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## Latin Impressions

IN A recent issue of a non-denominational magazine the statement was made that many missionaries are convinced that the greatest opportunity today for evangelical Christianity lies in Latin America. With a population expected to soar well past the half-billion mark by 2000 A.D., Latin America may become the most populous and in many ways the most important segment of the Western Hemisphere. Evangelical Christians today number nearly 6.5 million and are growing rapidly. It further stated that Brazil has the fastest-growing evangelical community in the world.

A survey by a Catholic priest in September, 1955, reported that 93 per cent of the millions of Latin Americans claimed to be Catholics but estimated that only about 10 per cent actually practice the faith.

All but a very few of our guides in Latin America had turned from the Catholic Church.

They classified themselves as either free thinkers or agnostics.



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If this is the true condition in Latin America, what does it mean? Among other things it seems evident the Latins are open for something. It could conceivably be either paganism, communism, or a vital Christian faith.

With the going of John O. Westrup to Mexico in 1880, Southern Baptists entered their first Spanish American mission field. Our most fruitful experience has been in Brazil. Dr. David Mein, President of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, states, "Since June 22, 1907, when the Brazilian Baptist Convention was organized with forty-three messengers representing thirty-nine churches, we have grown considerably. Today we are 1,550 churches with approximately 175,859 members."

Throughout the other Latin American countries our Baptist growth has been encouraging but not so spectacular. However, we were informed that if the rate of gain with all evangelicals should continue as it is now that with each passing year Latin America would grow progressively pagan because the population growth is far outstripping the growth of the Christian community.

Latin America is ripe today. What it shall become tomorrow will largely depend upon how seriously Baptists and other evangelicals look upon their mission responsibility today. If there was ever a time in the life of our generation that we should search our hearts and respond unreservedly to God's call to preach the gospel to our neighbors to the South it is now! — S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

## Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP IS not the use of gimmicks to get money for the church but a Bible doctrine to be believed and practiced.



DR. DOUGLAS

The Forward Program of Church Finance takes the doctrine of possessions out of the "hush-hush" category and places it where it should

have been years ago—in the educational program of our churches. Consequently, this program has helped many of our churches improve their teaching in the field of stewardship. Approximately 8 percent of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention used the Forward Program last year. This enabled these churches to increase the number of tithers a little over 90 percent. During the same period about 7 percent of the churches in Arkansas used the Forward Program of Church Finance. These Arkansas churches helped their members increase the gifts to the churches 35 percent. The number of tithers were doubled and the gifts to missions increased.

One of the first questions asked about the Forward Program of Church Finance is this: "What does it cost the church?" Let us answer that question by suggesting that the cost be considered as an expenditure and not an expense. Putting it this way, it costs 92 percent of our churches 35 percent of their total budgets last year not to use the Forward Program. What a loss in manpower and moneypower!!

We recommend that our associations set a goal of 15 percent of the churches using the Forward Program of Church Finance in 1961. We realize that this is a step-up in the number of churches using the program but anything that has blessed congregations as the Forward Program has blessed, we are anxious to see many, many more churches use it for the glory of God and the advancement of the cause of Christ around the world. —Ralph Douglas, Associate Secretary

CALVARY Church, North Little Rock, observed the fourth anniversary of its pastor, Rev. William V. Philliber, July 10. Under his ministry the church has received 659 members, 313 by baptism. The membership has grown to 675 and the Sunday School enrollment has increased from 450 to 725.



## Beebe Leader Dies

MRS. W. A. WARREN, 75, a charter member of 1st Church, Beebe, died Friday of last week at her home in Beebe.

Mrs. Warren was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Rucker, pioneer merchants in Beebe. She is survived by two sons, William M. and Robert L. Warren, both of Beebe; a daughter, Mrs. Chester R. Wood, Little Rock; and a half sister, Mrs. Etta Bowden, Independence, Miss.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday by Rev. William N. Burnett, Rev. Reese S. Howard, and Rev. Verl Johnson. Burial was at Beebe.

## Where in Arkansas?

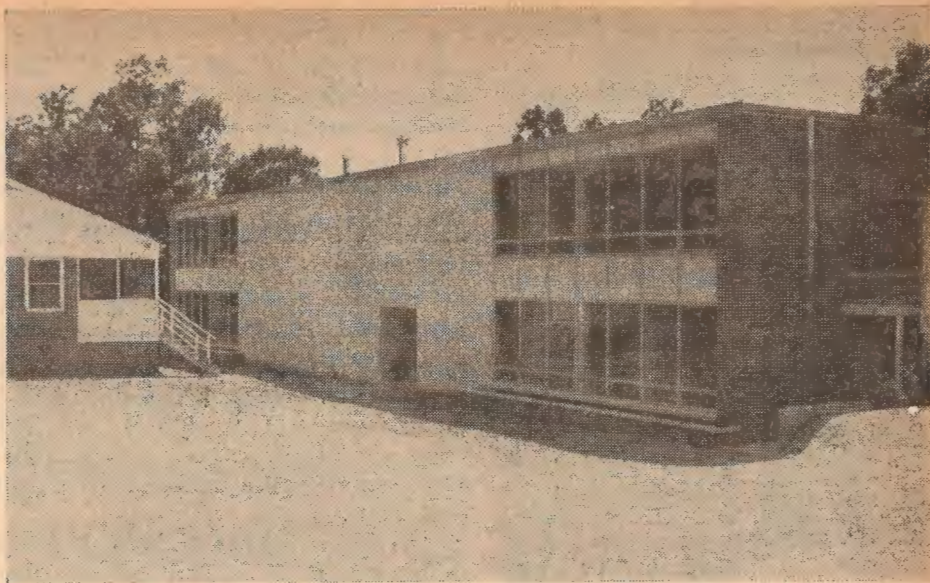
THE PICTURE of a church building, carried in last week's issue, was, as four out of five readers guessed, 1st Church, Gentry. Correctly identifying the picture were Mrs. Leo Kaufman, Gentry, Rt. 2; Arnold E. Lemke, Rogers; Denver D. Murray, Rogers; and Mrs. O. H. Smith, Ft. Smith. G. M. Davis, Paragould, thought it was the Waldo Church.

Let us have your guesses on the picture carried on page 12.

## The Cover



"SUMMERTIME, and the living is easy" ... for little boys who have their time occupied with activities in Vacation Bible School, Royal Ambassadors, etc. Otherwise, it can become boring, and thereby hang many tales of mischief. ■



**NEW BUILDING**—This new \$117,000 educational building will be dedicated Sunday by members of the Tyler Street Church, Little Rock. Rev. Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary, will give the dedicatory address.

## Little Rock Church To Dedicate Building

TYLER Street Church, Little Rock, will dedicate its \$117,000 educational building at 2 p.m. Sunday. Rev. Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary, will preach the dedicatory sermon. Rev. Harold Hightower, pastor, announced that former pastors, Rev. Felix Williams, Rev. Carl Overton, and Dr. James C. Coates, will participate in the celebration.

This church was organized Sept. 5, 1948, on property donated by the 1st Church, Little Rock, with 66

members and has now grown to 500. In 1949 a chapel building from Stuttgart Air Force Base was re-erected on the property at 21st and Tyler Street. An educational wing has been added. Five lots and four houses have been purchased on Tyler Street with one being used as a parsonage and three for educational purposes.

The new building will include four nurseries, two beginner, three primary, and two junior departments. Also, there will be a kitchen and library. ■

## In This Issue

IS THE Catholic Church "the Mother Church"? Not according to the clear and irrefutable teachings of the New Testament, says the Editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, in an editorial, "Roman Catholic Claims and New Testament Facts," on page 4.

READ the debate, pages 6, 7 and 8, on the question, "Should a Catholic for President be Opposed because of His Religion?" Taking the affirmative is Missionary L. D. Epipinette, of Trinity Association. Superintendent of Schools J. D. McGehee, Lepanto, takes the negative. Both men are members of 1st Baptist Church, Lepanto. ■



## The Heart Warmer

A FRIEND of mine who works for a used car dealer spends half his time starting cars that are not going any-



ELM

where. Every car on the lot must be started every day or two to keep the battery charged and the car in operating condition. But with the exception of an occasional sale or trial runs of cars being considered by customers, the vehicles continue to

stand in their tracks on the display lot day after day. My friend showed one to me that has not been off the lot in nearly a year. But he has continued to start it and run the motor at regular and frequent intervals. There is always the hope and the possibility with each new day that somebody will buy it and put it on the road.

Pastors have a lot in common with the man on the used car lot. They spend a big part of their time and energy warming the hearts of church members who are not going anywhere as far as spiritual growth and service are concerned. A lot of us are quite content with the feeling of satisfaction that comes from being in church every Sunday or two and hearing a good sermon. But for the most part, the value of worship is purely subjective, for the greater part of the congregation will go out to live their lives the same old way and conduct their business as usual until they are back—next Sunday or a Sunday or two after that—for another heart-warming.

About half the members of a typical church do not even come out to get their hearts warmed. Religion has long since become for them a load instead of a lift. If they should be persuaded to come they would be bored by the service and would go away feeling that the time had been wasted. They have been withdrawn from God and his church so long that their hearts have become cold and indifferent and their consciences seared. Many of them no longer feel guilty about their backslidden condition. These are among the first to find fault with the church and to claim they are "as good" or "better" than those who still take their church responsibilities and opportunities seriously.

These are like the car with the dead battery and the motor corroded from lack of use.

But just as the occasional sale keeps the starter of cars on his job, the ever present prospect of seeing some member of his congregation begin living the Christian life abundantly keeps the preacher plugging away from week to week at the business of warming hearts.

Erwin L. McDonald

IS THE Roman Catholic Church "the Mother Church," as it asserts through its Pope and hierarchy? If so, there have been some remarkable changes in "Mother" since she came into being. There is about as much resemblance between the Roman

## Roman Catholic Claims And New Testament Facts

Catholic Church and the New Testament Church which Christ established during his earthly ministry as there is between the wolf of story fame and

Little Red Riding Hood's grandmother he tried to emulate.

The New Testament Church is a democratic organization of *baptized believers in Christ*; the Catholic Church is a totalitarian organization of all who are "baptized" by the agents of that church, its members including infants.

The New Testament Church is not headed by Peter or by any who claim to be his successors, but by the Lord Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church is headed by the Pope, who claims supreme authority in the realm of "faith and morals" not only over those who are or are declared to be of the Catholic faith, but over all men, including civil rulers.

The New Testament Church had its beginning, as we have already indicated, during the earthly ministry of Jesus; the Catholic Church came into being two or three centuries later, its beginning shrouded in tradition.

The New Testament Church has but two church officials—pastors (also called bishops and elders), and deacons, who are chosen by the local church through democratic processes—and these officials are servants of the church, not rulers. The Catholic Church has an elaborate hierarchy of cardinals, archbishops, bishops, and priests, headed by the Pope and exercising a dictatorial rule.

The New Testament Church takes the Bible as its sole and sufficient authority for its faith and practice; the Catholic Church sets itself over the Bible and bases its authority on the Scriptures and tradition which often contradicts the clear teachings of the Scripture.

The New Testament Church teaches that sinners are saved by grace through faith in Christ and that each person is individually accountable to God and has direct access to God through Christ and the Holy Spirit and needs no earthly mediator; the Catholic Church claims the power to save and to keep saved those who submit to its rule and to condemn all others.

