present," he said; not the dogmas of conventional life, but the principles of love and mercy, which when fully relied on, have been sufficient in every age.

#### WORLD PEACE RESPONSIBILITY

Our Convention seeks to render a practical service at this point. The amazing physical discoveries of which I have spoken have suddenly placed in human hands weapons of destruction never dreamed of before. Man now holds the power to destroy overnight all that the centuries have produced in structural beauty and impressiveness. We could be catapulted into a primitive and savage way of life, if the strange and frightening new power of the atom is not responsibly used. For this reason, the urgent recommendations of the peace committee which the Convention authorized in Houston last year should be prayerfully and earnestly studied. The cause of peace is precious. Baptists of the world can make a distinctive contribution to it and we should commit ourselves to a sound and carefully devised plan of enlisting our people everywhere in the role of moral leadership for this end. I urge approval of the peace committee's report. It suggests sound steps to be taken at a negligible cost. It establishes no new agency and anticipates full cooperation with other Baptist bodies in promoting the great cause of world peace.

My view of the work on mission fields, home and foreign, gives me a new appreciation of our Baptist Jubilee Advance Program, now well under way. In the spring of 1958 I went to Russia. This year I went to South America for a two-week visit with dedicated and well-trained mis-

sionaries of ours in four countries. We at home must not fail them. As lovers of peace and liberty we look upon the Central and South American scene with anxiety, but confident that the potential evils of totalitarianism and violence can be removed and that the Christian forces of the entire hemisphere will prevail. As citizens of a favored nation, enjoying great economic progress, we should be eager to find a sound plan for sharing our productive genius with Latin American neighbors so that poverty, disease, and ignorance may also be reduced as menacing enemies of human happiness. Most importantly, we view the people of our sister republics not in terms of defense and economic stability, vital though these elements are in a period of world danger, but primarily for what they are - God's children, to be redeemed and inspired by his grace and power. During our tour we found our Baptist workers sharing in the Convention's Jubilee Program. During the one Sunday we were in Cali, Columbia, five new missions were established, and the missionaries reminded us enthusiastically that they would count on the 30,000 new churches. My wife and I discovered that the causes of evangelism, Christian education and social service are being effectively advanced. It is a ministry to gratify and inspire us.

I have not confined my interest to South America. I have also been deeply concerned with our relations with our friends of the Baptist Federation of Canada. Southern Baptists rejoice in the growing spirit of fellowship attained by the Baptist Jubilee Advance, and I hope that this Convention will continue the existing relationship which is proving so effective and helpful to the Canadian Federation and ourselves. [Applause]

#### RESPONSIBILITY AT HOME

Having spoken of the missions problem and of the race problem; may I relate the two. As all observers know, the patterns of worship and of Christian activity in the foreign mission fields differ from the familiar ones at home. There is no segregation of our colored converts. The voluntary separation in our own country is responsible primarily for our Negro brethren maintaining their own conventions and generally their own congregations, and is not basically inconsistent with our Christian professions, but we must continue to examine with keen sensitivity the aspirations of our minority people for a status free from all discrimination and injustice. This is a part of the Christian gospel, and we must demonstrate that we believe it. We cannot export what we do not have, and if our Christian devotions here are not adequate, our missionaries cannot transmit the Christian message to unsaved masses abroad. [Applause] The missionaries plead for a better performance in human relations in America, and while I believe we are making great progress at home, we must keep the challenge always before us.

It is universally conceded that our efforts in almost every mission have been retarded to some extent by American society as a whole permitting disharmonies here. The impact in Asia, Africa and Latin America is severe. This requires a prompt and critical re-examination, not necessarily a sweeping penitence, for with our occasional bungling and bad manners we are entitled to the world's tolerant acknowledgment that cleavages are the heritage of history, and that we cannot complete the processes for justice and brotherhood quickly.

Perhaps you are tired of the subject of race conflict, but until perfect justice is done we must stay with the task. There is a provocative thought in Isaiah's words: "God will not rest until he establishes justice in the world." Therefore, we must continue in our own restless undertakings for righteousness and Christian brotherhood with a sense of God's presence and encouragement as we labor. Eventually the world will accept the principle of human dignity for which we contend, and may even applaud us for contending for it. We Baptists have written some bright chapters in history while we were a small and socially unaccepted group;

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### - - - There Are Practical Steps To Be Taken

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we should be even more concerned about human conflicts now that we have grown strong and numerous.

