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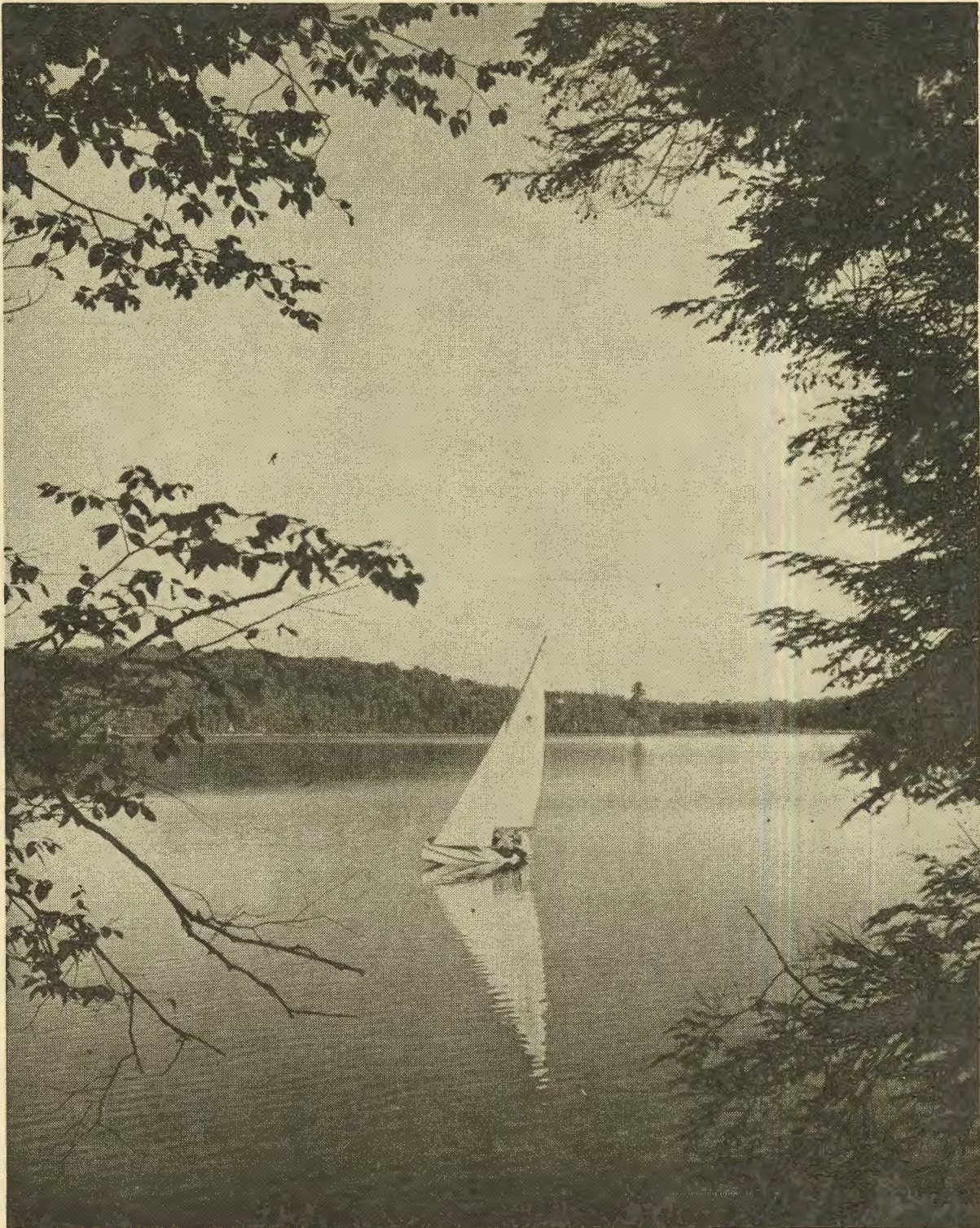
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Louis C. Williams

*He who commanded the wind and waves to be still
Can still the tempest in the human breast.*

The Peace-Of-Mind Cult

By JACK L. GRITZ

America in the atomic age has experienced a strange—and at times bewildering—religious phenomenon.

It is the growth of what may be described as "the peace-of-mind cult."

In the tensions which grew out of the Second World War and the threats which developed with the A-bomb as it became the H-bomb, C-bomb and U-bomb along with the possibility of expanding communism setting off another world conflagration, a strange blending of psychology with portions of Christian truth has become amazingly popular throughout the land. This is true both of religious people and those only nominally so.

The High Priest

The high priest of this new faith is Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, pastor of Marble Collegiate Church, a Dutch Reformed Church in New York City. But Dr. Peale's influence is not chiefly that which radiates from his church with its congregation of 3,000. Dr. Peale's influence on the American public has been through books, television, radio, lecture tours and magazines—and he is only one of several who present a similar if slightly varied line.

For the past 110 weeks Dr. Peale's book *The Power of Positive Thinking* has been number one on the non-fiction best-seller list. This is almost an unbelievable record. It has appeared in four separate editions, regular, library, leather-bound and gold-edged pocket size (at the inflated price of \$3.95 per copy) and a revised version slanted at young people. This is not the only book by Dr. Peale on the subject although it is far and away the most widely read. Previously he had written *A Guide to Confident Living* and *The Art of Living*. In addition Dr. Peale had begun *Guideposts*, a monthly magazine containing testimonies and articles.

His answers to life problems appear regularly in *Look* magazine, which devotes a page of each issue to this purpose.

But Dr. Peale is best known not for his books or magazine articles but for his television shows and radio programs by which he reaches an estimated 30 million persons each week over 239 stations. These programs are presented by the National Council of Churches under the auspices of its Broadcasting and Film Commission.

The television show is known as "What's Your Trouble" and on it Dr. Peale, quite often with the assistance of his attractive and charming wife, discuss the life situations of those who have written to him. His radio network program is called "The Art of Living" and it, too, deals with personal and personality problems. A new 10-minute radio question-and-answer program will begin on the National Broadcasting Network, April 4.

Superficial Answers

In all his preaching, writing and presentations Dr. Peale offers easy and optimistic answers based usually on sound psychological principles and sometimes on some fragment of Christian truth to the most difficult and involved life situations imaginable. Undoubtedly many people have been helped by Dr. Peale's suggestions and teachings. Without question there is a vast field for counseling on the part of well-trained preachers who really understand people.

Whether or not such counseling can be done on a mass basis is open to serious

question. We frankly doubt it. Some help and inspiration may come from listening to a Peale broadcast or reading a Peale article but we doubt if this can ever be a substitute for the continuous counsel and friendship of a pastor with an individual or a family for whom he has great love and concern.

But the most serious charge which Dr. Peale must face is not that his answers to serious problems are merely superficial. It is the question of whether or not his teachings are really Christian.

Dr. Peale ignores much of Christian truth. He has little or nothing to say about an experience of salvation through personal faith in Christ, which the New Testament describes as a new birth. Of course, this might not be as popular an answer as some of the ones that he offers, but it is the only answer and the proper beginning point for all the others. Although we do not think it is his personal belief, Dr. Peale's implication is that a person can live the Christian life without the Christian Savior—and that just cannot be done. Unsaved men and women are offered a poor substitute for the thing which they need most.

Also Negative

And when Dr. Peale addresses himself to Christians—as we suppose he usually does—his answers are not always those in keeping with the spirit of Christianity. One of his errors is fundamental. It may be well to emphasize the positive side of things—but Christianity is also negative. The Law, which Jesus came to fulfill, contains the Ten Commandments—some pretty negative suggestions. Jesus Himself was rather negative about the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. Paul the Apostle made some strongly negative statements about the sins of the people of the First Century world, especially those who were members of the churches.

"Believe in yourself because you believe in God" is not the Christian faith. Ours is a faith of self-denial and sacrifice. Self-love that masquerades as "enlightened self-interest" is not Christianity and this fragment of truth is a poor substitute for the gospel. Dr. Peale has captured the American dream of ambition and stated it in a religious context. But this is not the message of the Master two thousand years ago in Galilee.

—*The Baptist Messenger.*

The Resurrection

A miracle is being wrought
Before our very eyes,
As bursting buds of lacy green
Are flung against the skies...
For out of death comes fresh new life,
Today as it did then,
When Christ arose and walked away
From dying for our sins.

Out of the darkest night comes rest,
And strength is gained from grief;
Out of the tomb on Easter morn —
Proof of rebirth; relief;
A glory reconciling us
To partings now and then;
For when we go we follow Him,
And sleep to rise again.

*Etta Caldwell Harris,
Hamburg, Arkansas*

Venturesome Faith

A Devotion by the Editor

"Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water."

There seems never to be a dull moment in the life of Peter, so far as the records indicate. From our first introduction to him until the curtain is drawn, there is energy, movement, sparkle, interest, in every meeting with him. This is not saying that he is always brilliant, nor that he is always faithful. But whether he is on the mount of transfiguration or sinking beneath the waves, he is always dramatic.

We are now filled with admiration and wonder at the heights of spiritual attainment and the flashes of spiritual vision which would require days of laborious self-discipline by others, but which he reaches by one supreme bound. Again we hold our breath with fear as we see him stumble over some dangerous precipice and fall headlong to what appears for the moment to be certain ruin.

John by slow degrees reaches the heights of love and vision. Judas by slow degrees reaches the depths of infidelity and darkness, but Peter bounces back and forth from the one extreme to the other.

We are happy that at last he gains a permanent foothold in the highest peaks and stays there, and the last glimpse we have of this interesting disciple he is soaring still higher.

Genuine faith is always venturesome and daring, and willing to take risks for God. Paul dared to risk all for the excellency of the glory of God in Christ Jesus. Jesus challenges to venturesome faith when He urges: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Such a venturesome faith will attempt the impossible in the name of Jesus. All exact formulas and mathematical calculations are upset by a faith which dares to undertake what is humanly impossible. Faith the size of a grain of mustard seed has removed mountains of difficulties, bridged impassable chasms, and built noble Christian character out of the sorry clay of humanity.

"But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come." Matthew 14:27-29.

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From The Editor's Desk

Bingo, Parochial Schools, Comic Books

We have before us 17 news releases on the above subjects. These news releases cover a wide territory which indicates that the issues involved are nationwide.

They come from New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Minnesota, Utah, Illinois, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Washington, D. C., Missouri, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Mexico, and New Hampshire.

In fact, we receive a constant stream of news concerning the struggle going on all over the country and in practically every state over these issues.

Bingo

It is shocking, to say the least, that churches will resort to gambling in order to finance their programs. The Catholic Church is the chief offender in this particular moral issue. It is a contradiction of everything that Jesus taught by example and precept to resort to such methods in order to meet a church's financial needs. When a church asks for a privilege that is denied to professional gamblers, it has no right to call itself a Christian church. Where is the consistency in the protest against obscene literature when, at the same time, a church resorts to gambling to finance its program.

Parochial Schools

The parochial school issue seems to be a perennial one. The Catholic hierarchy is seeking public tax funds for bus transportation and other aids to their parochial school system. The issue is before many legislatures. It is the courts in many states. The issue of federal funds for private and parochial schools is before the Congress of the United States. The Catholic hierarchy is determined to defeat any bill which is designed to provide federal funds for public schools only. They are opposed to any legislation that does not provide equal support for parochial and private schools along with public schools.

