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H. Armstrong Roberts

**Let's Join Hands and Hearts to Increase the Circulation
of the Arkansas Baptist — Our Goal, 50,000**

See pages eight and nine

Using the State Paper

By S. H. JONES

First of all, we recognize that the state paper, in this case **The Baptist Courier**, belongs to the Baptists of the state; and they have a right to use it. Furthermore, Baptists believe in free communication and discussion; and a Baptist paper is a medium of communication and discussion. It would follow, then, that its pages should be open to its constituency at all times. For these very reasons, it seems rather difficult for some Baptists to understand why they cannot always have all the space they want in which to say all they want to say about any subject, and in their own way. Not in a spirit of complaint, but with a desire to be helpful, we offer a few comments on the subject.

Somebody Must Be Responsible

By this, we mean that a paper must be controlled by somebody who is responsible for determining how its limited space shall be used. Since it is obviously impossible for such a paper to use all the material that it receives, not to speak of all it might get, no writer should feel offended if he is not accorded space for what he writes. And it is not necessary for an editor, the responsible person, to explain why he does not publish a given article in every case. He is responsible; and he must rely upon his own best judgment, depending upon people to be understanding and patient. To be sure, any editor may make a mistake; but, if he is to be responsible, they must be his own mistakes and not those of somebody else! An editor must not, therefore, allow himself to be "pressured" into publishing material which, in his best judgment, he would regard as unsuitable. Remember that the paper has other purposes to serve besides that of publicity and discussion.

Preference Must Be Given to the Most Important Material

What constitutes important material is not always easy to decide; in general, however, preference must be given to articles that are unusual and those that would be of general interest over a wide area. News of ordinary church activities which would be of interest only in the local area would, in that sense, be regarded as not so important. Obviously, a state paper could never hope to run week by week reports from all the churches, no matter how brief they might be. And some that are received are not brief! An editor is always willing to go "all out" to accommodate all who report, but there are limits. We wish all the churches would report items of interest and we do our best to publish all the reports we receive, but we want our readers and reporters to understand.

Pictures are Costly and Not Always Appropriate

The use of pictures is a constant problem. Good pictures, properly used, improve any paper; but there are rather severe limits upon the number a paper can afford to use. Sometimes, a picture that is sent in is not properly made for engraving or is of a type which would not seem suitable. Individual photographs must be used sparingly to keep down expense, and avoiding any appearance of discrimination is not always easy.

Discussion of Controversial Issues Must Be Limited

Certain limits are evident, such as space, time, spirit, (avoidance of all derogatory re-

marks about people, impugning motives, etc.), and manner of expression. There is not space enough for everything, and the time for discussion of any given subject may not always be appropriate. Good people may write what is true in such a way as to suggest an improper spirit, and the manner of expression may be such as to make an article hurtful rather than helpful.

Certainly, a Baptist paper should not avoid controversial subjects because almost any subject is controversial, to some degree. On the other hand, such a paper must not become controversial in spirit and a promoter of controversy. In this matter, an editor must decide whether a subject should be discussed or not and, if so, when and how, keeping in mind the purposes of the paper and the whole interests of its constituency.

This article is already too long, and yet it barely begins to cover the subject. It will, we hope, at least suggest some points at which a better understanding may be needed; if so, it will have served its purpose.

—The Baptist Courier.

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The Man Whom Jesus Couldn't Make

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eternal life for a few dollars which they hold for awhile and then must leave forever. It is greed that established the sweatshops to coin money out of the misery and poverty of the helpless. It is greed that cheats labor out of an honest wage and that cheats management out of an honest day's work. It is greed that gives short measures and weights and practices sharp bargaining. It is greed that preys upon the helpless and weak, that betrays human friendships and delivers the Lord Jesus into the hands of His enemies. The greedy who stoop to make a dime dishonestly are putting themselves in the company of Judas Iscariot.

Greed blinds the eyes to all values other than monetary values. There is a legend of a young man who picked up a coin lying on the road. Ever afterward as he walked along he kept his eyes steadfastly on the ground, hoping to find another. In the course of his long life he picked up a goodly amount of silver and gold. But in all these years he saw not that the heaven was bright above him, that nature was fruitful around him, but kept his eyes upon the mud and filth in which he sought the treasure. And when he died a rich old man he knew this fair earth of ours only as a dirty road in which to pick up coins as he walked along.

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Public school superintendents from thirty-five American cities adopted a resolution urging that schools make a greater effort to help students understand the importance of religion in their lives and aid them to build and live by a "system of moral and spiritual values." This was part of a statement drawn up by the 14th annual Work Conference for Superintendents of Schools held in New York.

—Survey Bulletin.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Far more children should be delinquent than actually are. They have an amazing capacity to tolerate bad parents, poor teachers, dreadful homes and communities.

—Dr. Loretta Bender, York Univ.

A Devout Life

A Devotion by the Editor

"And the Lord was with him."

Dr. Alexander MacLaren has characterized the life of Hezekiah as the pattern of devout life. I think we may quite agree with him. We are familiar with patterns. Garments are cut by patterns. Buildings are erected by patterns, and life must be lived by patterns.

God has not left us without patterns after which we may fashion our lives. Of course, the perfect pattern of life is Jesus Christ. But if He were the only pattern we had, it might discourage us. The very perfection of the pattern of Christ's life might discourage us from hoping that we might attain unto such a pattern.

The apostle John declares that, though it is not now apparent what we shall be, yet we have the assurance that we shall be like Him because we shall see Him as He is, and that is enough to encourage us in our present efforts to fashion our lives according to the pattern of our Lord.

And it is especially encouraging when we find in the distant past, with its meager revelations of God, a life that has been able to rise to such heights of devotion and spiritual achievements. Surely with the additional revelations and the inspiration of so many more examples, we today should be more able to achieve a devout life.

Also, it is well to go back to that distant day because we discover that the devout life must be built upon the same great principles in every age. There have been no changes in the fundamental principles since Hezekiah's day.

There are four rungs on that ladder. Hezekiah trusted in the Lord God of Israel. Nothing has ever been substituted for trust in God, or faith if you choose. Then Hezekiah clave to the Lord, or adhered to the Lord as the iron filings adhere to the magnet. Again Hezekiah departed not from following Him. This expresses the aspiration of his heart and life. And last, Hezekiah kept His commandments, or obeyed the Lord.

"He trusted in the Lord God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. For he clave to the Lord, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses;" 2 Kings 18:5, 6.

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If punishment were the answer (to delinquency) we would have had a perfect society centuries ago, with pillories, stocks and the whipping post.

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From The Editor's Desk

The Man Whom Jesus Couldn't Make

The name of Judas stands for the basest act of treachery in all human history. The lying charges of hired witnesses and the false trial before the Jewish court are but mild misdemeanors compared with his deed. The miscarriage of justice before Pilate, the political opportunist, is not as shocking to us as the betrayal by Judas. The sin of the Roman soldiers is pale compared with the gory deed of this man. All generations since his day concur in the self-condemnation which he pronounced: "I have betrayed innocent blood."

Guilt

But if we throw the blanket of oblivion over this one deed, Judas would be accepted in any respectable society. His is not a life blackened by a succession of base and evil deeds, not the totally depraved nature to whom no good appeals. There was an element of genuine worth in him. Even his closest companions did not suspect the possibility of such a base betrayal. When Jesus said, "One of you shall betray me," no accusing glances were cast toward Judas, no one asked, "Is it Judas?", but each one asked, "Is it I?"

His deed was so unexpected, sudden, precipitous, that the first reaction of his companions was shock. They were literally stunned. They had not suspected that such a thing could happen. But after they began to recover from the first shock they looked back and could see clearly the steps that led to his act of treachery. Little things which attracted only momentary notice at the time are now seen in the light of the last foul deed. And now, seeing the antecedents of this deed, they are surprised that they had not suspected him before.

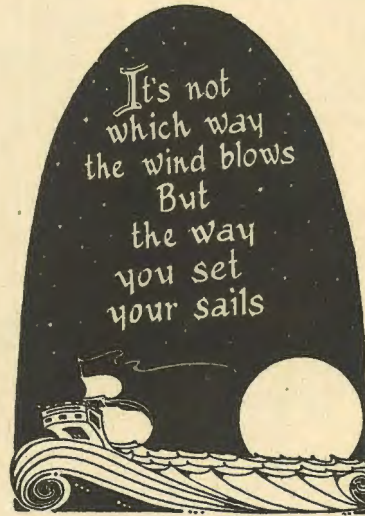
Here lies the difference between the betrayal of Judas and the denial of Peter: the one was deliberate, premeditated, planned; the other was sudden, unexpected by Peter himself, who was swept from his moorings before he knew it. The one resulted in guilt which led to despair from which there was no rebound; the other resulted in a consciousness of guilt which led to repentance and the rebound of faith.

Cause

Have you never wondered just what caused Judas to betray his Lord? I have. There must have been something behind it. And I think we may learn from the other disciples what it was.

As already suggested, these other disciples were shocked, amazed, stunned, humiliated! To think that one of their own number should betray their Lord! I can imagine them discussing it among themselves. They are too stunned at first to even talk about it or to think clearly about it. But finally they did bring themselves to discuss the matter and they elected another man to take his place among them. After the resurrection

and ascension, and especially after Pentecost when their vision was cleared, they recalled many things that pointed toward the betrayal.



"Why," said one, "he accepted money from the Jews to do this thing." "And do you remember," said another, "the time Mary anointed Jesus with the costly ointment, 'this ought to have been sold and given to the poor'. Little did he care for the poor." "Yes," spoke another, "do you remember how many times the treasury was short and he gave some plausible excuse for the scarcity of funds? Why, he was a thief and carried the money bag." It is perfectly plain now that his love of money, his avarice, his greed, was the parent sin.

His love of money had led him to manage to get himself elected as treasurer of the band, or perhaps he had just appropriated the office. He had visualized the new kingdom to be established with all the nations of the world paying tribute to this new kingdom, and himself treasurer. What a glorious time he would have, and the money he would handle! But Jesus is letting opportunities pass when He should be declaring Himself. Why does He not take advantage of these opportunities? And Judas begins to have misgivings concerning the possibility of Jesus establishing that proposed kingdom. So when Jesus fails to declare Himself on the occasion of the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, that is the last straw. Judas is convinced that Jesus is too easy-going ever to become the ruler of a world-wide empire.

Thief

The Jewish authorities are determined upon His death. Jesus had shown Himself to lack decision. The end is certain, so why not get out of it what he can to partly compensate for the three years he has lost from business? John sums up the conclusion of the disciples by saying, "He was a thief and had the bag and bare what was put therein." Many sins are committed because of avar-

The Practice of Sin

This much may be said about sin, everybody practices sin more or less, and all practice it more than they should.

Universal

However universal the practice of sin may be, it is not, as a rule, a popular subject for preaching. Just as people work all the week for money but don't like to hear it mentioned on Sunday, so they may practice sin all the week, but would rather not hear about it from the pulpit on the Lord's day. In fact, we do a lot of things we don't like to hear people talk about.