#### NO SCRIPTURE FOR SEGREGATION

There are practical steps to be taken within the framework of our congregational system, advancing us toward the day of Christian understanding. Some progress has already been made. Our research in Biblical teaching on race has disproved the claim that existing patterns are divinely prescribed, and while no authoritarian position is assumed as a result of these studies, we would be remiss if we did not make them available, just as our scholars in the seminaries and the Sunday School Board's staff make available their judgments on less explosive questions. Whatever the individual Baptist thinks about legislative policy in this field, it is apparent that scriptural support for state segregation laws cannot be claimed. [Applause] They did not originate until the end of the 19th century, and a lot of wise and effective work in race relations had been done by our Christian forefathers long before these state laws came out of the political ferment of an unhappy period.

There are 17 million Negroes in the United States, and this exceeds the total population of Uruguay, Ecuador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Ghana, and Liberia. The plea for a heightened interest in the cooperative work with Negro Baptists is produced not alone by a concern for their welfare but in the interest of spiritual growth for members of

the white community as well. [Applause]

Discontent of the minority is the symptom of an illness which affects the nation and the world. It constitutes the mission field at our doorstep. Studies and conferences leading to a better understanding between white and Negro Baptists should continue. It is a phase of the great commission. On February 24 our Joint Committee on Baptist Work Among Negroes held an important meeting in Nashville, and after a painstaking review of the problem unanimously recommended that a high-level conference of leaders of the two largest Negro Baptist conventions meet with duly designated leaders of our own Convention to promote Christian fellowship and conduct a comprehensive examination of the problem. I am happy to add my personal endorsement to this action and to transmit it to the resolutions committee for their consideration.

Paul's injunction to the individual, "Let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall," I Cor. 10:12, is addressed to nations as well. And since nations have no mystic power to order progress and assure their survival, except as their

constituents develop integrity and devotion, it is incumbent upon the Christian to take note of his government's needs and his society's deficiencies. And we are fortunate indeed that we live in a country in which the Christian and the patriot may inhabit the same heart. This is consistent with our belief that the Christian has his distinctive part to play — that patriotism is not sufficient. We still must dare to be different, to be in the world, but not of it, to love the world, and to view both its misery and its frivolities with deepest concern.

#### NEW TESTAMENT PATTERN

Our distinctiveness is in the commitment to live by the standards of conduct and service which the New Testament proclaims. It is a common faith in the efficacy of the Christian calling that establishes our fellowship and makes us Our doctrine of the competency of the individual forbids our attempting uniformity of belief, but the scattered Baptist legions are bound together by a determination to submit to God's will and to use our diversified talents in all practical ways. In modern times this produces a beautiful variety in our outward expressions of Christian hope and dedication. The growing new ministries, which in good time we must perfect, bear witness to our concern for the mandate given by Christ himself, to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken heart, to preach deliverance of the captives. The growing list of special services in urban associations and in our home missions program is intriguing. and many essential programs await the skillful and healing touch of Christian hands. The new ministries for college students, the farm migrants, in the prisons, and for our men in arms, these are but examples of pioneer programs that will make full use of the resources available to 9,000,000 Southern Baptists.

Finally, we 20th century Christians must be demonstrating more impressively that we differ from the materialists who are so absorbed in the enjoyments of the world and so involved in its power to see the suffering and the tragedies of the hour. We should differ, too, from those of infirm faith, who see only its misery. It is the presence of hope, strengthened by faith, that makes possible the pursuit of love in a world that has not fully known God's compassion. The world beckons us to a holier service than we are now rendering. In reality, it is God who, in the world, is daily remewing his call to us to take up the crosses of human service and to receive the enriching rewards that were long ago promised to those who toil in the belief that love and mercy

are in the center of all human existence.

## A Personal Experience

By ROBERT L. McCAN

GO WITH me to the slum district of a city where I worked with the YMCA, a district where as many as 1,000 people live in a single block. The buildings are old and unpainted. A saloon decorates every corner. The sidewalks are filthy. Children loiter, because there are no playgrounds for them.

We go up three flights of dark, smelly stairs. We knock, and the door is opened by a mother who has been washing. Clothes are hanging around the room because there is no place outside for a clothesline. The woman apologizes at length for her house, and says that in the spring, when her husband gets a raise, they are going to move to a better place. We came to see her son, but she explains that he is out on the street somewhere. A worried look crosses her face as she tells how

hard it is for her to keep up with him.

Now let's go down the street to visit the home of another boy. He lives in a low-rent government housing project. There is a front yard for each apartment. The house is nicely painted. There is a relaxed atmosphere of comfort and cheer. Where is the boy? He is down at the recreation hall playing ping-pong.