To Curb Advertising

Congressman Eugene Siler of Kentucky has introduced Bill HR4627, the intent of which is to ban the advertising of alcoholic beverages in interstate commerce and on the air. The Bill is similar to the Bryson Bill introduced in the United States Senate with the addition of the words "or television."

Congressman Siler is president of the Baptist State Convention of Kentucky and has taken a prominent part in court actions to free public tax funds from the inroads of Catholic parochial schools in that state.

If the lovers of sobriety and decency are willing to lend their voices to the support of these bills, they should write their senators and congressmen in Washington urging them to support these bills which are designed to

It is our understanding that in Arkansas Catholic parochial schools taught by robed nuns and in Catholic buildings with all the emblems on display are incorporated in the public school system. All the money paid for rental on the buildings and to the nuns as teachers goes to the Catholic Church. When will Arkansas wake up?

Comic Books

The comic book issue is a live one. Attempts have been made to clean up this industry by voluntary co-operation, but those who profit by the publication and sale of obscene literature may not be expected to voluntarily co-operate in any clean-up campaign.

The Post Office Department is asking for legislation which will enable it to better control the mailing of such literature. State legislatures have enacted laws to curb the industry. Commissions have been appointed to survey and report on the comic book situation. In some instances court action has been invoked, and police officers have taken a hand in the clean-up campaign.

All of which indicates that the American people are aroused to the danger which threatens the childhood and youth of the nation.

But the trouble is that public reaction is likely to subside while the promoters of such literature will never slacken their efforts to flood the country with literature that will demoralize and degrade the children and youth of the nation.

These issues require eternal vigilance on the part of the federal government, the states and municipalities of the nation. More than that these issues require eternal vigilance on the part of the citizenry of the nation, the lovers of liberty, decency, and morality. Already, by our indifference these interests which would take away our liberties and demoralize our people have gotten a head start and it won't be easy to curb their rapacious appetite.

Children's Page

You will find a new feature in this week's issue of the *Arkansas Baptist*. On page 14 you will find items of interest to children. It is expected that we shall run this children's page every week. We hope that the boys and girls will enjoy this page and find it not only interesting but profitable. We anticipate that it will become one of the most popular features of the paper.

We invite the comments of parents, teachers on the material included in this page. We would like to know what you think of it. We invite your suggestions as to improvement of material and the arrangement. So let us hear from you, won't you?

prohibit the interstate advertising of alcoholic liquors.

Whose Responsibility Are They?

According to John Q. Schisler of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, reported in the *Survey Bulletin*, there are 19,000,000 youths between the ages of 12 and 23 who have no connection with any church or synagogue. Compared to this number are 7,290,000 youths who do belong to religious bodies.

According to these figures there are more than two and a half times as many youths who are not connected with any church or synagogue as there are who do belong to religious bodies.

What proportion of these 19,000,000 young people constitute the responsibility of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention we do not know. Southern Baptist churches put on a drive for "A Million More in '54." The actual enrolment in Southern Baptist Sunday schools for the year was a little more than 600,000. Some people objected to the campaign for "A Million More In '54" saying that it looked as if Southern Baptists were interested only in numbers. In view of this objection, we might ask what shall be our attitude toward these 19,000,000 young people who are not in any body's Sunday school or church, and especially what shall be our attitude toward whatever portion of that 19,000,000 young people are the particular responsibility of our Southern Baptist churches. Is nobody to be responsible for searching them out and trying to enlist them in Bible teaching and lead them to Christ? Shall they be left spiritual orphans with no one to care for their souls.

When numbers refer to people, to boys and girls and young people, they do not represent cold, mathematical figures but human souls. The number ten, with reference to persons, means ten immortal souls. The number 1,000, when it refers to people, means 1,000 human souls. "A Million More In '54" meant that Southern Baptists were engaged in a conscientious effort to win 1,000,000 souls to Bible teaching and to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We cannot become too zealous in our efforts to win the boys and girls and the young people of our land to a study of God's Word and to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

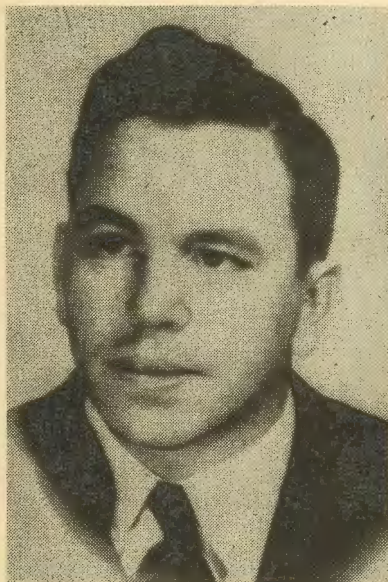
Let these figures burn their way into your consciousness: 19,000,000 young people who have no connection with any church or synagogue, compared to 7,290,000 young people who do belong to some religious body. Then let each one of us consider what should be our responsibility to these 19,000,000 young people, or that portion of them which becomes our special responsibility.

Send Revival Reports To Dr. Yearby

Due to the large number of revivals held during the Simultaneous Crusade, we cannot report each individual meeting in the *Arkansas Baptist*. Please send your report to Dr. I. L. Yearby, Department of Evangelism, Baptist Building, Little Rock, and a compilation will be published as soon as results can be tabulated.

Kingdom Progress

Blytheville Church Honors Pastor



J. H. MELTON

Calvary Church, Blytheville, observed the second anniversary of J. H. Melton as pastor on Sunday, April 10. In the two years that Mr. Melton has been pastor of the church, there have been over three hundred additions to the church, about two-thirds of these being by profession of faith and baptism. A total of \$45,894.80 has been contributed through the church treasury in these two years. This year the church has a goal of contributing more than \$2,000 through the Cooperative Program, for the first time in the history of the church.

The church is at present engaged in the remodeling of their choir loft and baptistry. This is the first step in an expansion program which is to include remodeling of the present building and construction of a two-story educational annex.

Second, Arkadelphia, Builds

Second Church, Arkadelphia, has launched an extensive building program. A new educational building providing 4,460 sq.ft. of floor space is now under construction. The auditorium is to be enlarged and air conditioned.

The labor is being donated by the men of the church. When completed the new structure will care for 500 in Sunday school and the enlarged auditorium will accommodate 500 in worship service.

S. M. Cooper has been pastor of the Arkadelphia church for six years and eight months. Under his leadership all phases of the church program has experienced satisfactory growth and enlargement.

Moore In VBS Clinic

Jay W. C. Moore, Missionary in Faulkner Association, and Mrs. Moore, will go to Shawnee, Oklahoma, April 27 to conduct two VBS clinics for workers from the fifty churches that comprise the Pottawatomie-Lincoln Association. The Moores have conducted 174 Vacation schools and clinics, during the past fifteen years, directing 16,719 children and workers representing 663 churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and California.

Rogers Pastor



E. M. SKINNER

E. M. Skinner assumed the duties of pastor of First Church, Rogers, March 1. He came to the Rogers church from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Del Rio, Texas.

Mr. Skinner is a native of Kentucky. He is the youngest son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Skinner. He is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, and studied at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He has two brothers who are active in the ministry: Dr. R. T. Skinner, editor of *The Western Recorder*, the Kentucky state Baptist paper, and W. C. Skinner, pastor of Cumberland Drive Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tennessee.

Mr. Skinner has served in the ministry for 23 years. He has held pastorates in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arizona, and Texas. While in Tucson, Arizona, he was superintendent of city missions and field worker under the Home Mission Board, following which he served for five years as pastor of Central Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona. During the Phoenix pastorate, he was a member of various Southern Baptist Convention boards and committees, in addition to being a member of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, of which he was chairman during the last year in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner have four children: Mrs. Claude S. Burke of Shawnee, Oklahoma; Mrs. Harry D. Wells, Del Rio, Texas; Miller and Elizabeth, who are yet with their parents.

The Skinners were honored with an old-fashioned pounding followed by a reception Wednesday evening, March 2.

H. L. Waters in Illinois

H. L. Waters, former Bible teacher at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, removed to Harrisburg, Illinois, for the purpose of helping to start a seminary extension center.

There are 69 enrolled in Old Testament study and 64 enrolled in New Testament study. The classes meet twice a week. At this writing Dr. Waters is the only teacher.

Arkansas Graduates at Southern Seminary, May 26



Wallace Denton Th.M., Manning



J. L. Dobb B.D., Little Rock



Jerry Davis Th.B., Helena

Minister Ordained

William Lee Hinds was ordained to the gospel ministry by Caudle Avenue Church, Springdale, Sunday, April 3.

Pastor Roe Matthews served as moderator of the ordaining council, and Kenneth R. Graham served as secretary. A. L. Leake conducted the examination. Elisha Holland offered the ordaining prayer. Jesse Coleman delivered the ordination sermon and the charge to the candidate and the church. Pastor Matthews presented the Bible.

Mr. Hinds is a student in Ouachita College.

Weekend Revival at Ogden

The Ogden Baptist Church recently had the services of two Ouachita College students in a weekend revival which resulted in five additions to the church by baptism and one by letter. Glenn McCoy did the preaching and C. W. Brockwell led the singing. James A. Brookshier is the pastor.

Chaplains' Breakfast in Miami

The annual business meeting and breakfast of the Southern Baptist Chaplains Association will be at 7:15, May 18, during the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Florida. The meeting will be held in the Bayview Room at the McAllister Hotel.

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, director, Chaplains Commission, Dr. O. M. Seigler, chairman, Chaplains Commission, and Chaplain James W. Kelly, Chief of Navy Chaplains office, Washington, D. C., will speak. Officers will be elected.

All duty chaplains, former chaplains, their wives, friends, and prospective chaplains are urged to attend.

Harold Sanders, President

Glorieta Registration Figures Show Increase

Glorieta Baptist Assembly manager E. A. Herron reports that "reservations are running well above those for last year for all of the weeks. It looks as if we are going to have a great summer."

**Williams, Editor
Music Publications**



LOREN WILLIAMS

Dr. Loren R. Williams, on April 1, was promoted to the position of editor of church music materials in the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

He will serve as editor of **The Church Musician**, music curriculum materials, study course books and pamphlets, and supervise work on all music publications in the enlarged church music publishing program of the department.

Dr. Williams came to the Board in 1952 from the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., where he was minister of music.

**Record Ridgecrest Registration
Is Predicted**

Willard K. Weeks, manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, predicts that registration this year will reach 30,000.

Reservation requests to date for all conferences total 24,420, an increase of 6,237 over the same period last year. Largest registrations are for Training Union, Sunday school, and music weeks. Camp Ridgecrest for Boys and Camp Crestridge for Girls anticipate full enrollment and waiting lists.

**Speakers and Leaders Announced For
Brotherhood Weeks at Ridgecrest,
Glorieta**

Speakers and leaders for the two Conventionwide Brotherhood Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta this summer have been announced by Dr. George W. Schroeder, Executive Secretary, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tennessee.

Programs at both Ridgecrest and Glorieta will be simultaneous with conferences on Foreign Missions. Joint sessions of the two conferences will be a feature several times during each week. Men may bring their families and share two Conventionwide conferences during the same week. Periods of inspiration, fellowship, study, recreation and worship have been arranged for every member of the family.