The New Testament Church teaches that at death each soul goes immediately to heaven or to hell; the Catholic Church has worked out an elaborate doctrine of limbo (a region supposedly on the edge of hell) and purgatory, a place of excruciating pain where even those who are saved must supposedly spend time ranging up to thousands of years to be cleansed and purified before going on to heaven. The Catholic Church also claims that living Catholics, by paying sums of money for the prayers of the priests, can hasten the release from purgatory of the souls of departed friends and relatives.

The New Testament Church never persecutes; the Catholic Church, even as Saul before his conversion, has across the centuries felt called of God to blot out in various ways, including literal destruction, all "heretics" (those who do not subscribe to the dogmas and teachings of the Catholic Church).

The New Testament Church is a mighty exponent of religious or soul liberty; the Catholic Church favors only that religious liberty which makes men free to subscribe to *the teachings of the Catholic Church*. In other words, according to the Catholic Church, only the Catholic Church itself has the right of religious liberty, "error" (anything other than the teachings of the Catholic Church) having, in the Catholic view, no right to exist.

The New Testament Church holds that valid baptism is by immersion only of believers only and that the ordinance is purely symbolic; the Catholic Church claims that baptism is necessary to salvation and that infants must be sprinkled to be saved.

The New Testament Church teaches that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance which portrays the sacrificial death of Christ and which is to be observed in remembrance of him; the Catholic Church holds that the Lord's Supper is necessary for salvation and that the bread and wine actually are transformed into the body and blood of Christ.

There are many more striking differences that could be shown between the true church as shown in the New Testament and the Catholic Church which claims to be the one true church. But these comparisons will suffice to explode any contention that the Roman Catholic Church is "the Mother Church."—ELM



**Likes Our Stand**

THIS is a long-planned but long-delayed letter. However, the original purpose of the letter has now been superseded by the political issue of a Roman Catholic on the Democratic ticket for President. Thank you for taking a stand in our paper and may I ask, is there any chance you will have copies made of the editorial in the *ARKANSAS BAPTIST* for July 21?

The other matter was congratulations to you on the many improvements made in our paper since you took over—Mrs. Warner Emmons, 205 West Speedway, Dermott, Ark.

**Reply:**

No extra copies are being printed, but thanks for implying the editorial was worth extra circulation. Thanks for these kind words.—ELM

**The Catholic Issue**

I HAVE appreciated the articles which have appeared in the *Arkansas Baptist* relating to Roman Catholicism and the Presidency. I have long been of the opinion that our papers need to take a positive and strong stand on the issue and have been more than a little disappointed that a few have seemed to wait for others to take the lead. Such has not been the case in Arkansas and I am grateful.

We have been aware for years of the erroneous dogma of the Roman Catholic Church and I think it would be needless duplication to recapitulate those long cussed and discussed issues. But I would appreciate a series of articles pointing up the political implications of the Catholic Catechism and I believe the readers of the *Arkansas Baptist* would be greatly profited by such a series.

Is there a definite connection between the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church and the freedom of its adherents to think and act for themselves? What would be the effect of increased Roman prestige on the Public School situation; on boycotting of public schools by Catholic parents and children? Will birth control become unlawful in other states as it has already in Massachusetts, Bro. Kennedy's home state?

These are probably some of the things we need to hear more about. I would like to hear them first and strongest from the *Arkansas Baptist* if at all possible by reason of time and space.

Thank you again for a readable and interesting paper.

Yours in Christ,  
Charles D. Graves  
Pastor

**Reply:**

Thanks. Rev. Barry Garrett, of Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, will be doing a series for us such as you suggest. We are giving him your questions.—ELM

**Baptist Crosscurrents****Is This Tradition Dead?**

THE Democratic Convention, which met in Los Angeles July 11-14, was a political event. But it also had certain moral, social, and religious references. In these respects it became a matter of concern to a religious journal and to all the citizens of this country.

At Los Angeles the nation probably witnessed the death and burial of a treasured American tradition. Throughout the history of this nation it has been assumed that a poor man, possessing the qualifications, has as much chance to become president as a rich man. But if what was revealed at Los Angeles becomes the national pattern, this tradition can be retired to some museum. In the future, the nomination for the presidency will probably go to the one who has the largest number of family connections who are willing to go all out for him and who possesses money enough to set up and maintain the largest staff and the most far-reaching organization of political pitch men. He must also have sufficient resources on which to campaign indefinitely. The Abraham Lincolns, the Andrew Johnsons, the Woodrow Wilsons, and others of modest means need not apply.

It may come to pass that the matter of votes will all be decided before the convention meets. Then the convention will assemble only for the formality of casting the ballots and to write something that will be called a platform.

From the religious angle, astute citizens will be on the alert to detect any church initiated move to manipulate the affairs of government. They will scrutinize the names most often seen in print. They will observe those who share the major part of the limelight. They will evaluate those into whose hands the responsibilities are placed.

And many will be asking what became of the old concept that the presidency is something which should seek the man. Or will the presidency become something that is to be sought and pursued and captured through the power of money and the prowess of politicians?

These matters overflow the channels of politics and threaten to undermine some of the ancient landmarks. All the while, the search continues for citizens who will put the general welfare of the nation above their addiction to selfish interests.—Editor H. H. McGinty, in *The Word and Way* (Mo.)

**Call To Worship**

ONCE more I come to you with the appeal that when you get into the Worship Service you stop talking. A fine practice would be to open your hymnal to the scripture section and read one of the responsive readings, or to bow quietly in prayer. The sanctuary of the church is not a place for visitation after the organ has begun to play. It is a place for quiet meditation and worship.

ONE of the marks of culture is our behavior, or lack of behavior, in church. A baseball game, or a lawn party, or a social in the home, offers opportunity for visiting and informal conversation. The worship service of the church never offers this, and we should be very careful not to violate the feelings of visitors and other people who may be near us and who may have a service ruined by our talking.—Pastor Wallace Rogers of Parkdale Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Tex., in *Parkdale News*



# Should A Catholic for President Be Opposed Because of His Religion?

*"Yea"*

*Says L. D. Eppinette  
of Lepanto*

THIS is being written to defend myself and thousands of others who believe in the principles that so many of our forefathers have even died for. This is not an attack on Roman Catholics as individuals but it is a defense against Romanism as a system.



MR. EPPINETTE

We agree with those who say that a man's religion should not be a test of his being qualified to hold a public office. If the Roman Catholic religion were merely a religion, I would fight for any Catholic's right to hold office anywhere in the land. There is such a thing though of a religion being more than just a religion. We maintain that one does not have to discuss the religious side of the question in discussing whether or not a Roman Catholic should hold office. Catholicism is a vast, dangerous, intriguing, bloody political system and always has been. The history of Europe for more than a thousand years is the record of Roman Catholicism in politics. The dank of the dungeon, the torture machine, the ashes of a million martyr fires, the cry of starving women and innocent babies, the blood and death of thousands of battle fields are all witnesses to the Roman Catholic Church in politics.

We say that it is an insult to American intelligence for Kennedy to be offered for the presidency of the United States on the specious plea that religion should not be made a test for holding a political office! The Pope of Rome today demands his recognition as the ruler of the universe in civil as well as spiritual realms. When the Pope was divested of civil power in Italy in 1870, he was granted the Vatican grounds as his possession, and with that as a seat of empire he has reigned with a triple crown on his head ever since. On his claim of political power the Pope has his ambassadors in the capitol of practically every nation on earth except the United States, and he has tried many times to have one here. He even demanded a seat in the League of Nations several years ago.

The reason no Catholic has ever been president of the United States is that the spirit of our American fathers who fled Europe and founded this nation in order to escape the inquisitions and persecutions of the Roman Catholic church has lived on in the hearts of their children. We do not think this spirit will die now.

By every logic and proof, a Catholic cannot be a true American citizen and remain a true Catholic. It is impossible for Catholicism to synchronize with American ideals. Every Catholic owes his first allegiance to the Pope. He, therefore, cannot become a true American. The Catholic principle is to dominate and subordinate the individual to its power. The American principle of individualism is utterly destroyed by the Catholic principle of an "infallible Pope." I quote a few Catholic authorities to prove this:

*"Nay"*

*Says J. D. McGehee  
of Lepanto*

As a lay member of the Missionary Baptist Church and in turn being affiliated with the Southern Baptist Association [Convention], I am disturbed by the thoughts and actions of some of our Baptist leadership relative to the extreme position it is taking on the question of whether a Catholic should be president of the United States.



MR. McGEHEE

First, permit me to state that when my church group, your church group, or any group of individuals raises the question of religion as a test for qualifying to any public office in the United States they are raising a question that was settled for all time in the Constitutional Convention, September 1, 1787. It was through the untiring efforts of Governor Charles Pinckney, a youthful delegate to the Convention from South Carolina, a proposal was presented stating that "No religious test or qualification shall ever be annexed to any oath of office under the authority of the United States." This resolution was finally consummated in Article VI, Section 3, of the Federal Constitution and passed without a dissenting vote.

Article VI, Section 3 of the United States Constitution clearly and forcibly states—"That Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the members of the several state legislatures, and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several states, shall be bound by oath of affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States." Thus when anyone, or any group raises the question of religion as a qualification for any public office in the United States; or when any minister directs his congregation to vote or not to vote for political candidates solely on the basis of religion, such a person or group of persons is in violation of the Constitution of the United States.

Man's political conscience, next to his religious conscience is sacred and must not be tampered with by man or beast. Certainly Baptist[s] should know this as well as any group.

It is more than interesting to note that previous to the adoption of Article VI, Section 3 to the Constitution which forbids making religion as a qualifying test for holding public office; existing regulations among the various states excluded Catholics, Jews, and in some states Protestants were excluded from legislatures. Technically, it is doubtful that a Southern Baptist could have been elected at that time to a state or a national office since he is neither Protestant nor Catholic. At that time New Hampshire, New Jersey, South Carolina, and Georgia required that all candidates be Protestants. The Baptists would have had



## "YEA"

POPE GREGORY IX (paragraph from his syllabus): "The church has the right to require the state not to leave every man free to profess his own religion. The church has the right to exercise her power without permission or consent of the state. The church has the right to prevent the foundation of any national church not subject to the authority of the Roman Catholic pontiff. The church has the right to deprive the civil authority of the entire government of public schools. The church has the right of perpetuating the union of church and state. The church has the right to require that the Catholic religion shall be the only religion of the state, to the exclusion of all others. The church has the right and power of requiring the state not to permit free expression of opinion."

**THE CATHOLIC WORLD** (Vol. XI, No. 64): "The supreme duty of Catholics is to obey the Pope, and seek in every way, especially by means of the ballot, to render the Catholic policy effective in this country. If the Pope's authority and that of the civil government comes into conflict upon any vital point, the Catholic is to act in the Nineteenth century precisely as he did in the first and second centuries."

We could quote others if necessary. Every atom of Catholic history has been enacted on the principle of the church's right to dominate individuals and governments. The Bill of Rights in the Constitution of the United States was the answer of our American founders to conditions in Europe. The first amendment to the Constitution was demanded on the part of Thomas Jefferson to forbid the hand of the Vatican from ever being placed on the capital of this nation. The fathers of our Constitution deliberately built a form of government that could never be mixed with Catholicism. The two systems stand today as the complete antithesis of each other. The free institutions of America can never be administered by a triple-crowned Italian potentate! The very thought is farcical and intolerable.

