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I Look Death in the Face

By S. L. Morgan, Sr.,

Waké Forest, N. C.

AS THE present year came in, I lay long one morning, praying, thinking, planning—planning at 86 for four years more of joyous life and creative work. I think the past several years have been the most creative and fruitful of my life, through my numerous articles on vital subjects, reaching an aggregate circulation, I dare to say, of some millions. Warm appreciation, coming especially by mail, stirs me to more eager effort for the time that remains to me. With so much yet struggling in me for utterance, I long for four more years to give it expression.

But, whether death is to come before or after 90, I face it serenely. I deeply wish to give that testimony. My life extends back through the most kaleidoscopic changes in all history. I testify that of all the changes I've witnessed, hardly any is greater than that in my own view of death, and my attitude to it. Through the first half of my life I thought of death as a fearful thing. A funeral was always to me a sad event. I even preached about death as a sad and dreadful thing. I even quoted with some approval the remark of a certain great man who, seeing how death cuts across everything, said, "I could do this and this, but there is that damned death!" I now see that as both silly and sacrilegious.

In the quiet of that new year meditation, I deliberately looked death in the face, and lo, it was good to look at, whether it come soon or late. For I saw that man's life on earth runs a natural cycle from birth to death, one as natural as the other, each a step upward in the career of an immortal being. As the foetus in the womb might look forward to birth as the beginning of a fuller, richer life, so the Christian dares to look forward to death as the beginning of a fuller, freer life of the spirit.

I see death therefore as no cause for either fear or sorrow. I have but one prayer concerning it, that it may please God to let me work creatively as nearly to the end as possible, and that I may be spared from prolonged suffering and helplessness, and from being a burden to others. I'm sure that is a proper prayer for me or anyone.

Why Death Looks Good to Me

1. It is purely a natural event. Death is precisely as natural as birth, or as the passing of the caterpillar into a torpid state resembling death, to emerge a butterfly. If the ugly worm could but understand what lay ahead, would it not rejoice to enter its torpid state, to sprout wings and fly off a butterfly? Likewise a vivid certainty of immortality will take away all horror of dying, making it seem just a step

upward.

2. It is peaceful and painless. Records of many hundreds of deaths make this certain. There are at most only a few doubtful exceptions. Pain and suffering are apart from death itself; they belong to the life process. Those who have watched hundreds die declare that only very rarely does one show signs of either fear or pain when death actually arrives. As death actually begins, all signs of fear and pain cease, and dying itself is peaceful, without either fear or pain. Almost invariably one slips into a coma, and death provides its own anesthetic.

3. Often death is heaven begun. To saints without number death has been an actual foretaste of heaven. Many in death experience the "beatific vision"; with minds unmistakably clear, they speak of seeing dear ones, or even talk to them; they speak of hearing lovely music, calling it all "beautiful." Such instances indeed are so numerous and authentic that science has had to take notice of it, and to refer to it with respect. It is almost scientific proof, though not quite, that death is the portal opening into a blessed life beyond.

4. To millions, death is God's angel of mercy. Every countryside, every city block, has its sufferers to whom death would be a merciful release. Such stand out painfully before the mind of each of us: the cancer victim, day after day a hopeless battle with pain; the paralytic, year after year a helpless, hopeless weight for dear ones to carry; the aged saint, sure the life work is done, and often secretly praying, "Lord, if only you'd let me go home."

Who doesn't recall such? My dear neighbor, paralyzed and almost helpless for 21 years, yet nursed day and night by his frail wife. At his funeral the young pastor prayed, "Lord, we thank thee for life—and for death." My heart echoed, "Yes, Lord, death was kind."

My own mother, sometimes in terrible agony for hours, and pleading pitifully, "Lord, please ease my pain, or do let me die!"

My noble deacon and leader, now for a year or two in a coma, his mind a blank, the care and despair of his dear ones.

God in "His eternal purpose of good" saw death as a necessity in the total life process, and assigned to it a function both necessary and merciful. I accept it as such, and without fear, and with a steadfast assurance that death will prove to be but the portal into a higher stage of being than I have known here, when the spirit will be released from the encumbrance of the flesh, to enjoy a freedom it has never

known before.

That being my faith, I look forward to death as a rather pleasing adventure. I pray that all may approach it with a vivid faith in personal immortality and a certainty that death will prove but the beginning of life on a higher plane.

Leavell Given Rank Of President Emeritus

DR. ROLAND Q. Leavell has been given the rank of president emeritus of New Orleans Seminary effective May 1.



DR. LEAVELL

Dr. Leavell, who has been president of the seminary since 1946, suffered a cerebral thrombosis on January 19 and had requested retirement.

A seven-man committee composed of members of the board of trustees has been appointed to recommend a new president.

Dr. J. Wash Watts will continue to serve as acting president, a post he has held for the past three months.

Lectures Cancelled Due to Illness

The Raney Lectures, scheduled to have been given by Dr. Robert J. McCracken at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church May 19-22, will not be given, due to illness of Mrs. McCrackin, the church has announced.

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Six Arkansans to Be Graduated by Seminary

SIX ARKANSANS are among the 166 candidates for degrees at New Orleans Seminary on May 16. They include:



MISS HEFLEY

Miss Mary Louise Hefley, Mt. Judea, who will receive a master of religious education degree. She received an A.B. degree from Ouachita. Miss Hefley is the daughter of Fred Hefley, Rt. 4, Harrison.



MISS JONES

Miss Betty Jones, Hope, who will receive a master of religious education degree. Miss Jones attended East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, where she received a B.S. degree. She is the daughter of Mrs. Hugh Jones, a church visitor and

librarian in Hope.

Jesse D. Cowling, formerly of Mineral Springs, who will receive a master-of-religious-education degree.



MR. COWLING

A graduate of Mineral Springs High School, he attended Southern State College, Magnolia, where he received a B.S. degree. In addition to teaching English in Arkansas Junior High in Texarkana and serving a term in the Army. Mr. Cowling has served as youth director of 2nd Church, El Dorado, and as minister of education at Trinity Church, Ft. Smith. During his seminary days he was interim activities director

Three-Man Committee To Direct Seminary

FORT WORTH —(BP)— Southwest-ern Seminary trustees have appointed a three-member interim administrative committee to guide the affairs of the school until they can select a president to replace the late Dr. J. Howard Williams.

Named to the committee were Robert E. Naylor, chairman of the board of trustees and pastor of Travis Ave. Church; William Fleming, Fort Worth oilman and vice-chairman of the board; and Wayne Evans, seminary business manager and secretary of the trustees.

of Gentilly Church, New Orleans. Mr. Cowling is married to the former Miss Kittle Ruth Davis.



MR. FAWCETT

Carl E. Fawcett, formerly of Ward, who will receive a bachelor-of-divinity degree. He attended Ouachita College where he received his A.B. degree. He has served as associate pastor of West Helena Church, pastor of the 2nd Church, West Helena, and is currently pastor of the Military Church, Sumrall, Miss. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fawcett, Austin, he is married to the former Miss Barbara Ann Agee, Little Rock.