Pastoral Change

Walter Watts, Hot Springs, has accepted the pastorate of the Pleasant Grove Church, Faulkner Association, and will begin his services with the church Sunday, April 17.

Arkansas Graduates, Southwestern Seminary, May 13



H. D. Atwood
B.D.
Little Rock



J. L. Kidd
B.D.
El Dorado



Wm. H. Cook
B.D.
Little Rock



Keith Parks
Th.D.
Danville



J. L. Huggins
M.R.E.
No. Little Rock



M. G. Fray, Jr.
B.D.
Fordyce



Bennye Sims
M.R.E.
Camden



Wanda Moore
M.R.E.
Ft. Smith



Emogene Boone
A.R.E.
Hot Springs



J. M. Farris, Jr.
Dip.S.M.
Little Rock

**Ouachita Enlarges
Summer Faculty**

The bulletin of the Ouachita college summer school session has been released and indicates a larger faculty and several new courses, according to information received by Dr. C. A. Yeoman, head of the education department and director of summer school.

Speech courses will be offered this summer, and French or Spanish will be taught if requested. A seminar in journalism and a seminar in health will also be offered.

The journalism seminar, under the direction of Mr. J. E. Redden, head of the journalism department, is designed primarily for sponsors of high school publications. It is intended to acquaint the sponsors with better methods of working with a staff, cooperation with printers and a more professional approach to publishing. The seminar will be offered July 5-9.

The other seminar and workshop, under the direction of Mr. J. W. Shultz, head of the physical education department, will be on communicable diseases.

**Journalism Seminar
April 22-23**

Several outstanding newspapermen of Arkansas will conduct journalism seminars at the Arkansas College Press Association convention which meets at Ouachita college April 22, 23. J. E. Redden, head of the journalism department at Ouachita, announced.

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, president of Ouachita college, and Dr. Preston James, dean of the faculty, were Ouachita representatives at a recent meeting of the North Central Association of colleges and secondary schools held in Chicago, it has been announced.

The North Central Association covers a nineteen state area.

Arkansans at Blue Mt.

Martha Jean Seaton, Little Rock, has been elected librarian and Carolyn Lynch, Wilson, Ark., has been elected secretary of the Baptist Student Union of Blue Mountain College for the 1955-56 session.

Gift to Church



Pictured above is the bus given to the Mill Creek Church, Fort Smith, recently by John Rudell.

Harlan Abel is pastor of the Fort Smith church.

**\$40,000 Given to Hospital For
Air Conditioning of Floor**

\$40,000 has been given to Southern Baptist Hospital by the trustees of the Libby Dufour Fund and designated for air conditioning of the fifth floor of the main hospital building, Dr. Frank Tripp, executive secretary-treasurer of the Hospital Board, announces. Work on the floor began immediately and is scheduled to be completed by July 1, Dr. Tripp said. The hospital is in New Orleans.

The program of expansion and modernization which started in 1947 has been made possible through the support of the Southern Baptist Convention, the generous contributions of friends and the loyal and faithful cooperation of the Hospital Board of the Convention, according to Dr. Tripp.

**History of the BWA
To Be Published**

The Baptist Sunday School Board will have a Broadman Press edition of the "Baptist World Fellowship," by F. Townley Lord. The book is a history of the Baptist World Alliance from its beginning in 1905 in London, England, to this, its Jubilee year, and is being published by the Carey-Kingsgate Press, London, England.

The book is scheduled for May 1 release and will be available at all Baptist Book Stores.



Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

Library of Congress Displays Unique Bible Manuscript

A 1600-year old Aramaic manuscript, said by several Biblical scholars to be the oldest known copy of the New Testament, went on special display at the Library of Congress recently.

Public exhibit of the manuscript, the first since it was brought to America in 1930, was arranged by the Aramaic Bible Foundation, a non-profit interdenominational organization. The Foundation is seeking a fund of \$1,500,000 to purchase it from Norman Yonan, its owner, and donate it to the Library of Congress.

Mr. Yonan, a retired Washington businessman who emigrated to the United States from Iraq after World War I, said the manuscript has been in his family for nearly 50 generations. He said it was lost when the community of Assyrian Christians was persecuted in northern Mesopotamia, but was recovered in 1929 and brought to the United States.

Dr. George M. Lamsa, ethnologist, who was born in Urmia, Kurdistan, in the area where the Yonan family lived for centuries, said in a statement that the Yonan Codex precedes the fifth century and the split-off of the Church of the East.

Directors of the Aramaic Bible Foundation, who attended the transfer and public unveiling of the manuscript, voiced the hope that the exhibition at the Library of Congress may become permanent.

L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress, said with reference to the possible acquisition, "The addition of the Yonan Codex to the possessions of the Library of Congress would bring to the Library and to Washington a unique treasure such as is now usually found only in the ancient centers of civilization."

Senate Passes Bill Against Obscene Material

A bill making transportation of obscene material across state lines in private vehicles a crime was passed by the Senate and sent to the House.

Present law bars such matter from the mails and from interstate transportation by common carrier.

In reporting the bill out for action, the Senate Judiciary Committee noted that "traffickers in obscene matter are exploiting" the loophole provided by the lack of legislation applying to private vehicles.

A Senate subcommittee studying juvenile delinquency had earlier reported that large quantities of objectionable literature and pictures are being channeled into the hands of children in this way.

Other bills aimed at "putting teeth" into laws against indecent material are pending in the Senate and House.

Dr. Bonnell Sees Scotland Throbbing With Spiritual Activity

Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, said on his return from a week's par-

ticipation in evangelist Billy Graham's All-Scotland Crusade at Glasgow that Scotland today is "the most prayed-for country in the world—bar none."

"I have just come from a city that is throbbing with spiritual activity," he told his congregation. "And the thing that impressed me was that every individual coming forward was sincere, composed and quiet—no sign of excitement whatsoever."

Dr. Bonnell said that 75,000 persons had attended the Graham meetings in five nights while he was in Glasgow and that on his last day there more than 1,000 letters and 100 cables and telegrams from all over the world were received assuring the Crusade of supporting prayers.

"Millions are praying," he said, "and when millions pray, things will happen. The flame may break out in America any day."

Scriptures Published in 1,084 Languages or Dialects

Bibles or Bible portions were published in 1,084 languages and dialects as of last December 31, the American Bible Society reported.

The complete Bible was published in six languages for the first time last year, the report said. These are Ndonga, Ngala (Bangala), and Ruanda—all African languages—and Maltese, Sindhi (Pakistan) and Cambodian.

During the year complete New Testaments also were issued for the first time in nine languages or dialects. They are Ecuadorean Quechua, Aymara (Peru), Malo (New Hebrides Islands), Kui Khondi (Orissa State, India), and five African tongues—Baouli, Dyerma, Kipsigis, Ngambai, and Red Bobo.

The whole Bible now has been published in a total of 206 languages or dialects and complete Testaments in 260 while a Gospel or some other whole book has been issued in 618.

U. S. Baptist Leaders Invited to Moscow

Three United States Baptist leaders have been invited to preach in Moscow by officials of the All-Soviet Council of Evangelical Christians, a Baptist body.

Baptist spokesmen in New York verified receipt of the invitations but said no decision had yet been made on their acceptance. They added, however, that if the bids were accepted it would mark the first time since before World War I that U.S. Baptist clergymen had filled Russian pulpits.

The invitations were extended to Dr. V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, president of the American Baptist Convention; Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va., a Southern Baptist Convention minister and member of the Baptist World Alliance's executive committee, and Dr. J. H. Jackson of Chicago, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., a Negro body.

Signing the letter of invitation were Yakov (Jacob) I. Zhivkov, chairman of the All-Soviet Council, and Alexander Karev, its executive secretary, who met the American churchmen, along with three U.S. Quakers, at a conference in Rejerasen, Sweden, last year.

A Smile or Two



"Here's a lifetime of 'Do it yourself'."

Sunday School teacher: "Why should we always be kind to the poor?"

Pupil: "Because you never can tell when some of them might get rich."

Edith's uncle had come to pay a visit. After the first greetings were over, and he was comfortably seated with the child on his knee, he asked, as uncles always do, whether she was a "good little girl."

"Yes," said Edith, "but nobody knows it."

One senator had been making the rounds of his home territory to remind the voters that he'd been doing a fine job for them in Washington. Following a speech before a women's group, he was introduced to a new resident.

"Madam," he smiled, "I certainly hope this constituency will return me!"

She shook her head. "I wish you luck, but from the short time I've been in this community I can assure you that these people never return anything!"

—Ex.

A mother happening one day to overhear a group of little girls excitedly concocting a scheme of revenge against another little girl, who had apparently done something very "mean," was grieved to find her own child among the chief conspirators.

"Why, my dear!" she said, taking her aside, "it seems to me you're going to do to Lottie just what you don't want her to do to you. I don't think this is the Golden Rule—is it?"

"Well, mamma," said the child, "the Golden Rule is alright for Sunday, but for everyday I'd rather have an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth!"

A civil engineer, who was building a railway in Mexico, was trying to show a native how much the new railway would benefit the country.

"How long does it take you to carry your produce to market at present?" he asked.

"With a mule it takes three days," was the reply.

"There you are!" exclaimed the engineer. "When the new railway is in operation you will be able to take your produce to market and return home the same day!"

"Very good senor," was the placid reply, "but what shall I do with the other two days?"

News From Baptist Press

Same Coop Program Outlay Recommended

Southern Baptist agencies and institutions will receive about the same percentage of Cooperative Program money in 1956 they are getting in 1955 according to a proposed budget prepared by the Convention's Executive Committee.

However, the estimated amount available for distribution in '56 is \$800,000 greater than the 1955 total. Exclusive of the amount for operating the Convention—\$100,000—the 1956 total is \$9,900,000 compared with \$9,100,000.

The Executive Committee's proposed budget for distributing the Cooperative Program income will be presented as part of its report at the annual session of the Convention at Miami, Fla.

Approval of the budgets of Convention-wide agencies also will be recommended by the Executive Committee, which says no budget conflicts with the Convention's financial plan.

If another recommendation is accepted, files of all special committees of the Convention will be turned over to the Executive Committee after the committees are discharged.

This would permit ready reference to the committee's findings.

Also sought by the Executive Committee is a Convention requirement that each of its agencies present an analysis of its surplus accounts and show more fully the type of its investments.

Louie D. Newton, a member of the Executive Committee since 1930 with the exception of one year, and a past Convention president, will be recognized for his service in another recommendation to be presented.

Newton is pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. His membership term expires this year.

Recommendations, Report of Executive Committee, SBC

Recommendation No. 1

We recommend the approval of the 1955 budget of the Southwide agencies, insofar as they do not conflict with the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention.

Recommendation No. 2

We recommend that the distribution of Cooperative Program receipts for 1956 be on a single percentage basis, up to the Advance Program for home and foreign missions, with the understanding that if less than \$10,000,000 is received the agencies not sharing in Capital Needs will receive the balance on their operating budgets before final distribution is made.

Recommendation No. 3

We recommend that a full \$10,000,000 of Cooperative Program funds be distributed for Current Operating Expenses and Capital Needs in 1956.

