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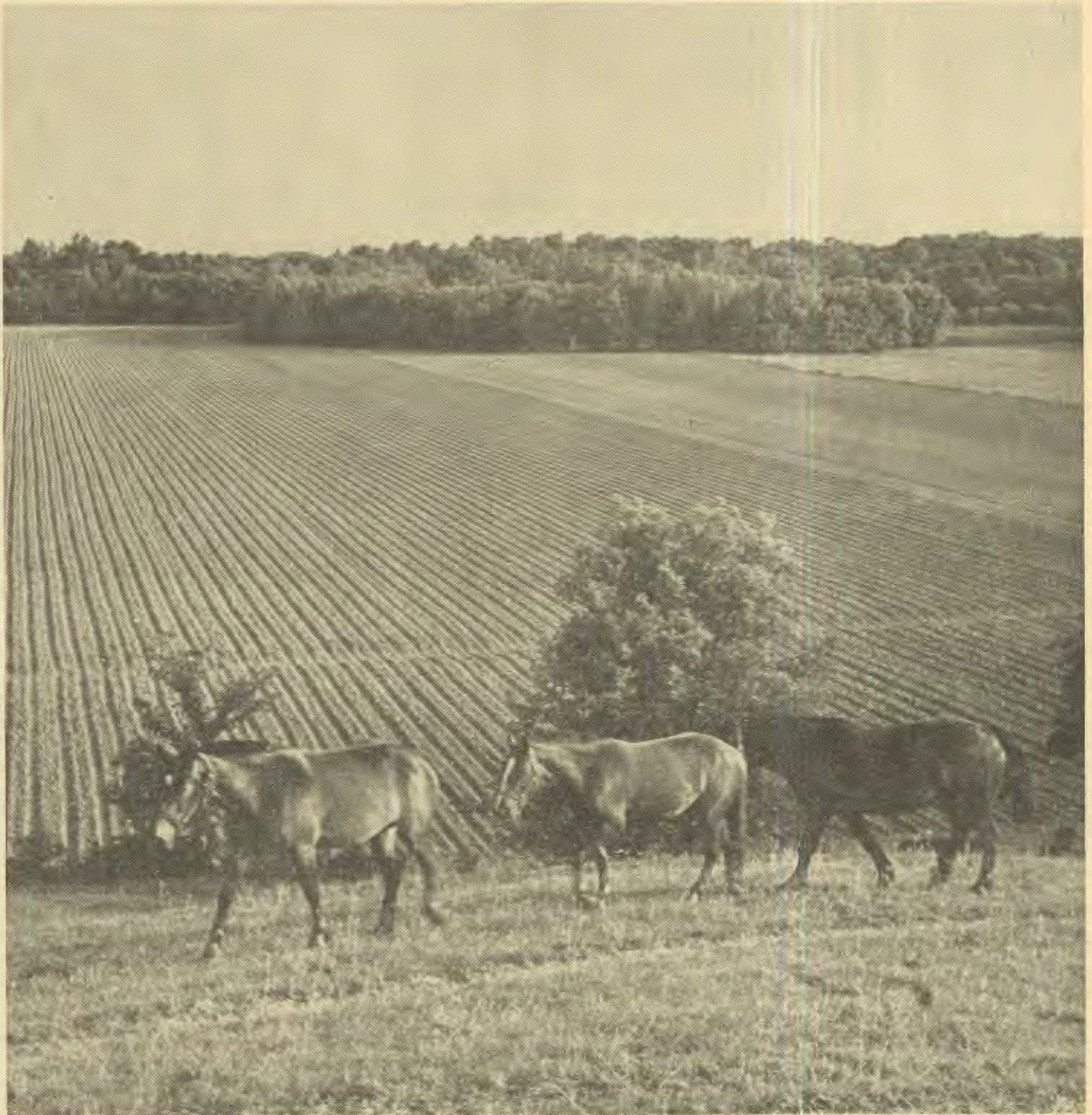
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A Farm Scene

Why I Believe In The New Birth

By WAYNE E. OATES

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The main reason why I believe in the new birth is that it has happened to me. I never cease to be grateful for any opportunity to say so. God took initiative toward me in his Son, Jesus Christ, apart from any merit in me. The result was indeed a birth out of darkness into light, out of meaningless anxiety into purposeful dedication, and out of bondage into freedom for which Christ did set us free.

The second reason why I believe in the new birth is that the witness of the whole Bible and of Christian history gives me a unified conviction that the new birth is the continuing miracle of the Holy Spirit in the world in all times, among different races and customs, and in every language of men. Whereas the outward forms of men's words about the new birth differ widely, the inner reality and spiritual fact of the new birth remains as the activity of the Spirit of God. Then new birth is not of flesh nor of the will of man.

The third reason why I believe in the new birth is based on my own experience as an evangelist and counselor of troubled people. I have seen broken personalities made whole, unhappy families made secure, and confused persons find their way through the birth of a new life in Christ. I have seen them weaned from idols, freed of the domination of evil people, and cleansed of personal guilt in the experience of the new birth. I have seen people whose religion was a dead tradition come alive as if they had heard the gospel for the first time. This does not come to pass, however, by going through some



DR. WAYNE OATES

outward motion. It cannot be separated from the cross of Jesus Christ. One is crucified with Christ, buried, and raised to walk in the newness of life, as our Baptist mode of baptism symbolizes. This is the new birth. Then men can truly say with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

Boston Congregation Shocked By Pastor's Sermon, Resignation

BOSTON, April 2, 1631. (BP)—Roger Williams, fiery Puritan minister of the Boston church, fired a broadside at the local congregation and government from his pulpit yesterday and then submitted his resignation.

Williams did not escape unscathed, however. In a return volley Bostonians labeled his scorching sermon as "a most foully scandalous and treasonable attack on our holy institutions."

The Puritan minister condemned the Boston church for maintaining a connection with the Church of England, which Williams bitterly fought before he was forced to flee to America to escape persecution.

"I dare not officiate to a congregation not separated from the Church of England," the preacher declared as he tendered his resignation. "I must keep my soul undefiled."

Williams long ago separated from the Church of England, renouncing its authority and practice in open defiance of law. It was for this outspoken opposition that the Bishop of London signed a warrant for William's arrest, forcing the Puritan to flee to America.

"The individual conscience must be free before God," Williams said in his explosive message. "The first four Commandments are private and spiritual, and the government has no right to enforce obedience to them.

"When the government exceeds its rightful bounds, then it, too, is a sinner."

In a statement defending their position against the public attack of the minister,

local government officials said, "We are the custodians of the truth. This settlement was made by God's people for the establishment of a true religion from the tyrannies of England and English bishops.

"The truth must be protected by force of law from every encroachment of error. There must not be the slightest deviation from the truth which we believe and which we have established on these shores."

"The Lord Brethren of New England are defining the truth to suit themselves," Williams said in answer to the statement.

Both church and government officials were bewildered by Williams' action. His courageous stand for religious liberty in England won the admiration of many, and he was eagerly sought for the Boston pastorate because of his staunch Puritanism.

But clergy and political leaders likewise agreed that the radical views expressed by Williams in his sermon yesterday would destroy the state if put into practice.

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We can't always control what happens to us. But we can control what we think about what happens . . . And what we are thinking is our "life" at any particular moment.

—Think Magazine

He Inspired Others

A Devotion by the Editor

"And Joses," who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, the son of consideration)."

The ability to inspire other people to live at their best is one of the noblest endowments of life. Barnabas was such a person. He is known to us by the name which he bore because of the hope and courage which he inspired in others.

When the Christian community at Jerusalem was reduced to economic distress, this man met the emergency with Christian courage. He sold a certain piece of land and gave the proceeds for distribution among the needy. His gift must have come just in the nick of time. It gave the whole community new hope and courage; it gave them a new inspiration and buoyed them up in the midst of their misfortunes.

And with the gift, Barnabas gave himself. The consolation and confidence which he inspired came more from the man than from his gift. If the gift were all, that would soon be exhausted and the people would be no better off. The gift was but temporary relief, but the courage and faith he inspired were permanent forces which would enable them to become self-sustaining.

When Paul returned to Jerusalem after his conversion and sought fellowship with the apostles, he was not received by them because they had no confidence in the man who had formerly persecuted them. It was Barnabas who vouched for Paul and won for him the confidence of Jerusalem Christians.

When Barnabas needed a helper in the work at Antioch, he went in search of Paul. Together they labored in Antioch and from there they went out as foreign missionaries.

When Paul rejected John Mark for the second missionary journey, Barnabas stood by the young man, who later wrote the gospel that bears his name.

The whole life of Barnabas is marked by this one characteristic, that he inspired others to rise to their best and achieve their noblest. Barnabas left no writings. Yet, he had much to do with the early Christian lives of two of the New Testament writers: Mark and Paul.

"And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, the son of consolation), a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus. Having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet" Acts 4:36, 37.