There are two common tendencies among us, tendencies which are exactly opposite in character and which cause us to act in a contradictory manner. The one is to exaggerate small things and give them a consideration out of proportion to their merits. The other tendency is to minimize big things and pass them by with only a casual consideration.

Pilate did not think enough of justice to render a decision which he knew to be right. But he would not change a single word of the inscription which he placed above the cross of Jesus.

It is a very common tendency to minimize sin, and the reason is very clear. A person could not possibly see his sins in the enormity of their blighting effects and still hug them to his heart and remain happy and contented in a life of sin. The only way men and women can remain in sin and reject the offer of forgiveness and salvation is to refuse to believe that their sins amount to much.

Sins are labeled as faults, mistakes, and other such mild terms. But the Bible everywhere pictures sin as "exceeding sinful."

Change the Label

Dr. J. W. Chapman relates that after an earnest sermon by a distinguished minister, dealing plainly and pointedly with sin, one of the church officers came to the study of the pastor and expressed himself somewhat as follows: "We don't want you to talk as plainly as you did about sin, because if our boys and girls hear you talk so much about sin they will more easily become sinners. Call it a mistake if you will, but do not speak so plainly about sin." The pastor took down a small bottle of strychnine, marked "poison," and showed it to his visitor saying, "I see what you want me to do. You want me to change the label. Now, suppose I take this label off and substitute another, say, 'Essence of peppermint,' do you not see what happens? The milder you make the label the more dangerous you make the poison."

In spite of this irrefutable logic, many people label their sins as thrilling experiences, or a joyous good time, and such like. But God labels sin as poison, death, destruction, eternal punishment.

ice, greed, the love of money. Women sell their virtue and men their honor and honesty because of their greed. Many barter away the closest friendships of life and others mortgage the happiness of their homes and their loved ones because of their avarice. Many sell their Lord and their own hope of

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Kingdom Progress

Ground Breaking Ceremonies At Eudora



Reading from left to right: Earl Verser, Mrs. Willis Coddington, Willis Coddington, J. T. Barrett, Mrs. J. T. Barrett, Mrs. Frank Toney, Frank Toney, J. P. Cheatham, M. J. Anders, Pastor Homer A. Bradley, Mrs. L. E. Henderson and Mr. R. T. Stephenson, charter members, Ralph Douglas, Edward Edmondson, Mission pastor, L. J. Ready, Moderator of Delta Association, Don Borland, Nathen Wiles, D. L. Hall, J. H. Fondren, Ben Cashion, A. B. Vaughters, N. L. McDuffie, J. P. Gammell and Von Fowler.

First Church, Eudora, broke ground for their new educational building on July 31. Twenty-four members of the Eudora church and two visitors are shown in the ground breaking ceremony, each with a shovel.

Ralph Douglas, assistant executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was guest speaker at the afternoon service. Pastor Homer A. Bradley recognized members of the building and finance committees, also the deacons of the church.

Baptist Minister Proclaimed Father of U. of Richmond

A testimonial to the fact that the good that men do lives after them is the inscription on a grave marker in central Alabama which proclaims Edward Baptist to be the father of the University of Richmond.

The marker was dedicated August 17 at a simple ceremony in the family burying plot, Faunsdale, Ala., at which Virginia and Alabama Baptists joined with University President George M. Modlin in paying tribute to the man who planted the acorn that became the University oak.

Baptist, who was one of the best-known Baptist ministers of his day, was also a prime mover in the formation of an Education Society in Virginia for the education of Baptist ministers. When funds for the proposed Seminary were slow to materialize, Baptist agreed to undertake in his home in Powhatan county the education of young men wishing to prepare for the ministry.

That was 1830 — 125 years ago. There were only nine students that first session. Many years afterwards the late Robert Ripley was to call national attention in his "Be-

lieve It or Not" feature to the fact that a man named Baptist had been the founder of Dunlora Academy for Baptist ministers. He might also have pointed out that the first student to enroll was named Allgood—William Allgood.

After two years as school master, in addition to his duties as pastor of several rural churches in Powhatan County, Edward Baptist moved to Alabama, probably never dreaming that his little school would eventually become Virginia's largest private institution of higher learning. Today the University of Richmond, located on a 350-acre campus of rolling woodland overlooking the James River Valley in the historical capital of Virginia, enrolls almost 4,000 students and has total assets of more than \$11,000,000.

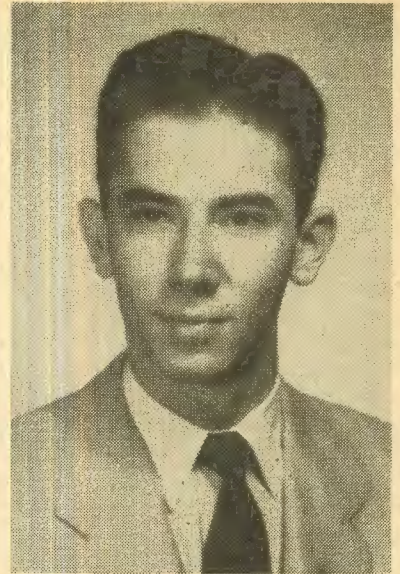
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CENSORSHIP

No censored people have produced a government or a culture, or a civilization that excited any other people's admiration or respect or envy.

—Wm. L. Cheney

Minister Ordained



PAT MURRAY

Pat Murray, son of Judge and Mrs. Woody Murray, was ordained to the full Gospel ministry by First Church of Harrison on August 7. Mr. Murray is presently serving as pastor of the Grubb Springs Church. He will enter Southern Seminary in September. He holds the Bachelor of Arts Degree from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he was the top honor graduate of the 1955 graduating class. While at Baylor he was active in the B. S. U. city-missions program.

Pastor Lehman F. Webb of Harrison served as moderator and delivered the ordination sermon. The examination was conducted by E. E. Griever, pastor of the First Church, Hamburg, and the charge was delivered by Howard Wilson, Boone-Newton County Associational Missionary. Hugh Cooper, pastor of the Eagle Heights Church in Harrison, led in the ordination prayer, and the Bible was presented by Felix Goodson.

In the World of Religion

A special Senate subcommittee on constitutional rights will hold a week of hearings on freedom of religion and separation of church and state on October 3. The purpose is "to determine the extent to which guaranteed individual rights are being respected and enforced." The Senate has appropriated \$50,000 for the initial study.

Veterans who attend Protestant theological seminaries only four days a week because they handle week-end preaching assignments will receive full benefits under the G. I. Bill of Rights. The new ruling was issued by the Veterans Administration as the result of appeals by Protestant agencies.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit has decided that a cash allowance paid a minister to cover the cost of his housing isn't income on which he is subject to tax.

—Survey Bulletin.

Protestant Theological Students Decrease in Netherlands

The number of students at Protestant theological schools in the Netherlands has decreased steadily over the last three years.

A total of 562 students are enrolled in Holland's four Protestant seminaries this year as compared to 580 last year and 602 in the 1952-53 academic year, the report showed.

—Religious News Service.

Executive Board Meeting

By the Editor

The Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention held its regular mid-year meeting on August 16. This meeting is usually held in July. On account of so many of the pastors and members of the Executive Board being away in July attending the Baptist World Congress in London, the meeting of the Board was postponed until August 16.

Reports of Special Committees

The report of the Executive Committee of the Executive Board which met on August 15 was given by Walter Johnson of Fayetteville. In this report it was stipulated that each cause sharing in the capital needs budget should share on a percentage basis of each dollar received from capital needs and that only after the operating budget had been satisfied shall the capital needs funds be distributed. The institutions and causes receiving capital needs funds were urged to promote and undergird the Cooperative Program as the primary lifeline of support for all the work of Arkansas Baptists.

Capital Needs Committee

T. K. Rucker, chairman of the Capital Needs Committee, made the report for that committee. The committee recommended a schedule of capital needs allocations for the next five years with the proposal that at the end of the five year period the whole capital needs program be reviewed and that any necessary adjustments in allocations be made at that time. The committee recommended that a committee of five be appointed to make a study of the field of Christian Education in Arkansas and bring recommendations at the earliest practical moment as to the whole policy and program of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The committee also recommended that any outside help needed to make such a survey in the state be secured and the expenses incurred by the survey committee and the services of outside help be paid by the Convention. Two other recommendations from the special Capital Needs Committee included the placing of an item in capital needs for endowment of our institutions and that a special committee be appointed to investigate the advisability of establishing a printing plant.

The schedule of capital needs allocations for the next five years recommended by the Capital Needs Committee is at the bottom of this page.

There was an amendment to the Capital Needs Committee's report to the effect "that we recommend to the (Assembly) Board of Control that a camp ground be established and that \$7,500 be allocated to the capital needs for that purpose.

The allocation of \$7,500 for the establishment of a camp ground resulted from the report by David Garland of North Little Rock who was chairman of a special committee to study the duties of the Assembly Board of Control. Dr. Garland quoted from the minutes of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention annual of 1947, 1948 and 1949 in which Conventions the Assembly Board of Control was set up and its duties defined. The Committee also suggested that since the Assembly belongs to Arkansas Baptists that when the program is made all the department heads be asked to make suggestions concerning the part they would like to have on the program.

In the absence of Dr. Nolan Howington, chairman of the Committee on Salaries of State Convention employees, Mr. Raymond Lindsey read the report of that Committee. The report was adopted by the Executive Board. The report provides that the starting salaries of heads of departments be set at \$5,400 and upon satisfactory service they may be increased at the rate of \$300 per year until the maximum of \$6,600 is reached. Each increase, however, is to be reviewed and passed on by the Executive Board. The starting salary for associates in each department was fixed at \$4,800 annually and may be advanced upon the basis of satisfactory work \$300 each year until the ceiling of \$6,000 is reached.

A schedule of salary bases and increases was set up for office secretaries. This salary schedule was set up on the basis of scholastic training and experience. The starting salary ranged from \$2,000 annually to \$2,400 annually, depending upon the training and experience of the person involved. A ceiling for all secretary's salaries was fixed at \$2,700.

The salaries of other personnel which could not well be classified under the above schedules was dealt with individually. This individual treatment included the state missionaries, Dr. Clyde Hart, and Chaplain Charles Finch. Also included in this category were certain staff members of the Arkansas Baptist, the bookkeeper in the executive offices, and the maid who takes care of the building.

1956 Budget

The proposed 1956 budget was set up and allocations made to each cause sponsored by the Convention. This budget is published on the back page of the Arkansas Baptist by Dr. Bridges. We will not repeat it here but ask that the readers of the Arkansas Baptist carefully study this budget and be prepared to vote on it at the Convention in November.