Recommendation No. 4

We recommend that the Convention Operating Budget for 1956 be as follows:

Convention Expense	
(including Annual)	\$45,000
Special Committees	10,000
Executive Committee	90,000
Reserve	15,000
TOTAL	\$160,000

By agreement the Sunday School Board will pay \$60,000 toward operation of the Con-

vention budget, and the remaining \$100,000 will be provided out of distributable funds before further allocation is made.

Recommendation No. 5

WHEREAS, Louie D. Newton has served for many years as a faithful member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and

WHEREAS, In May, 1955, he completes his current tenure as a member of the Executive Committee, and

WHEREAS, During this term of service he has served as chairman of the Finance Committee of this body, and

WHEREAS, The Finance Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Southern Baptist Convention, of which he has served as its honored president, are forever indebted to Dr. Newton for his efficient, faithful, and untiring service to the cause of Christ,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That

1. We thank God for this noble servant, who, through many years, has without stint given of himself in the service of Christ;

2. We express our gratitude to Dr. Newton for his wise leadership as chairman of the Finance Committee and for his sane counsel in all affairs of the Executive Committee and Southern Baptist life;

3. We pray God's continued blessing upon him, his family, and his noble church as his life grows even richer in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Recommendation No. 6

We recommend that Bylaw 10 be amended to add the following wording, in accord with the action taken by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1950:

"All special Convention committees shall transfer, upon their discharge, all official files to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Recommendation No. 7

We recommend to the Convention that Section XII, Article 3, of the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention be amended to read: "The financial report of each agency shall be printed in the Convention Book of Reports or the Convention Annual, and shall contain the following taken from its latest annual audit budget:

- (1) Balance sheet.
- (2) Analysis of surplus accounts.
- (3) Income and expense.
- (4) Classified list of investments by fund and type of investment.
- (5) Receipts by states of contributions. These should show:
 - a. Cooperative receipts received through Executive Committee.
 - b. Designated receipts received through Executive Committee.
 - c. Gifts not received through Executive Committee."

White, Negro Churches Join in Revival Crusade

Negro and white Baptists of New Orleans united in a simultaneous evangelistic crusade for the first time in history during a two-week revival period March 6-20.

Fifty-four white churches and sixty-five Negro churches took part. Total attendance was 175,202 with 1,369 persons affiliating with the churches — 803 of them conversions.

White and Negro ministers met together each week-day morning during the period to discuss the program and to pray for the success of the crusade.



Denominational Calendar

April Emphases and Activities

Evangelism
Christian Education

Christian Literature-Church Libraries

April 10-24: Simultaneous Crusade, North-east zone.

April 11: Ouachita Board Meeting in Arkadelphia.

April 15-17: State B.S.U. Retreat, Ferncliff.

April 26: Administration and Finance Committee Meeting.

April 28-29: Commencement Exercises, Southwestern Seminary.

April 29: Tiger Day, Ouachita College Commencement, Golden Gate Seminary.

April 29-May 1: Intermediate G.A. Conference, Petit Jean.

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Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

In Love with a Catholic

Question: I am a Baptist and very much in love with a Catholic boy. We were engaged until about six months ago, when we broke our engagement. He told me many times that even if it did mean his losing me that he would never leave Catholicism.

I am sure that I love him. Can I ever get over it? Is there more than one true love in life?

Answer: If you still have any hopes to make a go of such a marriage, I suggest that you read James A. Pike's *If You Marry Outside Your Faith* (Harper & Bros., 1954). It is rare that such a marriage, between a Baptist and a Catholic, is really a happy marriage.

It occurs to me that you are in love with love. This is not a good state of affairs. It probably grows out of your failure to build a good, rich cluster of friends. Girls who do not build many close friends do not make good wives anyway. Their love is clinging, fearful, and dependent.

You can get over this love affair only if you will grow up emotionally. What you are doing now is loving a ghost, the image you retain of what the Catholic boy meant to you.

Of course there may be other loves. But that will depend on whether you love people as they are, or love the image of yourself which you see in them.

I would take a problem like this to Christ. It may make a woman out of you. But it will not be easy. God bless you.

Gardner-Webb Maps Building Program

Gardner-Webb Junior College in Boiling Springs, N. C., a Baptist institution, is making plans for construction of a number of new campus buildings.

It has set a goal of \$1,750,000 in an expansion campaign under way now. Efforts are being made to raise the money before the college's golden anniversary in 1957. Plans call for six new buildings and an increase of \$750,000 in endowment.

Gardner-Webb also has selected an architectural firm to design a new girls' dormitory. With a capacity of 100 students, it is expected to cost about \$180,000.

Why I Believe In The Resurrection

By TAYLOR C. SMITH, Associate Prof.
of N. T. Interpretation,
Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Three reasons for believing in the resurrection the the New Testament, the Christian church, and personal experience.

I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the New Testament itself. By this I do not mean just the evidence found in the New Testament verifying the resurrection of Jesus, though that is authoritative, but the experience of the Christian community that gave rise to the New Testament. There would have been no New Testament if there had not been a resurrection. It is through the resurrection that Jesus is defined as Lord. Through this event he was equated in the eyes of the disciples with God of the Old Testament. This is the distinctive teaching of the early Christians.

The confession that Jesus is Lord is that which separates the Christians from the Jews. The spearhead of the message of the early church was that God had raised the crucified Jesus. This changed them from disappointed men into fearless evangelists.

I also believe in the resurrection of Jesus because if he had not been raised there would have been no Christian church. The Christian church, which takes the place of the Jewish community, could not be founded on a Messiah who was merely the Son of David and one who was crucified. It has to be founded on one who was also designated as Son of God with power through the resurrection.

Finally, but by no means the least reason



TAYLOR C. SMITH

why I believe in the resurrection is the experience which I have had with the risen Jesus whom I have confessed as Lord by that experience. Christ lives in me which for me is a valid confirmation of the fact that he is risen. Jesus lived on the earth over 1900 years ago but he is also living in and with us today to confirm our belief in the resurrection.

Preacher Who Vanished From England Accepts Pastorate In New World

BOSTON, February 10, 1631 (BP).—Roger Williams, the Puritan minister who recently vanished from England when the Bishop of London ordered his arrest, has landed in Boston.

He was promptly offered the Boston pastorate and has accepted. Williams was a brilliant student at Cambridge University and is a leading exponent of religious liberty.

It was the young preacher's vigorous opposition to the Established Church of England which provoked the wrath of William Laud, Bishop of London. Williams vanished without a trace last year when Bishop Laud sought to have him arrested for separating from the church and renouncing the Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican (Episcopal) Church.

Williams disclosed today that it was Sir James Pemberton, former Lord Mayor of London and a kinsman of the minister, who enabled him to escape, warning Williams of the Bishop's intentions just in time. The Puritan zealot fled to Bristol where he took ship for America.

Thus while the Bishop's watchdogs were searching England for the outspoken foe of ecclesiastical power, Williams was safely on his way to Boston.

"I see the hand of God in it all," Williams said in an interview, when asked how he felt about his narrow escape from persecution.

"It was bitter as death to me that I had to leave England without seeing my old friend, Sir Edward Coke," Williams added, "but my conscience never would have per-

mitted me to remain under the power of the National Church and its ceremonies and bishops, even if Bishop Laud had not forced me to flee."

Williams was presented to the late King James I and is acquainted with His Majesty King Charles I. But his association with the great does not prevent him from disagreeing with them—or opposing them outright.

The new Boston pastor was widely respected in England for his bold fight for religious freedom. His flight to Boston because of religious convictions is but further evidence of his integrity and strength of character.

Williams has been associated with the Boston settlement from the first, having attended a meeting of the Massachusetts Bay Company in England when the venture was first proposed. He was invited to America a year ago to accept a pastorate in Salem. Now he has yielded to the pleas of the local church officials that the Boston call offers an opportunity for greater service.

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Some women work so hard to make good husbands that they never quite manage to make good wives.

—Quote.

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You do not have to be in a key position to open the door of opportunity.

Less Talk, More Worship

By W. BARRY GARRETT

Baptist churches have drifted into an age of "promotionalism." Worship has become secondary to promotionalism in our services.

How long has it been since you went to church to worship God and were successful? Chances are that the major emphasis in the service was the promotion of some project.

Samples: get to work on the building, everybody come out Tuesday and Thursday nights for work at the church, how many will help in the census, promotion of the visitation program, everyone come to Training Union, study course is two weeks off and it is for the whole family, announcements galore, yakety, yakety, yak.

More samples: do this, do that, come to this meeting, go to that rally, teachers and officers meeting, Training Union council meeting, all the deacons be sure and not forget the regular monthly meeting, circle No. 1 of the WMU meets at Sister So and So's house, don't forget RA and GA, a pep talk between every hymn (sometimes between stanzas) and on and on through the service.

If someone happened to come to church that day to find out if God had something to say to his heart, the Lord's voice was drowned out by the intense promotionalism that has laid hold on our churches.

Wouldn't it be refreshing to drop in on a service in some church where all you could hear was gospel singing, Bible reading and exposition, praying and Holy Spirit inspired preaching.

Baptists have such a big, important and effective program that it must be promoted. But they have not learned how to do it and at the same time preserve deep spirituality and lead the congregation in a genuine worship experience.

—Baptist Beacon

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Announcing Youth Music Camp

Plans are now being made for Youth Music Camp and we hope that you are going to enlist as many of your young people from the ages of 9 to 24 as possible. Music Camp will be held from June 20-24 at Ouachita Baptist College, where Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Phillips, who have given us such inspiring leadership in previous camps will once again lead us, along with many other camp personalities that will be introduced at a later date.

There will be classes in Singing, Piano, Organ, Theory, Orchestra, and Drama. For recreation there will be games, handicrafts, swimming and surprise features.

Each Music Director will receive a bulletin concerning the Youth Music Camp as soon as plans have been completed.

Church Music Department
Sue Maynard, Office Secretary

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Church-State Separation

Critica, afternoon newspaper in Buenos Aires, proposed that Church and State be separated in Argentina.

The paper made the suggestion in a statement accompanying its page one reprint of an editorial bitterly attacking the Roman Catholic bishops as a "shameful and worn-out oligarchy."

The editorial, headed "Crocodile Tears," appeared earlier on the front page of the semi-official daily Democracia. It was regarded as the Peron administration's reply to a pastoral letter issued by the hierarchy.

—Religious News Service.

How To Take A Love Offering In Revival Meeting

By C. W. CALDWELL

We Baptists are strong on revivals. We rise to higher spiritual planes and reach more souls for Christ during the revival tides which surge through the churches than any other time or through any other method. We are learning more about the technique of revivals; how to prepare the church, how to publicize the services, how to deal with the prospects, how to give the invitation and how to conserve the results.

There is another phase of the revival which should be improved; that is the finances for the revival, or more particularly, the love offering for the visiting helpers. More churches are weak along this line than any other part of the revival program. Many pastors and churches are very thorough in preparation, promotion, visitation and other phases of the revival, and yet are slipshod and careless when it comes to taking the love offering for the visiting evangelists. Every church should be fair with its guests and do the honorable thing for them in appreciation of their services.

Whose Responsibility?