If, therefore, the Catholics of this country do not, and will not, live by the principles of our American institutions, what reasonable, moral, religious, or political right have they to aspire to govern our American institutions? If the Pope holds his people in separateness from all other affiliations in common life of Americans, why does he urge them to make and administer our laws?

## America Flooded

America has been flooded with Catholic foreigners who can never be Americanized because the Catholic system will not permit it. These foreigners came to this country already Catholics and are immediately put under the priest. Their children are forbidden to attend our public schools. They cannot get acquainted with our American policy. Hence they live and act like the priest tells them. They are neither amalgamated nor Americanized. That is the reason we have today in this country millions of foreigners who are no more Americanized than they were when they left their native land.

James Cardinal Gibbons was a notable American Catholic. What he says is representative and authoritative. Here is what Cardinal Gibbons says: "It is very strange that the Catholic church must apologize to the world for simply declaring that she speaks the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. My meaning is that the church is not susceptible of being reformed in her doctrines. . . . If only one instance could be given in which the church ceased to teach a doctrine of faith which had been previously held, that single instance would be the death blow to her claim of infallibility. But it is a marvelous fact worthy of record that in the whole history of the church, from the nineteenth century to the first, no solitary example can be adduced to show that any Pope or council ever revoked a decree enacted by any preceding pontiff or council. Her record in the past is sufficient warrant that she will tolerate no doctrinal variations in the future."

Here is a conspicuous instance where an American Catholic not only affirms but boasts of the history of the

## "NAY"

at least a close call here. Imagine not having been able to have had a Harry Truman as president. Or just imagine how terrible Senator Lyndon Johnson would feel if he were compelled today to get rid of the ordained Baptist minister as one of his chief secretaries. This would be a bleak world indeed if we couldn't have our colorful Baptist friends in politics. Can you think of Arkansas without a Faubus? This might have very well happened if there had not been for the tolerance and wisdom of our founding fathers. May we ever respect these noble attributes.

## History Is Clue

It is understandable that no one in his right mind would advocate either a state dominated religion or a church dominated state. The history of the Baptists give a clue to the reasons for their rigid opposition to any connection between church and state. Their founder in England, John Smyth, and their founder in America, Roger Williams, had both been Anglican clergymen. Both had revolted against the state dominated Church of England, the former escaping to Holland. Neither wanted ever again to see a state controlled religion, or a church controlled state. They identified the state controlled religion with Anglicanism, and the church controlled state with Catholicism.

But the identification of church and state, as they imagined it, is purely Protestant, and never was a Catholic idea. Catholic teaching has ever been that there are two distinct authorities, spiritual and temporal, both intended and sanctioned by God. The church is to concern itself with the spiritual and eternal welfare of men; Civil rulers with public order and the temporal welfare of men in this world. In temporal and worldly affairs Catholics, as good citizens, must obey the just laws of the state or country in which they are domiciled. In essence the Catholic as any good Christian would "render to God the things that are God's, and to Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

Let us remember it was the Protestant reformers, by their demand at Augusburg, 1555, "Cujus regia, ejus religio,"—that religion of the state must be that of its civil ruler—paved the way for a state dominated church, with disastrous results. That the Baptists and all non-conformists should rebel against that, even as do Catholics, is quite intelligible. But to go the horrible extreme and denounce as dangerous and unfit to be President of the United States any man simply because he is a member of a church whose headquarters in Rome is equally disastrous and is inimical to responsible freedom under constitutional law.

Dogmatism and intolerance has no place in Protestantism, Catholicism, or in Baptism anywhere in Christendom. It certainly does not enhance our position in a world torn by injustice, ignorance, disease, and poverty.

Certainly, we in the Baptist federation can find many avenues for constructive service rather than dissipating our energies in a form of deadly and sinful negativism. Perhaps we could resort to the traditional mission of the Baptist church—that of saving lost souls.

Finally, may we ever have the sobering thought that the parent Christian church stands as the most formidable foe in the path of Communism throughout the dark corners of the globe. ■

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# "YEA"

Roman Catholic church in its dealings in the past. He says that no past decree has been revoked. That means that the massacre of St. Bartholomew has his endorsement. It means that the burning of John Huss has his approval. He thus adds his curse to the ashes of William Tyndale because he translated the Bible into the language of the common people. If as high an authority as Cardinal Gibbons affirms and boasts of the murderous history of Roman Catholicism, what can we expect as a citizen from the average Catholic in America who is forbidden to even learn or to receive any instruction outside of that which is handed down to him through his priest? Gibbons says that the church never reforms and that means that the church would exercise its same despotic and murderous inquisitions on American soil as it has in other nations if it had the power of government under its control. "Rome never changes."

Dr. J. F. Love, once Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, had printed in many of our Baptist papers the following statement by Priest Oldra a Jesuit Priest of Turin, Italy: "When the church has exhausted all its resources of Christian patience, when every attempt to persuade and every spiritual and material stimulus fails, and the guilty one deprived of his goods and separated from society which he infects by his evil ways, continues in his heretical propaganda, stubbornly persisting in wishing to compromise public order and peace of Christian conscience, then there remains nothing else for the church to do in order to defend itself and its subjects, and to compel the heretic to accept the true interpretation and obedience of the true Catholic church except to inflict the penalty of death." In saying this he names the Waldenses, Albigenses, and others who believed as we Baptists believe today, as heretics. This was from a "Pastoral Letter" dated January 23, 1927. This is a quotation not from the Middle Ages, but in the twentieth century, and proves that "Rome never changes."

In Italy during World War II, Mussolini joined hands with the Pope and kicked all Masons out of office, muzzled the public press, free speech was suppressed, Missionary Bibles were confiscated and burned in the streets, and public property owned by Protestants was confiscated. This is the expression of Cardinal Gibbons when he said, "The Catholic church is not susceptible to reform."

## Catholics Under Control

Every true Catholic in America is under the control of his priest. Here is what Gibbons says about the priest's power: "The Apostles were clothed with the power of Jesus Christ. The priest as the successor of the Apostles is clothed with the same power. . . . To the carnal eye the priest looks like other men, but to the eye of faith, he is exalted above the angels. He is a king, reigning not over unwilling subjects, but over the hearts and affections of his people." Here is the sort of "king" that controls Senator Kennedy. If Kennedy should receive a letter asking him to harmonize Catholicism with Americanism he would do as Al Smith did and turn it over to his priest to answer. On every important question of state, he would probably call in his "Father Confessor" to get his advice. This writer is not ready yet to turn our government into the hands of the Pope and his representatives. We are not ready to build a throne room in the White House for the representative of the Vatican.

The president of the United States has great power in his appointments. He appoints Supreme Court Judges, and Federal Judges, etc. He appoints his own cabinet, ambassadors and many others. There are thousands of ways that a Catholic president could sell out this nation to Catholicism. If Kennedy is a devout Catholic, and he seems to be, he will consider the interests of the Catholic church first at every turn in his administration. This country will soon learn that Catholicism is a political system and not a religion except as a means to suborn the conscience of its people into a serval obedience to its designs. The idea of the Roman Catholic system being rated on the same plane with evangelical churches is a travesty and a farce.

We will hear much of "intolerance and persecution"—of "narrow bigots," etc. These are Catholic terms invented for the purpose of twisting the American doctrine of religious freedom into a tool to advance their designs and to shield their purposes by which to turn a patriotic sentiment to their advantage.

## Catholic Chaplain

On V. J. Day at the close of World War II, this writer was a Chaplain in the army, and was serving as Protestant Chaplain for a Convalescent Hospital in England. That morning the Commanding Officer called the Catholic Chaplain and me to his office and stated that he thought it would be fine to have a special Thanksgiving service in the Post Chapel that morning at 10:00 o'clock since the war was now over. He asked us Chaplains to get together and work out such a service. The Catholic Chaplain immediately said that he could not co-operate in such a service because he was a Catholic. The Commanding Officer who was a full colonel then asked me to plan such a service and conduct it myself. I did so and we had a wonderful service in the chapel with Protestants, Jews, and Catholics all present since the Commanding Officer had asked that every one attend. All were there except the Catholic Chaplain who refused to attend and sat in his barracks sullen up and very angry at me because I went on with the service. How can any one vote for a man with that kind of religion and that kind of attitude to be president of this nation? We can assure every one that we shall do all in our power to keep him from being elected. We will do this in spite of the fact that we know we shall be branded as a "narrow-minded, intolerant bigot." We cannot do otherwise than stand up for the things that we count very near and dear to us and for which many of our fore-fathers died.

## Meet Senator Kennedy

We now close this article by introducing Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts—the Catholic Democratic candidate and nominee for the Presidency—to all the non-Catholic voters of the country. Here is a man, fellow citizens, whose "religion declares that you are damned to hell because you are not a member of his church. He says that every one of you who is married is living in adultery because your marriage rite was not performed by a Catholic priest. He declares that all your sweet children are bastards—the fruit of an adulterous "concubinage." This man will not send his children to school with yours because his church says that "Education outside of control of the Roman Catholic Church is a damnable heresy." This man will curse and disinherit one of his own children if it should marry into your family and get your pastor to perform the wedding ceremony. This man will not hear your pastor preach. If he did, he would have to confess his sins to his priest. This man will not read your Bible. When this man dies, his body will not be permitted to be buried in a grave in your cemetery. In fact this man and his church declare that every Heretic, like you, ought to be exterminated from off the face of the earth. BUT, fellow-citizens, this man and his Catholic following will brand you as a "narrow and intolerant bigot" if you oppose his candidacy for the Presidency of the United States whose Declaration of Independence declares that "All men are created free and equal," and one of whose greatest principles is expressed in the phrase, "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none." ■

(Editor's Note: L. D. Eppinette is a native of Calhoun, La., but moved to Texas at the age of two. He moved to Arkansas at the age of 15 and graduated from Ouachita College in 1927. He served in the European theatre during World War II. As a minister he has served these churches: Central, North Little Rock; 1st, Newport; 1st, Prescott; 1st, Ashdown; 2nd, Pine Bluff; 1st, Bearden; 1st, Union City, Tenn.; East Avenue, Springfield, Mo.; 1st, Alzheimer; Oak Grove, Pine Bluff. For one year he was associational missionary in Pulaski county. For the past three years he has been associational missionary in Trinity Association. He is a member of 1st Baptist Church, Lepanto.)



# Budget of \$1,675,000 Approved for 1961

## By Executive Board of State Convention

The Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, in session Aug. 8, approved a budget of \$1,675,000 for 1961. The budget, including 36 percent or \$603,000 for Southern Baptist Convention institutions and agencies, will be presented to the annual meeting of the State Convention, at 1st Church, Fayetteville, in November.

The total is \$25,000 larger than the budget of \$1,650,000 for the current year.

The Board will recommend that the State Convention continue to give support to Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, independent junior college, as it has for several years, but that the college not be received as a convention institution at this time. An item of \$33,165 is included, in the recommended budget, for the Walnut Ridge school.

Of the \$1,072,000 recommended for the institutions and agencies of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the largest amount, \$285,797.50, is recommended for Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, the convention's senior, liberal-arts college.