Minister of Music, First Church, Crossett



WILLARD BURNHAM

Willard Burnham has assumed the duties of his new position as minister of music and education of the First Church, Crossett. He formerly served in this capacity at the Morningside Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mr. Burnham is originally from Haynesville, Louisiana, and received his formal education at Louisiana College, Pineville.

Mrs. Burnham was formerly in education work, having graduated from Southwestern Seminary in 1950.

The Burnhams have a two-year-old daughter, Bonnie.

Keahey to Village Church

Henry L. Keahey resigned the pastorate of Mt. Olive Church, Ashley County Association to assume the pastorate of Village Church.

Mr. Keahey was pastor of Mt. Olive Church for two years. During this time there were 50 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, 37 by letter and 6 by statement. The Sunday school enrolment increased by 193. A Brotherhood was organized. Extensive redecoration was done on the educational facilities.

Deacon Claimed by Death

First Church, Nashville, lost the chairman of the deacons by death. W. E. Tyndall passed to his heavenly reward on June 16.

The deacons of the Nashville church recently passed resolutions expressing appreciation for Mr. Tyndall and his service to the Nashville church. The deacons also expressed their sympathy for the bereaved family.

Southwestern Registration Set For Sept. 5-7

Registration for the fall semester at Southwestern Seminary will be held September 5-7, according to President J. Howard Williams.

Students entering Southwestern for the first time will register September 5. Entrance examinations for all new music students will be given on the same date.

Students previously enrolled and all music students will register September 6-7. Classes begin September 8.

Capital Needs Allocations

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Ouachita	\$50,000	\$67,000	\$77,000	\$80,000	\$85,000
Orphanage	25,000	25,000	30,000	35,000	35,000
BSU	30,000	30,000	25,000	20,000	20,000
Hospital	40,000	45,000	50,000	50,000	55,000
Office Building	10,000	10,000			
Camp Ground	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Siloam Assembly	15,000	15,000	20,000	25,000	25,000
Memphis Hospital	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000

By Religious News Service

Navy Reports Worship Attendance Increase

Navy chaplains conducted 213,011 worship services and Bible study sessions during the past year with a combined attendance of 11,776,491.

This was an increase of more than 700,000 over the previous year's attendance, the Navy report said.

The chaplains conducted 35,854 lectures under the Moral Guidance Program which were attended by 2,134,205. They also held 785,111 personal counseling interviews and paid 987,232 visits to Navy, Marine and Coast Guard servicemen in hospitals and brigs.

Lay leaders on ships without chaplains conducted an estimated 1,410 services with an attendance of over 232,096, the report added.

There were some 830 chaplains on duty during the 1954-55 fiscal year, the report said, a reduction of about 50 from the previous year.

Lutheran Membership Passes Seven-Million Mark

Membership in Lutheran churches of the United States and Canada exceeded seven million in 1954, a new high, according to the annual statistical summary compiled by the National Lutheran Council.

Reporting a total membership of 7,117,906, the summary said this was an increase of 248,840 or 3.6 per cent over the previous year. The average gain during the past five years has been about three per cent.

Of the total members, 6,906,331 are located in the U. S. and 211,575 in Canada.

Set Congressional Probe Of 'Religious Junk' Racket

A Congressional investigation of the "religious junk racket" promoted by dealers who mail unsolicited "religious articles" to American householders with a request for payment or contributions will be conducted at Miami, Fla., in the fall.

Rep. John Dowdy (D.-Tex.) heads a subcommittee of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee that will make the probe. It was requested by Rep. Dante B. Fascell (D.-Fla.), a member of the subcommittee.

Others who will serve on the group are Reps. Joseph Kilgore (D.Tex.), Edward J. Robeson (D.-Va.), Katherine St. George (R.-N. Y.), Charles Gubser (R.-Calif.), and Elford Cederberg (R.-Mich.).

Rep. Fascell earlier had presented the Post Office Department with evidence that led postal inspectors to crack down on at least two big mail order operators in the Miami area dealing in "religious junk." He said stricter legislation may be needed to curb such operations in the future.

The Post Office threatened Benjamin and Kerry Kram, owners of Ex-GI-Plastics, with prosecution on a charge of using the mails to defraud. As a result, Benjamin Kram signed an "affidavit of discontinuance" promising that he and his brother will cease their operation and authorizing postal officials to stamp all mail addressed to their firm "out of business" and return it to the senders.

Texan Leaves Millions to Help Small Protestant Churches

The will of Morris C. Oldham, founder of the Phenix Dairy in Houston, leaves several million dollars to the foundation he created five years ago to help "small Protestant churches."

Mr. Oldham died on July 19. His will has been admitted to probate.

An attorney for the Oldham estate said an inventory of the estate, including stocks and bonds, cash and property, is being made. It is believed the estate will reach a value of several million dollars.

Mr. Oldham sold his interests in the Phenix Dairy to his employees in 1952 and since then had devoted most of his time to the Oldham Little Church Foundation which has helped struggling and financially handicapped churches throughout the country.

One of the foundation's trustees said it has aided more than 300 churches in the past five years.

Mr. Oldham's will defines "Protestant churches" eligible for foundation help as "all churches spreading the doctrine of Christianity except the Catholic." It adds that "no part of the trust shall ever be used to carry on propaganda or influence legislation."

Church School Representation Assured At White House Conference

Delegates from Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish parochial schools will be named by the federal government to the White House Conference on Education, Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, if state-appointed delegations inadequately represent private education.

The conference is slated to be the largest meeting of its kind ever held by leaders of American education.

Two thousand voting delegates are to attend. Fourteen hundred of them will be appointed by state governors. Three hundred are to represent various civic and education groups, such as the American Legion, National PTA and General Federation of Women's Clubs. Three hundred other "specialists" will be designated by Marion B. Folsom, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Preliminary indications suggest that state delegations will be made up mostly of public school officials and teachers. Should this prove the case the privately-supported schools, which enroll one-eighth of all students in the United States, will be assured of representation through the 300 special delegates, a spokesman for the conference planning staff said.

Italian Protestants Hold Interdenominational Conference

Representatives of 13 Protestant churches in the Venetian provinces met in Trieste for one of the largest interdenominational gatherings ever held in Italy.

Ten of the participants were pastors of Baptist, Methodist, Waldensian, Lutheran and Swiss Reformed churches in the area. Others were elders, deacons and deaconesses and directors of church youth activities.



"Promise me you won't leave your bed?"

A young woman who had married a rather tight-fisted young man resolved to deal with her husband's stinginess with humor and grace. But her resolution was rudely shaken as she looked at her meager first month's allowance check.

"I'm going to have this photographed, dear," she tenderly remarked.

"As a sort of memento of our marriage?" the groom inquired.

"No, dear," the bride sweetly replied, "so I can have it enlarged."

Teacher (explaining math problem): "Now, class, watch the blackboard while I run through it again."

The summer tourist was new to the ocean, but he didn't think much of the prices he was being charged.

"Say, why don't you sell that sea water?" he remarked caustically to a Cape Cod dock owner, as he walked off the pier. When he ret'd that afternoon, the tide had gone out. Stupefied for a minute, he exclaimed, "I didn't actually think you'd do it."

—Quote.

Youngsters are different nowadays — you never know how they'll react to your favorite old stories. I recently told a 12-yr-old about some cousins of mine who lived 7 mi's out in the country back in the old days, and had to walk to school each morning and home each night. They all grew up to be successful, responsible men and women. I told all this to the 12-yr-old, and added that this was something to think about.

He thought for a few min's, and remarked, "Crazy kids. They kept missing the bus, eh?"

—Quote.

Four-year-old Tommy was jealous of his sister because relatives were always saying what a big girl she was.

Walking down the street with his mother one day he braced his shoulders and asked: "Mummy, how old would you say I look?"

Anxious to please him, his mother replied: "Why, Tommy, you look about seven."

Tommy beamed gratefully at his mother, then paid his biggest compliment: "D'you know, Mummy, you look a hundred!"

—Quote.

Milwaukee 5-yr-old, explaining use of sunglasses one summer evening: "It's so the mosquitoes won't know who I am."

—Quote.



Whom to Contact in Kansas City

Been wondering whom you should write concerning 1956 Southern Baptist Convention arrangement in Kansas City?

The list of local committee chairmen has been announced by Conrad R. Willard, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. Willard is general chairman of all local arrangements.

Here are the others working with him and their addresses, all in Kansas City, Mo., unless otherwise indicated.

General co-chairman and secretary—W. T. Holland, 1017-B Grand Ave.

Section I, General Committees — Lunches, breakfasts, and restaurants, Loren S. Goings, Bristol at 113th St., Information booth, Alvin G. Hause, 3414 E. 12th St.; Pulpit Supply, Roy S. Dinkins, 22nd and Iron (North Kansas City); Finance, W. Ross Edwards, 2521 E. Meyer Blvd.; Registration, Arthur Norton, 6841 Sni-A-Bar Rd.; Reception and Transportation, Eugene Foreman, 3610 E. 39th St.; Post Office, George Wilson, Box 404.

Section II, Publicity—Newspaper, Clayborn E. Landers, 4103 Michigan; Radio and TV, W. Jack Wilson, Holmes Wood Chapel, 97th and Holmes; Chamber of Commerce packet, W. T. Holland, 1017-B Grand Avenue.

Section III, Reservations — Chamber of Commerce approved hotels, Convention bureau, Chamber of Commerce, 11th and Baltimore, Unlisted and Apartment Hotels, Allard Garren, 3921 Baltimore; Tourist Courts, Paul M. Lambert, 1017-B Grand Ave.; Private Homes, Guy L. Prather, 2940 Holmes.

Section IV—Auditorium Committees—Exhibits and Displays, R. Lofton Hudson, 400 W. Meyer; General Arrangements, J. T. Elliff, 141 N. Lawndale; Ushers, E. Paul Fisher, 2400 Kensington; Pages, Paul Elledge, 931 Washington; Parking, L. C. Pennington, 603 W. 10th; Nursery, R. L. Decker, 821 Harrison; First Aid, Harold T. Dill, 400 W. Meyer; Wire Recorder, Ralph T. Boggs, Roanoke Baptist Church, 40th and Wyoming; Music, John Kooistra, 141 N. Lawndale.

Yugoslavia Lets Two Missionaries Enter

Yugoslavia has opened its doors temporarily, if not permanently, to Southern Baptist missionaries.

The Communist country has issued a six-month visa to Dr. and Mrs. John Allen Moore of Mississippi and Georgia. The Moores are entering Yugoslavia in August. They will apply for extension of their stay.

Moore said, "I am certainly hoping our stay will be permanent. We are burning all bridges behind us to that end."

Switzerland Seminary Opens Seventh Session

The Ruschlikon Baptist Seminary in Zurich, an institution of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will open its doors for the seventh annual term in September.

The school will enroll 50 students from Europe, Africa and the Far East.

Josef Nordenhaug, seminary president, calls the seminary an experiment in international fellowship, but actually the school has gone beyond the experimental stage and is now considered a permanent institution for European Baptists.