Who should be responsible for taking the love offering? Not the evangelist. He is the guest, and a guest should never try to dictate to the host. He has no more right to tell the pastor how to take the love offering than a dinner guest would have to tell the hostess what to serve and how to serve it. Under no circumstances should the evangelist take things into his own hands and begin to pull for a big offering. That is just as unethical as it would be to tell a hostess in the home, "I will show you how to serve this dinner." The pastor is the host and as such it is his duty to direct the offering according to the church's plan. And he should do it in the most effective and honorable way; a way that would bring a blessing both to the givers and the receivers.

Many Methods

I have observed many methods used in taking the love offering — some good, some bad. Some of the sorry methods used are about as follows:

1. A plate offering in each evening service with no explanation as to what it is for. Perhaps the pastor and a few members may know that the honorariums will be taken out of the total offerings at the end of the revival, but the congregation has had no idea that they were making offerings for the visiting helpers. Their giving was with the idea of "incidental" offerings, and that later they would make a real "love" offering for their guests. When such a method is followed, the pastor will usually say to his guests, "I am sorry the offering is not more, but our people just don't give like they should." The fault is not with the people but with the method.

2. Another sorry method often used is: Offerings taken with the announcement, "this is for the expenses of our revival." Ordinarily "expenses" mean the cost of advertising, entertainment and other incidentals. It often turns out, however, that the pastor also had in mind the offerings to be given to the evangelistic preacher and singer. But they are not an "expense" and should never be included in the offerings "for expenses." Take your offerings for the expenses if they are not cared for in the church budget, but let it be understood that the evangelists are not included in expenses.

3. Still another sorry way is to take the

"Love Offering for the Revival", with no explanation as to how it will be divided. The congregation will get the idea that it is for the visiting evangelist; but what they don't know is that the pastor and deacons plan to pay the bus driver, the nursery attendants, the local pianist, the janitor, and many other things in addition to the honorariums for the visitors. I have even heard of the bill for new song books being paid out of such offerings. People have a right to know what is included in the "Love Offering for the Revival". Local helpers, as well as local expenses, should never be included in the love offering for the visiting helpers.

4. A few churches have a stipulated amount in the church budget for honorariums. This is not the best method, for it takes away the free expression of appreciation in the form of a "love gift" which the people like to make. However, if a love offering is taken when the amount is already in the budget — but the people are not aware of it — the church may receive more than the stipulated amount. If so, what will the church do? Give it all or only the stipulated amount? To be fair to the contributors, all of it must be given if it was turned in as a love offering. So, don't put it in the budget except as an estimated amount.

Better Way

Now, there is an honorable way to take the love offering for the visiting evangelistic helpers. Pastors and churches should be alert to the best methods along this line as well as to the best methods of any other phase of the revival. I have observed the fine methods many churches follow in financing the revival and raising love offerings. The method I like best is about as follows:

1. All local expenses are taken care of through the plate offerings with a definite explanation in the following manner: "We worship with an offering this evening which is for the incidental expenses of the revival. It is not a love offering for those assisting us in this revival. That will come later."

2. Toward the close of the revival, the entire congregation and membership is given an opportunity to express their appreciation to the visiting helpers in the form of a love offering. The offering will be made through special envelopes distributed to every member. Usually the envelopes are passed out in the offering plates in the last three or four services of the revival. The pastor urges every person to take one and return in the next service with the love offering inside and his name on the outside. This method has a weakness which can be improved. It does not give an opportunity for those not in the last few services to make their love offerings. Many of them want to have a part.

The more alert pastors and churches have overcome this fault by sending a letter to every family in the church with love offering envelopes enclosed for each member of the family.

After the letter is sent out to all families, the pastor may state, when the offering is taken in the last few services, that those who did not get an envelope by mail should take one from the offering plate for their use. In this way, all visitors as well as all church members are given an opportunity to make their love offering.

No pressure should be used. Just give the people an opportunity. And be sure that

"How They Voted"

By THE EDITOR

Under the above heading we published in the February 24 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* the official record of the vote on the local option bill passed by the House of Representatives. Only three House members were listed as voting against the bill.

We have a letter from Representative Clayton N. Little of Bentonville stating that he and six other members of the House of Representatives should not have been included in the list of those who voted for the bill. He states that "these votes should have been listed as 'absent, or not voting'."

We are very glad to pass this information on to our readers.

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Life-planning Program April Emphasis Throughout Convention

The Southern Baptist Education Commission believes its new vocational emphasis program will help church young people find the best way in which to serve God with their lives.

The program center of April's Christian Education emphasis at convention level, is being sponsored by the Education Commission and Baptist Training Union Department.

A series of thirteen leaflets on different vocations has been prepared for young people by the Education Commission. The Training Union Department has chosen April 10 as the Sunday to stress life-planning to an estimated 650,000 Intermediates belonging to Southern Baptist churches.

During April, young people in Baptist churches will be furnished with career interest inventory forms on which they are to indicate their preferences in many fields. Results will be tabulated by the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Sunday School Board.

Sample packages of literature for the program were sent to pastors of more than 26,000 churches. The program is handled at church level because the churches must evaluate the worth of the program and because the church is best qualified to assist young people in planning their lives in God's service.

—Baptist Press.

Miriam Robinson New N. Carolina Secretary

The state Woman's Missionary Union executive committee has selected Miss Miriam Robinson as its executive secretary. She will take office June 20.

Miss Robinson, a native of Marion, N. C., succeeds Miss Ruth Provence, who moved to South Carolina in December as WMU executive secretary in that state.

—Baptist Press

every cent in those love offering envelopes goes to those for whom it was given.

Don't Delay

One other suggestion: give that love offering to the evangelist and the singer before they leave. If some other love gifts come in later, send that on to them too, but never say to them, "There will likely be other envelopes turned in, so we will send you a check later." When the love offering is counted in the last service, immediately issue the checks and let your guests go away with it in their hands.

Important Events For Our Youth

Houseparty for Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Members

Those who have been to a houseparty at Hardison Hall, Petit Jean Mountain, recall the beauty of springtime "on the mountain-top." The dates for the houseparty are April 29-May 1. We trust that the program which is being prepared for the intermediates will add something of beauty to their Christian lives and development. Miss Camie Jay, San Andres Island, now a student in Texas, has an appealing and challenging message for girls. She has an unforgettable story of what Southern Baptist Mission work has meant to her life.

Arkansas takes particular pride in her daughters and sons who are missionaries on home or foreign fields. Mrs. Ernest L. Holloway, one of our most forceful missionary speakers, will share with the houseparty group stories and facts regarding her period of service in Japan. Mrs. Holloway is from Arkadelphia.

Our state prayer chairman, Mrs. James Street, Conway, will be one of the devotional speakers. She is one of the outstanding speakers among our southern states and will bless and challenge our girls and counselors.

Have you made plans in your church for your intermediate girls to attend the houseparty? Information sheets have been mailed. The houseparty will begin with supper at six PM, Friday, and close with the noon meal on Sunday. The total cost for the week-end will be \$9.00.

Girls Auxiliary Focus Week May 8-15

If your Girls' Auxiliaries are in "The Focus," May 8-15, you will need to start in that direction now. This is an opportunity to let your church and community know the value of missionary education to our young people. Beginning on Sunday morning, May 8, each day should be filled with activities designed to interest everyone in the importance of training our girls. Study your TELL magazines and adapt the suggestions to your local church. Additional helps are being mailed from your State Office.



MISS CAMIE JAY

Arkansas State WMU Officers

Constitutional changes adopted at the recent Annual Meeting of Union necessitated some changes in the corps of officers. Those who now serve are listed below—some having been elected, some continuing terms of service to which they were previously elected, some re-elected for another term:

President, Mrs. J. R. Grant, Little Rock; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. C. Fuller, Little Rock.

District Presidents

Central, Mrs. J. J. Rainwater, North Little Rock; West Central, Mrs. F. C. Kirkpatrick, Fort Smith; Southeast, Mrs. H. C. Terry, El Dorado; Southwest, Mrs. N. L. Lee, Sr., Gurdon; North Central, Mrs. John Barnes, Bethesda; Northeast, Mrs. J. E. Bowen, Paragould; Northwest, Mrs. Andrew Hall, Fayetteville; East Central, Mrs. L. Y. Lewis, Clarendon; Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Nancy Cooper, Little Rock; Youth Secretary, Miss Doris DeVault, Little Rock; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Calvin Jones, No. Little Rock; Asst. Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. A. Whitlow, Hope; Auditor, Mrs. H. M. Keck, Fort Smith; Prayer Chairman, Mrs. James Street, Conway; Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. John Miller, Camden; Community Missions Chairman, Mrs. L. D. Mack, Russellville; Stewardship Chairman, Miss Elma Cobb, Keo; Trustee, Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Mrs. H. L. Robinson, Jonesboro.

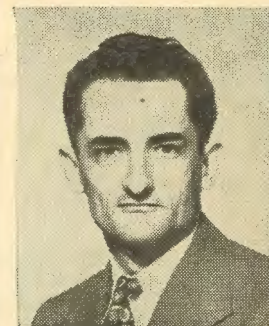
Mrs. L. M. Sipes, Little Rock, was elected Life Member of the

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It Works



PASTOR ROY HILTON

It all began just eighteen months ago. Our church, Pine Grove Church, at Sweet Home, was located in an out-of-the-way place in the middle of a cemetery. We were still plodding along with a class Sunday school of 13 classes and just barely enough workers to man the work. We thought that the attendance was pretty good considering everything. In 1952-53 the average was 118 and in 1953-54 we managed to average 130. The building was inadequate and the cemetery was closing in on us from all sides which made it impossible for us to add to the building. We had reached the saturation point. We wanted to grow and reach more people but we couldn't. What would we do?

A New Building

It was decided with unanimous approval to build a completely new building which would be strategically located on a two-acre lot that the church already owned. We received plans from the Church Architecture Department which would accommodate 300-325 people and went to work. We sold \$30,000 worth of bonds, raised \$11,000 in cash and our good people did about \$30,000 worth of free labor. Finally we were able to enter the building even though it was not completed.

An Enlargement Campaign

Our State Sunday School Secretary, Dr. Edgar Williamson, and his staff of workers, helped us for a week with the new organization. After this week of training we entered the building the first Sunday in October to begin the new year in a new building. In the meantime we had had several training courses in order to teach the people how the new work would be done and WHY we needed to do certain things in a certain way. I discovered that people like to know WHY and if they do they will cooperate.

Every person without exception endorsed the new ideas and agreed to abide by them. As a result the Sunday school was completely graded from the Nursery through and including the Adult Department. We started out with 7 departments (9 counting the Cradle Roll and Extension Departments) and 26 classes.

We began to grow from the very first Sunday and growth is

Executive Board and announcement was made of the appointment of Mrs. J. E. Short, Pine Bluff, as State BWC Adviser.

In addition to these, the Executive Board is composed of eight district youth leaders, and thirteen life members.

—Nancy Cooper, Secretary.

still in progress. Our enrollment has climbed steadily from 242 to 322 in just 6 months. Our average attendance has grown from 130 to 205. On February 1, the Sunday school received recognition as a Standard Sunday School.