My personal experience with people in the slums convinces me that many of them are good people — not shiftless, lazy, or drunkards. Some are day laborers with lazge families who cannot afford to live elsewhere. But the longer they live in a bad environment, the more decency and initiative are sucked from their souls. Community action is needed to destroy slums and to erect decent housing which will provide an atmosphere in which Christian commitment can more easily flower. The Christian to the state of the

tian can help to bring about the reforms and programs needed for a healthy Christian community.

### Storm Kills Four In Missionary's Family

FOUR MEMBERS of the family of Rev. Paul Box, Southern Baptist missionary appointee to Indonesia, were killed by a tornado which struck Stonewall, Okla., shortly after dark Saturday, May 9. The victims were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Box; a brother, Tommy, 18; and a sister, Darlene, 12. The family home was destroyed and Mrs. Box and the two children died immediately. Mr. Box died Monday morning in an Ada, Okla., hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Box, appointed missionaries in March this year, are still in the States making preparation for service in Indonesia. They live in Madill, Okla., where Mr. Box is pastor of Little City Baptist Church.

May 28, 1959



MR. MIKELL

Training Union

## Chalk Talk Artist On Assembly Program

A. MILLER MIKELL, guest artist, will portray sermons in art synchronized to musical accompaniment, at the Training Union Assembly at Siloam Springs, June 29-July 4. He will have charge of the morning devotional periods and again at the close of the day just before the campus is cleared.

Mr. Mikell, North Ft. Worth Church, has appeared at Ridgecrest, Glorieta, and at various other encampments. He has his master's degree in religious education and has completed all work toward the doctor-of-religious education degree to be presented this spring.

Everyone who plans to attend the assembly is urged to send a \$2 reservation fee immediately to Melvin Thrash, 111 Baptist Building, Little Rock. First come, first served!

#### BAPTIST HOUR SERMON TOPICS June, 1959

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## THIS IS THE ANSWER Station List

El Dorado KTVE Sat. 4:30 p.m. Ft. Smith KNAC-TV Sun. 1:00 p.m.

- SOUTH SIDE Church, Pine Bluff, has received the citation of the Arkansas Honor Church Program, sponsored by the Training Union Department. South Side is the third in the state to receive the citation. Pastor is Roy A. Lambert; educational director, Tom M. Gambrell. (CB)
- DAVE GRUNDFEST, Little Rock, who is president of the Arkansas Chamber of Commerce and of Sterling Stores, Inc., was the guest speaker during the assembly hour at Southern Baptist College, May 6. The Walnut Ridge Chamber of Commerce were also guests of the college during the chapel hour and for the luncheon which followed.

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## Dr. Estep to Teach At International Seminary

W. R. ESTEP Jr., professor of church history at Southwestern Seminary, will teach at the International Seminary in

Cali, Colombia, during his sabbatical leave next year.

Dr. Estep spend the summer in language school in San Jose, Costa Rica, preparing for the year's work.

In addition to his teaching duties in Cali, he intends to gather material on history of Christian-

ity in Latin, America.

SUMMER FIELD workers in Harmony Association will include Edwin Jerald McGee, Norman College, Ga .:

Mary Rosaleen Chitwood, Georgetown College, Tenn.; Sally Guthrie, Ouachita, and Nan Spears, Ouachita. (CB)

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## The World's Tiniest Maps

By RUTH C. NORTON

CAN YOU put one hundred maps into a small matchbox? This can be done easily if you use the maps reproduced on postage stamps.

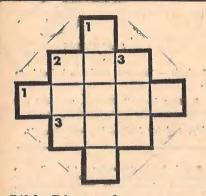
Usually we think of maps as being large and bulky, but these tiny ones usually must fit into areas of about one-and-a-half inches by less than an inch. Of course, they are first drawn on a large scale and then reduced in size, but no matter how small, they are beautiful and accurate.

The United States has used a number of map stamps, especially in the later commemorative issues. One of the earliest was the 1904 Louisiana purchase issue. It had a map of the United States and honored the area purchased from France, which became so valuable as a part of this country.

Most of our early stamps honored men and events, but in 1934, when Admiral Byrd made his second expedition to Antarctica, a blue global stamp showed the route of the expedition.

After that, map stamps became more frequent. There are many now, remembering such events and places as the Northwest Territory, the Chinese Commemorative, the Annapolis Tercentenary, and the Philippine issue with Corregidor rising out of the sea. There are many individual states portrayed, too. Among them are Oregon, Florida, Wiscensin, and Mississippi.