Text of Congress Stand On Religious Liberty

Man's right to choose or change his religious faith must be preserved. This was the declaration of the Baptist World Cong-

rees in session in mid-July. The group adopted a jubilee declaration, so named for the 50th anniversary of the organization of the Baptist World Alliance.

It is as follows:

"We declare:

"I. That the right to be free is a gift from God to all men of whatever race. A person is not physically born into a religious faith, but must of his own free will enter upon his inheritance as a child of God.

II. That a man's right to choose or change his faith must be preserved, as well as his liberty to dissent or to make objection because of conscience's sake.

"III. That toleration is not enough; that freedom to worship is not enough. As Baptists we seek not to be tolerated, but to be accepted everywhere as equals in Christ, with all the privileges and responsibilities of loyal citizens. What we desire for ourselves we would secure for others, both for Christian believers and non-believers.

State Must Not Interfere

"IV. That real religious liberty guarantees not only freedom to worship privately and publicly, but the right to teach, preach, publish, and advocate, openly and without hindrance, the gospel of Christ, or other religious convictions.

"V. That our churches must be free from the interference of the state, that all our churches should, as far as their principles, permit, abide by the laws of the state and loyally co-operate with the civil authorities in helping to create a community in which freedom of the press, speech and assembly and social righteousness, will be assured."

Congress Alters Its Constitution

The Baptist World Congress voted four changes in its constitution at the 1955 session recently.

They are:

1. There will be nine vice-presidents in the future instead of seven.

2. The Congress executive committee will have authority to elect a Baptist World Alliance president if the president elected at the Congress dies or does not act.

3. The executive committee will have a basic 39 members instead of 34 as heretofore. In addition, there will be two members each nominated by the women's department and the youth department of the Alliance.

Also, there will be nine members to be named by the executive committee.

4. The president, general secretary, Western treasurer, and former presidents and vice-presidents living within a reasonable distance of Alliance headquarters in Washington, D. C., will comprise an administrative committee.

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FACTS OF INTEREST

In the ten years since World War II ended 37.4 million babies have been born to American families. Predictions are that in the ten years just ahead 42 million more will be born, and the number for the decade ending in 1975 will total 52 million.

For every new pupil in public school, taxpayers must shell out an average of \$250.62 for current expenses and \$80.52 for buildings, books, etc. As for colleges, half now operate "in the red." Tuition fees at many schools are as much as \$1,300 a year. Corporations gave \$70 million last year to help out, but high tuition and donations aren't enough.

—Survey Bulletin.

Denominational Calendar

25-31—B.S.U. Retreat; Glorieta. Writer's Conference, Glorieta.

29—Fall Semester, Golden Gate Seminary.

30—State-wide Stewardship Rally, Little Rock.

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Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Teenagers' Dress

Question: What do you think of our Christian teenagers wearing shorts and T shirts and halters on the streets or anywhere in mixed crowds? Please answer this before the summer season is past.

Answer: You do not really think that what I or anyone else says will change customs, do you? Not this summer?

I think that Christians ought to dress, speak, and act in such a way that those who see them will not question their morals. But, personally, I do not believe that there is any connection between morals and dress. I have just returned from Mexico where a woman would be arrested for appearing on the streets in shorts and a halter, but everyone knows that Mexico is not particularly noted for high morals.

Any sociologist knows that there are very strict (morally) cultures where very little or no clothes are worn.

On the other hand, Christian women in America, particularly in smaller communities, will not want to have people talking about them for changing fashions. "Let everyone be fully persuaded in his own mind," is the word of Scripture. And, "Destroy not him with thy meat for whom Christ died"—referring to meat offered to idols.

It seems to me that we ought to give teenagers what guidance they will accept, but not make an issue of those things which will lead them to think of those things which consists of clothes and customs. You can find bigger things to fuss with teenagers about.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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Baptist Press Director Almost Gets 'Exclusive'

Albert McClellan, who had written about Spain's tight restrictions on Baptists while covering the Baptist World Congress for the Baptist Press, almost had occasion for a first-person account on the subject.

A few hours before he was to fly from Madrid, Spain, to New York, he visited the poor settlement in Madrid. While taking a picture of a woman selling water, he was seized from behind by two policemen.

The police didn't speak English; McClellan spoke no Spanish. His United States passport didn't impress them. McClellan had visions of the plane flying with him behind in a Spanish jail, but after a while the police stalked away angrily.

What did the Baptist Press director do? "Why I grabbed the first taxi and left there!" he exclaimed.

—Baptist Press.

LET'S JOIN HANDS AND HEARTS TO INCREASE



50,000 — OUR CIRCULATION GOAL — 50,000

PRESENT CIRCULATION 47,000



ANALYSIS OF PRESENT CIRCULATION

WHAT WE HAVE

421 budgets total 43,700 subscribers
135 clubs total 1,600 subscribers
Club rate by missionaries, 800 subscribers
Individual total 500 subscribers

WHAT WE NEED

600 churches with budget subscriptions
200 churches with club subscriptions
1,100 subscriptions from missionaries
600 individual subscriptions

WHAT SOUTHERN BAPTIST LEADERS AND HEADS OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST

The denominational paper has an indispensable place in the life of our church. It ties each church, each association, each state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention into an informational unity undergirding every phase of our work.

Therefore, it would be the part of wisdom for *The Baptist Courier* to be in the budget of every church in South Carolina, and what is true of South Carolina applies to every state in the Southern Baptist Convention.

—J. W. Storer, Former President,
Southern Baptist Convention

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention could never have attained its present success, promoting its retirement plans, had it not been for the Baptist paper in every state. The paper carries into the church, the home, and the hearts of the people, introducing us as a friend, with the paper's stamp of approval upon us.

—The late Walter R. Alexander,
Former Executive Secretary

Our paper, *California Southern Baptist*, is a potent factor in unifying Baptist forces in California and in giving to us within the state a sense of belonging to the Southern Baptist Convention. To get the paper into every Baptist home in our state the "every family" plan has helped immeasurably.

—Harold K. Graves, President,
Golden Gate Seminary,
Berkeley, California

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has an Assistant to the President in charge of promotion in every Southern Baptist state. "He" is the denominational paper. This is especially true of *The Baptist Courier* in South Carolina. Every denominational agency profits from it; every informed Baptist should read it.

—Roland Q. Leavell, President,
New Orleans Seminary,
New Orleans, Louisiana

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KEEP BUDGET UP TO DATE

The churches which now have the **ARKANSAS BAPTIST** in their budgets can help reach this goal by keeping their budgets up to date. As new families come into the church membership, put them on your budget list immediately so that they will lose no time in becoming acquainted with the denominational program and receive the inspiration which the paper will bring to each of them. There is no better way to enlist new members in the church program than to send them the **ARKANSAS BAPTIST**.

TURN CLUBS INTO BUDGETS

The churches which now have club subscriptions may easily change that club subscription. Since a sufficient number of members are familiar with the **ARKANSAS BAPTIST** and realize its value, they may be able to show the rest of the membership the value of sending the **ARKANSAS BAPTIST** to every family in the church membership. The paper going regularly into the homes, not now receiving it, will increase their interest in the entire church and denominational life.

RATES ARE LOW

BUDGET RATE

You can send a year's subscription, or 50 issues of the **ARKANSAS BAPTIST** into every home of your resident church membership for less money than it would cost to send 50 personal letters to every home in your resident membership.

The budget subscription costs the church only 12 cents per month per subscription, or \$1.44 a year. This is far below the cost of production and is actually less than three cents per issue.

CLUB RATE

The club rate is \$1.50 per year. Under this plan some member of the church is responsible for soliciting the subscriptions, collecting the subscription price, and mailing to us the list of names with complete addresses and the remittance for subscriptions. Still below the cost of production, each issue costs only three cents, the price of a postage stamp. **THE INDIVIDUAL** rate is \$2.00 per year. Many other Baptists should subscribe individually.



THE CIRCULATION OF THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST



50,000 — OUR CIRCULATION GOAL — 50,000

NEEDED TO REACH OUR GOAL — 3,000 SUBSCRIBERS



WHO WILL BENEFIT from INCREASED CIRCULATION

IN ARKANSAS

Individuals who receive paper
Churches whose members receive paper
Every department of the Executive Board
Every Institution of State Convention

IN SOUTHERN CONVENTION

Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Program
Southern Baptist Home Mission Program
Southern Baptist Educational Institutions
Southern Baptist Benevolent Work

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Yes, I believe in the state Baptist paper. As a former editor of the Oklahoma paper, Baptist Messenger, and now as secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, I know the value of the state paper to our denominational life. In our church, the Tennessee paper, Baptist and Reflector, goes to every family.

—Porter Routh

We cannot enlist uninformed Baptists. If our people, especially our men, are to support more fully the work of their churches and denomination, we must acquaint them with every aspect of the work. As a means through which all our people can become better informed Baptists we heartily commend the "budget" or "every family" plan.

—Geo. W. Schroeder,
Executive Secretary,
Brotherhood Commission,
S.B.C.

Southeastern Seminary is dependent upon the grace of God, the goodwill of Southern Baptists, the Cooperative Program, and our denominational press. We could not get our messages to the brethren (and they support the Cooperative Program) without the state papers. Their circulation is our strength. We urge the budget and every family plan.

—S. L. Stealey, President,
Southeastern Seminary,
Wake Forest, N. C.

The Southern Baptist Hospital receives substantial help through the Cooperative Program. We think The Baptist Message of Louisiana renders a service of great value in keeping the people informed concerning the denominational agencies participating in the receipts of the Cooperative Program and heartily recommend that The Baptist Message be included in the budget of every church.

—Frank Tripp, Superintendent,
Southern Baptist Hospital

NEW BUDGETS

There are many churches with neither budget nor club subscriptions. These churches do not know what a help the ARKANSAS BAPTIST will be to their church program when it goes to every home in the church membership. We challenge you to try it for one year. Then compare the progress of your church program with former years. We predict that you will have more baptisms, an expanding church program and that your financial receipts will increase. Try it, won't you?

NEW CLUBS

One of the best methods of introducing the ARKANSAS BAPTIST to your people is to secure a club subscription of ten or more subscribers. When the nucleus of your members becomes acquainted with the paper it will be easy to get others to subscribe or to get the church to put the paper in the church budget. Appoint someone to canvass the homes and solicit subscriptions to form the club. Get as many as you possibly can to join the club.

QUALITY IS HIGH

MECHANICAL MAKE-UP

It is gratifying to the editor and his staff that the ARKANSAS BAPTIST is acknowledged to be one of the most attractive state papers in the South. We are trying to produce a paper that will attract the attention of every member of the family. When you look at the front page of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST, we want you to be pleased with its appearance, and we want the inside pages to be so attractively laid out that they invite your reading.