MR. GREER

Melvin E. Greer, Watson, who will receive a bachelor-of-divinity degree. After attending McGehee High School, McGehee, Mr. Greer received his A.B. degree from Ouachita. Currently he is pastoring Parkdale Church. His previous pastorates include McArthur Church, Rt. 1, McGehee, and Enon Church, Rt. 5, Monticello. He is married to the former Miss Sammie Crawford, Arkadelphia.



MR. NEAL

Aubrey Monroe Neal, son of Mrs. Alva W. Neal, Marianna, who will receive a bachelor-of-divinity degree. Mr. Neal attended Union University, Jackson, Tenn., before enrolling at the seminary. Prior to accepting his present position as pastor of Griffin Street Church, Moss Point, Miss., in 1956, Mr. Neal pastored Holly Grove Church, Bells, Tenn., and Friendship and Three-way Churches in Marianna. He is married to the former Margaret Jane Neal, Marianna.



President Brooks Hays, of the Southern Baptist Convention, who will speak in Little Rock on Friday night of this week (May 16) at the Immanuel Baptist Church, at 7:30, on his recent visit with Russian Baptists. President Hays will be presented by Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, and a past-president of SBC. The meeting is open to the public. Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of the Immanuel Church, will preside.

Features at Convention To Challenge Many

TWO SOUTHERN Baptist convention presentations in Houston will stress a 1959 program involving the largest number of Baptists ever to participate in a joint effort.

The program is the Baptist Jubilee Advance's 1959 year of evangelism. As a part of the convention's jubilee presentation on Tuesday night, Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of Dallas's 1st Church, will preach on the 1959 simultaneous evangelism program.

Seventeen steps of Southern Baptist participation in the North American crusade will be given during the Home Mission Board presentation on Thursday night.

Following the convention, on Sunday, June 1, members of more than 75,000 churches, representing seven Baptist groups, have been asked to observe a day of prayer for the 1959 crusade.

Dr. Leonard Sanderson, secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, has called 1959 "a year for every Baptist to commit himself to the divine task of winning lost souls. The year of simultaneous crusades," said Dr. Sanderson, "can be this generation's most concentrated soul-winning effort. The results of this year can shake the roots of communism and can cause every thinking American to re-examine his relationship to Christ."

New Name for Southern Baptist College?

ACCORDING TO the May 2 issue of the Southern Baptist College Newsletter, a committee from the school's board of trustees is recommending that the name of the school be changed to Northeastern Baptist College. Formal vote on the proposal is scheduled for May 26, less than two weeks from now.

States the Newsletter: "It was the thought of the committee that Northeastern represented the fact that the college is distinctly a regional institution trying to serve Northeastern Arkansas (as well as Southeastern Missouri) and that in the course of time probably other regional institutions would be built by Arkansas Baptists. It would eliminate the confusion that exists, as suggested in the Cornett Committee Report to the state convention and would also identify the college with its primary area of service."

If the college wishes to have a regional designation, why not go on calling it Southern College? It is true that this is confusing to some who get it mixed up with Southern Seminary or who may think the school is an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention. But to call the school Northeastern will be scarcely less confusing, since we already have Southern, Southwestern, Southeastern and, beginning next September, Mid-western seminaries, all of which are agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

There would be nothing in the new title to shed specific light on the geographic bounds of the college territory unless it be lengthened to some such unwieldy title as Northeast Arkansas-Southeast Missouri Baptist College, which, of course, would be too much of a name to get on a letterhead.

As for what is said about Southern College being a "regional" institution, is not that true of every one of our Baptist schools and colleges, regardless of what they are called? Each one is first of all a local institution, but also regional in its scope.

This is written with no thought of casting aspersions upon anyone, least of all President H. E. Williams and the Southern College trustees. Southern College continues to be a private institution, as it has been from its beginning. But it is a Baptist college. It has a Baptist as its president, its faculty and staff are Baptists, it has been supported across the years by Baptist contributions. For a number of years now the school has received an annual allocation of Arkansas Baptist State Convention Cooperative Program funds. So we can regard it at least unofficially as our school.

It may be that the name of Southern College should be changed. But why change a name from "John" to "Joe"? And if the name must be changed, must it be changed on May 26, 1958? Why not give a little more time for our people to hear that this is being considered? Is it not possible that some better and more appropriate name might be proposed than "Northeastern" if time is allowed for more friends and supporters of the college to make their suggestions?

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Piffle from the Pulpit

"THE CHURCH that tolerates piffle from the pulpit deserves its empty pews," declares W.B.J. Martin, the British pastor-author, in *The Diary of Peter Parson*. "The unforgivable sin in a preacher is triviality," he continues. "Better anything than that — wrongheadedness, ignorant dogmatism, fanaticism. They do less harm in the long run than triviality."

Whatever other attainments the preacher may have, if he is not Spirit-filled and earnestly seeking for himself and his people a close walk with God he is not prepared to preach, though he be the most fluent of speakers, entertaining, highly educated, and all of that. It is doubly true of the preacher in the pulpit: "... if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 8:9b).

Personally Speaking . . .

A Word to Russia

NOT SINCE he was timidly making his first public speech, in BYPU at the Russellville Baptist Church years ago, had Brooks Hays found himself so hand-



icapped for lack of words as when he stood up to preach recently to 2,000 Russians packed into Moscow's Baptist Church, with only one (Russian) word in his vocabulary.

But that word was a good one. It was "spasibo," which, we are told, is the Russian word for "thanks." If he could just have had the Russian equivalent of our Arkansas "gee" to go with it, it would have been perfect.

"Gee, spasibo!"

If one must go into another land with but one word on his tongue that can be understood by those he is visiting, what better word than the word for "thanks"? For gratitude, like music, is a universal language.

How appropriate it was for Mr. Hays, as president of the Southern Baptist Convention and, we believe, one of the world's great Christian statesmen, to be able to say to Russian Baptists, "Spasibo!"

Speaking to his fellow Baptists of Russia on the value of the Bible as God's revelation to man, Mr. Hays recalled that the late President Woodrow Wilson had hailed the Bible as "the Book of Life." At the close of his message Hays presented the Moscow Church with a gift of Bibles in the Russian language and received back from the congregation in a great chorus the one Russian word he knew, "Spasibo! Spasibo!"

It is significant that SBC President Hays, though a veteran lawmaker who has distinguished himself across the years as Congressman from Arkansas' 5th Congressional District, went to Russia not as a government official but as a Christian layman, with his travel expenses paid not by the government but by Southern Baptists.

The Christian approach to world peace is not new and it is strange that it should be so unusual in the 20th-century world. Why should Christians leave the hope of the world to power politics when they have, in the gospel of Christ, that which is "the power of God unto salvation to all who believe"?

Many Arkansans will have the privilege of hearing Mr. Hays tell first-hand of his visit with Russian Baptists, when he comes to Little Rock for a speaking engagement at the Immanuel Baptist Church on Friday night of this week at 7:30.

Erwin L. McDonald

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

About Ben Adhem

Dear Brother McDonald:

Your paper keeps us informed on what our denomination is doing. Also, there are such interesting articles in it.