Airmail, which covers so wide a span,



#### A Bible Diamond

By IDA M. PARDUE

FILL THE blanks with the right words and you will have a diamond reading the same both down and across.

1. Creeping creature that the Israelites were not supposed to eat (Leviticus 11:30).

2. Busy insect (Proverbs 30:25).

3. Metal imported from Tarshish (Ezekiel 27:12).

#### ANSWERS

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lends itself admirably to maps. The 1926 issue pictured the United States. The next year there was one honoring the flights between New York and Paris. The Graf Zeppelin issues also span the ocean. One of the most beautiful of them all is the pale blue fifteencent Universal Postal Union issue.

The United States is not alone in using map stamps. Many other countries have found them attractive, too. For anyone who collects stamps and wishes to specialize, map stamps are fascinating. Not only are they beautiful, but also historical routes and events are mapped for you on the stamps.

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## Bible Verse Fishing

By ALMA C. DENNY

ARE YOU and your friends learning Bible verses? A good way to keep them in mind is to make a game out of recalling many times the verses you know. A way to do this and have fun at the same time is to go "fishing" for them. Here is a way to do it.

When you are familiar with a verse, really know it, then write the reference for it on a paper fish. When your group knows quite a few verses, try this game. Spread the paper fish with the references on them on a clear table top or in a circle marked with chalk on the floor. Give each member of the group a turn to "catch" any fish in the pond by quoting the verse whose reference is on that particular fish.

Of course, the person with the longest string of fish wins the contest. Keep the fish, for you will want to play this game many times.

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## Prove Him

I wonder why the Lord did ask For tithes from you and me-When all the treasures of the earth Are His eternally? And why should He depend on us To fill His house with meat, When we have so very little And His store-house is replete? But He said to bring our little And He would add His much, Then all the heavenly windows Would be opened at His tough. And blessings running over Even more than has been told Will be ours-but there's no promise If His portion we withhold. Are we afraid to prove Him? Is our faith and love so small That we tightly grasp our little When He freely gave His all?

-Author unknown, submitted by Miss Mae Disheroon, Green Forest, Ark.



"I'm afraid they took your 'God Will Provide' sermon too literally!"

God IS able to provide—but only through the instruments of His divine Will. As Christians, we become those instruments, with the combined privilege and obligation to give freely of our material blessings, our time, and our talents. If we fail to fulfill our obligation, He will still find a way. But WE may lose OUR way.

AFTER KEEPING the dinner warm in the oven for more than an hour, the wife finally phoned her husband's office. "Look, dear," she snapped, "as soon as you can get away, will you please call an ambulance with a good loud siren and get home in a hurry?"

"Don't be ridiculous!!" snorted the husband. "I can make almost as good time in my own car."

"Possibly," his wife agreed, sweetly, "but the advantage of the ambulance is that you can have it wait for you in front of the house."

A SALESMAN, holed up in a small Colorado town by a bad snow storm, wired his firm: "Stranded here due to storm. Telegraph instructions."

Back came the reply: "Start summer vacation immediately."

VISITING UNCLE (who slept in his nephew's room); "Thank you, Johnnie, for that glass of water you left for me last night."

JOHNNIE: "What! Don't tell me you swallowed my tadpoles!"

DURING THE course of the lesson, I asked my Sunday School class of small children who Mark was. Receiving no answer, I tried them with Matthew. When there was still no answer, I said, "Surely someone knows who Peter is."

A hand went up at the back of the room, and a shy little voice said, "Please, teacher, I fink he was a wab-bit."

THE REPORTER returned from an interview. "Well," said the editor, "what did our candidate have to say?"

"Nothing."

"Keep it down to a column."

## Elijah, God's Warrior

By EMIL WILLIAMS

(First Baptist Church, Russellville, Arkansas)

MAY 31, 1959

I Kings 16:29-19:18

HOW CLOSELY joy and despair, victory and defeat lie together, even in the lives of God's choice servants. Vic-



tory is as near as God, and despair as near as our human frailty. But if victory and defeat lie close together, then defeat that follows victory can be turned again into victory. Elijah depended

on God and won a mighty victory. He remembered his hu-

man frailty and fled MR. WILLIAMS in despair, fearing for his very life. What lay behind these events?

Jezebel, Queen of Israel

Ahab was king of Israel; but Jezebel was queen, and no one in Israel could ignore that fact as long as Jezebel lived. Little wonder her name is even now synonymous with all that can be evil in womanhood.