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From The Editor's Desk

Taking Liberties With The Bible

We publish on this page an editorial which appeared in the *Baptist Messenger* of Oklahoma by Editor Jack L. Gritz.

Editor Gritz calls attention to a trend in the movie industry that should give concern to the Christian people of our land.

Hollywood has discovered in the Bible themes of human interest which the movie makers can easily adapt to the screen. In order to make the adaptation, the movie makers take undue liberties with the spirit and purpose of the scriptures.

The movie makers have not discovered nor are they concerned with the plan of redemption as it unfolds in the progressive revelation of divine truth as it is revealed in the Bible. Yet the movie moguls expect to fill their coffers by the patronage of Christian people who will be intrigued into seeing these shows thinking that they may receive information and inspiration from the Bible themes advertised.

A news release states that a film on Joseph is to be released by mid-autumn. Rita Hayworth is to star in this film. They haven't as yet selected the person to represent Joseph.

There seems no end to the commercialization of that which is sacred and which should be held inviolate.

Hollywood and the Bible

By JACK L. GRITZ

In recent months a rash of movies with Biblical themes and characters has poured out of Hollywood. There have been "Samson and Delilah," "David and Bathsheba," "Salome," "Sins of Jezebel," "The Robe," "Demetrius and the Gladiators" and "The Silver Chalice."

In months to come as filming is completed will be "The Ten Commandments," "The Greatest Story Ever Told," "The Prodigal," "Joseph and His Brethren," "Pilate's Wife" and "The Galileans." And this may be only the first wave of a torrential flood of religious films during the years ahead.

Bible Stories Distorted

All serious Christians and devout students of the Bible have been amazed and sometimes appalled at the liberties which the movie makers have taken with the facts of the Scriptures and their utter indifference to the true spirit of the Christian faith.

Hollywood's idea of a big Bible picture seems to be to take some woman of immoral character mentioned in the Scriptures or some incident of a sinful nature involving a prominent person and embroider the Biblical account with details not ever hinted at in the original. Or as an alternative, some object involved in the life of Jesus is en-

dowed with magical qualities and the teachings of the Scriptures are ignored.

The advertising and reviews are sufficient to indicate the sacrilegious attitude of the movie moguls who have their eyes on the box-office and their minds on sex, sensationalism and spectacle. For instance, according to the New Testament, Salome was an accessory to the murderous beheading of



John the Baptist but in the Hollywood version the advertisements say she was a good girl who did her dance of seven veils to save John from death and was horrified at the sight of his head on a platter.

Leave Our Bible Alone

In the film, David is forgiven of his sins with Bathsheba when he touches the Ark in the Tabernacle but no mention is made of the terrible punishment which came upon him in the rebellion of his sons. In "The Robe" when the centurion puts on the garment he is staggered by some strange power.

In "The Silver Chalice" Luke and Joseph of Arimathea fall to their knees and bow in adoration before the cup used at the Last Supper as it glows with a strange light. According to a press release in "The Ten Commandments" Moses will be presented as a "fiery warrior-prince of Egypt who had a flaming love with the most exciting woman of his day," something the Bible failed to mention. And on it goes.

Rather than telling the Bible stories, which incidentally are the world's greatest literature, in an accurate and reverent manner, Hollywood insists on introducing mystical powers and glowing lights to represent spiritual matters. Rather than using the marvelous means at its disposal to translate into celluloid the great lessons which the Bible teaches, Hollywood insists on telling a sexy story decorated with scantily-clad girls in which immorality is made to appear virtuous.

So to Hollywood we say, "Leave our Bible alone. We like it the way it is. The stories of the Scriptures belong to those who know their Savior!"

—The Baptist Messenger.

Arkansas Baptist Circulation Grows

A number of churches over the state have already sent in lists of new subscribers as the result of the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. This promptness is greatly appreciated by the editor of the *Arkansas Baptist* and his staff.

Of course, not every member who unites with a Baptist church will mean a new subscription to the *Arkansas Baptist*. Many of those uniting with our churches are members of families which already receive the paper. But as new families come into the membership of our churches, it is our hope that these will be reported as additions to the church budget subscription to the *Arkansas Baptist*, and we will be happy to add them to the circulation so that they will receive the paper promptly.

We feel that this is one of the best methods of integrating these new families into the program of the church and into the denominational program. The *Arkansas Baptist* will keep them informed on the work of the denomination, its program and its objectives. These new members, especially the new families that come into the membership of the churches, will take a greater interest in the local and denominational program if they read the *Arkansas Baptist* consistently.

Therefore, we appeal to the pastors and other persons in the churches who are charged with the responsibility of reporting to us additions to their church budget subscription, we urge them to report these additions promptly and not delay.

Reporting The Simultaneous Crusade

We regret that it would be impossible to report each revival in the *Arkansas Baptist*, revivals conducted during the simultaneous campaign. It is obvious that we could not report six or seven hundred revival meetings. Dr. Yearby has sent report blanks to the associations. The *Arkansas Baptist* will work in close co-operation with Dr. Yearby and it is our hope that we may have these associational reports from which we may publish a summary of the results of the crusade.

We appeal to pastors, evangelists, and associational missionaries for co-operation in this undertaking. The reports in the *Arkansas Baptist* will depend upon the co-operation back at the local church and associational levels. So we appeal to you to help us to give an accurate picture of the results of the crusade.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit," said Jesus, Matthew 5:3. He tells this unhappy people that genuine happiness does not depend upon outward circumstances but upon inward quality, not upon what one possesses but upon what one is, not upon what is done to and for one but upon what one does to and for others.

Kingdom Progress

Vaught Completes Tenth Year At Immanuel

Immanuel Church, Little Rock, is planning to celebrate the tenth anniversary of their pastor, Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., on Sunday, April 24. Dr. Vaught came from the University Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, to the Immanuel Church, Little Rock, in the Spring of 1945.

During his ministry at Immanuel, 5,119 persons have been received into the fellowship of the church. The Sunday school enrollment now stands at 3,358 and the Training Union enrollment is 1,235.

As the membership of Immanuel has grown, the program of the church and its organizations have expanded. This expansion called for an expansion of the building facilities to accommodate the increased membership and the expanded program.

When Dr. Vaught came to Immanuel, the church property was valued at \$328,500. It is today valued at \$1,221,400. In 1951 a completely air conditioned educational building was erected at a cost of half a million dollars. During the past year the church auditorium was air conditioned. Under Dr. Vaught's leadership, the church budget has grown from \$101,771 in 1945 to \$240,000 in 1955. Gifts to the Cooperative Program have increased from \$7,425 to \$47,083.

Immanuel Church has been one of the leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention in establishing missions and organizing new churches. Missions of Immanuel Church which have grown into churches are: Alexander, Bethany, Capitol Hill, Garden Homes, Grace, Davis Chapel, Highway, Remount, and Riverside. The present missions sponsored by Immanuel are: Forrest Tower, Green Memorial, and Arch Street.

Dr. Vaught was born in Versailles, Kentucky. At the age of 3½ years his parents moved to Mississippi. At the age of 8 young Vaught accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptised into the fellowship of the Brookville, Mississippi, church.

He graduated from the Caledonia High School and of Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi. Following his graduation from Mississippi College, he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. From the seminary he accepted the position of Student Union Secretary in Missouri. It was while he was in this position that he married Miss Mary Bostic.

He remained with the Baptist Student Union of Missouri from 1935 to 1941 when he accepted the pastorate of the Bethany Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. In 1942 he accepted the pastorate of the University Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas. It was from this pastorate that he came to Immanuel Church, Little Rock, in 1945.

In addition to his pastoral responsibility Dr. Vaught has been active in the denominational work both in the state of Arkansas and in the Southern Baptist Convention. He served as a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention from 1946-49. He was a member of the board of trustees of Central College from 1946-48. He served as a member of the board of trustees of Ouachita College from 1948-53. He is now serving his second term as president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.



DR. W. O. VAUGHT, JR.

He was a member of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1948-54. He is currently a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Vaughts have one son, Carl Gray, 15. Carl Gray has already committed his life to the gospel ministry. He is now a student in the Little Rock Central High School.

Church Secretarial Course At Mary Hardin-Baylor

A specially designed church secretarial program will be offered at Mary Hardin-Baylor college, being added to the curriculum in June, Dr. Conwell A. Anderson, dean of the college, announced.

The program is being introduced upon the request of Baptist ministers throughout the state, who indicated the special training they would like for their secretaries to have in a survey conducted by the college, Dr. Anderson explained.

A bachelor of arts degree will be offered, with a major in secretarial science and a minor in journalism. Other pertinent and related courses, with special emphasis upon Bible, English, speech, proper dress, recreation and art, will be required of those completing the church secretarial program, in addition to the regularly required college work for a B.A. degree.

The college curriculum committee has included the program of study in its 1955-56 catalog, Dr. Anderson added.