I always enjoy your "Personally Speaking" column as much or more than anything else.—Mrs. Charles Sterner, Ink.

Caution to the Winds

Dear Friend McDonald:

You are doing a good job—and I speak with authority!—Editor H. H. McGinty, *The Word and Way* (Missouri)

State Paper a "Must"

SENDING HIS check for the renewal of his subscription to the *Arkansas Baptist*, L. O. Long, of Route 2, Blytheville, writes: "Don't see how I could do without it, I enjoy it so much."

Appreciated Insight

My dear Erwin:

For several months now we have been enjoying the *Arkansas Baptist* in a new sense. We appreciate so much your complete coverage of Arkansas and Southwide Baptist news . . . —J. Samuel Phillips, Pastor 1st Baptist Church, Lovington, N. M.

SOS on Liquor

Dear Dr. McDonald,

The Siler bill (H. R. 4835), a companion to the Langer bill which has already had a hearing before the Senate Committee, will die in committee if it is not given a hearing very soon. Honorable Oren Harris of the 4th Congressional District of Arkansas is chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, which has the bill in charge. Thus this man from Arkansas holds the destiny of this important legislation in his hands.

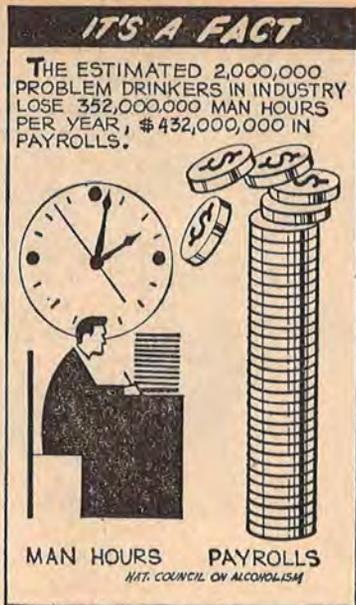
It is thought that if people of his own District urge him to hold a hearing and work for a favorable report he will do this despite his crowded program.

If you will give an article on this great opportunity, both for Mr. Harris and the people of his District, this may save the bill and hasten the day for its success. —Eleanor Neill, director of legislation, Arkansas WCTU, Newport.

Budget Request

Dear Sir:

This is a day when dangerous, uncontrolled fires are burning. The problems of alcohol are snowballing. Juvenile delinquency is mushrooming. Salacious literature floods magazine racks everywhere. World issues, which mean war or peace, face us with great urgency. Our nation is stirred in fright



by the racial readjustments demanded by our constitution and our Christ.

The Christian Life Commission is the agency created by the Southern Baptist Convention to alert us to these evils in our society and to point out the way to Christian solutions. The Commission does not speak for any particular church or individual. As a human institution, it may err, but taken as a whole it has had a wide influence for Christ in dealing with these problems.

The Christian Life Commission needs an enlarged budget for effective operation. An urgent request was made to the Finance Committee of the Executive Board of the Convention, and a detailed budget for 1960 was submitted to show how the money would be used effectively. Yet, the request was denied.

At present the paid workers of the Commission are Dr. A. C. Miller, Executive Secretary, Miss Jan Nisbet, office secretary, and Mrs. Edith Wilson, stenographer. That is all. Last year more than a million pieces of literature were distributed on request. Information and materials were supplied for conferences. Writers for many publications drew on the resources of the Commission. Dr. Miller participated in conferences across the nation and preached at our institutions, conventions, and churches.

There is urgent need for an additional worker who would do fact-finding research, helping us to be aware of current trends and constructive programs. Thus vital information could be provided to churches and Convention agencies.

The Christian Life Commission now has a good influence far out of proportion to its budget. In this turbulent time its message is desperately needed. Let us give adequate support to our Commission which seeks to guide us in building God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. The times demand it. —Robert L. McCan, pastor 1st Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.

THE BOOKSHELF

Jeremiah, Prophet of Courage and Hope, by J. Philip Hyatt, Abingdon, 1958, \$2.

The traditional designation of Jeremiah as the "weeping prophet" is not sustained by the reflection of the man as found in the book of Jeremiah, the author maintains. He sees Jeremiah as a great leader characterized by courage and hope rather than by despair.

The book sheds much light on the life and times of Jeremiah — the period of the fall of Judah, an era of transition and crisis for the Hebrews.

So You Want to Preach, by Frederick Keller Stamm, Abingdon, 1958, \$2, is dedicated "to all who bear glad tidings of great joy." Dr. Stamm, well known Congregational author-preacher, conducted the popular radio program — "Highlights of the Bible" — for 19 summers over NBC. His opening chapter, entitled "Pitfalls for the Preacher," is worth the price of the book.

The Diary of Peter Parson, by W. B. J. Martin, Abingdon, 1957, \$2.75.

"Would I go to church regularly if I were not a parson? Last month I sat in the pew for four Sundays as a listener. It did me good both as a man and a minister. But I was appalled by the dullness of the services. The preaching was competent, mildly interesting, helpful in a general way, but over all there was a thin spread of mediocrity — not a memorable phrase, a distinguished thought, and above all, no element of surprise. One had heard it all before, expressed in much the same way."

This gives an idea of the interesting frankness of "the uninhibited musings of a working parson, reflections and comments on the day-to-day encounters with his own church members, with non-churchmen, with fellow parsons, and reflections on his own failures and successes."

The author has been pastor of a Congregational church in Edinburgh, Scotland, since 1951. His "Peter Parson's Log" is a popular feature of the *British Weekly*.

By Nelson Eubank

Associational RA Sports Program Begun

THE ROYAL Ambassador Committee of Harmony Association Brotherhood has launched an athletic program for RA's Apr. 20.

Darrell Watkins, Lee Memorial Church, was elected associational athletic director. He will schedule a round-robin league for baseball, volley ball, and horse-shoe pitching. Greenlee, Central and Forrest Park Churches reported enrollments adequate for fielding a baseball team. Volley ball and horse-shoe pitching will be offered for chapters with smaller enrollments, but not necessarily restricted to small chapters.

Archery competition appears as a possibility.



RECOGNIZED in a recent coronation service for achieving the rank of Queen Regent in Service, highest attainment in the Girls' Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Union, were the following from 1st Church, Camden, left to right: Wanda Gail Meeks, Tommie Jo Wagnon, Joyce Gaddy, and Shirley Dykes.

Paragould's East Side Church Keeps Growing

GROUNDBREAKING services for the new \$60,000 educational building of East Side Church, Paragould, is in keeping with the spirit of growth that has marked the church's history.

Organized in 1912 under the leadership of G. A. Crocker, East Side Church first worshiped in a one-room, 40 by 56 feet, building. Residents recall the bell that called the faithful to Sunday school and tolled for funerals.

In 1925 under the pastorate of W. D. Edwards, a 30 by 40 foot addition was built across the back. This was soon changed to a two-story building and the entire structure stuccoed.

A parsonage was erected in 1940. Fifteen additional Sunday School rooms also were provided by another addition to the church. Not long afterwards, the fast-growing church found it necessary to build more educational space. This last annex required all of the ground belonging to the congregation and joined the church building with the parsonage.