In addition, the balance of funds which have been accumulating for Baptist educational use in Pulaski County, for a possible branch of Ouachita College, are being turned over to Ouachita College for capital needs, subject to approval of the November convention. This will total approximately \$20,000 by the end of the current year. It is recommended that the \$7,537.50 item in this section of the 1961 budget also be given to Ouachita.

The Board is recommending that the annual Thanksgiving Offering for Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Monticello, which was to have been discontinued after this fall, be continued for 1961.

A liberalization of the State Convention's By-Laws to allow institutions more freedom in the purchase of property is being recommended for convention approval. Section 4, dealing with Trus-

teeships, would be made to read:

"All trusteeships of this Convention shall be amenable to the Convention on all matters, through its Executive Board. No trusteeship shall conduct extra movements to raise money outside its regular revenue-producing sources, nor shall a deficit in running expenses or debt be incurred without the approval of the Convention in session except as follows: when an emergency arises concerning the opportunity to purchase needed property for expansion, the president of the Convention, the president of the Executive Board, and the Executive Secretary of the Executive Board (all three concurring) believing such an emergency exists and deeming it wise to incur indebtedness may give the trustees of an institution such permission, and make a full report to the Executive Board and to the next Convention in session."

Other recommended Constitutional changes include the elimination of items 2 and 3 of Section 5, on Committee Members:

"2. A member from an Association upon moving from the bounds of that Association shall retain membership on the Board until the meeting of the next Convention.

"3. Any member of the Executive Board or any institutional board who has served on such board or boards the number of years provided in the Constitution, shall not be eligible for re-election to such board or boards until one year has elapsed."

The elimination of item 2 is to correct a contradiction in the Constitution as it appears in the 1959 annual of the State Convention, and elimination of item 3 corrects a duplication.

Under a further recommendation, ministerial students and ministers of music, who are employed by churches cooperating with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, would be invited to participate in the Annuity Board

retirement program of the Southern Baptist Convention, with the State Convention paying such students' dues as follows:

For single students, 5 percent of the salary up to a salary of \$150 a month; for married students, 5 percent of the salary up to a salary of \$200 per month.

The Board also recommends that favorable action be taken on providing that full-time ministers of music be permitted to participate in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan. As of this time ministers of music are not eligible.

Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, weekly publication of the State Convention, and Rev. Lawson Hatfield, secretary of the convention's Sunday School department, were given permission to participate in an evangelistic crusade in Scotland next April and to make a tour, following the crusade, to the Holy Land.

Dr. McDonald will be in charge of the publicity and promotion for the Scotland Crusade, which is directed by Rev. Lewis E. Clarke, pastor of Maple Avenue Church, Smackover, and Rev. A. M. Stewart, pastor of Lochlee Baptist Church, Dundee, Scotland. He will also serve as evangelist in one of 25 churches of Scotland cooperating in the campaign.

Mr. Hatfield will conduct Sunday School clinics in regional Baptist meetings throughout Scotland.

Thirteen vacancies on the Board were filled as follows, to serve till the November meeting of the State Convention:

S. W. Eubanks, Ft. Smith, Concord Association.

Troy Carroll, Murfreesboro, Little River Association.

R. H. Dorris, North Little Rock, Pulaski Association.

Ben Wofford, Clinton, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association.

E. Clay Polk, Piggott, Gainesville Association.

G. W. Smith, Pine Bluff, Harmony Association.

Lonnie Lasater, Camden, Liberty Association.

Sam C. Reeves, Arkadelphia, Red River Association.

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## Central Association

HIGHLAND Heights Church voted to enter into a building program to build an addition to their building 30 by 37 feet. This additional space will be used for educational purposes. They also adopted a budget giving 1 percent to associational missions.

REV. Harold Presley has accepted the call of the 1st Church, Malvern, and moved on the field Aug. 7. Bro. Presley comes from Leachville, where he was pastor about five years.

SUNDAY, July 24, Trinity Church was organized at Bauxite Mission, known as Mid-Way Mission. There were 181 members. The church has called Eddie McCord, former pastor of the Bauxite Church, as pastor. J. L. Smith, Eddie Perdue, Woodrow Bell, Henry Heart, Luke Ramsey, Marion Lacy, H. W. Applegate, and Loyd Meeks were recognized as deacons. The church elected Ross

McDonald, T. L. Ward, and S. D. Edmonson as trustees.

This makes 40 cooperating churches in Central Association.

REV. Oscar Davis has accepted the call of Mill Creek Church to become pastor. Bro. Davis lives in Malvern. His recent pastorates have been in Oklahoma.

REV. Buster Barnette is no longer pastor of the Buie Church. Don Tollison, Ouachita College student, is serving as interim pastor.

THE second Springlake Assembly closed July 22, after an excellent week. Several rededicated their lives to the Lord and some surrendered for special service. There was one profession of faith. There were 134 registered and many visitors attended parts of the Assembly.

Eugene Cockman was elected Boy Honor Camper. He is from Ridgecrest Church, Benton.

Robert Nooner was elected as alternate. He is also from Ridge-

## Adams Resigns As SS Associate

ERNEST R. Adams, an associate in the Sunday School Department of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, has resigned to go to the Haltom Road Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., as minister of education. His resignation will be effective September 1.

It was accepted "with regret" by the executive board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

At Ft. Worth Mr. Adams plans to complete work on his Master of Religious Education degree and to continue working toward a doctorate.

Before coming to Arkansas in 1956 he was in education work in Kansas City.

crest, Benton.

Janis Morehead was elected Girl Honor Camper. She is from Calvary, Benton.

Janice Duncan was elected alternate. She is from 1st Church, Stuttgart. ■

Paul Redditt was licensed to preach by 1st Church, Little Rock, last month. Redditt graduated from Central High School in May where he was a member of National Honor Society, Key Club, and president of Beta Club. He served as one of the pastors at 1st Church in April during Youth Week. Paul plans to attend Ouachita College this fall. ■

## Church Now Autonomous

CALABAR, Nigeria (EP)—In connection with Nigeria's independence from Britain scheduled for Oct. 1, full autonomy was given the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria by the (Presbyterian) Church of Scotland's Eastern Nigeria Synod here.

From now on, all educational, ecclesiastical and medical programs formerly directed from Scotland will be administered by national boards and committees established by the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria.



MISS WILMOTH



MISS DOUGLAS



MR. BURKE

*SHOWN ABOVE are Miss Sallye Wilmoth, who served as BSU director at Arkansas State College this summer; Miss Anna Douglas, who served at Arkansas A & M College; and Mr. Windy Burke, who served at Arkansas State Teachers' College.*

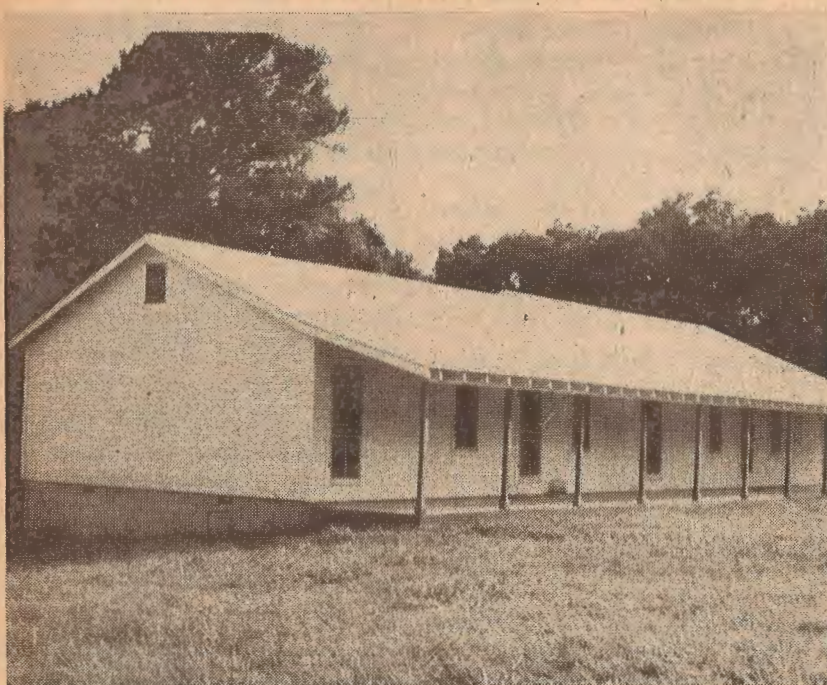
*Sallye is a graduate of Arkansas State, has completed one year at Southwestern Seminary, and worked at her alma mater this summer while Miss Carol Burns toured Europe and the Holy Land.*

*Anna is a June graduate of Arkansas A & M and served as BSU director at that school while Mr. Darrel Coleman worked on his master's at the University of Arkansas.*

*Windy, a student at Arkansas State College and president of the BSU of the state, substituted at Arkansas State Teachers this summer while Mr. James Smalley worked on his master's at the University of Oklahoma.—Tom J. Logue, Secretary*



# Where In Arkansas Is This?



HERE is a new building erected recently by Baptists to meet a long-felt need. Can you tell us where it is? Give us your name and address with your answer.—The Editor

## Again We 'Make' Reader's Digest

FOR the second time this summer, *Arkansas Baptist* material has been chosen for publication in *The Reader's Digest*. We received \$10 for the following to be carried in the Picturesque Speech department of the September issue of the *Digest*, on page 240:

"One smart idea would be a car pool for the parents of children with driving licenses." — George Hart ■

### Dr. Fred F. Brown, 1933 President, Dead

KNOXVILLE, TENN. — (BP) A Convention president who "did as much as any other one man" to save Southern Baptist agencies, died in Knoxville Aug. 9 at the age of 78.

Dr. Fred F. Brown, pastor emeritus of 1st Baptist Church of this city, died at his home here after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at 1st Church, Knoxville, Aug. 11, with Pastor Charles A. Trentham officiating. Burial was in Knoxville.

Dr. Brown was the only president of the Southern Baptist Convention never to preside over an annual session. This was due to a great extent to the fact that he impaired his health during his strenuous efforts to make Southern Baptists solvent. He was elected at St. Petersburg, Fla., in 1932, but illness prevented his presiding in 1933 at Washington, D. C.

"Dr. Brown made a tremendous contribution to the Convention during the depression years," Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, said. ■

"I THOUGHT you said this bathing suit was in fast colors," said the customer, indignantly. "Why every stripe in it has come off on my back."

"Ah, but wait," said the shopman, suavely, "wait until you try to get them off your back — then you'll see."

### 'Anderson Day' At Bethel Church

SUNDAY, Aug. 28, the Bethel Church at Potter will be the scene of much activity, for this is the day to be known as "Anderson Day," in honor of the pastor, Rev. C. S. Anderson. It is a day when friends of the pastor will not only gather together to worship God, but they will also extend their good wishes to the man who has worked long and faithfully to revive and build up Bethel Church. He will be celebrating his 83rd birthday on Aug. 31, and is planning to retire from the ministry at the close of the Associational year.