Library - Visual Aids Workshop, May 5-6

The Baptist Book Store of Little Rock is sponsoring a Church Library Clinic and Audio-Visual Aids Workshop, Thursday and Friday, May 5, 6. The Clinic and Workshop will be held at the First Church, Little Rock.

Special guest is Mr. Earl Waldrup, head of the Department of Visual Aids at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

Minister Ordained

Eddie Elrod was ordained to the gospel ministry by First Church, Almyra, Sunday afternoon, December 26, 1954.

Pastor Dean Newberry, Jr. served as moderator of the ordaining council and delivered the ordination sermon; Donald Bowman served as clerk and conducted the examination; Robert Bauman offered the ordination prayer; and Mason Craig presented the Bible.

Mr. Elrod is a student at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, and pastor of Whiteville Church at Gassville.

Bill Lewis Returns to Arkansas

Bill Lewis, for the past 23 months pastor of Hilltop Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, and a student in Southwestern Seminary, has accepted the pastorate of Central Church, Bald Knob. His services with the Bald Knob church will begin April 24.

During Mr. Lewis' pastorate at Fort Worth, there were 273 additions to the church, 175 on profession of faith and baptism. The value of the church property doubled, Sunday school attendance doubled, and gifts tripled. Gifts to missions totaled \$4,000.

Mrs. Lewis is the former Rozella Bell of Lafe, Arkansas. The Lewis' have two children: Michael, 5, and Rebecca, 2.

Plan to Tape Record The Miami Convention?? Read This

As a service to the pastors and laymen who attend the Southern Baptist Convention, the Radio and Television Commission will again furnish complete recording facilities in Miami this year.

Advance reservations at a cost of \$3 for table and chair space are necessary due to the limited space available. Address your reservation to: Henry Bowling, Baptist Radio Center, Box 8 Station E, Atlanta, Georgia.

Deadline for getting your reservation in is May 6. Make your check payable to **THE BAPTIST HOUR**.

Recording tape will be available in five and seven inch reels at \$2.75 and \$3.25 respectively.

Major addresses of the 1955 Convention will be duplicated by the Radio and Television Commission and mailed to those placing orders. These messages will be on a new 1200-foot reel of tape at \$4 each, plus postage.

Educational Television Sought For Little Rock

Ouachita college is a charter member of the Arkansas Educational Television Association, Inc., it was announced recently by Randolph Quick, associate professor of sociology.

Mrs. Neva Talley Morris of Little Rock, 1930 Ouachita graduate, is a strong supporter of the A.E.T.A. and serves as its secretary.

The purpose of the corporation, whose main office is in Little Rock, is to furnish non-profit and non-commercial educational television for Arkansas, Mr. Quick explained. It works in the interest of many organizations, including educational, religious, cultural, professional, labor, agricultural, business, industrial, public and civic.

Eight non-profit educational television stations are now operating in the United States. Little Rock is one of 129 other cities working toward establishing educational television.

First Church, Forrest City Dedicates New Building

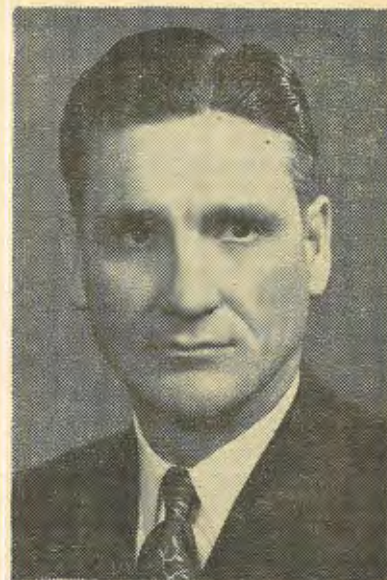


The dedication and formal opening of the newly constructed building of First Church, Forrest City, will be held Sunday, April 24.

Dr. B. L. Bridges, Executive Secretary of the State Convention, will be the speaker at the morning worship service at 11:00. This service will be broadcast over Radio Station KXJK.

An hour of organ music and choir specials will begin at 2:30 p.m. Miss Evelyn Bowden, Head of Organ Department, Ouachita College, will present special organ music.

Following the musical program, a reception and open house will be held, at which time all Sunday school and Training Union workers will be in their respective depart-



PASTOR T. K. RUCKER

ments to show the visitors the building.

The new building was completed at an approximate cost of \$350,000. It houses an auditorium with a seating capacity of 800. The educational building consists of 4 offices, 4 nurseries, 2 Beginner units, 3 Primary, 2 Junior, 2 Intermediate, 2 Young People, and 3 Adult departments with a capacity of approximately 800.

Pastor T. K. Rucker came to Forrest City four years ago. During his ministry the church membership has grown from 1,101 to 1,260 even though 69 have been lettered out to organize West Side Church, after having been a mission for several months.

There is a resident membership of approximately 900. The Sunday school enrollment is 1,055 including 65 extension department members and 60 Cradle Roll members. The Training Union enrollment is 332.

30th Anniversary Of Cooperative Program

The premiere showing of the Cooperative Program film, "Together We Build," is scheduled for Friday evening, May 6, at Temple Baptist Church, in Memphis, Tennessee.

This date and the showing of the film is in commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the Cooperative Program.

To quote from a letter from Dr. Merrill D. Moore, "The Shelby County Baptist Association, the Memphis Baptist Pastors' Conference, and the local committee of which Dr. H. C. Gabhart is chairman, are as they say 'going all out' to make this occasion as memorable as it is significant."

Minister Claimed by Death

Pastor W. E. Jackson of Liberty Association died on March 7. He had been pastor of Snow Hill Church for the past seven years. Previously he had been pastor of Calion Church and associate pastor of Second Church, El Dorado. He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

Deacons Ordained

First Church, West Memphis, ordained five deacons at a recent Sunday evening service. The pastor, Walter Yeldell, served as moderator and conducted the examination.

Those ordained were: Roy Strong, Byron Hill, Lee McGinnis, Thomas Cobb, and Thomas Cobb, Jr.

Miss Carney Killed In Plane Accident

Miss Mary Ruth Carney, 28, Southern Baptist missionary who was serving as promotion secretary of the Brazilian Baptist Home Mission Board, was killed Saturday morning, April 9, in a plane crash near Itacaju in the state of Goias, Brazil. Word reaching Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond said the plane burned leaving no survivors. All bodies were buried at Itacaju.

Miss Carney was appointed to Brazil in October, 1951, and arrived on the field in December of that year. After a year of language study in Campinas, she became director of the religious education department of the Minas Gerais State Convention, a position she held until she was named to the Home Mission Board staff last October.

A native of Lufkin, Tex., Miss Carney was the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Edgar Carney of Odell, Tex. She was graduated from Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., attended Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Mo., and received the A.B. degree from William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and the M.R.E. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

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A moderate decrease in automobile accidents was reported in 1954.

Death Takes Missions Candidate

Mrs. John Bell Cheshire, Jr., 28, foreign mission volunteer who was to have been appointed at the May meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, died in Pensacola, Fla., on Sunday afternoon, April 10, of a heart condition following surgery the day before. She died in the Baptist Hospital where her husband is chaplain.

Mrs. Cheshire, the former Barbara Horne, was a native of Melbourne, Ark. She attended Florida State University, Tallahassee, and received the A.B. degree from Stetson University, De Land, and the M.R.E. degree from Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky.

She spent one summer in Training Union work in Florida, another as summer worker under the Home Mission Board, and taught school in Crestview and Pensacola where she was a fourth grade teacher at the time of her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire were volunteers for Malaya and were among the large group of well-trained young people who have made a full commitment to foreign missions during the past year. Mr. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel, said: "Mrs. Cheshire went to be with God at the time of fullest commitment to His world task."

Mrs. Cheshire leaves her husband and two children, Nancy, four, and John Thomas, two.

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By Religious News Service

Church Construction Figure Continues Upward

American Churches spent \$161,000,000 in the first three months of 1955 for new buildings, far eclipsing the record of \$123,000,000 established in the first quarter of last year.

The Departments of Commerce and Labor estimated expenditures for new construction by Churches during March at \$53,000,000. This was the same level as February but \$13,000,000 higher than March, 1954.

Construction by private schools and colleges, most of which are church-related, totaled \$41,000,000 in March, a new record for the month. The figure was \$3,000,000 more than that of March, 1954. Building activity by non-public schools totaled \$122,000,000 for the first quarter of 1955, six per cent above the same period a year ago.

Private hospitals, orphanages and other institutions launched \$28,000,000 worth of new construction in March, six per cent ahead of March, 1954.

Church Gives Advice On Drawing Wills

A Washington church is providing free legal service to help people making out their wills.

The Congress Heights Baptist church puts no strings on its service, which offers counsel one night each month to anyone who wishes to consult a man-and-wife legal team.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lambert, former members of the church, have counseled scores of persons on how to dispose of their worldly goods.