READING MATTER

To be a well informed Baptist, the ARKANSAS BAPTIST is a MUST. There is information about churches and pastors, about both State and Southern Convention programs, and other general information. The paper carries the Sunday School lesson each week. We publish articles on doctrinal themes, feature stories and inspirational items, discussion of current issues which have a bearing on religious life, and devotional readings.

Miss DeVault Joins Southern WMU Staff

For six years leaders and members of Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas, and especially those devoted to young people's work, have enjoyed the matchless leadership and fellowship in service with Miss Doris DeVault, State Youth Secretary. On September 1 she will leave our state and on October 1 she will become associated with Southern Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama, as secretary of Young Woman's Auxiliary. This is a new post of service, and although we are reluctant to release her to any other work, we rejoice that she was chosen to establish standards for this new work. Her influence and direction will now be world-wide in its scope as she plans and promotes the activities of Young Woman's Auxiliary, and, we, too, shall continue our fellowship of her leadership.

Under Miss DeVault's guidance great progress has been made in all areas of youth work. Number of organizations has increased. Membership has grown. The camping program has tripled. Leadership training has been intensified. Truly, she leaves in Arkansas a rich heritage and a challenge that will be felt in years to come for she has not built for the year, but for the years.

Innumerable tributes could be paid by those who have worked closely with her in the WMU Office. Her counsel has been wise. Her spirit has been Christian. Her outlook has been optimistic. Her faith has been strong. Her vision has been challenging. Her life is permeated with LOVE. We are better because she has spent six years with us, and our love and interest will always follow her.

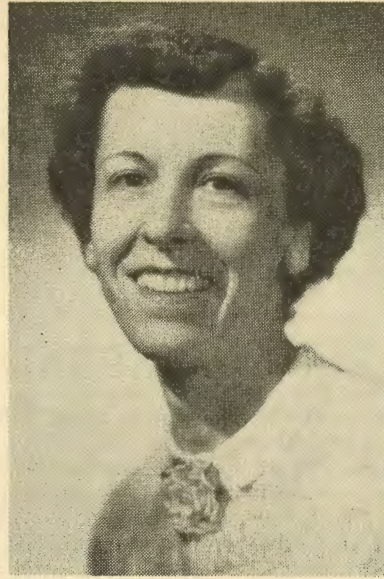
Miss DeVault is a native of Tennessee.

NOTICE, ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS!

Would you like to have help, REAL HELP, for the tasks for which you are committed in your associational WMU work for 1955-56? The place to get it is at the Leadership Conference to be held at Ferncliff, September 13-14. It will open at 10 AM Tuesday, the 13th, and close with the noon meal on Wednesday. The following ten from each association should attend:

- Superintendents
- Associate Superintendents
- Youth Leaders
- Prayer Chairman
- Stewardship Chairman
- Mission Study Chairman
- YWA Leader
- GA Leader
- Community Missions Chairman
- BWC Adviser

(Note: This conference is for associational leaders only, not local



MISS DORIS DEVAULT

ones and not for substitutes, but those associational ones elected to serve during 1955-56.)

Among the able conference leaders will be: Miss Nancy Cooper, Mrs. J. E. Bowen, Mrs. R. E. Hagood, Mrs. T. K. Rucker, Mrs. Charles Walker, Mrs. James Street, Miss Elma Cobb, Mrs. R. E. Snider, Mrs. L. D. Mack, Mrs. J. E. Short.

Registration should be made by September 7th with Miss Nancy Cooper, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock. The total cost will be \$4.50.

See that your associational leaders attend for what they can mean to the Kingdom as they serve in your association.

"OUR JUDEA"

Definite plans should be made NOW for observance of the Season of Prayer and Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions, September 19, 1955. Program materials have been sent to all WMU organizations. Requests for any additional offering envelopes or materials should be sent to WMU Office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME!

Surely, the best part about any long trip is the safe return to loved ones and friends! Gratitude for every experience of the last three months fills my heart, and I do appreciate more than I can express all that was done to make possible my seeing Southern Baptists at work in many areas of Africa, the Near East and Europe. I have returned with a deeper conviction than ever before that we must "Attempt Great (er) Things for God—Expect Great (er) Things from God". Now is the day! We must not delay!

Nancy Cooper, Secretary,
Woman's Missionary Union

The Associational Music Department

It is recommended that every association of the Arkansas Baptist Convention organize a Music Department that will serve ALL the churches of the association. The Music Department will have the same relationship as the Sunday School, Training Union and other departments of work to the program of the association as a whole. It will have officers who will direct a program of work that is designed to meet the needs of ALL the churches.

The annual meeting of the different associations of our state is close at hand and we suggest that every association elect a nine-man associational Music Education Committee which will give leadership to the Music Department of the association. This committee is composed of the following officers selected by the association.

1. Associational Director of Music Education
2. Pastor-Advisor
3. Moderator of the association
4. Missionary of the association
5. Director of Instrumental activities
6. Director of Training
7. Director of Congressional activities
8. Dir. of Graded Choirs
9. Dir. of Publicity and Promotion

The purpose of the committee is to plan and promote the music education activities of the association. The officers composing the committee, being selected by the association, are responsible for all music activities of the association.

The associational music planning meeting is set for November 11, 1955, 10:00 a. m. at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. All ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC OFFICERS should plan to attend this meeting. Mr. Clifford Holcomb, Field Promotion Secretary of the Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board will direct a program of intensive training for the music officers. The NEW ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC OFFICERS PLAN BOOK will be presented to each association desiring a copy.

If every association will heed the requests above, we will be set for our best year of progress in Church Music Education for Arkansas Baptists. **Do Your Part!**

SEPTEMBER IS CHURCH MUSIC MONTH

In most churches a new choir season will begin in September. Choirs will be reorganized, a program of training for choristers and pianists initiated, new emphasis on congregational singing, kick-off banquets, singing prayer meetings, and choir dedication services. All over the Southern Baptist Convention churches are observing this month as a time

of special promotion for the music department.

A new day is dawning in Church Music. Has your church caught step with the tide of progress being made by the majority of the churches? The Church Music Department of Arkansas Baptists is ready to help you. Call on us!

HYMN SINGS

Caddo River Association: On July 31, the regular quarterly hymn sing was held in Mount Gilead Church with a total of 35 attending. Miss Odessa Holt was director and Willard Campbell and Marilyn Wright were accompanists. Theme of the program was "Faithful Stewards and Servants." Mrs. Love of Mount Gilead church brought the devotional and special numbers were rendered by Amity and Mount Gilead. The next quarterly hymn sing for this association will be held at Amity Church, October 30.

White River Association: 53 people attended the quarterly hymn sing held in the Cotter Baptist Church on Sunday, July 31. Two churches presented special numbers.

Centennial Association: "Music As It Should Be" was the theme of the hymn sing held in the First Baptist Church, DeWitt, July 15. There was a total of 254 attending, representing seven churches in the association. Rev. N. E. Lerch led the hymn sing and Mr. Roy Vice was the accompanist. Special numbers were rendered by several churches.

Big Creek Association: Mrs. W. L. Clifton directed the regular quarterly hymn sing for this association in Hardy Baptist Church, July 31. The program was in memory of B. B. McKinney. Mrs. Lloyd Horton was the accompanist and the Devotional was led by Mr. Lloyd Horton. Special numbers were rendered by Hardy and Salem.

Church Music Dept.
LeRoy McClard, Director

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Something To Think About

By CLYDE HART

During the 31 day racing season in Hot Springs in February of this year, 259,000 people attended, and bet \$14,000,000.

During the 365 days of 1954, Arkansas Baptists, numbering 273,000, gave a total of \$10,000,000 for all causes, local and outside. Of this amount only \$1,112,000 was given through the Cooperative Program.

If 259,000 gamblers could throw away \$14 million dollars for the devil's cause in one month, it seems that 273,000 Arkansas Baptists could do more for the cause of Christ.

Thailand Mission Reports Growth

The Thailand Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Thailand), meeting recently in annual session, reported steady growth of work in that difficult and needy field. Following are some of the highlights of the work as they are reported by Dr. J. Winston Crawley, Foreign Mission Board secretary for the Orient who is now visiting Mission meetings in all the countries for which he is responsible:

After much delay and difficulty, the Thailand Mission is at last beginning to secure land for church buildings and missionary residences. Up to this time it has been necessary to use rented places entirely. Negotiations are now well under way for the purchase of several pieces of land.

A Chinese graduate of the Baptist seminary in Hong Kong has accepted a call to Thailand to assist in the evangelistic work being done among the more than half a million Chinese people of Bangkok. This is especially important because three of the Southern Baptist missionaries who have been engaged in that work are now on furlough.

Miss Mary Gould, who has charge of literature preparation, reported the completion of several courses of graded Sunday school lesson materials and teachers' quarterlies in the Thai language. A special series for use in new Sunday schools, for people with no previous contacts with the gospel, is in the process of preparation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Reeves, who have been conducting a student center program in Bangkok, reported that 700 high school and university students have been enrolled in the classes and meetings of the student center during the past year. Out of these contacts have come many evangelistic opportunities.

Dr. J. Glenn Morris was elected chairman of the Mission to replace Mr. Deaver M. Lawton, who is now on furlough.

The Thailand Mission is rejoicing in the appointment of three couples for that country since the first of this year. In anticipation of their arrival within the next few months, the Mission spent considerable time discussing the problem of where the new couples should be located.

With three couples on their way, the Mission is faced with seven or eight places which need reinforcements or which urgently need to be entered. Many of these places are provinces of more than 10,000 people without any Christian missionary of any denomination.

Other urgent needs for missionary personnel for the Thailand work include a couple to reinforce the literature work, a couple to give full time to the student work opportunity in Bangkok, and a

medical doctor to initiate a medical program which is a most pressing need — all these in addition to the need for additional preachers and evangelistic workers.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin R. Hicks, Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile who are in the States on furlough, will soon move from Meridian, Miss., to Fort Worth, Tex., where Mr. Hicks will study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. They may be addressed at 1505 Gambrell, Fort Worth. Mr. Hicks is a native of Arkadelphia.

Miss Josephine Harris, Southern Baptist missionary to Hawaii who is in the States on furlough, is soon to return to her field of service and may be addressed at 2009 Oahu Avenue, Honolulu 14, Hawaii. She is a native of Brinkley, Ark.

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ORIENT SECRETARY

Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has moved to Tokyo where he will set up temporary headquarters. The new address is 352 2-Chome, Nishi-Okubo, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan. Mrs. Crawley and their three children are also in Tokyo.

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Home Mission Board Adds 89 Missionaries

C. G. Cole, Atlanta, Georgia, layman and businessman, was elected President of the 49 member board of the Home Mission Board in its semi-annual meeting at Glorieta Baptist Assembly today.

Cole has been a member of the Board four and a half years. L. E. Smith, pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church in Atlanta, was elected to succeed Cole as Vice President.

Dr. Courts Redford, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Home Mission Board, reported an increase of 89 missionaries since the beginning of 1955. He reported that there are now 11,000 enrolled in the Board's Correspondence Bible Course.