Mr. Anderson's first pastorate was at Alder Springs. Later he served as pastor at Hatfield, and twice he was pastor at Two Mile. He has been pastor of the Bethel Church for seven years. ■



MR. ANDERSON

### Attendance Report

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Benton, 1st	625	124	5
Camden, Cullendale, 1st	468	272	
El Dorado, 1st	872	265	1
El Dorado, Immanuel	623	294	6
El Dorado, Parkview	228	91	4
Ft. Smith, Grand Avenue	679	307	14
Ft. Smith, Trinity	293	110	4
Huntsville, 1st	133	40	
Jacksonville, 1st	486	168	1
Levy	504	212	2
Lonoke, Wattensaw	61	58	
Magnolia, Central	633	229	1
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	720	218	2
Springdale, 1st	462	131	3
Van Buren, 1st	405	150	8
West Memphis, Calvary	204	112	

REV. H. A. Elledge, former pastor of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, will be the evangelist at a revival Aug. 22-31 at Calvary Church, West Memphis. He is now pastor of Northwest Church, Oklahoma City. J. E. Neal Jr. will lead the singing. A youth rally will be held Aug. 19-20. Rev. Gerald Jones, Memphis, Tenn., and Neil Suddard will be in charge.



## Washburn and Strickland To Lead Conference



MR. WASHBURN

MR. STRICKLAND

Dr. A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and W. Alvis Strickland, superintendent of associational promotion of the Sunday School Department, will lead the Associational Sunday School Leadership Conference at Ouachita College Aug. 23-25. State and associational leaders from Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas will be participating.

The workshop is designed to train associational Sunday School leaders. The program will consist of demonstrations, conferences and speeches all designed to help associational workers plan and conduct an associational program that will help the churches do better Sunday School work.

Coming from the Nashville office to assist Dr. Washburn and Mr. Strickland with this meeting are Dr. J. Roger Skelton, superintendent of teaching; Dr. Wilbur C. Lamm, editor of Adult Sunday School materials; Sibley, C. Burnett, superintendent of Vacation Bible School expansion; Mr. Harold C. Bennett, superintendent of New Work; Mrs. Hannah Hills, superintendent of Cradle Roll work in the Sunday School Department and Miss Nettie Lou Crowder, editor of Beginner and Primary materials with the Board's Church Music Department.



### Who Gives the Orders?

Who gives the orders? That's the basic issue in Mt. 16:19 and 18:18: "Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Did Jesus mean to say that *Peter* would give the orders for the binding (conviction of sin) and for the loosing therefrom (forgiveness)? Or did he mean that the *apostles in general* should have that responsibility and should pass it on to a human priesthood? This is at least the surface meaning of the above statement. (Significantly, the singular (thou) in 16:19 is changed to the plural (ye) in 18:18).

But the disturbing question is: would God commit such sweeping prerogatives to *mere men*? That is, would God permit the eternal destinies of men to be determined finally by their fellows? Indeed, beyond question, men have reciprocal *responsibility* one for another, to *announce* the judgment and forgiveness of God. But surely, the binding and loosing of sins have been reserved by God for Himself.

Hence, it is heartening to examine the Greek text and discover that the second and fourth verbs in the above statement are not *merely* future as indicated in the translations. Rather are they future *perfect*. Correctly translated, the statement reads: "Whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth *shall have been bound* in heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth *shall have been loosed* in heaven." (These same verbs are *perfects* in John 20:23, but they admit the same general sort of interpretation).

So, who gives the orders? Not man, of course, but God does. Man must act, indeed with reference to the binding and loosing of sins—his own sins and the sins of others. But, according to this statement of Jesus, a man must make sure that what he does *has already been done in heaven*.

Therefore, it is God who gives the orders and not man. And man had best heed the orders of God and do them.

EAST Side Church of Paragould has just completed a revival with seven professions of faith and four joining by letter. The Rev. Jeff Rousseau, pastor of Olive Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla. was evangelist and Darrell Wood, minister of music at Cedar Mills Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla. directed the singing. A goal of 300 in Sunday School was set during the revival and was surpassed by a total of 309. The Rev. Lendol Jackson is pastor.

PAUL H. Power, a Little Rock layman, was recently chosen international trustee of Gideons International at its convention in Los Angeles. For three years he has been president of the Little Rock Camp of Gideons and has been state president the past two years. He is a member of Park Hill Church.

"THE Heart, Mind, and Soul of Communism" was the subject of a talk at 1st Church, Marvell, August 12. Rev. Robert Tarzier, of Memphis, formerly pastor of a Baptist church in Latvia told of enduring hardships under Communism. His father, also a pastor, was sentenced to death and died in a mass execution.

AUGUST 23 is the last day for filing application for the fall semester at Midwestern Theological Seminary in Kansas City. Applications should be mailed to Dean of Students, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 5001 North Oak Street, Trafficway, Kansas City 18, Mo.

FIRST MOSQUITO: Why are you making such a fuss?

SECOND MOSQUITO: Whoo-pee! I passed the screen test.



## Not Just Ordinary Aches And Pains. These Hurts

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Ouch! That's the reaction a person has when he tries to unsnarl the Hurts who are serving in places of leadership in Southern Baptist life.

Confusion abounds. First, there are father, son, and grandson who all carry the name John Jeter Hurt. To clarify it some, they append the Sr., Jr., and III after the surname. They live in Georgia.

All three are writers, with material currently in print.

Then, there's John Swint Hurt, Jr., of Baton Rouge, La., who is constantly asked if he's any relation of the triumvirate of John Jeter Hurts. He isn't, although he's met them.

To muddy the waters further, the only one not to acquire the name Hurt by birth is in editorial work. Mrs. Fern Hurt of Oklahoma City occasionally attends editors' conferences at which one of the John Jeter Hurts is present.

To tie it in knots, another Hurt also has an Oklahoma background. He's Edward (Eddie) Hurt, Jr., now associate secretary for Royal Ambassador work with the Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tenn. For years, he coached championship track teams at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.

John Jeter Hurt, Jr., of Atlanta, is layman editor of the award-winning Christian Index, weekly paper for Georgia Baptists. It has a circulation of 107,500.

His father, an active but retired 86, recently published a book and still submits articles to Baptist periodicals. John J. Hurt, Sr., is president emeritus of Union University (Southern Baptist) at Jackson, Tenn. (and a former editor of *Arkansas Baptist*.)

Grandson, John J. Hurt III has printer's ink thick in his blood too. A recent graduate of Baptist-related Mercer University in Macon, Ga., he has a college scholarship. He's spending this summer writing for *The Atlanta Journal*.

John Swint Hurt, Jr. is—appropriately enough for the name he bears—in a hospital. There, however, he makes other people forget their hurt. He's chaplain of Baton Rouge (La.) General Hospital, operated by Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Fern (Oaks) Hurt is an editorial assistant on the *Baptist Messenger* in Oklahoma City. It's the weekly paper for Baptists of the state.

Eddie Hurt of Memphis voices the feelings of all of them (they have a strong respect for each other even though not related) when he says: "I cannot claim kinship to any of the other 'Hurts' mentioned, although I would be happy to do so."

There is still another denominational worker named Hurt. He is Hubert Hurt, Home Mission Board worker in Havana, Cuba. A native of Louisville, Miss., Hubert Hurt was appointed in 1957 to work among Spanish-speaking people. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg.

He has a bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

It gives the Southern Baptist Convention strength of leadership. But some of the editors of Baptist periodicals, who face the confusion of names week after week, jokingly say that the Hurts give them their share of aches and pains. ■

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. — (BP) The Southern Baptist Extension Education Association elected Clarence Watson of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., as president for the coming year. He succeeds R. Lee Gallman, director, Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminaries, Jackson, Miss.

P. H. Anderson, of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., was elected program chairman for the 1961 meeting Aug. 1-3 at Carson-New-

## "You Won't Approve"

By Hal D. Bennett

"BEING a minister you probably will not approve," the man said, "but this is what we did..."

How often a pastor hears that! And when we hear it, no matter what comes later, how often we wish that the person could see the situation as it really is.

For instance: How does he know, or why should he suspect that a minister would not approve? Does a minister always disapprove and then consider the morality of an act? Or does he first consider and then disapprove, having seen that the act or situation was clearly immoral or wrong?

Why does any man himself think an act would appear wrong to a minister? If what he is about to defend is, as we often say, borderline, should he not consider yet another question: what would result if the pastor also took part?

When a layman can assume offhand that his pastor would disapprove of a given act or sequence of events, whose conscience is at work, the layman's or the minister's?

People, and more especially Christian people, ought not do things that automatically put them on the defensive with their pastor, and that without him having said a word. It would be safer all around at such a time, and morally wise, if such a man cleared up his conduct of his own accord. Why take part in something that you already know someone else will know is wrong?

man College. A. D. Phillips, of Rossville, Ga., associated with Anderson in Mercer Extension Education, is Association Secretary.

Rev. and Mrs. William E. Halton, Southern Baptist missionaries to Hawaii, are returning to the mainland for furlough and may be addressed at 716 N. Grady St., Altus, Okla. He is a native of Little Rock, Ark.; she is the former Ruth Miller, of Altusm.



## Texas Pastor In Blast At Catholicism

WACO, TEX. (BP)— If Senator John F. Kennedy is elected President of the United States, he would become a tool of the Catholic hierarchy by which the liberties we now enjoy would be placed in jeopardy, the pastor of the 1st Baptist church here said.

Pastor Harold E. Lindsey lambasted the Catholic hierarchy from the pulpit in a Sunday sermon entitled, "The Issues Before Us," here July 31.

The 39-year-old minister acknowledged Kennedy, the Democratic nominee for president, as a "highly intelligent, well-informed, well-educated and experienced young man," and said that he has every right to be President.

"Yet, if his religion would prevent his absolute allegiance to the United States, the question of his religion can be raised legitimately," said Lindsey.

"The ultimate danger involved," he said, "is that eventually we will be subject to the power of Rome. Tax funds for the support of Catholic schools, grants for Catholic hospitals, orphanages and other forms of Catholic relief would become the order of the day" if a Catholic is elected U. S. President.

Lindsey pointed out four reasons "why Kennedy must not be elected:"

(1) Being a Roman Catholic, he would be subject to the traditional pressures which have characterized the Catholic Church's bid for power.

(2) Being a Catholic, he would be subject to a power other than God, his conscience, or his country.

(3) The Roman Catholic Church, loyal to its nature, would project itself into the affairs of the state through Kennedy.

(4) It would be impossible for him to carry out his duties as President and remain in good and regular standing with his church.

"Changes would come gradually," said Lindsey, "until one day we awaken to discover that our

## Mexican Venture Planned For Southern Baptist Men

REGARDLESS of snow, heat, car trouble, or any other possible problem during the two-week September tour of Mexico, the 62-member team of Southern Baptist men isn't worried.

The men, who represent 16 states, are confident this will be the most self-sufficient venture the Brotherhood Commission has ever sponsored. The Southern Baptist agency periodically sponsors tours to missions points to quicken the mission interest of laymen.

Though it is highly improbable any of these problems may arise, the long list of professions indicates there is at least one member of the team who is qualified to meet the emergency.

Suppose there is transportation difficulty. Who could remedy that better than automobile men Walter J. Wilkins of Norfolk, Va. and Paul R. Phelps of Lenoir City, Tenn.?

**A blowout? No trouble at all. The team has W. C. Lindsey of**

### Baptist Laymen In Denver Crusade

JACKSON, Miss. — Forty Baptist laymen from Mississippi participated in a week-end crusade among Southern Baptist churches in Colorado last week.