A Record Month

The month of March was the highest month in the history of the church. A slogan, "On the March in March" was adopted. Attendance goals were set for each class, department, and the Sunday school as a whole. Posters were made for each class and department with a master poster for the whole school. It included the four Sundays in March with a theme, goal, and score. Each Sunday the goal was increased over the previous Sunday. We began the first Sunday with a goal of 200 and had 208. Second Sunday goal was 225; we had 242. Third goal was 250; we had 260. The last Sunday's goal was 300 and we had 303.

During this drive in March our people made 158 phone calls, mailed 273 cards and made 673 personal visits making a total of 1,104 contacts. We had 169 visitors to attend our Sunday school. We have just about once again reached the saturation point.

Present Needs

At the present time we need 2 more nurseries, one more junior department with 4 classes, more room for adults, and 2 more primary departments. If we had this room I am confident that within another year another 100 people could be brought under the teaching of the Word of God.

It Is No Secret

This thing that has happened in our little community can happen in many, many other communities throughout our state. (Our immediate community has less than 500 white people.) People are coming from a radius of 10 miles.

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Ways Suggested to Carry Out Missionary Emphasis

By MERRILL D. MOORE, *Director of Promotion,
Southern Baptist Executive Com.*

Recommendation No. 1

That we reaffirm our conviction that the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists is the fundamental, effective, and indispensable channel of providing for the needs of all our work; and that we continue through every means at our disposal to urge all Baptists to join in giving the Cooperative Program their loyal and undivided support.

Recommendation No. 2

We recommend the adoption of the summary of recommendations of the Convention's Committee on World Evangelization.

Recommendation No. 3

To carry out the plans previously approved and to implement the suggestions of the Committee on World Evangelization, we recommend:

1. That the period of 1956-57 commencing in October, 1956, be designated as World Missions Year and that its implementation include the following:

(1) Increase emphasis on the World Missions through the Cooperative Program.

(2) Continued emphasis upon the objective "Every Baptist A Tither."

(3) Encourage churches to adopt a goal of at least 50 per cent of all resident members tithing by the end of 1957.

(4) Encourage churches to contribute to World Missions through the Cooperative Program on a percentage basis.

(5) Urge all churches to contribute at least 6 per cent more of total undesignated budget receipts through the Cooperative Program in 1956. Make preparations for this increase in 1955.

(6) Designate Christian Stewardship Week, October 29-November 5, 1956 as World Missions Week and use it to launch the year of World Missions emphasis for 1957.

(7) Increase emphasis on World Missions in the annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Conventions in 1956 and 1957.

(8) Urge the states to use the theme of World Missions in the 1956 annual state conventions.

(9) Encourage intensified emphasis on World Missions in the fall of 1956 and all of 1957 in all Southern Baptist Convention, state, and associational meetings, including summer assemblies, Sunday school, Training Union, and B.S.U. conventions and special World Missions Convention, if feasible.

(10) In connection with the emphasis on the percentage plan of contributing to missions through the Cooperative Program, encourage the churches to increase their percentage for 1957 by an amount

which would at least be equivalent to \$1 per member. Churches which have not yet come to the percentage plan would increase contributions at least \$1 per member.

(11) Request all Southern Baptist and state convention agencies and institutions to join in the World Mission emphasis for 1957.

(12) Plan a Southern Baptist Convention stewardship clinic or workshop for 1956 and undertake to work out plans for similar projects in states, associations, and churches.

(13) Designate one Sunday in June, 1957, when young people would be challenged with the world mission task and asked to follow the leadership of the Lord to the mission fields. Names of those making decisions may be forwarded to the proper individuals.

(14) Set, for the year of 1958 which follows the year of world missions emphasis, a goal of fifty-two million dollars (or one million dollars a week) for world missions through the Cooperative Program.

—Baptist Press

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The 1954 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering received by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board totals \$3,848,927.67 as of today (April 1), according to Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary.

This compares with a total of \$3,499,167.53 on March 31, 1954, an increase of \$349,760.14.

Books on the 1954 Offering will not be closed until May 1.

Workers beginning the first of the buildings of the Philippine Baptist Seminary in Baguio City, Luzon, are uncovering scores of unexploded mortar shells on the property, grim reminders of the urgency of training men and women to preach and witness of Christ in the Orient.

The seminary has just graduated its first class of students—six Chinese. There are classes in both English and Chinese, and next year's graduating class will include six Filipinos. Dr. Frank P. Lide, Southern Baptist missionary, is president.

Easter Gift

Patients in many hospitals on Easter morning will find a beautifully colored paper-bound Gospel of John on their breakfast trays. These have been published by the American Bible Society. The demand for these Scriptures, in a special Easter cover, has been so large that the Society has produced this edition for the third year.

Finish The Job — Conserve The Results

Reports are trickling in from areas where the Simultaneous Crusade Revivals have been held. The results reported indicate that our churches are reaching many people on professions of faith and for baptism. This is very encouraging and we believe that it is an omen of great victories which will be realized in this Crusade year of 1955. We thank and praise God for every soul that has been won and for every church that has experienced revival.

As I write these lines, the churches in the Central Zone are in the closing week of their Crusade. When the results are reported, we will be passing them on for the encouragement and rejoicing of all our people.

When these lines are read, the churches in the Northern Zone will be in the midst of their revivals which opened April 10, Easter Sunday. There is one thing everyone can do which will contribute to this Crusade more than anything else and that is pray. We sincerely lay upon the hearts of all our people the request that intercessory prayer be made continually for the churches, the pastors, the evangelists and the singers, that are now in the midst of their meetings. God is faithful and will keep the promises He has made, to hear and answer prayer. There is no substitute for prayer.

We sincerely urge the membership of churches in the Northern Zone to support the meetings in their churches by their presence, by their prayers and by their personal witnessing. Make every effort, humanly possible, to get the lost of each community under the preaching of the Gospel. God says, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God". The way men hear is to come under the sound of the preaching of the Word. The very best evangelist will not be able to win lost sinners who do not hear the preaching of the Gospel. The people are responsible to get the lost and unenlisted into the services of their churches.

Sunday, April 17, will be High Attendance Sunday for the Sunday Schools in the Northern Zone. Plan in advance to make the attendance on this Sunday, record breaking in numbers. Follow the leadership of the pastor and the evangelist in the program to preach to the people who attend the services on this High Attendance Day. This will be a day of supreme opportunity in every church.

CONSERVATION

The numbers which have been reached in the revivals must now be enlisted. There is a tremendous obligation upon every church to conserve the results of the revivals.

Every pastor would do well to teach Dr. Sullivan's little book,

"Your Life and Your Church", to all the new converts. The pastors could meet with these each Sunday evening at the time of the Training Union and give instruction from the chapters of this book which will be invaluable to the young Christians who are now coming into the churches. Do not delay to begin this program of conservation.

As Secretary of Evangelism, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the cooperation the pastors and churches have given in the Crusades. Also, we are humbly grateful to everyone of God's servants who have preached in the revivals in our churches. We have had a number of preachers and pastors from out of the state who came to help us with our work. Your Department of Evangelism is truly grateful for the contribution that all these brethren have made in the field of evangelism, and revival.

Above all, we give praise and thanksgiving to the Heavenly Father for His abounding grace and mercies and His overflowing blessings upon the efforts of every church, pastor and evangelist in winning the lost to Christ. The Crusade has given us a new sense of "togetherness". It is wonderful when we can serve together in a great cooperative movement of this kind.

*Dept. of Evangelism
I. L. Yearby, Secretary*

Valiente is a dialect spoken by 8,000 people who live on the Caribbean side of Panama near the Costa Rican border. The American Bible Society has published Scripture Portions in this dialect. Recently a shipment of 500 copies was sent to Central America. "Every Indian who could read and had the money on hand bought copies," one missionary wrote to the American Bible Society. "At once they set out to read them with avidity. Questions began to arise about the meaning of phrases and words and idioms. They reveled in the parables, the historic accounts of Acts and expressed great joy that the Word has come to them in their own tongue."

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS _____ May 13th, 14th

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Friday, May 13

2:30 P.M. Divisions of Department of Youth
7:30 P.M. Department of Youth, State Youth Secretaries, Executive Secretaries

Saturday, May 14

10:00 A.M. Meeting for Promotion
2:00 P.M. Executive Board
Prayer is and remains the deepest impulse of the soul of man
—Carlyle

PROGRAM

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 15 _____ 3:00 O'CLOCK
Call to Worship
Hymn
Bible Meditation — "After This Manner" _____ Miss Mary Lee Rankin
Special Music _____ Mrs. George Wilcox
Words of Welcome _____ Mrs. Ladislau Biro
In Memoriam _____ Mrs. Frank Burney
Address — "Christ's Beautiful Volunteer" _____ Dr. John L. Hill
Benediction
Prayer is the mightiest force in the universe —Courtland

SUNDAY EVENING _____ 7:30 O'CLOCK
Call to Worship
Hymn
Prayer _____ Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler
Address — "The Missionary Imperative" _____ Dr. C. Roy Angell
Special Music _____ Mrs. George Wilcox
Hymn
Address _____ Dr. Walter Judd
Benediction
The greatest need of missions today is more prayer —Mott

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 16 _____ 9:30 O'CLOCK
Call to Worship
Hymn
Bible Meditation — "I thank thee" _____ Miss Rees Watkins
Organization
Report of Executive Board _____ Miss Alma Hunt
Report of Treasurer _____ Miss LaVenia Neal
Hymn
Address — "Prayers, People, and Things" _____ Dr. Porter Routh
Address — "Pray Without Ceasing" _____ Dr. George Schroeder
Hymn
Business
Announcements
Closing Meditation

"O, Lord teach us to pray as Thou didst pray,
and only let us go when we have learned."
Let us advance upon our knees —Neesima

MONDAY AFTERNOON _____ 2:00 O'CLOCK
Call to Worship
Hymn
Bible Meditation — "... thy will be done ..." _____ Miss Beulah Wingo
Reading of Minutes _____ Mrs. Tyler
Business
"Fruits of Prayer"
Among Italian-Americans _____ Miss Rosa Lee Franks
Among Chinese-Americans _____ Miss Mary Etheridge
Among Spanish-Americans
Among French-Americans _____ Miss Vena Aguiard

Hymn
Closing Meditation
The history of missions is the history of daily altars —Cronk

MONDAY EVENING _____ 7:30 O'CLOCK
Call to Worship
Hymn
Prayer _____ Dr. Courts Redford
Our Women Home Missionaries _____ Dr. Loyd Corder

Special Music _____ Mrs. George Wilcox
Address — "Light from Home Base" _____ Dr. John L. Hill
Hymn
Address — "The Family Fortress" _____ Mrs. Clarence T. Nelson
Benediction
Prayer that wins battles at home will secure victory
on the firing lines abroad —Lambuth

TUESDAY MORNING, May 17 _____ 9:30 O'CLOCK

Call to worship
Hymn
Bible Meditation "... Father, forgive them ..." Miss Doris DeVaulf
Reading of Minutes _____ Mrs. Tyler
Hymn
"Incentives to Prayer"
In Japan _____ Mrs. Asano Hoshizaki
In Cuba _____ Miss Juana Garcia
In Hawaii _____ Miss Itsuko Saito
Hymn
"Pravailing Prayer"
In Africa _____ Miss Eva Sanders
In the Isles of the Sea _____ Mrs. Wesley Lawton
Hymn
Address — "Wings" _____ Mrs. Clarence T. Nelson
Closing Meditation
We ask for toys when we should ask for continents,
and be claiming the world for Christ —Payne

TUESDAY AFTERNOON _____ 2:00 O'CLOCK

Call to Worship
Hymn
Bible Meditation — "... for them also ..." _____ Miss Amelia Morton
Business:
Report of Committees
Election of Officers
Reading of Minutes
Hymn
"Preavailing Prayer"
In Latin-America _____ Mrs. Anne Margret
In Europe _____ Miss Virginia Wingo
Hymn
Prayer in the Training of the Missionary _____ Dr. Emily Lansdell
Closing Meditation
Who Will Go For Us?