Her relationship to Israel is indicative of the sin of the time - an unholy alliance of Baal-worship and Jehovah-worship. Ahab, for political purposes, continued the policy of syncretism, but Jezebel had more than that in

The writer with his typical formula sums up the reign of Ahab and the relationship with Jezebel thus, "... Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. And Ahab . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him. And . . . as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam . . . he took to wife Jezebel . . . and went and served Baal, and worshipped him" (1 Kings 16:29b-31). It was not enough that he should follow the example set by Jeroboam, he had to take Jezebel as his wife! There was good reason for the writer to say further, "Ahab did more to provoke the Lord . . . to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him" (1 Kings

The daughter of Ethbaal, priest-king of Tyre, had no intention of taking the God of Israel as her God, nor was she content to allow the worship of the God of Israel to exist alongside Baal. Her intention was to make Baal-worship the national religion of Israel. Apparently Ahab was not the least inclined to suggest otherwise, although his religious conviction (or lack of conviction) would have led to a less drastic course. A strong-willed queen and a weakwilled king were remarkably suited for the task of elevating Baal-worship. Perhaps Ahab was naive enough to suppose that Jezebel's design would not do away with Jehovah-worship. He saw no reason why the two could not be perfectly compatible. Jezebel was more perceptive than Ahab, for she knew that Baal-worship and Jehovah-worship could not exist together. One could exist only at the exclusion of the other. Syncretism was — and is — an illusion.

At Mt. Carmel

Elijah, who proclaimed his one burning message every time his name came to mind ("The Lord is God"), was to be the strongest antagonist to these two. In his first encounter with Ahab he made it clear that there was a prophet in Israel who still believed in one God and in the power of that God. He announced that three years of drought were coming. The drought came according to Elijah's word, but the most dramatic event of all was destined for Mt. Carmel.

There is little wonder that when Elijah reappeared before the king that Ahab should address him as "you troubler of Israel." To Ahab all the troubles could be laid at Elijah's feet. He saw no connection between his own sin and Israel's trouble.

At the command of Elijah, Ahab gathered 450 prophets of Baal to Mt. Carmel, the high ridge overlooking the Mediterranean. After three years of drought and years of apostasy the time had come for a show-down.

The central issue at Carmel was not which God would consume a sacrifice, but which God was able to send rain, and more than that, which God was worthy of worship. The tragedy, of course, is that men continued "hopping from one leg to another" (1 Kings 18:21) until they saw the graphic demonstration on Mt. Carmel and continued the vacillating policy when the memory of the event faded. It was not until the fire fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood and stones, and licked up the water - it was not until then — that the people fell on their faces and said, "The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God." A loyalty so won can quickly be forgotten - even by an Elijah.

When Ahab returned to his home after the contest on Carmel, there is no sign of repentance - awe and fear, perhaps - but not repentance. The deluge of rain that followed the offering should have convinced any Baal-worshiper that the seasons, seed-time and harvest time, and fertility are in God's hands who orders the seasons and sends the rain.

At Mt. Horeb

But Jezebel was no ordinary Baalworshiper. Her fierce devotion to Baalworship in the face of such evidence caused even Elijah to waver. A woman who was not convinced by the demonstration on Mt. Carmel and the flood of rain that followed was capable of doing exactly what she threatened take the life of Elijah even as he had taken the lives of the Baal prophets.

Elijah, running for his life, bewildered and despairing, came to Beersheba, then to the wilderness where he was fed, and continued to Mt. Horeb. There in the hallowed setting God spoke to him, not in the manner of Mt. Carmel, but in a more convincing way. Despite its impressiveness, the Mt. Carmel experience did not leave Elijah equipped to perform God's will. The Mt. Horeb experience did. God spoke in the phenomena at Mt. Carmel. At Mt. Horeb the wind, earthquake, and fire were not the voice of God. They only emphasized the true nature of God's speaking by contrast, and the voice of God was "a sound of gentle stillness" that spoke this message to the prophet:

"Elijah, you are not the only proph-'et of God in Israel." A great host was still faithful. Another thing was implied also: Even if there were not a great host, Elijah plus God was enough.

And this message, that remains one of the hardest for any child of God to hear: No person is indispensable to the ultimate purpose of God. (There is always an Elisha.) But God is indispensable to man's finding true purpose.

And finally: "Arise and perform the task to which I have called you."

Despair turned to victory again as Elijah came away from Horeb to face calmly God's purpose for Israel - and for Elijah.