The laymen, at their own expense, came by train, plane, and automobile for the period of witnessing among churches in the Denver and Long's Peak associations.

Accompanying the group as participating observers were laymen from Tennessee, Alabama, and Louisiana, from which states it is anticipated similar groups of laymen will be conducting crusades in the future.

liberties have been whittled away and we are enslaved in our own homeland by a ruthless religious totalitarianism controlled from Rome." ■

Williamston, S. C., a tire dealer, and Gerald W. Overton, of Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Memphis, Tenn.

Food problems should vanish with dairymen A. D. Reed of Haughton, La., and C. K. Rockefeller of Norfolk, Va., and bakery owner H. H. Baker of Clovis, N. M., on the trip.

Shelter problems can be met by such real estate specialists as Harold L. Anderson of Heber Springs, Ark.; Robert L. Vogt of Rogers, Ark., and Landrum Blount of Pompano Beach, Fla.

Actually, there are enough professional men along to build living quarters, with lumberman Hubert Line of Munfordville, Ky., supplying the materials.

There are W. B. Easley of Mobile, Ala., and Floyd W. Harris of Annandale, Va., both plumbing and heating men; and such construction men as Richard P. Randall of Rockville, Md.; J. N. Blose of Yale, Okla.; M. A. Tipton of Maryville, Tenn.; H. A. Tuten Sr. of Savannah, Ga.; J. D. Pickett of Columbia, Miss., and O. L. Sutton of Clewiston, Fla.

Awning manufacturer Rupert D. Creighton of Tampa, Fla., can supply some of the trimmings and furniture dealer Charles Onstead of Littlefield, Tex., the furniture.

If legal problems arise, lawyer Homer E. Dean, Jr., of Alice, Tex., can be consulted. Others have experience in banking, accounting, merchandising, selling, electronics, advertising, and engineering.

Even the United States Marines will be represented by William E. Gardner of Annandale, Va.

A couple of preachers, L. E. Coleman, Sr., of Memphis, tour director, and his son, L. E. Coleman, Jr., of Tompkinsville, Ky., will be along to take care of the team's spiritual needs.

With such a wide variety of professions in attendance, the men can expect service from practically the cradle to the grave. Particularly since W. J. Lotz, a Roanoke, Va., mortician, signed for the trip.





Round-Up of

**World-Wide**

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

## Oppose Religion

MOSCOW (EP) — How far will Russian communism go to spread its atheistic teachings and discredit religion? An illustration was provided by two recent broadcasts over the Moscow Radio.

A former Russian Orthodox priest, identifying himself as Viktor Grigoryevich Gichko, devoted a talk to urging other members of the clergy to follow his example. He used the other to read a letter he said he had sent to his former superior, Archbishop Anthony of Stravropol and Baku, explaining his reasons for leaving the Church.

Gichko claimed he had two special reasons for adopting atheism and regarding the activities of the clergy as "futile and fruitless." One, was that "all priests are drones and idlers, living at the expense of others." The other was that he wanted to "help in building up Communism."

## Liturgical Reform

VATICAN CITY (EP) — A major liturgical reform has been announced by Pope John XXIII. It calls for a new code of rules for the Roman breviary and Mass, lightening the daily burden of Roman Catholic priests.

The reform was disclosed in a *motu proprio*, a formal document framed by the Pope's own hand. The new rules will become effective January 1.

Pope John explained that the new code will shorten and simplify the divine office, the prayers of the breviary which must be said daily by priests and members of religious orders and are sometimes said voluntarily by other Roman Catholics.

According to Vatican sources, the reform will cut about 20 minutes from the time priests spend every day reciting the breviary. It has taken them about a full hour for the recitation.

The shortening of the prayers had been requested by many bishops, Pope John said, especially for priests "who every day have more and more pastoral preoccupations."

## Denied Entry Permit

BERLIN (EP) — Dr. Ernst Wilm of Bielfeld, president of the Evangelical Church of Westphalia, who had planned to preach at several East German centers, has been refused an entry permit by Soviet Zone authorities.

The "tense political situation" in East Germany was cited as the reason for their refusal. Observers here, however, said they believed the authorities' action was a retaliation against Dr. Wilm for his open criticism of the farm collectivization program carried out in the Soviet Zone.

## Koreans To Pakistan

SEOUL (EP) — Three Korean girls have flown to Pakistan to serve as the first foreign missionaries of the Korean Methodist Church since World War II.

Actually, the three are believed to be the first to qualify as full-fledged foreign missionaries of the denomination, since the earlier workers sent by Korean Methodists to Manchuria served among Koreans there rather than as missionaries to the Chinese.

The new missionaries are Eunja Kim, Sungja Cho and Chaeok Chun. They will study Urdu, which is spoken in Pakistan, before beginning to teach at St. Theresa's High School, near Lahore, a Protestant missions institution.

They are supported by Ehwa University, a Methodist School and the largest women's university in the world, with more than 6,500 students.

## Vatican Broadcasts

VATICAN CITY (EP) — Since the early part of July, officials of Vatican Radio have observed increasing Communist jamming of their broadcasts. The jamming has been traced to transmitters in the U.S.S.R. and Iron Curtain countries, except Poland.

The Catholic officials pointed out a novelty in the present jamming in that frequently programs in English, French and Spanish have been interfered with, when hitherto the only broadcasts jammed were those in the languages of the Iron Curtain countries.

## Bible for Powers

MOSCOW (EP) — The U. S. Embassy here has received a Bible for presentation to Francis Powers, imprisoned pilot of the American U-2 plane shot down over the Soviet Union.

Attorney Lewis Weiss explained he brought the Bible to Moscow at the request of the pilot's father. Embassy officials, who had not been permitted to see Powers, were uncertain that it could be delivered to him.

## Passive Campaign

HAVANA (EP) — Roman Catholic Cuban women have said that they plan a campaign of "passive resistance" to increasing Communist influence in the government of Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

Spokesmen explained that they expect to step up their opposition and their passive resistance "in direct proportion to the rise in Communist infiltration." Catholic demonstrations heretofore have been against communism rather than against the Castro government.

According to informed Catholic sources, plans have been made to continue special masses for a period of 30 days to mark Communist oppression.

## Discrimination Ends

NEW DELHI, India (EP) — The new non-Communist government of Kerala has put an end to the discrimination which had been practiced against Harijans (low caste Hindus) converted to Christianity.

The Harijans, commonly known as Untouchables, were excluded from various concessions for schools, books and financial aid, when they became Christians under the former Communist administration.

A new state regulation provides that Harijans who are converted to Christianity shall be entitled to the same financial aids and concessions as are granted to non-Christian Harijans.



## Catholic Courses

TOKYO (EP) — More than 1,000 inhabitants of the Ryukyu Islands are taking correspondence courses on Roman Catholicism in response to radio broadcasts from Naha.

The broadcasts, which began two years ago, are prepared by Father James Hyatt, M.M., of Kyoto, Japan. Each consists of a five-minute discussion of common experiences in the life of pagans treated from a Catholic point of view.

Broadcast daily except Sunday to every corner of the islands, the programs invite listeners to take a 10-booklet course in Catholicism. Those taking the courses are later contacted by priests and catechists.

The Ryukyus stretch along a 650-mile chain between Japan and Formosa.

## National Prayer Day

NEWPORT, R. I. (EP) — Wednesday, Oct. 5, has been designated by President Eisenhower as a National Day of Prayer.

"It is not by our strength alone," he said in a proclamation issued at the Summer White House here, "not by our own righteousness, that we have enjoyed the abundant gifts of our Creator . . .

"In this time of testing we shall ever place our trust in the keeping of God's commandments, knowing that He who has brought us here requires justice and mercy in return.

"As we lift our thankful hearts to Him, we will see clearly the vision of the world that is meant to be and set our hearts resolutely toward the achievement of it."

A joint resolution approved by Congress in 1952 provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer on which people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups and as individuals."

As in previous years, the 1960 Day of Prayer falls on the first Wednesday in October.

## Massacre In Tibet

KATMANDU, Nepal (EP) — According to a Tibetan priest, Chinese Reds routed up nearly 4,000 lamas, or Buddhist priests, after the escape of the Dalai Lama from Tibet in 1959. The lamas were placed in a prison camp near Lhasa, and ordered to work on construction jobs. When about 1,000 refused, they were starved to death by the Communists. In March 1960, the remaining 3,000 lamas revolted, killed or overpowered the guards and fled.

## Broadcasting Upheld

BONN, Germany (EP) — A radio broadcasting bill now before West German legislators upholds the right of religious groups to regular time for the broadcasting of religious services and other church events. Leaders of all parties have approved the religious broadcasting portion of the bill.

## No Racial Bars

VATICAN CITY (EP) — A cheering audience of 10,000 heard Pope John XXIII declare that the Roman Catholic Church loves "white, red, yellow and black" men the same way.

Welcoming 120 Catholic rural leaders from Africa and South Asia at a general audience in St. Peter's, the Pope declared: "The Catholic faith embraces all in a single effusion of love — white, red, yellow and black — because they have all been redeemed by our Lord Jesus Christ."

MISS Ione King, secretary in the Christian Education Commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1955, died suddenly in her home July 24. Memorial services were conducted at the First Baptist Church of Dallas with Forrest C. Feezor, Texas Baptist executive secretary, and members of the Texas Christian Education Commission officiating. Funeral services were conducted July 27 at a San Angelo, Tex., funeral home. Before coming to the Texas Convention, Miss King was an employee of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. (BP)

Tip

## To Tourists

MISSIONARIES in Europe could do a much better job for the church if they did not have so many sidelines: running hotels, serving as tourist guides and running a taxi service for folks from back home.

Every year more and more Americans are visiting abroad. It is only natural that these tourists want to call on missionaries in the various cities. And I feel sure the missionaries appreciate the visits. But most of the men are underpaid to begin with. Then if they have to run "cheap hotels", taxi and tourist service for hundreds of visitors each year, you can see what a financial burden they are under.

When you visit Europe, be sure to visit with the missionaries, but try to be of help to them. If they have the time to show you the city, be sure you pay the bills. Don't be a burden on them, but a blessing to them.

Let it be understood that these remarks are on behalf of the missionaries in Europe. We are not bothered at all here on the edge of the Sahara Desert with an excess of visitors.—Lawrence E. Taylor, Tripoli, Libya, in *Firm Foundation*

DR. CLAUDE H. Rhea, Jr., who has been a member of the music faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary since 1954, has been appointed Dean of the School of Church Music and elevated to the rank of full professor.

Dr. Rhea will succeed Dr. W. Plunkett Martin, first Dean of the music school, who is retiring from that post effective August 1. Dr. Martin will continue to serve as professor of voice and conducting.

Dr. Rhea, who has just completed several singing engagements in the United States, is currently in Europe visiting mission points at the request of Southern Baptist missionaries and serving as visiting professor of music at the Baptist Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. He will return to the United States the latter part of August.



## Common Version Of Bible Seen

NEW YORK, July 13—A suggestion that Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders get together to approve a mutually acceptable version of the Bible for use in public schools marked the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches' Committee on Religion and Public Education.

Taking part in a panel discussion on the version of the Bible that should be used in states where daily Bible readings are required or permitted in the public schools, the Rev. Walter Abbott, S. J., editor of religion and humanities of the Jesuit weekly "America," reported that it has already been proposed that Roman Catholics adopt the Revised Standard Version.