TUESDAY EVENING _____ 7:30 O'CLOCK

Call to Worship
Hymn
Prayer _____ Dr. Baker James Cauthen
Address — "A Great Woman Missionary" _____ Dr. John L. Hill
Special Music _____ Mrs. George Wilcox
New Appointees _____ Dr. Elmer West
Prayer of Dedication
Hymn
Address _____ Dr. Walter Pope Binns
Closing Meditation

"And now they come, these great onrushing throngs,
Aflame with God, with a will that does not cease,
To bring salvation and to right the wrongs
Of all the world in desperate need of peace."
—Baptist Press



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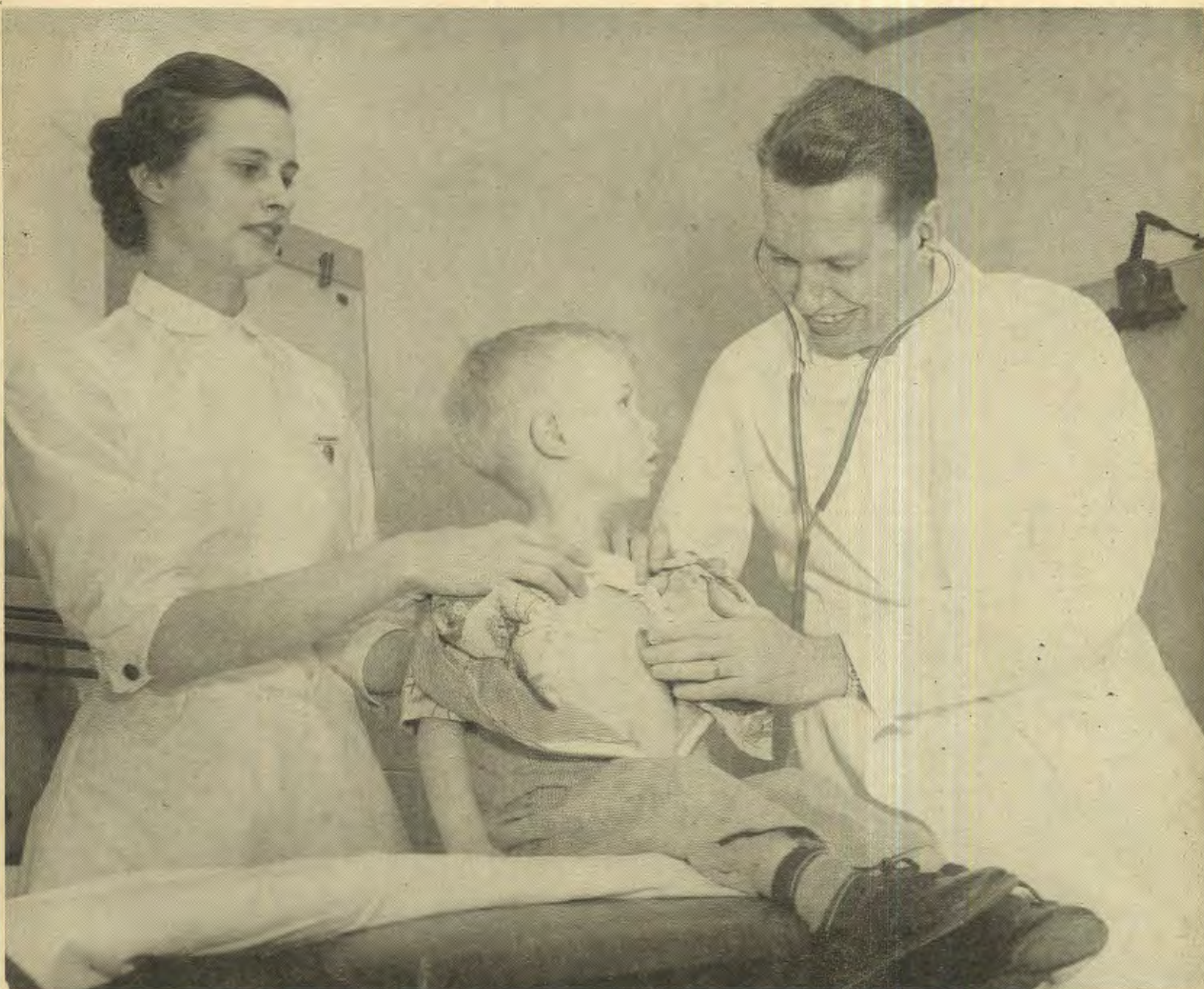
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Children's Page

Three Baskets

By GLADYS CLEONE CARPENTER

George and Linda and Dick lived in a trailer. They had come from their uncle's ranch in Texas. Here they had parked their trailer and lived in it with Mother and Dad, just as they used to do at home. Here they had made friends with three Mexican children—Jose, Rita, and Pablo. They had had a good time, but now the time had come for the trailer family to go back home.

"Everything is packed and ready," Linda said.

"No, there are those three Indian blankets," George reminded her.

"Yes, and all the things we have where we play," added Dick.

"Mother says we can't take one more thing," said Linda. "There is no more room in the trailer."

"Oh, can't I take those nice colored rocks I gathered?" asked George.

"No," said Linda, "and I can't take that lovely cactus plant I have either. It has just bloomed, too—a big pink blossom."

"I wanted to take Spiky back home with me," said Dick.

Spiky was a horned toad. He lived in a little pen on the ground near the trailer.

"What will we do with all our things?" asked George. "I don't want to go off and leave them here."

"We can put something in each of the three Indian baskets,"

suggested Linda, "and take them to Jose, Rita, and Pablo, as going-away presents.

George filled his basket with the bright colored rocks he had found.

Linda put the can that held her cactus in her basket.

Dick put Spiky, the little horned toad, in his basket.

Then the three started off to the home of their three Mexican friends.

"I wish I could take everything out here in the west home with me," said George.

"You can," said Linda. "Don't be silly," said George.

"I'm not," Linda denied. "You can remember all the things you have seen. You can take them home in your memory."

"Then I'm going to look at Spiky real hard," said Dick. "So I can carry him home in my mind."

"I am pretending I have three baskets you can't see," said Linda. "I've heard people call a stomach a bread-basket, so when I eat I put food in my stomach basket. I have a memory basket, too, which holds things I like to think about."

"What's your third basket?" asked Dick.

"That's my heart basket where I store love and friendship."

"Maybe Jose will give me something to take home," said George. "It would hurt his feelings if I didn't take it. What would I do with it?"

"If they give us things, we'll thank them," said Linda. "Then we'll carry them to the trailer and plan what to do."

ed the home of their Mexican friends. The children ran out to meet them.

"I brought you a basket filled with my colored rocks," said George to Jose. "You like rocks."

"Oh, si (yes)," said Jose. "Gracias (thanks)!"

"And I brought you this basket with my cactus plant in it," said Linda to Rita.

"Oh, Gracias! I'll leave the plant in the basket. It will make our house pretty."

"And here's my toad Spiky," said Dick to Pablo.

Pablo thanked him.

"I'll make a pen for him, and feed him good. I'll call him 'Spiky', too," Pablo promised.

"We have to go," said George, "Good-by."

"Wait!" Jose said. "We have some going-away presents for you."

The three Mexican children hurried into the house. When they came out, each handed a box to one of their three American friends.

"Thank you," said George and Linda and Dick. "Good-by, now."

Away the children hurried to the trailer. Daddy and Mother were waiting.

They got into the back seat of the automobile. Then George opened his box.

"Cactus candy!" he exclaimed.

Linda and Dick opened their boxes. They had the same kind of candy. It was in squares, yellow and clear like honey. How glad they were! Now they could

put the candy in their stomach baskets. They could carry mind-pictures of things they'd seen in their memory baskets. They could take the friendship and love of the Mexican children in their heart baskets. And the trailer wouldn't be one bit more crowded!

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GOD'S LITTLE CREATURES

(A Poem-Riddle)

By Pauline Tyson Stephens

We buzz among the flowers

That are so bright and sweet,

And make a golden sweet stuff

That is very good to eat.

What are we? —

Our wings are many colors,

Like gold and red and brown;

We flutter among the flowers

In the country and in town.

What are we? —

Upon the green, green grasses

We like to hop and play,

And if you try to catch us

We quickly hop away.

What are we? —

We're busy little creatures

Wherever we are found;

We gather food for winter

And store it in the ground.

What are we? —

ANSWERS: Bees; butterflies; grasshoppers; ants.

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SECRETS

By Frances Tower

God must love a secret

I'm sure He does—

Aren't you?

There are so very many

That he tells his secrets to.

I'm sure that's how the flowers

Know just when it's time for

spring—

And how each little bird

Knows just which song to sing.

And sometimes when I'm

thinking

Of lovely things to do

I'm sure that God is sharing

A secret with me, too!

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Rehoboam, King Of Judah

By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

April 17, 1955

II Chronicles 10:6-17

type of vital spiritual experience with the Lord. If he knew the Lord, he seemed to think of Him only in the light of a tribal God. One wonders if Solomon ever foresaw the ultimate destruction of his splendid kingdom through his own family.

What did Rehoboam do? He received advice from the elders who advised kindness, reasonableness, and consideration. These qualities are desirable within any leader. He sought advice from the young and they, out of their careless lives, said in essence, "Rehoboam, you want to do more than your father. You will be a failure unless you exceed his illustrious deeds. Therefore, where his yoke was heavy, make yours heavier upon the people. Where your father chastised with whips, you chastise with scourges. Make it harder for the people, get more from them, and thereby surpass your illustrious father." This sounded good to a child of luxury, sheltered from the common lot, who held selfish ambitions. Rehoboam ignored any compromise or combination between the two policies suggested. He ignored the Lord altogether. He chose the policy of the young men and spoke it out as his policy to the people. The people who had known excessive taxation and labor gangs rebelled against further oppression and decided to secede. They chose Jehoboam to be their king.

It is no light matter for any leader to disrupt God's plan and purpose. Responsibility is shifted immediately to the offender. Where does the man stand who neglects, is passive toward, or fights the church?

A democracy is maintained by the people. Should not such questions as legalized liquor, gambling, and political patronage which leads to corruption, be settled in God's light? Why quibble over confused issues like tax-profits and benefits when the base is evil? It is well to determine the source of counsel in these matters and without exception it is a source of selfish interest without spiritual discernment. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

CONSEQUENCE OF CHOICE

The writer knows a meandering creek which turned and twisted in many directions over comparative level ground. A farmer did not care for his land to be cut up with this meandering creek. While it was raining, he

plowed on long, straight furrow to turn the waters into a new channel. Where that original furrow was plowed today there is a washed gully ten feet deep and from ten to thirty feet wide. The result of one furrow is the existence of a small river. The consequence of choice made by Rehoboam was that the door was opened for an onrush of evil. It washed in two the kingdom which was never to be joined together again. Do you believe that Rehoboam would have made such a fateful, foolish choice had he only been able to determine the consequence? Pride, stupidity and greed do not look ahead. They look only into the present. The result is destruction of the present and future.