The Executive Secretary noted a \$44,000 increase in receipts during the first six months of the year. Gifts received through the 1955 Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions have reached \$1,209,596.33, or an increase of \$60,000 over the same period last year.

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George W. Noble, The Christian Co., Dept. D, Pentiac Bldg., Chicago, 8, Ill.

New BSU Department Personnel

Miss Carolyn Courtney assumed her position as office secretary in the Student Department on June 20. Miss Courtney is a native of Little Rock, and has completed her second year at the University of Oklahoma, where she was active in the Baptist Student Union. She served on the Freshman B. S. U. council, and was Y. W. A. representative on the Executive Council her sophomore year. Miss Courtney is a member of Gaines Street Church in Little Rock.

Dr. Tom J. Logue, former B. S. U. Director for the city of Memphis, assumed the position as Arkansas B. S. U. Director on August 15. Dr. Logue is a native of Waco, Texas, and holds his AB and MA from Baylor University, and BD and ThD from Southwestern Theological Seminary. Before coming to Memphis, Mr. Logue held pastorates in Texas. Coming soon to join him in Little Rock will be Mrs. Logue, and their two small children.

ARKANSAS STUDENTS ATTEND GLORIETA

Jamie Jones, Baptist Student Director at the University of Arkansas, is in charge of the Arkansas group of students attending Student Week at Glorieta, August 25-31. Students from the University making the trip are, Jamie Jones, Jim Kendrick, Lois Jeanne Smith, Francille Maloch, Mary Anne Cato, and Zoe Ann Oliver.

Also in the Arkansas delegation are the following students from Arkansas A. & M.: Alice Fields, Flo Ongais, Betty Clifton, and student director, Miss Naomia Clifton.

LOCAL PRE-SCHOOL RETREATS

The following are the dates of local pre-school retreats held by the local B. S. U.'s. Any student wanting to attend is urged to contact the B. S. U. president, student director, or local pastor for details. The retreats are oppor-

tunities for spiritual growth, and wonderful Christian fellowship. For new students, they are an excellent opportunity to meet new friends before the opening of school.

These are the only dates reaching the student office. Other B. S. U.'s undoubtedly are also holding retreats. If you want to attend, contact someone at the college center, whether your college is listed below or not.

Ouachita, September 2-4 at Spring Lake Baptist Assembly, Lonsdale, Arkansas.

University of Arkansas, September 9-11.

Arkansas State College, September 2-3.

Arkansas A. & M., September 2-4.

Arkansas Polytechnic College, August 31-September 2.

Arkansas Baptist Hospital, September 23-25, at Ferncliff.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Do you know some Baptist young person who will be enrolled in the University of Arkansas this fall? If so, won't you please send us his or her name immediately. It will help us to enlist them in our local Baptist Churches, and the B. S. U. Program.

Jamie L. Jones, Jr.
B.S.U. Director
944 West Maple
Fayetteville, Arkansas.

B.S.U. Department
Tom Logue, Director.

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GOD—and Man

This I've learned from growing up, from marriage, from work, from all of living: In proportion as a soul grows closer to God, the more vividly does it recognize its own unworthiness.

—Burton Hillis,
Better Homes & Gardens



Andrew M. Hall,
Pastor

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FIVE CONSECUTIVE ONE-DAY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 10-14, 1955

Theme: Bible Study for Every Member of the Family

Scripture: Deut. 31:12

Days and Places of Meeting

Monday, October 10, First Church, Fort Smith
 Tuesday, October 11, First Church, Hope
 Wednesday, October 12, First Church, Pine Bluff
 Thursday, October 13, First Church, Harrison
 Friday, October 14, First Church, Paragould

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS PRESIDING

RAY McCLUNG, *Song Leader* MRS. WILLIAM J. PERKINSON, *Pianist*

MORNING SESSION

10:00	Worship (with audio-visual aids)	Miss Adeline DeWitt
10:20	Greetings	Host Pastor
10:25	Previewing the Program	Edgar Williamson
10:35	Better Teachers and Teaching	J. L. Corzine
11:15	Recognition — announcements	
11:25	Special Music	Miss Rose Arzoomanian
11:30	"Our 1955-56 Objectives" — Deut. 31:12	Harold E. Ingraham
12:00	Lunch	

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30	Worship (with audio-visual aids)	Miss Adeline DeWitt	
1:50	Better Teachers and Teaching	J. L. Corzine	
2:30	Sing		
2:35	Reaching and Helping Every Church	E. Stanley Williamson	
3:05	Department Conferences:		
	Administration	Edgar Williamson, H. E. Ingraham, and E. Stanley Williamson	
Adult	Ralph Douglas	Beginner	Mrs. Frank Shamburger
Young People	Ray McClung	Nursery	Mrs. Edgar Williamson
Intermediate	Mrs. H. E. Ingraham	Cradle Roll	Mrs. A. C. Kolb
Junior	Mrs. Paul Fox	Extension	Mrs. George Hink
Primary	Mrs. Ed Pruitt		
4:15	Adjourn		
5:00	Supper Conference (Moderators, missionaries, associational Sunday school superintendents, and program personnel)	Edgar Williamson, E. Stanley Williamson, and H. E. Ingraham	

EVENING SESSION

7:00	Worship (with audio-visual aids)	Miss Adeline DeWitt
7:20	"Working Together"	Ralph Douglas
7:45	Department Conferences (Same leaders and places as afternoon)	
8:45	Special Music	Miss Rose Arzoomanian
8:55	"It's All for Evangelism"	H. E. Ingraham
9:30	Adjourn	

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It's Real

By G. KEARNIE KEEGAN, Student Department
Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee

It was not that I was skeptical of the glowing reports concerning revival in England and Scotland. I simply wanted to see for my own satisfaction. With this desire in my heart I set out to gather evidence first hand.

Traveling alone, I left the beaten tourist path and visited with the people. I asked many questions. In churches and mission Sunday Schools, I found converts of the Graham campaign. In answer to the query, "Do they stick?" the reply was: "The vast majority have followed through. We are still receiving people on profession of faith who made decisions in one of the campaigns."

The first people I met in England were two newlyweds. They were boarding the train in London for Torquay, a coastal resort, to spend their honeymoon. My plane was twenty-four hours late out of New York so I had rushed from the airport to Paddington Station, London, to catch a train for Taunton, in southwest England. I was to speak that night at the historic Silver Street Baptist Church. Soon I discovered we were taking the same train.

In the course of our conversation I asked if they had heard Billy Graham. Their faces were aglow as they told of the meetings in Harringay Arena and the blessings which came to their lives.

Brian and Evelyn are Methodists and rejoice in the new spiritual interest in their own church. I thank God that this new dynamic came to their lives at such a crucial moment and pray that their experience is but an illustration of what happened in thousands of homes in that lovely island.

Several days were spent driving through England, Wales, and Scotland before and after the Baptist World Alliance meeting in London. My little British car took me to places where the only direct contact with the Crusade was by "relay." Telephone lines brought Billy Graham's voice into churches. There it was amplified so all could hear. People came, sat, listened, sang, prayed. When the ever familiar "Just As I Am" was sung, many were moved by the Holy Spirit and accepted Christ as Saviour. I conversed with some of these converts.

Lest I mislead you, let me say that there was criticism. To illustrate: when I visited Parliament my host was a young man who serves on the official press staff. He was not at all sure that the Graham meetings were of lasting value. As we sat at tea in the Parliament Press dining room I let him talk — "Only women and girls and some old men attended. The women were curious to see

what that tall, handsome man from America looked like." Before he finished he had repeated all the shop-worn patter we have heard here in America which usually emanates from those who have had no direct contact with the man or his message. I was not surprised when I asked, "Did you hear him?" that he replied in the negative.

How I wished he could have been with me when a well dressed young businessman from London approached me on a street corner in Edinburgh. I, along with some other Southern Baptists, was participating in a street service sponsored by the Charlotte Baptist Chapel. This young man came to me, his face wreathed in smiles and said, "I want to shake hands with an American Christian and tell you how I thank God for what he has done for me through an American. Eighteen months ago I was in Harringay Arena, and God spoke to my heart through the message of Billy Graham and I was saved. I have been happy in service for my Lord ever since."

We had flown through the night across the Atlantic, touching down at Gander, Newfoundland, and Boston. Within an hour we were to land in New York. While walking the aisle of the giant clipper my eye was arrested by the sight of a wee sma' Scotch lad. I paused for a word and he offered me some candy. I took a piece and he insisted that I have more. (Was he really Scotch?)

From the seat behind the child a young man arose. I asked if he was the boy's father. He said he was not. He was taking him to his parents in New York. I learned that he was from Aberdeen, Scotland.

In a moment I asked if he had heard Billy Graham while he was in Scotland. His face gave the clue to his forthcoming answer. "Yes, I served as a counselor during his meetings in Aberdeen. One interesting fact about these meetings is that they have not only meant much to the lay people, but they have brought revival to many of our pastors. I am a member of the church of Scotland (Presbyterian). Prior to the crusade my pastor did not preach the gospel but now he preaches with power."

All of this was quite different to my 1947 experiences in England. People were not interested in things spiritual. The war had left them stunned. Rationing was still on and life was most difficult for the multitudes. But now the economic picture has changed. Optimism is in the air. And so has the spiritual scene changed. There is a deep, genuine spiritual

The "Benevolent Servant"

I have in my files an article clipped from one of the best known southern newspapers, written by one of the most prolific writers of that paper, defending liquor as the "great benefactor." He points out in the article that liquor has helped build schools, roads, and even churches. I should like to relate one of the great feats of this "benevolent servant."

Herman Floyd used to come to our house for a visit saying, "Dean, I want a cookie." He was a little shaver about two years old. We watched him grow up. His whole life was connected with our church. His parents were active leaders in the church. He endeared himself to the hearts of the whole community as a young man of honor. He entered the University and after a year or two of hard work he made several of the honor societies. He was a teacher in the Sunday School, teaching young men. The whole church was proud of him and was looking forward to his wedding.

The following letters from his father tells the story. "We rehearsed the wedding on Friday night and had a little rehearsal reception at our house. Saturday morning he and his best man and a brother gathered decorations and carried them to the church. About two o'clock they went in the jeep for more decorations. On their way back to the church they were hit by a man under the influence of liquor, driving his car

on the wrong side of the road and speeding. He ran into the jeep and before Herman Floyd could do anything, he was crushed under the car. His skull was fractured and his chest was crushed. The driver, using profanity, forbid the folk to call an ambulance saying, 'Let him die.'

"Herman Floyd never regained consciousness. We gave him up a few minutes before he was to have been married. People came to the wedding before they learned of the tragedy."