Father Abbott went on to say that he sees eventually a "common translation of the Bible acceptable to all faiths." Predicting that it would take 25 years for this to come about, he called in the meantime for Protestant, Catholic and Jewish authorities to approve acceptable passages for use in the public schools. He asserted, "I'm sure this could be done." ■

## Adventists Increasing Children's Literature

MOUNT VERNON, O. (EP) — As one way to combat the flood of immoral literature and "over-stimulating" comic books, Seventh-day Adventist publishers are increasing their volume of children's literature.

So says Bruce Wickwire of Washington, D. C., secretary of the publishing department of the Conference. He told a rally of publishing leaders at the 96th annual convention of the Church's Ohio Conference that even television hasn't slowed the boom in religious literature.

"In some ways," he said, "television can actually stimulate the reading of good literature by awakening an interest in travel, and industry, as well as religion."

"If TV is weaning people away from good reading, the publishers with whom I work aren't aware of it," he said. Literature sales

## A Smile or Two

### Modesty Forbids

"YOU have such a smart overcoat that I cannot understand why you have such worn-out trousers."

"How can a man get new trousers in a restaurant?"

### Not a Foolish Child

FREDDIE (aged five, in a sweetshop)—"How many of these sweets do I get for a penny, please?"

Assistant—"Oh, six or seven."

Freddie—"I'll have seven, please."

### Shrewd Trader

"LOOK here, Hiram, when be you goin' to pay me them eight dollars for pasturin' your heifer? I've had her now for about ten weeks."

"Why, Si, the critter ain't worth moren't ten dollars."

"Well, supposin' I keep her for what you owe me?"

"Not by a jugful. Tell you what I'll do, keep her two weeks more, and you can have her."

### Outlook Unfavorable

JONES: "I'm worried — it's raining and my wife is downtown."

BROWN: "Oh, she'll probably step inside some store."

JONES: "That's just what I'm worried about."

### It Follows

"FRITZ, your essay on 'My Mother' was just the same as your brother's."

"Yes, sir: we have the same mother."

of his denomination last year topped \$22 million, he reported.

Many publishers are attempting to load bookstores and newsstands with "brazen textbooks on crime and sex perversion. Indecent literature," he declared, "is corrupting old and young alike. This is directly reflected in the mounting toll of sex crimes, breakdown of home life, and a general lowering of morals in all walks of life."



"Blasted air conditioning makes my sinus kick up!"

Every group has its dissenter. In most fields of human endeavor the word 'unanimous' is simply a figure of speech. To paraphrase an old saying, 'you cannot PLEASE ALL of the people ANY of the time.' Dissension by a troublesome few can often slow the wheels of progress for many. Yet fortunately there is another side to this same coin, which shows us how the doubters and dissenters like Galileo and Luther have often spurred mankind to take giant strides forward in the eternal quest for knowledge and understanding.

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### Jubilee Revivals

IN keeping with the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis our Evangelism leaders have proposed Baptist Jubilee Revivals for 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964. These revivals are to be an Associational Evangelistic Program in which the churches cooperate and in which the associational officers take the lead instead of special committees. Helpful material will be provided for both associational officers and the local church.



DR. CALDWELL

Each association sets its own date. The 1961 date should be set not later than the annual meeting of the association.

The elected associational officers will make up the Baptist Jubilee Revival Committee. The committee should meet monthly for preparation plans and progress reports. An evangelism clinic should be conducted several months prior to the revival time.

Each Department — Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, etc., will have definite responsibility in the Baptist Jubilee Revival. For instance, the Training Union will inaugurate a spiritual growth program for all new members.

DR. C. E. AUTREY, Director of Evangelism for Southern Baptists, has described the genius of the Baptist Revival Crusade as that of "togetherness." He indicates the association will move together in locating the prospects, in conducting revivals for two weeks using the same dates, in prayer, in preaching, in visitation, and in personal soul winning.

Now is the time to get ready for '61. Set the date! Secure your evangelists. Remember we win more when we work together.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

### Leadership Workshop

TRAINING Union workshops for Nursery, Beginner, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate leaders



MR. DAVIS

will be held at 2nd Church, Little Rock, Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Each workshop will be directed by a worker from the Sunday School Board, assisted by a state approved worker.

The following program led by Miss Margaret Sharp will be of great help to all Intermediate leaders, sponsors, and department officers:

10—Joint meeting of all workshops

10:15—Devotional thoughts  
Organization of a union

(1) Demonstration of a nominating committee

(2) Demonstration of electing officers

(3) Demonstration of ways to instruct officers and committee chairmen

12—Joint meeting of all workshops

Dr. Philip Harris, Secretary of the Training Union department of the Sunday School Board will speak

12:30—Lunch

1:30—Demonstration of department assembly

Evaluation of the demonstration

Planning the programs for October through December

Using the materials

Demonstration of sword drill and promotion of state sword drill

4:30—Adjourn

The only expenses will be transportation and meals. Plan to bring at least one car load from your church.—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

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**QUESTION:** For two years now we have had the same spiritual diet every Sunday. The



DR. HUDSON

scripture is changed but the sermon is the same. Several Biblical characters have been worked to death. Should a layman or a lay-woman speak to him about this? We

have already tried praying for him. Where do we go from here?

**ANSWER:** Don't talk to him directly about the sameness of his sermons. Try indirection.

Start giving him new books for birthdays and Christmas, or set a fund for the pastor to buy books with.

Suggest that he needs more time to himself, in his study, uninterrupted by telephone, conferences, committee meetings, and office work.

When he gets off a new sermon, brag on it, praise him, eat it up.

Send him to Ridgecrest or Glorietta for Bible conference week.

You might even give him a leave of absence for a summer school at one of our seminaries.

*Beacon Lights of Baptist History*  
By **BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.**  
Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

**Baptists Petition**

THROUGH the efforts of Baptists, the first amendment to our Constitution was secured.

A number of representative Baptists met in Richmond, Va., Aug. 8, 1789. At this meeting they petitioned George Washington to secure an amendment which would protect and guarantee religious freedom.

Mr. Adams assisted them in this plea and one month later had Mr. Washington's approval. A bill was introduced in the House of Representatives to amend the Constitution which passed, Sept. 23, 1789 and was later ratified by the states.

The Baptist denomination was the only religious body which urged the passage of this bill.

The question arises, "Why didn't other denominations press for its passage?" Baptists aren't

If these things don't work, find some close friend of his, layman or minister, who will talk to the pastor about this.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

the only ones today who believe in religious freedom.

True. But 200 years separate the times and there are many religious bodies, at present, which did not exist then.

No doubt the followers of Alexander Campbell — Churches of Christ and Christian churches — would have joined the Baptists in this effort. But this amendment was written a full generation before these religious bodies appeared on the scene.

What about the Methodists? They were few in number. Besides, they still considered themselves a society within the Church of England. Their sympathies were with the Established Church. Fifty years later they felt different, no doubt.

The Presbyterians, a strong and influential group, were handicapped by an agreement with the governor of Virginia. In spite of this, they proved to be much help. But later on they joined the Assembly of Virginia when it proposed that all denominations be supported by the state.

The Episcopal Church of England dominated Virginia at this time and believed in a state-church relationship. Baptists were the only leading group sensing the need of spelling out religious freedom.

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# Alan and His Master



By Vincent Edwards

NO Scotsman was ever prouder of his dog than Mr. John MacIntosh was of Alan. Mr. MacIntosh lived in the heart of the Highlands, and he had a large flock of sheep, over which Alan kept watch as only a Scottish collie knows how.

Alan was almost like a member of the MacIntosh family. When the father and mother and the three children went to the kirk on Sunday, the collie went along. He would lie quietly in the family pew, but he always seemed to know when the minister said the final amen. Then he would get up and walk with the rest of the congregation to the door.

One day Mr. MacIntosh went into Edinburgh to buy more sheep. He took Alan along, for he expected his faithful collie to watch over the new animals. It was Alan's job to see that none were lost as they made the long journey on foot from the city to their home in the hills.

Perhaps, the excitement of a big place like Edinburgh was too much for the dog. At any rate two of the sheep managed to get away.

Alan knew he was in disgrace. He could feel his master's sad eyes fixed on him that night when he and Mr. MacIntosh were safely back in their house in the Highlands.

Mr. MacIntosh spoke no harsh words to his dog. All he said aloud was, "Laddie, how could ye do it!"

Those words made Alan feel worse than if the man had struck him with his stick.

Several days went by. Then there came a letter from a farmer who, knowing of Mr. MacIntosh's

loss, told him a stray pair of sheep had turned up in his flock.

Mr. MacIntosh left at once for the shepherd's farm. That he still had faith in his collie was evident, for he took Alan along.

When he reached the place, Mr. MacIntosh soon found he was not going to walk off with his sheep any too easily. The other man was quite stern as he stood upon his rights.

"How were your sheep marked?" he demanded.

Because Mr. MacIntosh had bought them from various dealers in Edinburgh, he did not have the slightest notion. Then he had an idea.

"It's a fact that I canna' tell the sheep," said he, "but if my dog can, will ye let me have them?"

The farmer agreed, though it was plain he had little doubt as to the outcome. A collie which would let two animals in a flock get away would never come through such a test, he was sure.

The farmer turned all the sheep into one large field. Then Mr. MacIntosh turned Alan loose among them.

The dog had been present when the two sheep were purchased. Now his memory did not fail him. Without pause Alan singled out first one animal and then the other.

The farmer looked on in amazement. He saw at once that he had been outwitted by the dog's sure intelligence. He was so moved in his admiration for the collie that he made a proposition to Mr. MacIntosh.

"Would ye be willing to part with your dog?" said he. "Mind, I'll spare you forty pounds."

Mr. MacIntosh shook his head. He was overjoyed that his faith-

ful collie had redeemed himself. He knew now the dog's real value. In a short time he and Alan and the two sheep were heading homeward.

## Bible Beasts

By Virginia Whitman

By rearranging each set of letters, you can form the names of some animals mentioned in the Bible. One letter from each word in each column helps to form the names of two animals used for transportation (Genesis 31:34; Psalm 20:7).

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### ANSWERS

SHEEP, GOAT, DEER, ASS, MULE; HORSE  
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## In

### Appreciation

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And read each line.  
The stories and columns  
I think are fine.  
I laugh at the jokes;  
I read about the lads;  
I note all the news;  
I take up the fads.  
When I praise the paper,  
I scorn those who laugh.  
I'm really most loyal—  
I'm on the staff.

— The Right Hand



# Results of Self-Indulgence

By Paul McCray, Pastor  
Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith

August 21, 1960

Isaiah 5:1-24

## Introduction:

THE function of a prophet can be summed up in a three-fold definitive statement: The prophet is a fore-teller, a for-teller and a forth-teller.



MR. McCRAY

He foretold future events, he spoke in behalf of God, and primarily he preached forth the Word of God. Isaiah can scale the heights with lofty vision (Isaiah 6); and look forward to the halcyon days of Messiah's reign when men would beat their swords into plowshares. (Isaiah 2:4). But Isaiah was never a dreamy visionary who forgot the world about him. He was keenly conscious of the sins of his day. "May his tribe increase!"