An important truth is observed. One has a right to choose, but he cannot choose the consequence which is brought about by existing moral laws. Since any man is a free agent he can choose against God, but he cannot control the consequences of that choice for it is written "The soul that sinneth shall die." "Whosoever a man sows that shall he also reap." Rehoboam sowed to the wind and reaped an unwanted whirlwind.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

The First Psalm is Valuable. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly." The source of one's counsel and guidance determines his usefulness and happiness. The first Psalm is timeless. Woe unto the man who turns his back upon its teaching. Man lives in a moral order which is dependent upon God's invariable, righteous will. No individual or nation can stand without God. Have you sought God's counsel in vocation, marriage, social life and politics?

Calamity is born of pride, ferocity, greed and stupidity. Remove calamities from history and it would be better reading. Calamities are man's punctuations in history. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promises as some men count slackness: but is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). Every individual should search his own heart to see whether he is making a contribution to calamity or to progress by the type of life he lives.

Leadership is invaluable. A nation awaits better leadership. The church awaits better leadership. Communities await better leadership. Leadership arises from the masses. Has God ordained you to arise and lead your column?

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Many a man who would scorn to strike his neighbor behind his back is content to stab his reputation by the utterance of half truths, which are worse than lies in their effect . . . This is one of the most serious dangers which America has to face today.

Figures To Inspire

	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Fort Smith, First	1583	656	21
Including missions	1756	723	
Little Rock, Immanuel	1576	477	15
Including missions	1753	562	24
No. Little Rock, Baring Cross	1172	369	25
Including missions	1251	389	
Little Rock, First	1143	425	20
Including missions	1182	459	
El Dorado, First	1092	256	5
Including mission	1170	311	11
Little Rock, Second	1090	289	22
Including mission	1269	451	
Magnolia, Central	1010	276	23
Including mission	1097	332	
El Dorado, Immanuel	897	439	29
Camden, First	835	186	6
Including missions	996	281	
Hope, First	785	258	31
Fort Smith, Grand Avenue	752	272	
Including mission	846		
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	749	330	-29
El Dorado, Second	677	278	8
Pine Bluff, South Side	670	227	2
Blytheville, First	661	202	
Fayetteville, First	659	202	3
Including mission	713	234	
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	644	176	7
Malvern, First	596	193	10
Paragould, First	571	259	
Including mission	672	311	
Monticello, First	567	312	13
Conway, First	544	142	1
Springdale, First	544	254	
McGehee, First	543	214	
Crossett, First	542	189	
Forrest City, First	540	187	3
Cullendale, First	516	245	13
Booneville, First	497	135	7
West Helena	483	154	1
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	480	159	24
Bentonville, First	472	157	
Fort Smith, Calvary	470	180	6
El Dorado, West Side	462	154	11
Hot Springs, Park Place	488	159	6
Hot Springs, Central	441	150	6
Including mission	491	188	
Siloam Springs, First	439	240	
Smackover, First	431	192	17
Paris, First	431	144	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	417	153	
Stuttgart, First	414	128	1
Including missions	705	311	6
Clarksville, First	405	127	
Searcy, First	402	162	
Hamburg, First	384	176	5
Piggott, First	372	123	
Hot Springs, First	370	140	7
Texarkana, Immanuel	370	126	7
Jonesboro, Central	365	178	
Fort Smith, Trinity	364	138	1
Fort Smith, South Side	351	118	
Malvern, Third	340	180	2
Nashville, First	338	140	3
No. Little Rock, Pike Avenue	336	125	
Cabot, First	324	187	
Including mission	374		
No. Little Rock, First	299	129	9
Fort Smith, Spraling	296	97	2
Paragould, East Side	276	165	
Fort Smith, Temple	263	147	
Springdale, Caudle Avenue	263	109	
Smackover, Joyce City	261	171	8
Little Rock, Tyler Street	259	101	10
Alma, First	251	105	
Fayetteville, University	239	133	1
Benton, Calvary	209	192	4
Crossett, Temple	206	116	5
Fort Smith, Mill Creek	203	100	2
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	202	114	1
North Little Rock, Highway	202	88	3
Berryville, First	201	113	
Including mission	242	138	
Little Rock, Rosedale	196	70	9
Pea Ridge, First	163	117	
Cedarville, Cedarville	142	97	6
Rogers, Immanuel	123	62	

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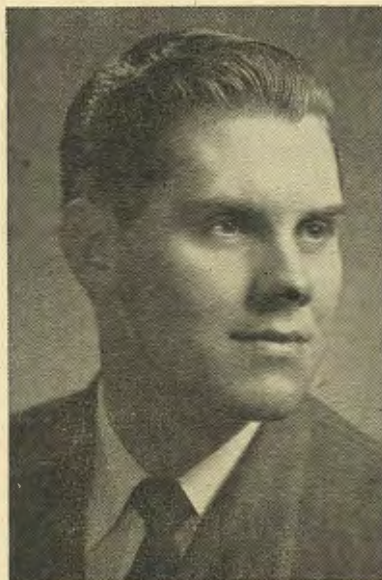
We Were Astonished

On this page of the paper we are giving the likeness of Pastor James Pleitz of First Church in Bentonville. It was our privilege recently to participate in the formal opening and dedication of a new building in connection with First Church there. There is a magnificent piece of property now belonging to the church in Bentonville, including a very commodious pastor's home hard by the church building.

On the day we were there, there was one of the hardest rain storms that we have seen lately and we expected the crowd to be small on that morning. We were happily surprised to see the enlarged auditorium of the splendid church building comfortably filled with people. There were around 450 in attendance in Sunday school on that very inclement day. That expresses only a part of the loyalty of the people of this church and of their disposition to follow this consecrated and aggressive young pastor in his leadership with them. James Pleitz is young, still in his twenties, but his sincerity and understanding of the Lord's work impresses the people and solicit their fellowship. This man is not only a splendid preacher but he has a well defined program and has an answer for the problems and the questions that arise among the people. He has developed a splendid organization and his leaders are loyal to his program.—B.L.B.

Thoughtlessness in Our Sermons And Appeals

Brethren, here is a constructive criticism. There is a feeling that we preachers are becoming a bit loose in our terminology which is calculated to mislead unconverted sinners and cause them to miss the way to heaven. We talk about people being "Unchurched." Is there any Bible justification for an expression like that? And we have noticed some of our strongest Southern Baptist leaders employing that terminology. Doesn't that leave the impression that our big duty is to "church" folks? It seems that we are substituting the verb "church" for the word "conversion." In our first experiences and impressions in Baptist churches the verb "to church" meant to discipline somebody in church life which would result in a church trial and a possible exclusion from the fellowship of the church. That is what it meant to "church" folks. Now it seems that we are using that term to express our first duty to the unsaved. That is very superficial and unsafe language. It is not our main duty to "church" anybody in the sense of bringing them into a church relationship,—not our first duty. Our first duty is to call them to repentance and faith, to get them converted,—regenerated, and then connect them up with the church. There are other expressions that we are substituting for Bible terminology and the Bible truth and Bible appeals. We talk about people "lining up" and "taking a stand" and "walking the aisle," but the New Testament calls on people to repent and believe and be converted, and then after conversion to be baptised and to walk by faith,



PASTOR JAMES PLEITZ

etc. Let us not drift in our terminology when so much is at stake as the salvation of a lost soul.—B.L.B.

Over the Top

Thank you, Church Treasurers, Pastors, Missionaries, Moderators, Board Members, Churches. We have come through the first quarter of the year with every dollar necessary to meet the allocations in our state budget. The fact is, we are just a bit ahead of the figure. We are not enough ahead to give us a comfortable feeling as we face the season of the year in which so many pastors will be absent in their trips to Europe, but let us hope that the work is running so well in all the churches that the churches will come right along in their gifts for missions even in the absence of their pastors. We do have a few churches that did not help us in the first quarter. We would not presume to criticize them unless we knew the "whys and wherefores." Also, a few churches are giving less than they formerly gave. We believe they do not want to carry less of the load. We hope they will come along and do more for the rest of the year than they used to do, but all and in all, it is encouraging to close the first quarter of the year without a deficit. Thank you again.—B.L.B.

When You Retire

We have noticed that two or three widows of preachers are drawing a pretty fair annuity. This is because that when the preacher retired he took a divided annuity instead of a single life annuity. If you are a member of the old Ministers Retirement Plan and if you are not in the Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan it would be very considerate of you, in the interest of your possible widow, to take a divided annuity and so inform the Relief and Annuity Board sixty days

Blytheville, First Church

On a recent Sunday Dr. James Tull, brother of Nelson Tull, the State Brotherhood Secretary of Arkansas, filled the pulpit in Blytheville, First Church. We have noticed the bulletin of First Church in Blytheville and the attendance is remarkably good for a pastorless church. More than 600 were reported present in Sunday school, March 27. This is a great church and its ability to go on without a pastor for several months in a successful manner is a credit to the pastoral work of their former pastor, E. C. Brown. It is evident that Pastor Brown's efforts were not to build around himself personally but to build substantially for Kingdom progress. Blytheville is a great church and we trust that they will soon be able to announce a pastor. Some of the very salt of the earth are in this great church. We are thinking of the Williams, the Huffmans, James Gardner, the Berrys and others.—B.L.B.

Look at Waldo

For a long time the town of Waldo, near Magnolia, had only a Landmark Church. Three or four years ago there were some people who decided they wanted a real Missionary Baptist Church in Waldo,—one that practices Missions instead of just putting up a name, Missionary. For more than two years now they have had such a church going and it is going well. Two weeks ago they had more than 100 present in Sunday school. They are making regular offerings for the Cooperative Program. John Harrison is the beloved, aggressive, young pastor and is leading the people from victory to victory. He has such men to lean upon as A. T. Pike, J. S. Watkins, William Washman, Harold Hudgens, James R. Clark and Mrs. W. D. Scroggins and Mrs. Lee Staggs and Mrs. Sadie Pike and many other fine Baptist workers. Mrs. Pike says that "Brother Harrison is certainly doing a wonderful work here with the help of God, and it is inspiring to work under his leadership. He is doing the preaching in a revival at Turrell, at this writing."—B.L.B.

before you retire. This means that you would receive approximately 80 per cent of your proposed annuity and a balance would be left in the fund for an annuity for your possible widow. In that case she would draw approximately 50 per cent as much as your annuity had been. We think it is proper to keep on advising our brethren of this fact. After you once go to drawing your annuity you cannot back up and divide with the possible widow.

Russian Bible Society

We are constantly having approaches from what is called "The Russian Bible Society, 1400 New Hampshire Avenue, Washington, D. C." They make appeals for funds to get Russian Bibles into Russia. We have made inquiries about the "Russian Bible Society" and we have failed to get any information that proves this Society to be worthy of our support. We thought our churches would like to have this information.