A new large parsonage was bought in 1954 and the old one turned into a Babyland.

To care for the parking problem accompanying the increase in attendance, the church secured ground to the rear of the building, cleared and graveled it for a parking lot.

● **JESSE L. KIDD**, formerly of Ebenezer Church, El Dorado, is now located at Caxia Postal 145, Volta Redonda, Est do Rio, Brazil.

● **FELIX MONTGOMERY**, who will be graduated this month from Southern Seminary, Louisville, will preach on Sunday, May 18, at Frankfort Avenue Church, Russellville, in view of a call. Fritz E. Goodbar, who retired recently from the pastorate and now lives in Little Rock, has served the Frankfort Avenue church as interim pastor.

● **WEST BATESVILLE Church**, Independence Association, has been recognized as an advanced standard Sunday School. O. M. Blount is Sunday School superintendent. (CB)

● **ONE HUNDRED** and nineteen attended Central Association's VBS clinic at Spring Lake. Goals of the association are a VBS in every church, two missions schools and a Negro school. (CB)

Southern Building Named for Professor

THE NEW dining hall which was put into use by Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, earlier in the term was named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gwniup.

For the past 12 years the Gwniups have operated the dining hall at Southern Baptist College. They have been noted for their generosity in aiding students in attending college who were financially in need.

Many former students have expressed their appreciation to the Gwniups for their understanding and readiness to aid them while in college.

The president of the College, Dr. H. E. Williams, in the formal dedication of the building, paid high respects to the Gwniups for their unselfish service. In addition to serving in this capacity, Mr. Gwniup is head of the mathematics and chemistry departments at Southern. He also is an ordained minister and has served small churches in the area. He is now pastor of the Petit Church, Pocahontas.



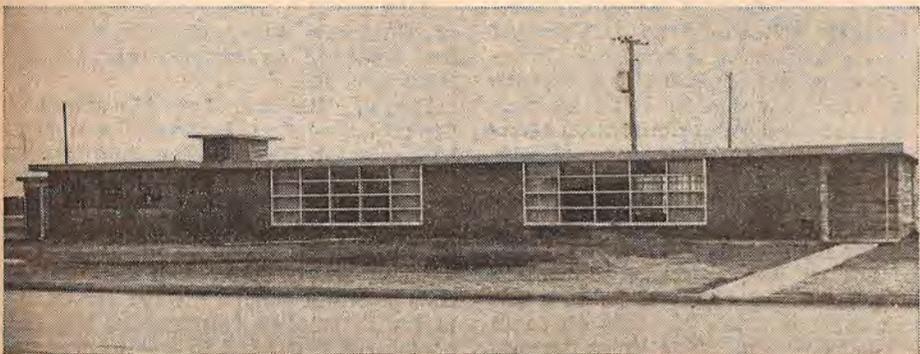
MR. GWNIUP



MRS. GWNIUP

● **DR. COURT REDFORD**, executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, will be the commencement speaker at Southern Baptist College's graduation ceremonies May 26. Dale Cowling, 2nd Church, Little Rock, will deliver the sermon at 10 a. m. Several other meetings have been scheduled for the day.

● **FALL TERM** at Southern Baptist College will open Sept. 8. The summer session begins June 2.



THE NEW dining hall at Southern Baptist College will seat 300. It is constructed so another dining room can be added when needed.

Revival Reports

EAST SIDE Church, DeWitt, had six joining by baptism and two by letter during the Apr. 20-27 revival. Lewis Parrish, former pastor, now living in Jackson, Tenn., was the evangelist, and Eugene Wise, Almyra, directed the music.

FIFTEEN ADDITIONS, 11 by baptism, were reported in the Apr. 13-20 revival in 1st Church, Nash, Tex. Dr. L. E. Holt, Texarkana, did the preaching. James Gregory, Calvary Church, Texarkana, led the music.

BARTON CHURCH saw 13 additions by baptism during the Apr. 20-25 meeting. Robert Morrison, 1st Church, Coal Hill, brought the messages. J. B. Kempner is pastor.

1ST CHURCH, Mulberry, had 8 by profession during the recent meeting at which J. D. Brannon, Ft. Worth, was the evangelist, and John Smith, Ft. Smith, the singer. Robert H. Moran is pastor.

W. M. PRATT, SR., West Side Church, El Dorado, was with his son, W. M. Pratt Jr., in a recent revival in 1st Church, Durant, Okla. There were 20 additions by baptism, and three by letter.

GREEN FOREST CHURCH recorded 23 additions, 18 by baptism, during the eight-day meeting beginning Easter Sunday. Two surrendered for special service and there were a number of rededications. Pastor J. E. Presley did the preaching and the music was directed by Denver Murry, Rogers.

FIRST CHURCH, Searcy had 21 additions by baptism during recent revival. R. L. Smith, pastor of 1st Church, Pine Bluff, was evangelist. Willard Burnham, minister of music and education, 1st Church, Crossett, conducted the music.

1ST CHURCH, Leslie, had 10 additions, nine by baptism, in a recent revival. Billy Walker was the evangelist. Pastor Don Jones said: "A great host dedicated themselves. This is the best revival I have seen in 10 years."

● **MRS. A. L. GREGG,** 1st Church, Springdale, has earned the Sunday School Worker's Citation for completion of 64 books in the Sunday School Training program. (CB)

● **BILL FLYNT,** Ouachita graduate, has been called by 1st Church, Ashland, Ky., and will be moving from Millington, Tenn., in June. Dr. C. R. Daley, editor of the *Western Recorder*, wrote: "I've been with Bill Flynt in school, on a seminary paint crew, on the basketball floor, in a revival and on a fishing lake, and he's the man by which I measure men. He doesn't seem to know how to be less than a Christian gentleman of the first magnitude."



GROUND-BREAKING SERVICES were held at 1st Church, Booneville, Sunday, Apr. 27, during the morning worship hour. Taking part in the service were (left to right): Boyce Beale, Southside Mission; Benny Bledsoe, Southside Mission pastor; Bob Remy, chairman, building committee; Willis Wagoner, chairman, deacons; Mrs. Molly Bryant, oldest member present; Mrs. Ray Looper, president, WMS; John Hampton, music director; Allen Tidwell, president, Brotherhood; O. A. Skinner, chairman trustees; Charles W. Finch, Sanatorium chaplain; Jeral Hampton, Training Union director; E. N. Jordan, oldest deacon present; Lester Kincannon, superintendent Sunday School; Doyle B. Bledsoe, pastor.

Work has already begun on the two-story structure. The air-conditioned education building will provide space for about 450 persons. Plans call for 51 classrooms and assembly rooms, a kitchen and a dining room. Leaders say the erection is being made possible about a year ahead of schedule because the church began the Forward Program of Church Finance last summer. Plans are to move into the new building about Sept. 1.

Arkansans to Appear On Convention Program

SEVEN persons from Arkansas are included on the program for the coming Southern Baptist Convention in Houston. They are:

Boyd O. Baker, pastor 1st Church, Wynne, to lead prayer at pastors' conference Monday, May 19, 4:30 p. m.