About half the persons who draw up their wills decide to leave some bequest to a religious or charitable organization. Many leave a small gift to the church by way of expressing appreciation for the help.

The pastor, A. Lincoln Smith, conceived the idea of "Will Night" several years ago after observing how many elderly persons died without leaving wills. He said he felt the church was carrying out the injunction of I Corinthians 14:40: "Let all things be done decently and in order."

Omaha City Council Gets Clean Comics Ordinance

An ordinance aimed at curbing the sale of indecent comic books was introduced in the City Council by Mayor John Rosenblatt. A final vote will be taken in two weeks.

The ordinance, patterned after a code adopted in New Orleans, has the support of church and school organizations.

The measure would make it unlawful to furnish "to any person under 18 years of age any comic book, magazine or other publication which, read as a whole, is concerned with an account of crime and which depicts by the use of drawings incidents of the following crimes:

"Poisoning, assault and battery, arson, burglary, mayhem, false imprisonment, kidnapping, malicious mischief, murder or manslaughter, rape, robbery, larceny, embezzlement, conspiracy to commit any of these offenses, criminal syndicalism, use of narcotics, blackmail."

The ordinance specifies that the display of such publications where they can be seen by children under 18 shall be prima facie evidence of guilt.

Violation would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$500 and/or six months in jail. Excluded would be news, literary, historical and scientific publications.

Church Groups Hail Station's Move to Bar Off-Color Songs

Clergymen and church groups in Durham, N. C., lauded the announced policy of a local radio station to bar questionable and off-color songs from its programs.

Station WDNC announced its policy in a paid advertisement in local newspapers addressed to "clergymen, teacher, parent, boy or girl teen-ager."

"During the past few months, a disturbing trend has developed in the field of music," it said. "Bearing the tag of 'something new, something different,' undisguised smut has been creeping into the lyrics of the recorded tunes we are asked to introduce to you on WDNC."

"As little as a year ago, these would have been classed as 'party' records, unfit for mixed company . . . much less on the air! Today they are being released daily by 'name' recording companies as well as 'off brand' labels. These people apparently believe that the off-color double meaning has moved from the stag party and the burlesque house into the home.

"We cannot believe that it has. We do not think that you, our listeners, want the smutty lyrics heard daily in the home and family automobile. So, WDNC refuses to be a party to anything so poisonous to the mind and spiritual values of its listeners.

"The trade magazine 'Variety' has recognized the trend and its inherent dangers in a continuing series of editorials entitled 'Leer-ics.' To Variety's warning to the music industry, WDNC is joining other broadcasters around the country in adding its protest.

Mormons Hear Report Of Progress

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints spent \$48,887,823 in 1954 from its general funds, including \$27,771,705 for building construction, repair, and equipment, it was reported at its 125th annual conference in Salt Lake City.

A report to the conference also announced there were 1,302,240 members in the church as of December 31, 1954, an increase of 55,878 during the year.

The church has 10,814 missionaries, highest number in its history, the report stated. In addition to \$7,120,000 expended for missionary work from general funds, it was estimated that missionaries themselves, their parents and friends spent \$2,900,000 for the support of full-time missionaries during 1954.

To operate the church's school system, \$5,608,131 was spent last year. For the church's welfare program and care of the needy, \$4,645,684 was distributed. Assistance was given 56,566 persons.

In his keynote address, L.D.S. President David O. McKay appealed for increased missionary zeal by church members.

A Smile or Two



"Do it yourself" is so popular I'm afraid to tell Henry I need some dental work."

"Now, Bobby," said the teacher, who was quizzing the class in zoology, "tell me where the elephant is found."

The boy hesitated for a moment, then his face lit up with a happy thought. "The elephant," he said, "is such a very large animal it hardly ever gets lost."

Mummy had decided it was time to persuade little Monica to go to bed. "Be good like the chickens," she said. "D'you see, they are going to bed quite early."

"Yes," replied Monica, "but the mummy hen goes at the same time as they do."

A bishop was being patronized by a millionaire.

"I never go to church, bishop," the millionaire said. "Perhaps you've noticed that?"

"Yes, I have noticed it," said the bishop gravely.

"Well, the reason I don't go to church is that there are so many hypocrites there."

"Oh, don't let that keep you away," said the bishop, smiling. "There's always room for one more, you know."

"George," said Mrs. Lovewell to her husband, "I have received a letter from mother saying she is not accepting our invitation to visit us, and saying we do not appear to want her. What does she mean by that? I asked you to write and tell her to come at her own convenience. You wrote to her, didn't you?"

"Yes," said George, "but—er—I couldn't spell that word 'convenience', so I made it 'risk'."

"I went over to see Betty last night, and I no sooner stepped into the house than her mother demanded to know what were my intentions toward Betty."

"Well! Were you embarrassed?"

"I woulda been, but just then Betty yelled down and said, 'Ma, that's not the one'."

A father gave his son a quarter and a nickle for the church collection and told him to put in whichever he wanted to. When the plate was passed, the father noticed his son hesitate and then put in the nickle. When he asked him why, the little boy answered: "The Bible says that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver and I knew if I put in the nickle I'd be much happier."

"They tell me your son in college is quite an author. Does he write for money?"

"Yes, in every letter."

News From Baptist Press

More State Support To Papers is Urged

A Southern Baptist Convention committee will urge state conventions to give more financial support to their weekly newspapers.

The committee also will recommend that local Baptist churches include subscriptions for the Baptist papers in their budgets so that every family in the church receives papers.

These recommendations will be a part of the report of the Committee on Baptist State Papers, which will report to the annual Convention session in Miami, Fla.,

"Baptist state papers are key instruments in the furtherance of the Baptist cause" and in maintaining Baptist unity, the committee, made up of state editors, will say.

The four ways in which these state papers perform a service to Southern Baptists are spiritual inspiration, and publication of Baptist doctrines.

"The function of a Baptist state paper goes beyond that of a (secular) weekly newspaper," in the committee's opinion. "It must have a soul. It must have life. It must give a lift." News must be supplemented with topics to provide spiritual inspiration to the Christian, the committee will report.

"Baptists are more intelligent today about their denominational work . . . and leaders than at any time in their history. Thanks to the Baptist state papers!" This statement also will be in the committee's report.

Agencies of the Convention will be requested to stress the importance of the state Baptist papers whenever they can.

W. Barry Garrett, editor of the *Baptist Beacon*, publication of Arizona Baptists, is committee chairman.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention continue its emphasis on the importance of the Baptist state papers.

2. We recommend that the agencies of the Convention use every opportunity to stress the importance of the Baptist state papers and that they make maximum use of the papers for the information of the people.

3. We recommend that the state conventions consider giving more adequate financial support to the Baptist state papers in order that they may more adequately perform the function for which they exist.

4. We recommend to the churches that they include the Baptist state papers in their budgets for every family in the church.

March Cooperative Program Gifts Up

Gifts to Baptist causes through the Cooperative Program in March were slightly greater than they were in March, 1954.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention issued a financial statement showing Cooperative Program receipts for March were \$980,334. The statement was released by Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee.

The amount received in March, 1954, was \$977,571.

For the three months of 1955, the total Cooperative Program receipts have amounted to \$2,896,847. This is \$140,552 or 5.1 per cent greater than the total receipts for the same months last year.

Designated gifts for March, 1955, were well ahead of those which came in the previous

March. The present year amount was \$847,874 as compared with \$608,618.

On a three-months comparison, designated gifts are up 10.33 per cent, from \$3,776,585 last year to \$4,166,603. Total gifts, adding Cooperative Program with designated funds, are 8.12 per cent greater.

Arkansas contributed a total of \$45,801, of which \$34,954 was through the Cooperative Program and \$10,847 through designated offerings.

Disbursements for the month just passed were \$980,334 through the Cooperative Program and \$847,874 the same as receipts through designated outlays. The Foreign Mission Board, followed by the Home Mission Board, received the largest amounts.

Correction

Revised Schedule

Southern Baptist Convention Program

Thursday Night

- 6:55 Song and Praise
- 7:05 Scripture and Prayer—J. G. Miller, Tennessee
- 7:10 American Baptist Theological Seminary L. S. Sedberry, Secretary, Tennessee
- 7:30 Executive Committee Promotion Report—Merrill D. Moore, Tennessee, Director of Promotion
- 8:05 30th Anniversary of Cooperative Program
- 8:35 Music
- 8:45 Home Mission Board Report—Courts Redford, Executive Secretary, Georgia
- 9:45 Adjourn

Southern Baptists — New York City

If all Southern Baptists were to gather together in one place, it would take a city the size of New York City to accommodate them.

The Associated Press reported New York City with a current population of 8,050,000. Southern Baptists number 8,182,000.

Baptists Laud Lawmakers For Dog Track Decision

A state Baptist Sunday School Convention in Portales praised New Mexico's lawmakers for defeating a bill which would have brought dog racing into the state.