This is one of the "benevolent" acts of liquor. Those who vote for it, those who sponsor it, and those who drink it are promoting such tragedies as this. The stamp on the father's letter reminds us that "Alcohol is a Killer." It kills innocent people and breaks up homes, even before they are begun. People do not have to drink it to suffer from it. No wonder the wise man said, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

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Bearing False Witness

By JOHN W. BRADBURY

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor" is not only the law of the kingdom of God and of the church; it is also embodied in the law of the United States. Recent disclosures regarding "paid informers" employed or used by U. S. government departments or committees must shock the ethical sense of all decent citizens. The whole setup is under suspicion.

It makes us wonder how many people have been in prison, or are still there, who would not have been penalized if testimony against them had been sifted at its evil source. It does not sit comfortably on the public conscience that judgment in so many cases is based on the testimony of "paid informers." Even should there be but one case, it will make all of us feel ashamed when the truth is out.

Attorney General Brownell has ordered an inquiry regarding the method of obtaining accusers. We hope that it will be searching. "The use of depositions and statements of unidentified persons became increasingly common following World War II," writes Justice William O. Douglas. This practice has what he calls "infamous history."

Bearing false witness is a carnal sin. It must always be restrained by law, or justice becomes a farcical excuse for the use of the tyrannical and malicious. The innocent are without hope while the liar is entertained. How much we need an ethical cleansing! Well, let repentance begin at the house of God. Whoever bears false witness against his neighbor is not of God.

—The Watchman-Examiner.

Still Unsolved

By C. A. WELLS

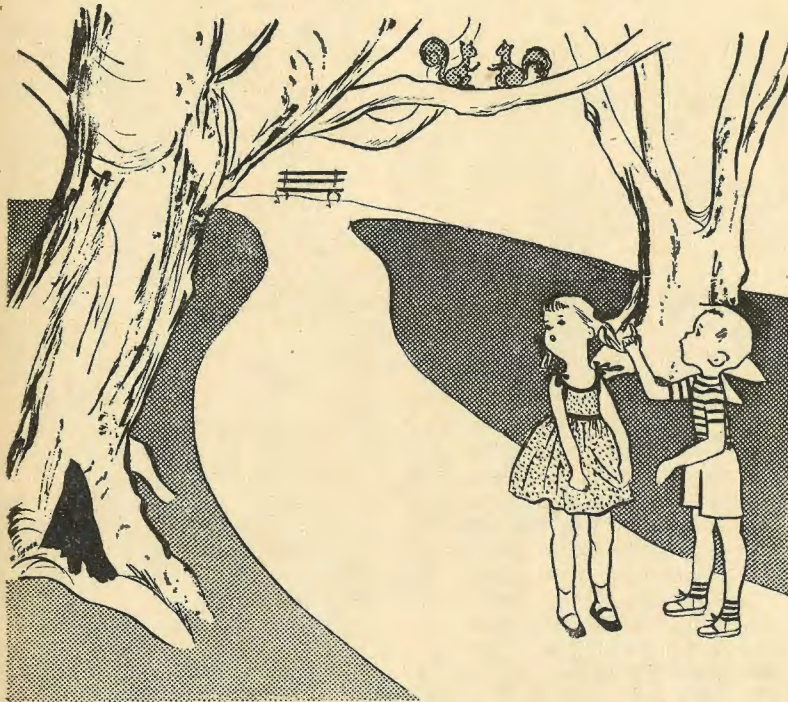
Amazing progress has been made in solving so many of the problems associated with the production of goods, machines and all kinds of things used in our modern world. Yet in that field which matters most, humanity itself, we have made little progress. Crime continues unabated; family life is still disintegrating; juvenile waywardness spreads—all are baffling our national and community leaders and corrective agencies. Our attention and study, has all been in the field of things and not character. To understand human personality and character, we must learn more of God and very little research has gone forward in that field! Yet what will come of all scientific and material progress if we fail to solve the problem of man. The study of God's word and man's relationship to God may not appear as exciting as electronics, but it is becoming even more necessary.

awakening in the land of Wesley, Whitfield, and Knox.

As we landed in New York my heart was still aloft with the theme, "It's Real." From the White Cliffs of Dover to the heather clad slopes of Loch Lomond, in the villages and cities, the revival fires are burning in hearts of the people.

Children's Page

The Wise Squirrels



By JULIA W. WOLFE

Under a great big tree there lived a family of squirrels. All through the lovely summer days they climbed the trees, and ran gayly along the branches, and raced up and down.

One day, when the little family was running off through the fields, two children came through the woods, and saw a curious-looking hole under a tree. Jamie poked a stick into the hole, and found that it contained quantities of nuts. It was the very store that the squirrels had all worked hard to gather for their food during the coming winter.

Without one thought of harming the squirrels, Jamie and Janie took every nut from that hole. Then the squirrels returned, and were surprised, and began running up and down trees and chattered and scolded as fast as they could. But, of course, the children did not understand squirrel chatter, and they kept on putting all the nuts into a little basket, which they carried away to their home. A few of the bigger squirrels followed after them and kept up scolding all the way.

Jamie and Janie handed the basket to their mother when they reached home, and thought she would be pleased with their find; but she did not even smile; she said she was sorry they had done such a thing. "Don't you know, my children, that the squirrels gather these nuts for their winter's food? Don't you know the squirrels have had much work to get all of these nuts together?"

She said, "The nuts must be put back just where they were found or the squirrels will go hungry all winter."

Jamie and Janie wanted to keep the nuts, but after thinking how they would not like to go hungry themselves, they took the nuts back. The squirrels were watching and saw all of their treasures go into the hole in the ground out of sight. And just as soon as Jamie and Janie were out of sight, down from the big tree scrambled the squirrels. After a lot of chattering among themselves, the old squirrels scratched every nut out of that hole, and then they each took a nut and carried them off a long, long way, and buried them under a ledge under a hill.

How hard they worked, and how tired they grew! But they did not stop until every nut was stored away safe in the new storehouse.

The very next day Jamie and Janie crept slyly to the old storehouse under the tree; they could not find a single nut. There was nothing except an empty hole. And up in the tree the squirrels were frisking about, looked down from a safe distance and chattered at Jamie and Janie.

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Moses laid down the law: "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people."

It's what you do today that means something, not what you intend to do some day.

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

PERCENTAGES OF OPERATING COSTS
For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

	Amount	Percentage of Total Operating Costs
1. Administrative Expenses: Expenses of home office in Richmond, including all salaries, traveling expenses, stationery, postage, insurance, office equipment, and miscellaneous expenses	\$ 288,719.53	\$ 2.73
2. Promotion Expenses (Home Cultivation): Publicity through denominational papers, audio-visual education, literature, convention and conference expenses, deputation work of missionaries on furlough, etc.; also the amount recalled by the Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C. (\$60,000), from its contribution to the Foreign Mission Board through the Cooperative Program	263,237.86	2.48
3. General Expenses: Cost of Board meetings, annual audit, agent's fee for handling investments, legal expenses, and miscellaneous expenses	59,539.12	0.56
4. Foreign Fields: Salaries and expenses of missionaries, furlough travel, missionary pension plan, special allowances to emeritus missionaries, advanced training of selected Baptist leaders from abroad in U.S.A., direct evangelism, maintenance of schools and hospitals, operation of publishing houses, purchase of property abroad, and miscellaneous expenses	9,980,115.59	94.23
Total Operating Costs	\$10,591,612.10	\$100.00

Tropical Hitch-Hikers

By GLADYS CLEONE CARPENTER

In Florida waters and in tropical seas live strange, eel-like creatures called shark-suckers or remoras. They vary in length from eight inches to two feet.

On the head of each one of these blue-black fish is a suction disc. By means of this, the remora attaches itself to the underside of a large fish or sea turtle and has free transportation. If he rides on the top of a creature, he has to journey upside down.

The remoras can detach themselves when they see small fish they want—then catch another ride.

Fishermen use the remora for catching big fish, turtles and sharks. They tie a line to the sucking fish and free it. The power of the remora's sucking disc is so great that when it has attached itself to even a huge turtle that creature is hauled in with the remora.

God's handiwork seen in nature is constantly to be marveled at. Also it seems that often he has written a plain lesson for us to see. In the case of a big creature and a remora, doesn't it appear that if we let worthless, unchristian-like people attach themselves to us that we may be pulled in the wrong direction?

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Earned Fun

By ILA LEWIS FUNDERBURGH

Today I did my tasks with care,

Nor shirked a single one,
And when the time for playing came,

I never had such fun!

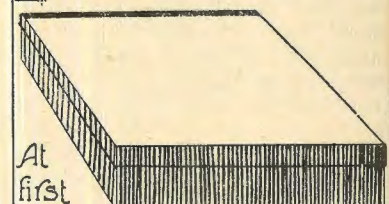
The games were just the usual kind

That we play any day;

I think they seemed so special for

I'd earned them as my pay.

How Wide is This Box?



At first glance it appears that a dime could be placed on top this box without touching an edge. Try It.

Reach up as far as you can and God will reach down the rest of the way.

The Lord takes notice not only of what we give, but of what we have left.

Deliverance and Return

By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

August 28, 1955

Isaiah 45:1-4, 13; Ezra 1:1-7

Jeremiah spoke in the early days of Judah's captivity these words, "And it shall come to pass, when 70 years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, and their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations" (25:12). A further statement of the prophecy was: "That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place" (29:10). Jeremiah's words are being fulfilled in the events of this lesson. Babylon had fallen to Persia. Cyrus, the king of Persia, surveyed his holdings and formulated the policies of his kingdom. One policy was to establish and foster friendly border states. This policy drew attention to the Jewish colonists. They would be better assets to his kingdom back in their land. Cyrus issued the decree but never knew the consequence of his decision. He did a providential act for God's redemptive purposes when all he thought he was doing was a political expediency.

BRIEF BACKGROUND

This word of review is not amiss. History is His-story. The Bible is interested in displaying God's part in all events. It is not secular history, but God's story. The ten northern tribes, called Israel, are known as the "Lost Tribes." They were not geographically lost because they were carried into Assyrian territory. Assyria scattered the people of conquered nations so that they could function no longer as an organized group. The people were assimilated among other people. Actually the "Lost Tribes" were lost to tribal identity and function. They were also lost to the purpose which God held for them in His eternal plan. The Southern Kingdom, Judah, suffered defeat a century-and-a-half later but was dealt with by a different strategy. Hebrew captives in Babylon were leaders of their race. They were permitted to live together in colonies. Consequently, they maintained tribal relationship and practiced Jewish religion within their strange land. They carried on Hebrew customs and culture. Eventually, when political events were right they were granted the privilege to return and by the unconscious acts of preparation were ready. Assyrian power had fallen from its high summit. Egypt was pushed back by Babylonian developments. Now the Babylonians had ceased world leadership of their day. The Persian power was tops and Cyrus was the ruler. The policy stated above to surround his nation with friendly border states was politically wise. Friendly border states assured protec-

tion against the enemy. These states would pass on immediately any information of usurper or invader. Border states were farthest distance from the center of government. They could be a tool to the enemy or a fence of protection to the government. Cyrus was wise to build this structure.