Harold C. Bennett, pastor, Beech-Street Church, Texarkana, leading a panel on "We Used the Forward Program of Church Finance" at 2:15 p. m. Tuesday, May 20, pastors' conference.

Fritz E. Goodbar, Little Rock, to read Scripture at 7:08 p. m. Monday, May 19, pastors' conference.

Andrew M. Hall, pastor, 1st Church, Fayetteville, message on "Pentecost, 1958" at 11:40 a. m., Monday, May 19, pastors' conference.

Brooks Hays, Little Rock, convention president, president's address 7:20 p. m. Tuesday, May 20, at general conven-

tion. He will also deliver an address, "For the Lord Is Great" at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday, May 20, at the WMU. He will bring a message, "Freedom of the Pulpit," at the pastors' conference Monday, May 19, at 8:30 p. m.

W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, will deliver an address, "Keeping Our Footing in Dangerous Times," at 10:40 a. m. Tuesday, May 20, at the pastors' conference.

Vernon E. Yarborough, pastor, Tabernacle Church, Little Rock, will give the benediction at 4:35 p. m., Tuesday, May 20, at the pastors' conference.

● A ROYAL Ambassador leadership course for pastors, RA counselors and men interested in boys' work will be conducted May 27 in 1st Church, Fayetteville. C. H. Seaton, of the Brotherhood department, will attend the conference. Associational RA Counselor Austin Kindred is planning the leadership meeting. (CB)



HAYS



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HALL



PASTOR LESLIE Rihard and Sunday School Superintendent O. M. Blount, West Batesville Church, with the efficiency chart on which the Sunday School of the church scored to reach the coveted position of Advance Standard, the first in the state of Arkansas this year, and one of three or four in the Southern Baptist Convention to this date.

West Batesville Is Convention Leader

The West Batesville Church has the first Sunday School in the state to reach the Advanced Standard of Excellence for the current year.

As of April 1, there were only three other Advanced Standard Sunday Schools in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Two Arkansas Sunday schools reached the Advanced Standard last year: 1st, Fayetteville, and 1st, Bentonville. These were among only ten in the SBC, and only one other state, Florida, had two.

To reach the Advanced Standard a Sunday School must reach the first Standard of Excellence and each department (or class, in a class Sunday School) must be standard. In addition to this, the school must have a weekly officers and teachers meeting and at least fifty per cent of the officers and teachers must hold the Sunday School Workers Diploma, which means they must have an award for at least four specific, basic books in the Sunday School training course. The church must also make available to the workers, preferably through a church library, at least one copy of each book in the Sunday School training course.

The West Batesville Church has recently dedicated a new three-story educational building on which they did most of the work themselves and paid for as they built it. Despite a rather large population loss in Batesville, the church membership has increased from 758 in 1953 to 843 at the close of the last associational year. During the same period, Sunday School enrollment increased from 440 to 527, and baptisms totaled 125.

Ridgecrest Training Union Speakers Are Announced

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Headline speakers for the three Training Union weeks at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly have been announced by J. E. Lambdin, secretary, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. Dr. Lambdin, who will be general director of the assemblies, said more than 10,000 persons are expected to attend the meetings, the theme of which is "Our Baptist Heritage."

Nolan P. Howington, department of preaching, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be the evening speaker for the first week, July 3-9; noon speaker for the Bible hour, Mrs. J. O. Williams, counselor, Baptist Sunday School Board; Lee Porter, pastor, 1st Church, Glen Rose, Tex., director of recreation; and Paul McCommon, music secretary, Georgia State Convention, song leader.

Harvey T. Gibson, director of administration in the Board's Training Union Department, will serve as dean of the teaching faculty for the three weeks.

The second week, July 10-16, evening speaker will be Ramsey Pollard, pastor, Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; and Ramsey Pollard, Jr., minister of education, Victory Memorial Church, Louisville, Ky., will lead the singing.

Walter L. Moore, pastor, 1st Church, Meridian, Miss., will be the evening speaker for the third week, July 17-23, with Sam Allen, University Church, Abilene, Tex., as song leader.

Cecil McGee and Miss Adelle Carlson of the Sunday School Board's Church Recreation Service staff will direct the recreation for the second and third weeks.

● **JOE T. STEVENS**, pastor of 1st Church, Blanco, Tex., has announced he is resigning to enter the field of evangelism beginning July 1.



GROUND BREAKING for the \$60,000 auditorium of Maple Avenue Church, Smackover, was held recently. Building committee members include, from left, L. G. Coley, W. A. Warnock, W. H. White Jr., chairman. Not in the picture are C. L. Alexandria and Wallace McBride. The brick, air-conditioned building will seat 350. Maple Avenue, only three years old, already has paid for two educational buildings.

● **TWO OUACHITA** chemistry majors and Dr. E. A. Provine, professor of chemistry, were elected to executive posts at the Apr. 24-25 meeting of the Arkansas Academy of Science at the University of Arkansas Medical Center at Little Rock. Harris Lloyd, Marianna, was elected president and Lillian Blackmon, Arkadelphia, was elected secretary for next year. Dr. Provine was named co-counselor.

● **STATION KLRA**, Little Rock, has received an award for distinguished public service in broadcasting **THE BAPTIST HOUR** each week in this community. The award was made to coincide with National Radio Week (May 4-10).

The award was presented by Paul M. Stevens, director of the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission, which produces the 30-minute modified worship service for radio.

● **PHILLIP NIX**, Malvern, and Sandy Wallace, Russellville, freshmen at Ouachita College, were crowned king and queen of Play Day, an annual fun event on the Ouachita campus, April 29.

Southern College to Dedicate Campus May 26

The campus of Southern Baptist College will be dedicated at ceremonies Monday, May 26 at 2:30 in connection with annual commencement, Dr. H. E. Williams, president, announces. Speaker for the occasion will be T. K. Rucker, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

On April 29, restrictions expired on the property acquired from the government. The college is now the full and unquestioned owner of the property. During the 10-year prior to April 29, the college could not sell or desert the property without consideration on the part of the government.

Three new buildings will be dedicated at the time of the formal dedication of the campus. The value of the property at the time of transfer to Southern was \$1,494,000. During the last two years the college has built more than 50,000 square feet of floor space, giving the institution a new and pleasing look.

Other features for May 26 include the commencement sermon at 10:30 a.m. by Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor of the 2nd Church, Little Rock; alumni luncheon, 12 noon, with Rev. Wayne Wood, pastor 1st Church, Clarkton, Mo., an alumnus of the college, as the speaker; semi-annual board meeting, 4:00 p.m., with Walter Yeldell, president, presiding; and the graduation ceremonies at 8:00 p.m., with Dr. Courts Redford, executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., delivering the address.

Missionary Grateful To Mission Board

THESE ARE days when organized labor speaks of "fringe benefits." Those of us serving under the Foreign Mission Board realize more such benefits than we could number. They come as special favors "over and beyond the call of duty" of Board employees. They range all the way from personal letters of encouragement and helpful advice (even on tax forms!) to technical assistance and information dealing with purchase and operation of cameras or cars.