The convention also requested members of the denomination to pray regularly for national and world leaders to receive divine guidance in making their decisions.

The alcohol traffic was attacked by those who attended the meeting. The governor and members of the state legislature were urged to tighten controls on sale of intoxicants.

Newsweek Acclaims Atlanta Minister

Newsweek, national weekly news magazine, says that Roy O. McClain, Baptist minister, is among "Ten of the Greatest American Preachers."

He is described in the magazine as "one of the most effective preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention."

McClain is pastor of First Baptist Church in Atlanta, and a "Baptist Hour" radio speaker.



Denominational Calendar

April Emphases and Activities Evangelism Christian Education

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

CALLED BUT CRANKY

Question: Our home is about to be broken up. My husband says he is called to preach and he preaches occasionally when he is invited by some church.

But I am about to lose my mind. He fusses, criticizes the children, expects them to act like grown-ups, and keeps everybody in an uproar. We are all afraid of him; it is like being in prison.

What can we do?

Answer: If your husband is as bad as you say, he is in bad shape. In fact, he is spiritually sick. It is certainly a dreary picture.

You failed to tell me how this would look from his side. Suppose you try sitting down and writing for him a letter about how he sees you and the children. Make it about ten pages long. Tell all of your bad qualities, as he has no doubt spoken them to you many times. Then burn the letter. No one will be interested in reading such hate.

Look at it this way. Your husband is either sick or mean. If he is sick you should not hate him or blame him for it. If he is deliberately mean, only God can change him.

There is no use in taking a defeatist attitude toward your situation. You can divorce this man, nag him about changing his behavior, turn the children against him or talk about him to the neighbors and relatives.

Or you may stay sane and try to help the children to take the best possible approach to a very bad situation. Christ would have us do the best we can under the worst conditions.

Maybe he is called. Maybe not. That is between him and God. Don't meddle with it.

You might remember the advice of the late Julius Rosenwald, President of Sears Roebuck and Company: "When you have a lemon, make lemonade."

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Atlanta Baptists Buy 92 Acres Near City

Atlanta Baptists have bought a 92-acre camp on the Chattahoochee River. They plan to develop it into a state summer retreat.

Eighteen miles from downtown Atlanta, the camp was bought for \$75,000 from Buckhead Country Club. The Atlanta Baptist Association plans to spend \$75,000 more developing the site. A lodge, several other buildings and a swimming pool are already on the property.

May 3 Is The Date For Junior-Intermediate Workshop

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Hundreds of Junior workers, Intermediate workers, Training Union directors, educational directors, and pastors will drive to First Church, Little Rock, on Tuesday morning, May 3, to attend the first state-wide Workshop for Junior and Intermediate Training Union leaders, sponsors and department officers.

The new **Educational Building** will be the meeting place for both workshops, beginning at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and closing at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Lunch will be served at the church for 75c for the first 200 who get tickets.

The church nursery will be open during the day.

In each Workshop there will be a demonstration of a union meeting and a demonstration of a worship program during the morning hour. These demonstrations will be made possible by unions from Pulaski Heights Church under the direction of Mrs. Peyton Kolb and Mrs. Helen

Emmons. The demonstrations during the afternoon will be conducted by adults.

If you are from a small church, you will get much help at this workshop. You will get practical help instead of theory concerning all phases of Junior and Intermediate Training Union work.

If you are from a larger church, you will get help on such phases of work as the worship programs (department assemblies), sword drill, memory drill, etc.

Educational directors, Training Union directors, and pastors are enlisting carloads of their workers to attend the one-day workshops. It is a wonderful opportunity to get the rich experience of such people as Mrs. Lambdin of the Sunday School Board, Mrs. Roy Johnson of Birmingham, Alabama, and Mr. Daniel and Mr. Harris of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

*Training Union Dept.
Ralph W. Davis, Secretary
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Big Business

The Big Business of the Brotherhood Department at this time is the thorough and adequate planning for the Second Annual Royal Ambassador Congress which convenes in Little Rock on May 6 and 7.

The Congress will meet at the Second Baptist Church, Eighth and Scott Streets. There will be two major sessions: Friday Night, beginning at 7:00 o'clock, and Saturday Morning at 9:00. Adjournalment will be at high noon on Saturday.

Jimmy Greene, Ambassador-in-Chief of all the Royal Ambassadors of Arkansas, will preside. Speakers will include Joel Ray, Royal Ambassador Secretary of Mississippi; Ivyloy Bishop, former Royal Ambassador Secretary of the South; Ernest Lee Holloway, Missionary to Japan; and a group of Nationals, including Domingo Dasal of the Philippine Islands, Hiroshi Tano of Japan, Roque Silva of Cuba, and Ghazi Sakran of Nazareth in Palestine.

Besides the speakers there will be good singing and special music, devotion, business, camp talk, a panel discussion with the Nationals making up the panel, a panorama of the Baptist Headquarters group, and a Recognition Service led by Joel Ray. Every element of a good Boys' meeting is being woven into the program.

There will be a rehearsal at 4:00 o'clock Friday afternoon for those who want to pass ranks and take part in the Recognition Service on Friday Night. The rehearsal will be held in the auditorium of Second Church.

The Baptist Building at Capitol Avenue and Spring Streets will be open to the boys and their counselors all of Friday afternoon. It will be an additional educational feature of the Congress for the counselors to take their boys through the Denominational Workshop that is called Baptist Headquarters.

Some of the other attractions in the Little Rock area (things that the boys will like to see) are: The Baptist Hospital, at Thirteenth and Wolfe Streets; the State Capitol; the Old State Capitol, at Markham and Center; the river area; and the airport. Main Street will be a real attraction to many of the boys. So will the various Baptist churches of the city.

Special to Pastors

Why not come along with your boys and their counselors and help them to profit the most in every way by helping them to interpret all of the things they will see and hear as they come to the Congress?

Do it, pastors!

About Costs

Total cost of a trip to the Congress is fifty cents for the Registration Fee, plus lodging for Friday Night and meals.

If you plan to stay at a hotel or tourist court, make your own reservation either before or after you arrive.

If you desire to stay in a Baptist home in the Little Rock area with a free bed for Friday Night and a free breakfast for Saturday Morning, be sure that your request shows on the Congress Registration blank which your counselor has.

To Church Brotherhoods

The Royal Ambassador Congress offers Baptist men a real opportunity in carrying through on the BIG BROTHER ideal, and providing transportation and expense money for some of the boys of your church who otherwise cannot come to the Congress.

How about it, men?

An Unusual Revival

The Brotherhood Secretary recently had the privilege of working with his own church (Second Church, Little Rock) during a

part of the Simultaneous Revival period, in a revival at the McKay Baptist Mission, where W. Dawson King is pastor.

The revival was unusual in every respect, and reflected the prayers and the consecration of the noble pastor and his fine wife and the other workers at the Mission.

During the revival, there were additions at every service. Attendance was good throughout the whole of the week. The Lord gave 68 decisions, including 51 additions to the church, 43 of whom came on profession of faith as candidates for baptism.

We thank the Lord for the very refreshing experience of working with some who truly love the Lord, and through whom the Lord can work mightily.

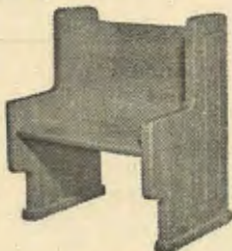
Effective Soul-Winning Tracts

FROM TIME TO TIME, through this Column, the Brotherhood Department offers to send free copies of two soul-winning tracts. One of these tracts is to the CHRISTIAN. It is entitled, "Essential Steps in Personal Soul-Winning;" and sets forth a METHOD in soul-winning. The other tract is written to the LOST person. Its title is, "Have You Been Saved?" Also available is a Family Group Survey (Census) card which has proved to be extremely popular throughout Arkansas and the Southern Baptist Convention. In addition to the above, there is a sample Revival Visitation Card entitled, "Eternity Is Waiting for You." This card can be printed or mimeographed on the blank side with information pertaining to the revival. If you would like free copies of these materials, write the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

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Fascinating Facts About The Baptist Sunday School Board

With apologies to Ripley, here are presented a few 1954 Baptist Sunday School Board "believe it or not."

During 1954 the Baptist Sunday School Board shipped 12,358,478 pounds of church bulletins, graded and periodical literature, and 7,925 freight and express shipments totalling 2,471,950 pounds. There were 2,292,269 pieces of third and fourth class promotional and advertising mail sent out.

The Broadman music typesetting service set music type and word type for 776 music plates.

Total postage used for mailing merchandise, church bulletins, uniform and graded periodicals, promotional and advertising leaflets, denominational and evangelistic tracts, statements, invoices, and first class letters, was \$418,304.13.

Approximately 22,761,695 promotional and advertising leaflets, and denominational and evangelistic tracts were distributed.

The addressograph section addressed 2,573,672 envelopes, labels, and file cards.