## I. The Prophet's Parable (Isaiah 5:1-7)

Isaiah, as do most of the inspired writers, resorts to the popular usage of metaphor and simile to gain the ear of his auditors. He compares Israel and Judah to a vineyard. (Isaiah 5:1-7)

1. God is pictured as the planter of the vineyard. (5:1-2) God plants his vineyard on a fruitful hill, removes the stones, builds a fence about the vineyard, and plants the choicest vine. He then builds a tower. Towers had to be built in gardens, orchards, and vineyards so that watch might be kept against thieves. He then digs a wine vat and then waits for his vineyard to produce.

2. Israel and Judah are portrayed as the vineyard. (Isa. 5:3-7) God had planted Israel and Judah. They were God's chosen. They are called the choicest vine. The prophet plaintively pleads that God had done all that he could for Israel and Judah. "What could have been done more to my vineyard." (Isa. 5:4)

## II. The People's Pleasures (Isaiah 5:11-12)

When God looked for the fruit of the vineyard he found wild grapes. Israel and Judah had every opportunity to be productive; instead they took the oppor-

tunities given by God and prostituted them to gratify their own pleasures. Isaiah sternly rebukes his pleasure-mad age. He pronounces a woe upon those who sought to gratify their own passions and had no regard for the work of the Lord. (Isa. 5:11) Bacchus, the Greek god of wine, and Diana, the goddess of lust, still have their devotees today. "Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God" certainly describes the masses today. Drunkenness, luxury, gluttony, dissipation, spiritual sterility described Israel and Judah in Isaiah's day. They describe our country today. No nation has been more blessed than ours, yet no nation is in greater need of a return to God than ours.

## III. The Painful Perils (Isaiah 5:13-17)

Webster describes peril as "exposure to the risk of being injured, destroyed, or lost; a position of jeopardy; to expose to danger; to hazard; risk." The way Israel and Judah lived, they had surely exposed themselves to numerous perils. There was the danger of captivity because of lack of knowledge. The prophet sees the captivity as a thing that had already taken place; and Israel and Judah could not foresee it. The people were likewise exposed to the perils

of humiliation, pestilence and famine. (Isa. 5:13) All of these perils are a prelude to Hell. "Therefore, Hell hath enlarged herself and opened her mouth without measure." (Isaiah 5:14) These same dreadful dangers that faced the fruitless vine, Israel and Judah, threaten the self-indulgent, God-forgetting masses today. Christians should be faithful to warn them of the "wrath to come."

## IV. The Proper Punishment (Isaiah 5:8-24)

God is often described by his moral attributes. Truth, beauty, and goodness are terms with which we often describe deity. One of God's chief (if we are allowed to use superlatives in describing His attributes) attributes is justice. God metes out punishment commensurate with the sins committed. Isaiah pronounces a six-fold woe upon the sinful, disobedient people. Woe expresses sorrow and grief.

1. "Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field till there may be no place." (Isaiah 5:8) Here the prophet is inveighing against that selfishness and covetousness that accumulates land without regard for the rest of the community.

2. "Woe unto them that follow strong drink." (Isaiah 5:11) Drunkenness and revelry are condemned. Such living will bring its own retribution as well as direct punishment sent by God.

3. "Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity." (Isaiah 5:18) This woe is hurled at those who sin flagrantly and scoff at God. They are treasuring up wrath for the day of judgment. (Romans 2:5-6)

4. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil." (Isaiah 5:20) Sorrowful, indeed, is a condition where men completely lose their sense of values. Without entering into a veritable controversial battlefield, it seems that folk in this condition are dangerously near committing the "unpardonable sin."

5. "Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes." (Isaiah 5:21) Conceit: This, too, is a certain form of blindness. As long as men have lofty concepts of themselves and refuse to humble



themselves before God and recognize their spiritual poverty, spiritual growth and improvement is impossible.

6. "Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine." (Isaiah 5:22) The last woe is not merely repetitious of the second one condemning drink. It pronounces sorrow and grief upon those who are social drinkers. They drink enough to cloud the brain and dull the judgment so that they are easily induced to pervert judgment if it benefits them financially. Like the poor, it seems such will always be with us.

### Conclusion

"THEREFORE"—that is, because of how the people had lived, they are to be punished accordingly. A general judgment is promised against all the forms of wickedness enumerated—a judgment of ruin and destruction. "Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy one of Israel." (Isaiah 5:24) This judgment is expressed by dual metaphors; "burning stubble" and "rottenness." One from within because of moral and spiritual decay, one from without because of the anger of a Holy God. "Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Gal. 6:7)

### BUDGET—

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Clifford R. Lyon, Mansfield, Buckner Association.

Dexter Blevins, Hot Springs, Central Association.

Charles Chesser, Alma, Clear Creek Association.

Theo James, Arkansas City, Delta Association.

F. M. Robinson, Leachville, Mississippi Association. ■

### Turn for the Better

"BUT you guaranteed that this watch would last me a lifetime."

"I know—but you didn't look very healthy the day you bought it."

## South American Baptists Fear Catholic President

Southern Baptist missionaries in Latin America have expressed alarm at the nomination of Sen. John F. Kennedy as the Democratic Presidential candidate, Texas Baptists' top denominational leader said this week.

Forrest C. Feezor, executive secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, reporting on a recent mission tour of nine South American countries, said the missionaries fear that the election of a Catholic President would heighten religious persecution in their areas.

### Worthy Of Respect

IN OUR day, the church buildings, the furnishings, the hymn books and the church grounds are accepted by devout Christians as being worthy of respect. They have been dedicated to God for His glory. They are "holy" in that they have been separated from secular life and given over to spiritual service.

To witness the deliberate desecration of things dedicated to God is almost too painful to bear. How can anyone stoop to carve his initials in the floor of the foyer! What perverseness of soul can induce anyone to wilfully mar the ceilings in our new educational building! How low can one fall that he will write obscenities on the walls of a room used by twelve-year olds!

What prompts the throwing of ink on walls, the scribbling of names in the halls and on the wall of the Sanctuary itself? Why do people write in the song-books and leave filthy notes in Sunday School rooms which no Christian would even read! Why have so many windows been broken by irreverent scuffling and careless horseplay?

None of these things would ever be done unless there had been a general falling away in the matter of reverence.—*From an Arkansas church bulletin*

"Knowing what the Catholic church has done in South America in keeping the people submerged in superstition," said Feezor, "the missionaries are greatly concerned about the coming election."

But a more vital concern of the missionaries, he said, is the spreading influence of Communism in Latin America.

"None of the people with whom I talked approve of Castro and his allegiances," said Feezor, "but they have an affinity for Cuba that makes them hesitant to criticize. Individuals, however, would not hesitate to say that Castro is 'out of his mind.'"

In the countries he visited, Feezor said that there was no apparent overflow of Communistic influence from Cuba.

"But the missionaries," he said, "insist that a spirit of vigilance must be maintained or Red influences will infiltrate other countries."

Feezor and a party of nearly a hundred Baptists enroute to Rio de Janeiro last month were caught in a security net following an assassination attempt on Venezuelan President Romulo Betancourt. They were detained five days in Caracas, missing most of the Baptist World Congress meeting in Rio. ■

NASHVILLE, TENN.—(BSSB) Dr. Robert L. Smith, pastor, 1st Church, Pine Bluff, has been named to serve on the Printing and Contracts Committee of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He was appointed at the semi-annual meeting of the board in Nashville recently.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—(BSSB)—D. P. Brooks, native of Shelby, N. C., has been named editor of Young People's lessons courses in the Sunday School department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. He assumed his new duties July 18.



## Alcoholism Termed Greater Menace Than Fall-Out

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Radioactive fall-out may pose a health menace to Americans, but alcoholism is a more serious one. So says Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, head of the clinical sciences department of the University of Illinois.

Addressing the 5th annual Institute of Scientific Studies for Alcoholism at American University here, he declared: "The dangers from radioactive fall-out are

## Postal Inspector Says Obscenity Arrests Rising

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — Chief Postal Inspector David H. Stephens has reported a 23 per cent increase in the number of arrests for obscenity in the mail during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1960.

The report showed that postal agents, aided by local police and FBI agents, had made 9,113 arrests for violation of fraud and mailability laws in the last 12 months. It revealed an even sharper increase — 33 per cent — in the number of arrests for using the mails to defraud.

Meanwhile, the department's monthly report on enforcement actions disclosed that its judicial officer has issued an obscenity order barring use of the mails to the Fairfax Record Sales Co., and the Fax Record Co. of Los Angeles, Calif., charging that a record "Erotica, the Rhythms of Love", is obscene.

Foreign language publishers should note that postal inspectors apparently can read foreign languages as well as English. The department announced a decision by its chief hearing examiner recommending an obscenity order against Telespano Productions of New York City. The examiner asserted that translations of the first ten books listed in the complaint of postal inspectors were "so obscene and filthy as to be improper to spread them upon these pages."

Sharp crackdowns also have occurred against those accused of pandering to homosexual tastes.

guarded against and every effort to protect the public is made, whereas very little is being done to protect the public from the disastrous effects of alcoholism."

Dr. Ivy noted that the number of alcoholics is increasing at the rate of 450,000 a year. He pointed out that there are eight million known alcoholics, and that 20,000 persons die and 400,000 are injured annually in accidents caused by drunken drivers.

"Only a handful of people have been seriously exposed to radioactive fall-out," Dr. Ivy declared, "and few, if any, deaths have resulted despite the world-wide outcry against atomic testing. There must be something drastically wrong with our sense of values," he added, "when we, as a nation, allow without protest the terrible ruination of human life caused by the use of alcoholic beverages." ■

Henry Hoyt Sauer of New York, publisher of the magazine *Male Today*, has been arrested and charged with mailing pornographic material. Dr. Herman L. Womack, former Washington, D. C., college professor, who was allegedly using a post office box located in the lobby of the Post Office Department building itself, has been convicted on 29 counts for sale of nude male photos and has received a three-year prison sentence. He had a mailing list of 40,000 names, postal inspectors reported.

Three-year prison sentences have been meted out to Daniel L. Lowinger, 46, and Garland Cougtry, 40, of North Hollywood, Calif., for using the mail to distribute obscenity. Inspectors charged that Lowinger's Los Angeles printing company had turned out 4,000,000 circulars for 40 firms soliciting sale of pornographic items. ■

## Let Tillie Do It

THE nice thing about dictating letters is that you can use a lot of words you don't know how to spell.

## Consequences

CAIRO—(EP)—Any graduate of Al-Azhar University who takes upon himself the propagation of the Islamic religion will be remunerated by the United Arab Republic, according to Cairo Radio.

The message said that the UAR government plans to establish a Moslem Liaison Office in all Islamic countries and will stock in them necessary religious books and publications. Each office-library will be manned by a Moslem expert who will keep in close touch with the central organization in Cairo.

Included in the expanding missionary work of the Mohammedans will be a final revision of the Koran.

The UAR government is expected to invite ulemas (Moslem religious leaders) from all Islamic countries to participate in the revision. Expert Moslem readers will record recitations from the Koran, and these recordings will be distributed in all Moslem countries. ■

THE first television station on the continent of Africa was opened recently in Ibadan, Nigeria. The Nigerian Baptist Convention, operating under auspices of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has purchased time on the station for "The Answer" series to be shown.

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