Every missionary constantly feels like saying "much obliged" for the help coming from the Foreign Mission Board staff. It may be advice, information, inspiration, or any number of things which give evidence of the sincere desire to help.

Those of us on the mission fields around the world are happily aware that the promise (I Samuel 30:24) is that at the final reckoning those who serve at headquarters will share equally the fruits of our labor. —Dan R. Cobb, The Thailand Mission

Baptist Hour Sunday

APPROXIMATELY 1,000 Southern Baptist churches from coast to coast are expected to join in the observance of Baptist Hour Sunday on May 18. Purpose of the special day is to familiarize more Southern Baptist church members with the unique missionary efforts of the radio-TV agency for the past 17 years.

Ordinations

T. O. SPICER Jr., Garland Heights Chapel, was ordained to the full gospel ministry Apr. 9 by 1st Church, Fayetteville. Three deacons, Bill Dalton, Buster Wammack and Don Wright, were ordained as deacons in 1st Church in the same service. A. L. Hart, Bentonville, led the questioning, Dr. Andrew Hall and Tommie Hinson spoke on the offices of pastor and deacons. Al Feltz led the prayer. (CB)



MR. SPICER and deacons. Al Feltz led the prayer. (CB)

J. F. LAWHORN and Alvin Hardin were ordained as deacons by 2nd Church, Pine Bluff, on May 4. (CB)

ROY A. CRAGG was ordained as a deacon by East Side Church, Trinity Association, Apr. 27. Jimmy L. Garner, pastor, served as moderator; L. D. Epipinette, associational missionary, led the questioning; Fred Golden led the ordination prayer, and H. T. Brown preached the sermon.

BOB DUFFER, pastor, Johnson's Chapel Church, Dumas, was ordained to the full gospel ministry at Ardmore Church, Memphis, Apr. 27. The council included: Dr. Robert Gabhart, moderator; Lawrence Byrne, clerk; Amos Greer, interrogator; Dr. Ralph Moore, charge; Jerry L. Glisson, presentation of the Bible; Darrell Black, ordaining prayer; J. Russell Duffer, father of the candidate, sermon. Mr. Duffer, a native of Arkansas, is a freshman at Ouachita.

● MR. AND MRS. Mason E. Bondurant, Trinity Church, Ft. Smith, being considered for appointment by the Foreign Mission Board, will attend orientation week for foreign missionaries in Waco the last week in this month.

● SEVENTY intermediates and young people participated in the youth week program of 1st Church, Pine Bluff. Lloyd Clary served as pastor; Berdell Cahoon, Ouachita's Tiger Day queen, was WMU president. Youth Director Herbert Batson planned the week's activities.

● COLLINS CHURCH, Delta Association, Billy Ralph Moore, pastor, has joined the list of churches receiving the Arkansas Baptist under the club plan.

● FRANK DENTON, pastor of the 1st Baptist Church, Quitman, Tex., was the speaker at the annual banquet given by the freshmen honoring the sophomores of Southern Baptist College, May 1.



THE TOURING CHOIR of New Orleans Seminary will present a program of sacred music at 1st Church, Hope, Thursday, May 22, at 7:45 p.m. Directed by Genter L. Stephens of the School of Sacred Music, the choir will be heard in 14 performances during a seven-day tour which begins May 16. Three performances have been scheduled during the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, May 20-23.



TWENTY-FIVE girls received awards from Mrs. Don Williams, Caroline Association GA counselor, at a recent service in 1st Church, Carlisle. Barbara Brandt was awarded her cape as queen regent and Irma Shaub was crowned queen with scepter. There were four queens, five princesses, four ladies in waiting and ten maidens. Pictured above, left to right are, front row: Bill Patton, Connie Woodruff, Ronnie Bennett, Barbara Buffalo, Susan Allison, David Pinson, Mary Booe, James Milligan, Anne McFadden, Betty Pinson, Johnny Grammer. Second row: Irma Shaub, Carolyn Partain, Ruby Milligan, Rachel Doyle, Phyliss Pinson, Linda Milligan, Louise Pinson, Barbara Brandt. Third row: Cheryl Brandt, Annette Alexander, Patricia Doyle, Sheila Taylor, Sheila Wright, Margaret Morrison, Shirley Morrison, Linda Perfioul. Fourth row: Alice Thomas, Doris Bennett, Lynelle Bennett, Carolyn DeWhitt, Catherine Roach, Charlene Thomas, Peggy Fulcher and Tommie Lois Coates.

● BASKETBALL LETTERS for the 1958 season at Southern Baptist College have been awarded by Coach Lendol Jackson to the following: Aubra Mattingly, Jack Maxwell, Bill Trout, James Wilkerson, W. O. Goff, Jerry Filippo, Jerry Roe, Buddy Boyd, Bob Pumphery, and Jim Dortch.

● ALCOHOL is the fourth public health problem in America and is rapidly rising to third place, declared Allison C. Brown, executive director of the Arkansas Commission on alcohol, at Southern Baptist College recently. Mr. Brown showed the film, "To Your Health."

Pastoral Changes

JAMES H. FITZGERALD, pastor of Park Place Church, Hot Springs, for the last six years, resigned Apr. 13. (CB)

GRAVEL HILL Church, Central Association, has called Finney Robinson as pastor. Mr. Robinson formerly pastored Old Union Church. (CB)

Survey Report to Be Convention Highlight

HOUSTON — (BP) — Southern Baptist Conventioners coming to Houston for their 1958 session, and meetings of related organizations, are probably more interested in a recent survey of the Convention than in any other single item of business.

The Thursday afternoon session of the Convention (May 22) has been set aside for the report of the Convention's Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Program (more commonly known as the Survey Committee).

This committee, appointed at Kansas City in 1956, has had the assistance of professional counsel from a management consultant firm — Booz, Allen & Hamilton of Chicago.

The committee's recommendations are for two new Convention agencies, a Church Loan Board and a Stewardship Commission. Adjustments and changes in the workings of other existing agencies are also embodied in the recommendations.

The report has been available for study by Southern Baptists since about Mar. 1. Editorial reaction in the 25 Baptist state newspapers has varied, but a most frequent suggestion of Baptist editors has been for the Convention to hear the report this year, discuss it, then wait another year before voting on it.

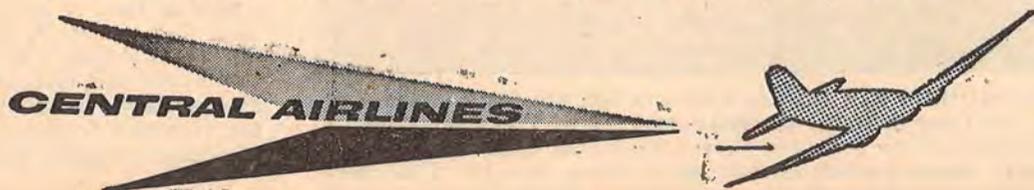
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April Gifts up \$1300 Over Year Ago

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Arkansas contributed a total of \$43,831 to work of the Southern Baptist Convention in April, with the total from all states reaching the SBC's treasurer amounting to \$1,861,750.