271,896 orders for uniform and graded periodicals were filled and the record of accuracy was 99.233 per cent.

The Board's post office, which separates and delivers all incoming and house mail to the various departments, is also a post office contract station. Last year it issued 1,366 money orders and processed 9,156 pieces of insured, C. O. D., and registered mail.

Approximately 260,000 pounds or 130 tons of kraft wrapping paper were used for wrapping uniform and graded periodicals, merchandise, church bulletins, promotional and advertising leaflets, and denominational and evangelistic tracts.

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Wonder is the beginning of wisdom in learning from books as well as from nature. If you never ask yourself any questions about the meaning of a passage, you cannot expect the book to give you any insight you do not already possess.

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Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1950	471	45
Including mission	2147	600	
Fort Smith, First	1882	690	12
Including mission	2065	778	
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	1218	315	4
Including mission	1322	336	5
El Dorado, First	1148	256	4
Including mission	1216	293	5
Little Rock, First	1191	480	20
Including mission	1234	505	22
Little Rock, Second	1062	255	27
Including mission	1165	346	
Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle	938	250	5
El Dorado, Immanuel	857	344	5
Fort Smith, Grand Avenue	827	264	3
Including mission	910	300	
Benton, First	778		
Including mission	857		
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	761	385	19
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	761	168	10
Magnolia, Central	759	187	6
Including mission	847	224	
Warren, First	739	224	18
Camden, First	719	208	5
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Including missions	880	300	
Pine Bluff, South Side	717	222	4
Hope, First	712	238	43
Texarkana, Beech Street	710	220	2
Malvern, First	708	157	10
El Dorado, Second	663	293	5
Waldron	606	269	6
Little Rock, South Highland	606	186	2
Hot Springs, Park Place	600	159	6
Paragould, First	599	223	1
Including mission	702	275	
Springdale, First	595	247	1
Paris, First	575	154	
Conway, First	573	114	
McGehee, First	550	236	
Booneville, First	550	134	
Crossett	547	203	10
West Helena	527	129	
Fort Smith, Calvary	520	183	3
Cullendale, First	514	242	5
Bentonville, First	507	128	3
North Little Rock, Park Hill	503	113	9
Siloam Springs, First	489	215	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	489	172	3
Fordyce, First	486	135	3
Including mission	648	243	
Rogers, First	484	178	4
Searcy, First	474	184	2
El Dorado, West Side	474	166	9
Clarksville, First	463	130	
North Little Rock, Levy	460	155	5
Monticello, First	456	223	3
Jonesboro, Central	452	164	3
Fort Smith, South Side	448	116	3
Jacksonville, First	446	219	4
Including mission	492		
Stuttgart, First	433	136	3
Including missions	748	273	
DeQueen, First	433	162	33
Piggott, First	418	133	1
North Little Rock, First	418	116	9
Cabot, First	389	200	
Including mission	467	244	
Malvern, Third	388	139	2
Smackover, First	385	162	1
North Little Rock, Pike Avenue	331	85	2
Little Rock, Tyler Street	321	139	14
Alma, First	315	118	1
Paragould, East Side	314	136	7
Texarkana, Immanuel	313	115	2
Star City, First	297	119	4
Including mission	366	149	
Fort Smith, Temple	291	133	1
Springdale, Caudle Avenue	275	98	
Berryville, First	269	119	
Including mission	314	153	
Smackover, Joyce City	229	151	10
Crossett, Temple	196	95	2
Little Rock, Rosedale	193	50	3
Pea Ridge, First	178	85	2
Siloam Springs, Harvard Ave.	166	73	
Rogers, Immanuel	153	68	1

Importance Of The Local Church

With the desire to keep clearly before our people the purpose and program of the BAPTIST FOUNDATION, we are repeating in part, some points that have been given before. One factor we consider vitally important is that, in its working to secure funds, the FOUNDATION is in no manner in conflict or competition with local and church-wide financial programs and purposes. In urging support of the FOUNDATION, it is never our aim or desire to try to divert gifts from local causes. We do not want anyone to get the idea or have the fear that the FOUNDATION means to ease into a local church field with the idea of snatching away gifts that would otherwise go to the local church.

As your FOUNDATION Secretary has stated many times before associations and other gatherings, he considers the local church to be the home base and hence the financial program of the church deserves and should have the full support of its membership. The church budget should have first claim on the tithes and offerings of its members, for from the church budget comes the money to pay the local operating expenses of the church, including the pastor's salary and local missions. And equally important is the fact that from the church budget comes the support of the Cooperative Program, which is the means through and by which the church supports a full mission program to the ends of the earth. Yes, the FOUNDATION would say to Arkansas Baptists, "Give first in full and full support to the budget and financial program of your church."

In this connection may we say that the FOUNDATION would like to help emphasize and promote a greater feeling and obligation of stewardship, not just of time but of the whole of our material possessions. We so earnestly would love to help God's people recognize not only their responsibility to God for the financial support of all causes and phases of Kingdom work, but also to realize the joy and happiness that may come to those who actually practice "good stewardship." The FOUNDATION wants

to help stimulate, challenge and produce an expanding interest in both the financial and spiritual programs of the churches.



When the above suggested things come to pass in the church and among its membership, there will then be a desire and impetus on the part of Christians to extend their giving into special fields, to give over-and-above support to special causes and institutions fostered and supported by our denomination. Already that is being done. Our emphasis on stewardship and tithing through recent years is leading many of God's people to open their eyes to the needs and the opportunities. People are seeing needs that cannot be met through the Cooperative Program, pressing needs for long-range financial support for all our institutions — our colleges, assemblies, hospitals, the orphanage — and for special mission enterprises, and then seeing these needs, people are being moved to give of their earnings and of their accumulations through the years of prosperity, that God's Kingdom causes may be able better to do the task "whereunto they have been established."

Gifts and special support as outlined above may be made in a number of ways as follows:

1. Outright cash gifts to be used now for buildings and equipment and other operation needs.
2. Trust fund gifts to be invested and the income distributed to one or more selected causes

3. Bequests in wills for any and all purposes.
4. Gift annuities where the annuitant is paid a fixed interest or income so long as he lives and on his death the principal of the gift is used as indicated by the donor.

And here is where the BAPTIST FOUNDATION comes into the picture, for it was set up by the Baptist Convention to be the agent through which special gifts may be made for the benefit of various causes and institutions as selected by those making the gift and to handle the investments of Christian stewards. The FOUNDATION receives the gifts and serves as the agent or manager, whether it be a cash gift, a gift of property, stocks, bonds, insurance or bequest in a will. Whatever the size of the gift or bequest, whether a few dollars or thousands of dollars, the FOUNDATION is the authorized and designated agent to receive and handle all gifts in a safe and business-like manner. You are invited to call on us for information regarding any feature of the Baptist Foundation program of service.

W. A. Jackson,
Executive Secretary

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One day I rang a door bell . . . in a casual sort of way . . . 'Twas not a formal visit . . . And there wasn't much to say . . . I don't remember what I said . . . It matters not I guess . . . I found a heart in hunger . . . a soul in deep distress . . . He said I came from heaven . . . And I often wondered why . . . He said I came to help him . . . When no other help was nigh . . . It meant so little to me . . . To know at a stranger's door . . . But it meant heaven to him . . . And God's peace forever more.
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Children's Page

Kathy Makes New Friends

By MARGARET GOOD GREGORY

Kathy's heart beat fast. She and Mother were on their way to school. That is exciting any time but it is even more exciting when you are going to school in America for the very first time.

Kathy was really an American but she had been living in Japan with her family while Daddy was in the army. They had just come home on a big ocean liner and the fall term had already begun.

All the while Kathy walked her heart beat faster and faster and she kept wondering about many things. What would her second-grade room be like and who would be her teacher? Would the boys and girls be friendly to a new child?

Now they were at the school and Mother was taking her to the principal's office to be enrolled.

When she looked up, she saw the smiling kindly face of Mrs. Wallace, the principal.

"Kathy, I would like to hear about some of your happy times at school in Japan," said Mrs. Wallace.

Kathy began telling her about school days in Japan as together they walked down the long hall toward the second-grade room.

Because the school had grown so large the second-grade class was using a small library room, but it was light and cheerful.

There were large windows on two sides and rows and rows of books on the other sides. That made it seem cozy, too.

Kathy met Miss Carter, the teacher, who gave her a brand-new little desk which just fitted her. She had never had a little desk like this before and she liked sitting close to the front of the room. School in America was going to be fun!

Then Miss Carter introduced her to the class, saying, "Boys and girls, this is Kathy, who has just come back from Japan."

"Good morning, Kathy," the children replied.

"We're glad you're going to be

in our room," said a girl sitting in front of Kathy.

"Kathy, can you sing a Japanese song for us?" asked Robert.

Kathy was glad she had learned those little Japanese lullabies and she sang them right off without a mistake! The children clapped their hands and asked her to sing them again. But just then the bell rang for recess.