CAN GOD USE THE HEATHEN?

Isaiah prophesied that God would use Cyrus as the human instrument of deliverance. But Cyrus was not a God-fearing man in the manner of the Hebrew. He was a heathen man. Is it possible for God to use the heathen to accomplish his plan? Did Cyrus unconsciously play into the sovereign hand of Jehovah for a work of which he knew not the scope? The Jews may have raised this very question of whether Jehovah was right in His use of a foreign ruler to give them deliverance. God answers in Isaiah 45:13, "He shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the Lord of Host." Hence this heathen ruler is being used as a tool to bring to pass God's redemptive purposes. Let it be noticed that God used Cyrus only after His people had failed. God chose the Jews to be the instrument within His hand. They were to work consciously of their part in the divine plan and reap the benefits of God's blessing. However, when God's chosen people failed, it was necessary for another instrument to be brought in. This event is one of the finest commentaries upon the verse of scripture that "all things work together for the good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

CIVIL ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN

Ezra records that the Lord "stirred up the spirit" of Cyrus. It is doubtful that Cyrus had read Jeremiah's letter of prophecy. However, he issued a decree that God had charged him to build a house at Jerusalem in Judah. He encouraged the people to return unto Judah giving them civil blessings as they went. Approximately 50 thousand people returned. Zerubbabel was the civil representative who went along with them. Joshua was their religious leader. These people did not return empty handed. The decree of Cyrus produced resources for them. Vessels of gold and silver and other treasures mounted to a substantial sum. Beasts were

also given. As a token of respect and homage to Jehovah, Cyrus brought forth the vessels which had been taken from the temple by Nebuchadnezzar and sent them to Jerusalem. This encouragement prompted the Jews to immediately rally to the task to rebuild. Leadership was not lacking for the undertaking. God had worked minutely to prepare His people for the restoration He had promised. The distance to be covered from Babylon to Judah was 800 miles. The journey for the company consumed more than four months. It was a great journey and prepared for the coming of Christ and Christianity.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

God's work is beautifully thorough. God does not piece-meal or haphazardly approach His work. The eyes of men who lived during the captivity may not have seen all the works of God. It might have appeared that God was asleep. But when the picture is seen as a whole, God was working as fast as men would permit to accomplish His divine purpose. God always works as fast and thorough as men will permit. Today God is working through churches to bring the kingdom to pass as fast as men will permit. God is working for peace as fast as men will permit. Failure of men is the only handicap to God in His world program.

God is ever busy. The Bible speaks of only one Sabbath for the Lord. From that moment onward God has been busy in redemptive work. While He is beautifully thorough in His work He is also perpetually at the task.

The joy of return. One may question whether the harps were ever retrieved from the willow trees. Two hundred "singing men and singing women" were in the group. These were vocal musicians. The qualified temple singers may have numbered 128 men in addition to the 200. One can imagine the joy on the journey and yet the humility as the tedious task of rebuilding lay ahead. God's work is joyous but not always easy. Years of longing are about to be satisfied. Can you imagine the talk on the journey? Were there some oldster present who had made the March from Judah to Babylon? Surely their hearts beat a rhapsody while their feet marched to beloved Jerusa-

Figures to Inspire

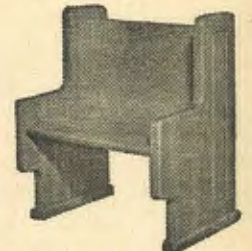
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	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Fort Smith, First	1408	581	
Including Missions	1546	642	10
Little Rock, Immanuel	1342	443	
Including Missions	1468	556	10
El Dorado, First	825	212	
Including mission	915	289	
Little Rock, Second	759	221	
Including mission	899	334	7
Fort Smith, Grand Avenue	709	302	
Including mission	749	324	4
Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle	643	182	1
Blytheville, First	613	201	
Including mission	664	267	2
Benton, First	608	130	1
Including mission	814	176	3
El Dorado, Immanuel	603	292	
Pine Bluff, South Side	595	288	3
Hope, First	545	214	
Including mission	559		2
Fayetteville, First	540	161	
Including mission	568	177	3
Camden, First	532	166	
Including missions	667	237	
Paragould, First	514	222	
Including mission	594	266	
Malvern, First	512	140	
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	503	142	6
McGehee, First	500	188	
Warren, First	493	186	
Little Rock, South Highland	492	210	5
Springdale, First	485	225	
El Dorado, Second	472	220	2
Conway, First	442	71	
Hot Springs, Park Place	437	136	5
North Little Rock, Park Hill	400	129	1
Jacksonville, First	393	202	
Including mission	438		2
Monticello, First	380	205	
Fordyce, First	373	116	2
Texarkana, Calvary	359	123	
Paris, First	356	108	
Fort Smith, Trinity	355	146	
Hot Springs, Central	354	148	
Including mission	413	190	6
Smackover, First	350	148	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	341	143	4
West Helena	331	125	
Cabot, First	329	174	
Including mission	424	231	1
Jonesboro, Central	328	139	
Searcy, First	328	109	
El Dorado, West Side	315	121	
Hot Springs, First	304	102	
Mena, First	302	145	2
Including mission	354	185	2
Fort Smith, South Side	298	129	
No. Little Rock, First	291	134	3
Nashville, First	287	114	
Paragould, East Side	271	153	
Star City, First	254	117	
Including mission	313	139	
Fort Smith, Spradling	247	107	2
DeQueen, First	216	86	
Fort Smith, Mill Creek	215	107	1
Springdale, Caudle Avenue	213	84	
Berryville, First	207	106	
Fayetteville, University	194	86	8
Benton, Calvary	189	87	
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	184	95	

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Executive Board STATE CONVENTION

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Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention met in Little Rock August 16th. The Board is made up of 60 members from the associations, plus the President of the Convention. After prayerful and careful study of our Convention needs and our pattern of giving over the past ten years, this group proposed a 10½ percent increase in the budget for 1956.

The following budget will be presented to the Convention in November:

Division I

NON-DISTRIBUTABLE ITEMS:

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

\$151,000.00

Division II

STATE CAUSES:

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

\$546,100.00

Division III

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION CAUSES:

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

CAPITAL NEEDS:

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

187,500.00

TOTAL BUDGET \$1,331,409.09

Note: The Sunday School, Training Union, B. S. U. and Music Department are to get additional amounts from the Sunday School \$4,849.00; \$4,419.00; \$2,319.00. The State Mission Department will get about \$15,000.00 additional from the Home Mission Board, plus the State W. M. U. Mission offering which they hope will not be less than \$25,000.00. The Evangelism Department will get \$2,000.00 additional from the Home Mission Board.

This proposed budget is a product of Arkansas Baptists cooperating in one great mission effort. The individual church member makes a contribution to his church. His church decides the amount that it will give to world-wide missions. That amount is sent to the State Convention's treasurer, and according to the vote of the Convention, it is divided proportionately between state and Southern Baptist Convention causes. The money for world causes is sent to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for distribution.

Thus the local church member, by one Christ-like, simple, but important act, shares, in a program as big as the world, through the Cooperative Program.

This is the best practical plan for carrying out the Great Commission which God has ever revealed to man.

Thank God for the Cooperative Program.

Eternal Vigilance

During these times when change in the national and international situation is so rapid that we hardly know what to expect next, we need to remember that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

One thing about world affairs, seemingly, never changes — the arrogance of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

At the last session of Congress a New York congressman, prompted by the hierarchy, requested the President to appoint an ambassador to the Vatican. He stated that only the United States and Soviet Russia and Communist China do not have representatives in the Vatican, and he claimed that we were in the same company with these two leading Communist countries, which was embarrassing.

The hierarchy claims that it believes in separation of church and state, but to acquiesce in sending an ambassador to the Vatican would formally recognize the Catholic church as a political power and this violates the basic law of separation of church and state. Under no circumstances would the cause of democracy and freedom of conscience be promoted if such an appointment were made.

Many of the countries, with Vatican ties, are having difficulties with their Roman citizens.

In Argentina, the hierarchy and bishops have planned armed revolt against the Government in order to gain complete control of public affairs. The newspapers of our country have admitted that facts, concerning the struggle, are difficult to obtain and the true story has been slow to leak out of the country. But, this we know — Peron has repeatedly said that he is a Catholic and will always remain one. Too, the hierarchy gave its blessings to the dictator's totalitarian government, so long as they could call the political signals, but the moment that Peron wanted to do his own "quarter-backing," the church opposed him and cried — Persecution! Religious Persecution! This

Can You Believe It?

The little town of Almyra has a population listed at 235, but last Sunday they had 265 in the Baptist Sunday School. It is true. They reach out and pull in people from outside of the city limits. They work their constituency to the last man. That young pastor Newberry is a kingpin, and they are bringing things to pass. It was the writer's privilege to participate in the dedication service of a beautiful new church building all complete. The building cost some \$40,000.00, and is attractive and commodious. They have the air ducts installed, ready for air conditioning, and are planning to do that and have it ready for next summer. They had already completed an educational plan. When you look at that Baptist church at Almyra, you are impressed with German efficiency, plus Christian faithfulness and liberality. If you knew the treasurer, A. W. Fuller, and the Goodwins, and the Vices, and the Hillmans, and the Raabes, and the many other excellent leaders in this church, you would understand how they do so well.

We also visited the completed and beautifully re-decorated church property in DeWitt. It is a thing of internal beauty, and it is air conditioned throughout. We heard that vigorous young pastor, Lerch, deliver a mighty sermon on "A Sower Went Forth to Sow." These churches in Centennial Association are going to do more through the Cooperative Program next year.—B. L. B.

fight does not have the earmarks of a state persecuting a church. Rather, it is the struggle between two former political pals, now struggling to see which one will be supreme.

In Columbia, where Rome controls, public affairs are deplorable. Government approval for non-public schools in which Roman Catholic dogma is not taught, depends upon certification from a local priest. Therefore, 160 non-Catholic schools have been closed in the last few years, and in many instances the buildings have been destroyed. This picture is made more ridiculous by the fact that only 12 percent of the school children ever advance beyond the fourth grade, and only 44 percent of the children between the ages of 7 and 14 years are enrolled in any school. In the light of these facts, you are not surprised to know that 45 percent of the adult population can neither read nor write.

The public school pupils are compelled to learn Roman Catholic dogmas and doctrines and to join in the rites and practices of the "one true religion." When a student refuses to attend mass and learn the church rituals, he is censored and often expelled.

In the countries where Rome has a stranglehold on politics, economics and education, there have been revolts and bloodshed when any attempt was made to throw off the yoke of Catholicism.

We have no quarrel with Catholicism as a religion, but when a religious denomination becomes a totalitarian political entity, we believe that it is true for all freedom loving, red-blooded, democracy promoting citizens to speak out against it.

If democracy and the freedom which it affords is worth dying for, we believe that it is worth living for; therefore, eternal vigilance is still the price of our liberty. R.D.