The state's monthly contributions included \$38,887 through the Cooperative Program and \$4,944 through Specially-designated funds.

The Southern Baptist Convention included \$1,164,167 through the Cooperative Program, undesignated offerings which support the Convention's missionary, educational, and other agency work. Another \$697,583 was in offerings designated for special objectives by donors.

Figures released by SBC Treasurer Porter Routh, Nashville, include only what comes to the Convention proper. They do not include funds used for local church support or for agency work in the individual states.

The April, 1958, total was \$1,300 greater than the total reported in April, 1957. The past month's total was about \$470,000 below March, 1958 totals, principally due to the fact that the March total included a large amount from the seasonal Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Nearly half the states reporting sent in less total funds during April, 1958, than for the same month a year before. Total receipts last month were less from Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas. (No report was received from New Mexico.)

For the four months of the year total SBC receipts are \$11,925,518, up 10.06 per cent over a year ago. Cooperative Program receipts are up 7.43 per cent for the same comparative period, to \$5,098,906, while designations have increased 12.11 per cent and are \$6,826,611.

For the year to date, only one state's total is less than for the first four months of 1957 — District of Columbia. Cooperative Program receipts are less in five other states, but their total receipts are greater than for last year.

An \$850,000 distribution to the Foreign Mission Board was the largest of the month to any agency of the Convention. The Home Mission Board received \$525,000 including \$350,000 in designated gifts, reflecting the Annie Armstrong Offering to Home Missions.

T. O. WINN, a New Orleans oil company executive and a Baptist deacon, was elected president of the board of New Orleans Seminary at the trustees meeting April 28-30. Winn, who has been a member of the board since 1950 and chairman of the executive committee since 1952, succeeds Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss., whose term expires.

WMU

Miss Nancy Cooper

Chartered WMU Bus

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY Union of Arkansas is sponsoring a chartered bus to the convention-wide WMU Conference to be held at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 7-13. The bus, under the direction of Miss Nancy Cooper, will leave Little Rock mid-morning on August 5. Nights en route will be spent in Nashville, Tenn., and Cherokee, N. C., where the group will worship at the Indian Baptist Church. The return trip will be more direct with one night spent in Chattanooga, Tenn. Arrival in Little Rock is scheduled for the evening of August 14.



MISS COOPER

Ridgecrest is an experience! Indefinable things happen to those who attend. Of course, there are inspirational missionary messages; there is fellowship international; there are the periods of instruction on WMU methods; and en route there are visits to many of the tourist attractions of the southwest. But there is more. There is an infilling of spiritual blessings which is immeasurable.

Cost is determined by type of room chosen and meals (10) en route. The total of bus fare, registration, insurance, rooms en route and box lunch en route on the first day is \$42.50. A variety of types of accommodations have been reserved which will be assigned on the basis of "first come, first served."

Prices quoted below include the \$42.50 itemized above and meals while at Ridgecrest. The only difference is the room.

Room with bath on hall, \$68.

Room with connecting bath, \$69.50.

Room with private bath (Pritchell Hall), \$71.

Room with private bath (Springdale

Extension Day Set for June 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Extension Day in Southern Baptist churches, which is set for June 1, but may be observed at any convenient time, will take on a "new look" this year, according to Mrs. Will S. McCraw, superintendent of Extension work, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

A "five-point star" program has been suggested for the day, Mrs. McCraw explained: (1) the pastor preaching on the Extension ministry, (2) starting an Extension department, (3) enlisting new workers, (4) recognizing members of the Extension department who attend the day's services, and (5) having a churchwide Extension visitation in the afternoon.

and Mountview), \$78.50.

Advance reservation is necessary and must be made with Miss Nancy Cooper, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock. A deposit of \$15 per person is requested. Write Miss Cooper for further details.

This will be a happy and beneficial experience for every officer and leader in Woman's Missionary Union, for every leader of a youth organization, for every woman who loves the Lord, His people and His work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dr. Edgar Williamson, Secretary

1st Fort Smith Is

Awards Leader

As of May 1, the 1st Church, Fort Smith, was leading the state in training awards earned during the present Sunday School year. They are followed by Immanuel, Little Rock, and 1st, Fayetteville.

Leading the smaller churches again, as they have for three years, is Providence Church, near Fayetteville. This church has 167 members and has earned 356 awards this year. This makes a total of 1,342 awards earned by this church since October 1, 1955.

Also showing an outstanding record among the smaller churches are Dermott Chapel (a mission of 1st, Dermott) with 216 awards, Village (Liberty Association) 148 awards, with 225 members; and Hunter (Woodruff Co. Association), 138 awards with 164 members.

Below are listed the top 52 churches in training for the period October 1, 1957 to May 1, 1958.

1. Ft. Smith, 1st, 733; 2. Immanuel, LR, 467; 3. Fayetteville, 1st, 420; Malvern, 3rd, 383; 5. Grand Ave., F. S., 372; 6. Fayetteville, Prov., 356; 7. El Dorado, 1st, 339; 8. Smackover, 1st, 333; 9. Arkadelphia, 1st, 321; 10. Park Hill, NLR, 298;

11. Hot Springs, 2nd, 295; 12. West, Batesville, 285; 13. Fordyce, 1st, 277; 14. Cullendale, 1st, 274; 15. Little Rock, 2nd, 267; 16. So. Highland, LR, 238; 17. Warren, 1st, 236; 18. Helena, 1st, 222; 19. Texarkana, Cal., 217; 20. Dermott Bapt. Chap., 216;

21. Bentonville, 1st, 211; 22. Stephens, 1st, 209; 23. Immanuel, Warren, 197; 24. Blytheville, 1st, 196; 25. Ingram B., W. M., 196; 26. Little Rock, 1st, 191; 27. Crossett, 1st, 185; 28. Rogers, 1st, 181; 29. Camden, 1st, 174; 30. Texarkana, Beech St., 173;

31. Manila, 1st, 167; 32. Pulaski Hgts, LR, 164; 33. Hebron, LR, 163; 34. Forrest City, 1st, 162; 35. McCrory, 1st, 162; 36. Paragould, 1st, 161; 37. Levy, NLR, 155; 38. Baring Cross, NLR, 154; 39. El Dorado, Immanuel, 152; 40. Village, 1st, 148;

41. Calvary, LR, 143; 42. Camden, 2nd, 141; 43. McGehee, 1st, 140; 44. Hunter, 1st, 138; 45. Springdale, 1st, 138; 46. Stuttgart, 1st, 132; 47. Camden, Calvary, 131; 48. Highway, NLR, 130; 49. North L. R., 1st, 128; 50. Baptist Tab., LR, 127; 51. Kelly Hgts, F. S., 127; 52. Tyrnza, 1st, 127.

TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary
Leadership Workshop

SECOND CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK
Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nursery Leaders: Florrie Ann Lawton
and Mrs. W. L. Howse, Sunday School
Board.



Beginner Leaders:
Nora Padgett, Sun-
day School Board.

Primary Leaders:
Mrs. Jane Williams,
state Elementary
Worker, Birming-
ham, Ala.