Kathy found many new friends to play with. Mary Ellen wanted to take her to the swings and Margie asked her to play ball with her on the playground. This really was a nice school!

Before Kathy went home that afternoon Miss Carter said, "Kathy, we would like to invite your mother to come to visit us and tell us about life in Japan. Do you think she would do that for us?"

Kathy was most happy now. She thought of all the lovely things that Mother had packed in the trunks to bring to America. Maybe she would bring some of the big collection of Sandai dolls to show the children, and the red silk kimonos and obis, the gaily decorated fans, the pretty toys and dishes, and even some little cooking pans and a charcoal burner like the one used for cooking in Japan.

She would ask Mother, too, if she could give each of the girls in the room one of the little pink carved rings they had bought when they had been shopping together one day. What a splendid surprise that would be for her new friends! Oh, she could hardly wait to go home and tell Mother the good news.

It was wonderful to go to school in America! Simply wonderful!

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By FRANCES POWER

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Vocational Interests Of Baptist Youth To Be Surveyed

Southern Baptists this year will have their first opportunity to make a comprehensive study of the vocational interests of high school-age Baptist youth. Information for this statistical analysis will be secured from Career Interest Inventory forms which were filled out as part of the Intermediate I and II lessons in Training Union April 10.

The forms were among the materials prepared for use in the 1955 Convention-wide April Emphasis on Christian Education, sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Education Commission and the Training Union department of the Sunday School Board. Theme of the Emphasis was "Finding A Worthy Career."

Animal Dart Game

By PANSY McCARTY

Animal darts is fun to play. You can have a lot of fun making the darts and the dart board for the game, too.

How To Make A Dart Board

Draw a large circle on a heavy piece of cardboard. Then draw a smaller circle in the center. Now divide the outer circle into seven parts. Color the center and each of the outer sections a different color with crayons. Mark the number of each part with a black crayon, as shown in the picture. Cut pretty, colored pictures of eight different animals from magazines and glue on the board as the picture shows.

How To Make A Dart

Clip the head from a straight pin and push the blunt end into one end of a used match stem. Be sure that the pin is far enough in to hold firmly. (ask Daddy to help you with this.) Split the opposite end of the match stem take two narrow strips of colored paper, each about one inch long, and slip them into the slit. Bend the ends of the paper strips in opposite directions, as the picture shows. This will form a rudder for the dart. Make three of these darts.

How To Play The Game

Each player tosses three darts for one turn, trying to hit the animal pictures with the highest numbers. If a dart does not stick in a picture and stay, no score is made for that dart. Continue taking turns until someone scores fifty points to win the game.

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The influences that really make or mar human happiness are beyond the reach of law. The law can keep neighbors from trespassing but it cannot put neighborly courtesy and good will into their relations.

—Walter Rauschenbusch.

Early in February, more than 23,500 sample kits of materials which included the inventory forms were mailed to pastors throughout the Convention area. Hundreds of churches ordered additional materials and it is estimated that several thousand of the forms will be returned to Nashville for this study.

Designed by Dr. Freeman H. Beets of the Education Commission, the Career Interest Inventory form has spaces which Intermediates were asked to check to indicate the high school subjects in which they are most interested, the hobbies and special activities which they like best, and the vocations or vocational fields which seem to be related to their interests and which they are likely to consider as a career choice. Respondents were also asked to indicate with whom they have counseled concerning their vocational interests, which vocation the person who provides their major support is engaged in, which, if any, vocational aptitude and interest tests they have taken, the size of their community, the number of students in their high school, and the membership of their church. In addition, they were asked to check their school grade, the state in which they live, their age, and whether they plan to attend college.

As the forms are returned from the churches, they will be coded and punched on IBM cards by the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Sunday School Board. These cards will then be tabulated and the results compiled and analyzed.

"Information secured from this study will yield numerous important practical results," Dr. Beets explained. "We will be able to measure with some degree of accuracy the future curriculum needs of our Baptist colleges; we can compare the vocational interests among students of the various states and according to size of city, church, and school; we can see where most emphasis is being placed in our vocational counseling with our Baptist youth; and, more important, we can use this information as a focal point around which to build a practical plan to help our young people find and follow the will of God as it applies to the world of work."

The statistical analysis is expected to be completed about July 1. It will be directed by J. P. Edmunds, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information, and his assistant, Martin Bradley.

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Quarterly Report — Missions Department Employes

In the Field of Rural Missions

This past quarter we have preached 64 sermons. There were 54 professions of faith, 38 for baptism, 3 by letter and 92 rededications. We visited 34 churches, attended 7 associational meetings and 2 state meetings. Taught the book, "Every Christian's Job." Miles traveled—2,903.

M. E. Wiles.

We preached 73 sermons this past quarter, held 4 prayer services, taught 1 S.S. class, and held 2 revivals. There were 50 professions of faith; 48 additions by baptism, 31 by letter, 60 rededications with 1 surrendering for special service. We visited 19 churches and 2 missions; attended 13 associational meetings, 2 state meetings, 3 pastors' conferences; held 2 study courses, and worked with Dr. Yearby promoting the Simultaneous Crusade. Traveled 6,615 miles.

Jesse Reed.

In the Field of City Missions and Schools of Missions

One church was organized and 2 missions opened this past quarter. Surveyed 9 fields. Arranged 8 Schools of Missions. Attended 27 conferences and meetings. Held 76 conferences with pastors and missionaries. Gave 9 addresses—radio, Rescue Missions, etc. Traveled 2,188 miles. Preached 49 sermons, held 21 prayer meetings and 1 revival. There were 47 professions of faith; 30 additions by letter and 37 rededications.

Churches everywhere are awakening to their opportunities and responsibilities in the field of church-sponsored missions, and are making definite moves to do something constructive in this service. Schools of Missions are fast becoming one of the most popular phases in our many associational programs. More and more of our pastors and churches are planning for Schools of Missions. Many churches are having to wait a year for Home and Foreign Missionaries for these schools, because there are more requests than these boards can supply immediately.

L. B. Golden.

In the Field of Negro Missions

We conducted 3 Leadership Conferences for Negro pastors and church workers at Dermott, Little Rock, and Helena. Helped to organize the first Negro Baptist Student Union in Arkansas through the Leadership Conference in Little Rock.

Organized Extension Schools for Negro Baptist ministers in Pine Bluff and Little Rock. Plans have been completed for schools to open in El Dorado, Eudora and Fort Smith. We are also supervising the school at Helena, which was previously organized. Requests come from the Negroes them-

selves for Extension Schools at Magnolia, Forrest City, Hot Springs, and Newport. We hope necessary funds can be found to establish these schools and several more in the state.

We are promoting the new financial plan for Arkansas Baptist College. It has brought in approximately \$10,000 during the first quarter and is gaining momentum each day. The success of this plan will determine whether or not Arkansas Baptist College will continue to operate.

Attended 1 South Wide Conference on Negro Missions in Nashville, Tennessee. Addressed the State WMU Convention. Spoke to 2 Negro Conventions. Have preached every Sunday with the exception of two in either a Negro or White Church.

The response on the part of the Negroes has been everything that one could expect. They are so appreciative and anxious to be instructed in better plans and methods of carrying on the work of the Lord.

*Clyde Hart,
Director of Negro Work.*

Attended 3 Convention Sessions, 2 WMS meetings (one white). Helped in 3 Leadership Conferences, 1 Mission and Church Institute, and 1 Mission Study class. Attended 1 White B.W.C. Associational Rally and 1 Officers' Workshop. Delivered 1 address on Missions.

*Gwendoline Luster,
Missionary.*

In the Chaplaincy Field

We conducted 80 services with 25 professions of faith and 34 rededications. Several people are waiting to go home and unite with the local church. Held 15 funerals. Gave out 600 Home Life Magazines, 360 Open Windows, 640 Arkansas Baptist, 60 New Testaments & Psalms, and 34 Bibles. We're trying to give out the Word of the Lord by book and mouth as we go among almost 1,100 patients.

We helped in a School of Missions in Centennial Association.

*Chas. W. Finch,
State Sanatorium.*

Our work is new, having started the first of March. I've spent time reading case histories on all the boys, counseling with them and also with the parents who come to visit. We correspond the parents since so many of the boys just do not write. We have held 10 services with 4 decisions. Some came to be prayed for and with.

When possible, I'm present at all gatherings: recreational activities, and school meetings.

*E. A. Richmond,
Boys' Industrial Schools,
Pine Bluff & Wrightsville.*

Asa's Religious Reforms

By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

April 24, 1955

II Chronicles 15:1-12

O Lord our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God: let not man prevail against thee" (14:11). This prayer was answered and the Lord smote the Ethiopians, and gave to Asa an impressive victory with much spoil. It drew the attention of people and characterized him as one who held the presence of the Lord. This was not a bad reputation for any political leader.