## Attendance Report

(May 1	7)		
Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Addi-
Berryville, Freeman Hts		71	Huns
Crossett, 1st	656	, 1	
El Dorado, 1st	858	262	
Mission	56	-	
Ft. Smith, Calvary	379	140	
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	436	164	
Huntsville, 1st	87	47	
Jacksonville, 1st	555	245	2
Jonesboro, Philadelphia	154	100	
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	354	119	
Little Rock, Tyler St.	205	98	1
Little Rock, Life Line	254	96	
McGehee, 1st	500	260	2
Magnolia, Central	752	340	
Mission	77	51	
Mena, 1st	254	102	
Mission	21	14	
Pine Bluff, South Side	668	228	7
Springdale, 1st	445		
Rose City, Calvary	348	116	1
Warren, 1st	532	166	
W. Memphis, Calvary	217	141	

REV. AND Mrs. William M. Dyal, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Costa Rica, have returned to the States for furlough. Their address is 2331 Saxon, Houston 18, Tex. Mrs. Dyal is the former Edith Colvin of El Dorado.

## Rural Church Conference

Couchdale (FFA Camp)

June 8-11

Sponsored by Department of Missions, C. W. Caldwell, Supt.

	MONDAY EVENING
	Supper
7:00	Song and Praise Pat Mehaffey
7:15	Trends in Rural Areas S. A. Wiles
-7:50	Rural Church—Past, Present,
	Future O.M. Stallings
8:25	Message "Coming Out of the
	Country" C. W. Caldwell
	TUESDAY MORNING
8:00	Bible Study—
	A character B. K. Selph
8:40	Churches working together
	with one pastor W. J. Smith
9:10	Questions and Answers on
	Above subject
	The Pastor Himself L. G. Frey
10:15	Church Survey Program
	What we did in Mt. Zion
	AssociationCarl Bunch
	What the Survey meant to
	my Church R. L. Williams
	Questions and Answers on
	above subjects
	The Pastor and the
	Sick Don Corley
	Message J. B. Huffmaster
	TUESDAY EVENING
	Song and Praise Pat Mehaffey
1:19	Revivals H. E. Kirkpatrick
	How to Prepare M. E. Wiles How to Preach Lonnie Lasater
0.15	How to PrayOpen Discussion The Pastor and
0,10	THE ENGINE SHO

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

8:00 Bible Study-

0.00	Dible Study—
	A Doctrine B. K. Selph
8:40	Prepare for
	RetirementSam Reeves
9:20	The Pastor and his
000	Community L. G. Frey
10:15	A Look at our
	Convention S. A. Whitlow
	Questions and Answers
11:00	The Pastor and the Associa-
- hard	tional Program J. D. Seymour
11:30	Message W. O. Vaught, Jr.
	WEDNESDAY EVENING
7:00	Song and PraisePat Mehaffey
	Rural Church and Kingdom
	FinancesRalph Douglas
7:45	My Church's Financial
11.00	Program R. T. Strange
8:15	MessageDon Williams
and the	THURSDAY MORNING
	A ASSESSMENT OF THE PARTY OF TH
	Breakfast
	Bible—Study A BookB. K. Selph
8:40	A Planned Program for Pastor
	and Church Dale Cowling
9:20	The Pastor and His
	Preaching L. G. Frey
10:15	The Pastor and Problem
	Members R. H. Dorris
10:45	Report from the Womens'
	Conference
11:10	Message Dale Cowling

## Training Union Assembly Speakers Announced

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Evening speakers at the Baptist Training Union weeks at Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) assemblies are: at Glorieta, June 4-10, Charles Wellborn, Seventh and James Church, Waco; June 18-24, J. D. Grey, 1st Church, New Orleans; and June 11-17, Forrest C. Feezor, executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas.

His Church L. G. Frey

At Ridgecrest evening speakers are: July 16-22, J. Winston Pearce, 1st Church, DeLand, Fla.; July 9-15, Chester Swor, Youth leader and lecturer, Jackson, Miss., and July 2-8, C. Roy Angell, pastor, Central Church, Miami, Fla.

### Home Board Appoints Louisiana Associate

ALEXANDRIA, La. — (BP) — Fred B. Moseley, associate executive secretary of Louisiana Baptist Convention



here, has accepted the office of secretary of city missions with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

His new office will be in Atlanta and he takes charge of the city missions department June 1. As associate exec-

MR. MOSELEY utive secretary of Louisiana Baptists, Moseley has been director of promotion and missions also.

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