FORWARD STEP

Following the success against the Ethiopians, Asa did two other things. First, he put away all the idols (15:8) which were the abomination of the Caananites. He cleaned his country of the ungodly. This was a bold, forward step in righteousness. The Queen Mother had not exercised a good influence. She had established an idol in a favored place. Asa had the courage to destroy this heathen symbol and cut down the Queen Mother (15:16). He attempted to lead the people to the royal sanctuary for worship. Though any leader is likely to make mistakes, Asa attempted with his face toward God to lead the people to God. He drew the commendation of one of God's prophets, Azariah, who informed him that if he sought God, God would be found. If he forsook God, then he would be forsaken (15:2).

Wonderful results came from these contributions. One, he enticed the best people to the land (15:9). When people heard that God was surely with Asa, they began to come from Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, Manasseh and out of Simeon to the command of Asa. It was a wonderful thing for these people to be attracted into the land. Any nation improves itself by the quality of citizenship it attracts. Asa led these people to enter a covenant to seek God fully (15:12). The people rejoiced in this and dedicated themselves to a closer walk with God.

It has been said many times that one cannot legislate morals which is a true statement. However, evil never hesitates to legislate for its advance. Proof of its aggressiveness is seen over and over in acts of legislatures and men of high position.

It is true that they are charged to represent all people, but many times because of political expediency they will represent the group that exercises most

pressure. Evil has always held sway in its demands. It will rise up because of the very selfishness of its nature and make demands for an avenue to express itself cuddled in the arms of legality and respectability. Anyone who fails to be as aggressive with his righteous cause as evil is aggressive will lose the battle. One who stands in position of leadership should never hesitate to do all that he can to set forces in order for the advance of righteousness.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

Good men are needed for rulers. These men set the tide. Rulers determine the tendencies. Rulers call in the good or bad to surround them depending upon which they will accept as companions and helpers. The righteous are slow to push good men outward in public office and places of leadership. They wait for the opposite force to place their champions, and then attempt to knock down with dislike and ridicule. Would it be more profitable to put up a positive man who was interested in right and let the public know his convictions? People are susceptible to good actions and choice when leadership challenges them.

Representatives of righteousness should encourage rulers in good acts. Any ruler is human. He responds to praise and attention. His good acts should be commended and his bad condemned. Sometimes Christian forces are quicker to condemn than they are to commend. Condemnation would bear greater effect, if commendation had a wider use. Have you encouraged any officer from the local policeman to the high official in state affairs?

Evil must be exposed and dethroned. Evil is fast and ferocious to gain headway. It likes to be upon the top. It is unprincipled to gain this advantageous position. Evil must be fought back, downed, and depressed, else it will be a rising force at all times.

What type citizen does your community attract? This is the period when liquor permits are sought. One hears of contemplated race tracks. Gamblers are looking for a community of tolerance. These forces look to the place which will give them the least static in their ungodly operation. Should the voice of the church sound out? Should the community express its stand? Some communities will not tolerate the cheap carnival within its borders. Why? A community is made by the type citizenship it encourages to reside in its borders.

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"Evangelism kindles and rekindles the flames of compassion in the hearts of our preachers, teachers and church officers in our local churches. Without it, we drift into cold, clammy formalism and ritualism that breathe the breath of stagnation and death into church life.

"If we are agreed on this, then we should give evangelism its rightful place in our denominational life.

"Evangelism was first in the program of Christ."

—C. E. Matthews.

A Good Revival Meeting

There were 24 additions and many other kinds of decisions made during the revival meeting at the Rose Hill Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas, which came to a close on Sunday night, April 10. The evangelist for the meeting was Dr. L. H. Davis, pastor of the First Church, Harrisburg. The Music Director was Mr. J. E. Wells of Fort Worth, Texas. In spite of the rains and cool weather, the crowds were good. The Rose Hill Church members shall long remember the fine gospel preaching by Brother Davis. We consider our church fortunate to have had him.

—Grover C. Ivins, Pastor.

Gunther Leaves Arkansas

We are losing another good preacher. Pastor Wayne Gunther, of Salem, is transferring to First Baptist Church of Robinson, Illinois. This is a Southern Baptist Church, Gunther would not be satisfied with anything else. He has done a splendid work at Salem which includes 41 additions to the church, 15 being by baptism, and an increase in Sunday school attendance from 65 to 100. The property has been improved which includes both interior and exterior decoration with a new lighting system installed and an electric organ purchased and hymnals and the Lord's Supper Service Set purchased. A new Mission has also been established at Fairview. Gunther is worth his weight in gold and we suffer a distinct loss in his leaving the state.

—B. L. B.

Church Architects Conference

The Memphis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and the Memphis Ministerial Association are co-sponsoring a District Conference on Church Architecture in Memphis on the first Monday in May.

If you think you would profit by attending this conference you can sit in on it and ask any questions you desire. You can confer with any of these Architects about your church building. The date is May 2, 1955, and the place is Lindenwood Christian Church, 40 East Parkway South, Memphis, Tennessee.

—B. L. B.

McCrory

Thomas E. Farrar, Jr. has assumed the pastorate of the First Church of McCrory. He moved on the church field some two months ago. Brother Farrar is a native of Lepanto, where his parents still reside. He was graduated from Southwestern Seminary Ft. Worth, Texas, in January of this year. He is married to the former Miss Virginia Richter of Lansing, Michigan. They have one son, Eddie. Since the arrival of our pastor on the church field there have been four additions to the church by baptism. There has been a decided increase in Sunday School, Brotherhood, and Training Union attendance. An active campaign for the future church building fund has been planned. Under Brother Farrar's leadership the McCrory church is on the move.

—Bessie Fraser.

Gathright Gives Organ

Mr. P. D. Gathright of the Gathright Van and Storage Company has given the Executive Board a Wurlitzer Organ for its use in the Chapel in the Baptist Building at 401 West Capitol, Little Rock. Our heart-felt thanks we hereby express to Brother Gathright. The General Secretary has known Gathright from boyhood and we always refer to him as "P. D.", his initials. He is a Baptist and has developed a large business under the name of Gathright Van and Storage Company, located at 2600 West 10th Street, Little Rock. He has a great business and renders efficient service in moving household goods and other wares either on long distances or short hauls. We are most grateful indeed for Brother Gathright's thoughtfulness and generosity in this timely and splendid gift to us.

—B. L. B.

Do You Need a Grand Piano?

A Baptist woman has been generous enough to lend us a Grand Piano for use in our chapel services. We appreciate the use of it but Mrs. Mary Lumsden wants to sell the piano and would take \$500 for it. If you are interested in it you can contact her at 2420 Wright Avenue, Little Rock, Telephone FR 5-4444. It is a "Cable" Piano.

—B. L. B.

Do You Need an Organ For Your Church?

We are in touch with a good man who has two used Wurlitzer Organs. They are in excellent condition and if your church needs one it might be an opportunity for you to obtain one at a reduced cost. One of these instruments is a \$4,000 organ. It can be purchased for approximately \$2,100. It is "series 21," the largest model. The other one is a smaller instrument and he will sell it for about \$1,800. He will give a "new organ" warranty. If your church is interested and will get in touch with us we will make contact for you.

—B. L. B.

To The Southern Baptist Convention

When you go to the Southern Baptist Convention if you want to take a post Convention trip to Havana or Nassau get in touch with us and we will refer you to some parties who are in a position to offer some very low, all expense tour rates to either of these places.

Here is a schedule and some quotations on expenses to Miami:

Lv. Little Rock—MoPac., 2:30 a.m. Monday (Example)

Ar. Memphis—MoPac., 6:30 a.m. Monday (Example)

Lv. Memphis—Frisco, 10:25 a.m. Monday (Example)

Ar. Miami—F.E.C., 5:10 p.m. Tuesday (Example)

Return

Lv. Miami—F.E.C., 12:30 p.m. Monday (Example)

Ar. Memphis—Frisco, 6:45 p.m. Tuesday (Example)

Lv. Memphis—MoPac., 8:30 p.m. Tuesday (Example)

Ar. Little Rock—MoPac., 11:45 p.m. Tuesday (Example)

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Is It Just a Clever Package? Today in almost any grocery store one can see, prominently displayed among the candies — candy cigarettes, packaged exactly like their big-name brothers. Is there no place the tobacco advertisers will stop in their tremendous drive to create the appetite for smoking in the American population? "Oh, it's just a clever package," someone says. But it is more. It is an effort to teach Junior and his sister from the cradle up to reach for a cigarette pack.

First Church Bulletin,
Fisher, Arkansas.

Stricken Jap Churchman 'Resting Comfortably'

Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, noted Japanese Protestant evangelist and labor leader who collapsed suddenly in Osaka, was reported to be resting comfortably.

His wife said there was no cause for worry, although his condition was described earlier to be serious.

One report said the 67-year-old churchman was suffering from cerebral anemia but was resting and eating well.