Junior Leaders:
Frances Whitworth,
Sunday School
Board.

Intermediate Lead-
ers: Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, Sunday School
Board.

Young People: Carlton Carter, Sun-
day School Board.

Adults: Bob Cook, Sunday School
Board.

General Officers: J. E. Lambdin, Sun-
day School Board.

Associational Directors and Mission-
aries: R. Maines Rawls, Sunday
School Board.

General Director: Ralph W. Davis.

MISSIONS

Rural Church Conference

The Annual Rural Church Confer-
ence will be held June 9-12, at the
F.F.A. Camp, Couchdale, on Lake Cath-
erine, near Hot
Springs.



DR. CALDWELL
The program this
year should certainly
appeal to pastors.
Dr. J. P. McBeth
will speak several
times on "The Pas-
tor and His Bible."
Dr. Earl Guinn, pres-
ident of Louisiana
College, will discuss
"The Pastor and His
Preaching." Dr. Ralph Phelps, presi-
dent of Ouachita College, will lead dis-
cussions on "The Pastor and the So-
cial World." Pastor J. W. Buckner,
Temple Church, Crossett, will speak on
"Budget Planning, Subscribing the
Budget, Handling and Disbursing
Church Funds." Roland Crowder, Bap-
tist Sunday School Board, will deal with
"Church Buildings." Panel discussions
on church organizations will be led by
state leaders in the Baptist Building.

Dr. J. W. Raley, president of Okla-
homa Baptist University, will preach
twice. Others on the program include
Dr. S. A. Whitlow, Jesse Reed and the
superintendent of missions.

Special conferences will be held for
two hours each morning for pastors'
wives. Miss Nancy Cooper, Mrs. Ralph
Douglas and Mrs. Fritz Goodbar have
been asked to prepare the program for
this special feature.

The cost for the entire time will be
\$12 per person. Churches are urged to
send pastor and wife. Twenty-five dol-
lars spent in sending them to this con-
ference will bring rich returns to the
church.

Perhaps an explanation should be
given now about the entertainment.
There are no individual cottages where
husband and wife may stay together.
The cottages will accommodate from 10
to 20 people. Hence, men and women
will be in separate cottages. Those at-
tending must provide their own linens,
towels, etc.

The dining hall, auditorium and cot-
tages are all nice and comfortable.
There is a free swimming dock, and
boats for fishing in the afternoon will
be provided free.

Complete instructions, as to how to
get to the camp, will be given in the
program which will be mailed to the
missionaries and pastors this week.

A suggestion has been made that per-

haps larger churches and, perchance,
individuals, would like to provide the
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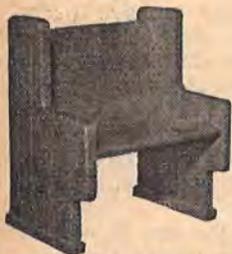
Desert Charlie—"He had a face
like a hedgehog cactus . . .
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the load of sixty hard years . . .
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the brim and pushed back on
an unbelievable mop of gray
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CHURCH MUSIC

Junior High Division

THIS IS the third in a series of articles on the South Arkansas Music Conference on Ouachita College Campus, June 16-20 and the North Arkansas Music Conference at Siloam Springs August 19-26.



MR. McCLARD It is our opinion that the changing voice should sing. We have qualified experts in this field demonstrating correct techniques in handling the delicate changing voice.

A day in the life of a Junior High Music Camper will include: 6:30, arise; 7:00, breakfast; 8, orchestra, the instruments of the orchestra, organ, piano, or voice; 9, beginning and advanced theory; 10, recess; 10:15, girls and boys voice classes; 11:15, beginning and advanced conducting; 12:15, lunch.

1:05, organ, piano, or voice; 2, boys swim, girls handicraft; 3, girls swim, boys handicraft; 4, recreation; 5:30, dinner.

6:15, mail call; 6:30, worship; 7, choir & band technique; 8, combined choirs; 8:30 stunt night, talent night, recitals, recreation, concert; 9:30, to sleep; 10, lights out.

A star music camper is chosen from the boys and girls and receive a scholarship to music camp 1959. All boys and girls who earn a certain number of points will be honor music campers and receive a special award.

To be eligible to attend one of the Arkansas Music Conferences you must send a \$1 registration fee with your name, address, age, instrument you play, if any, and endorsement by the pastor to Church Music Department, 312 Baptist Building, 401 W. Capitol, Little Rock. A sponsor must accompany each group of ten or less.

Huckaba Heads BSU

Frank Huckaba, accounting student at Arkansas State College, has been elected president of the Baptist Student Union. Huckaba will be a Freshman law student at the University this fall.



MR. HUCKABA The following officers were also elected at the annual Spring Retreat at Ferncliff: Vice President, Jesse McNeil, University of Arkansas Med School; Secretary, Pat Clary, Arkansas Tech; Devotional Chairman, Sharon Muzzy, Arkansas State Teachers College; Social Chairman, Bill Hal-

BROTHERHOOD

Nelson Tull

Royal Ambassador Camps

THE NEXT important Royal Ambassador feature on the State-wide level will be the Summer Camps. The Camps begin on June 16, and the final camp will close on August 1. Each Camp period will begin at 2:30 p. m. on Monday and close at 1:00 p. m. on Friday. Attendance at each camp will be limited to 116 boys. The cost per camper is \$13.50.



MR. SEATON A well balanced program of activities for boys is being planned. Many of the activities are based on the group idea. However, the individual boy is not forgotten and much time and consideration is given to the development of the individual. The field of activities and studies will be broad enough to include every boy in camp. Each group will be under direction and supervision of a fine, trained staff of Christian men. Information, camp posters, and registration forms have been mailed to all Royal Ambassador counselors and pastors in the state. Make plans now to have the boys from your church attend one of the camps.

August 12-14 are very important dates for all Brotherhoods and Royal Ambassadors in the Southern Baptist Convention. These dates are the days for the second conventionwide Royal Ambassador Congress. The Congress will be held in Ft. Worth, at the Will Rogers Coliseum. Every Royal Ambassador chapter in Arkansas should be represented. There are many churches that could and should send the entire Chapter. The Brotherhood of the churches should sponsor one or more boys. It would also help if some of the men would attend. Why not get at least three or four car-loads of men and boys from your church to attend?

Reservation forms were mailed to all counselors several months ago. More are available if needed. Write this department.

Each group attending must make its own hotel or motel reservations. The attendance goal from Arkansas is 400. Let's see that we reach the goal.

● THE EXECUTIVE Committee of the board of the Southern Baptist College has authorized the building committee to proceed with plans for a dormitory for men.

bert, Ouachita Baptist College; Music Chairman, George Amos, Arkansas State College; and Baptist Student magazine representative, Jennings Partin, Arkansas Tech.

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The Sleepy Bee

By COZETTE HOLMES MOTT

MOTHER, DAVID, and Diane circled the house in the early morning hours soon after Daddy had left for work. They wanted to see what beauty they could find.

Diane found the first rosebud covered with dew. She said, "Oh, look at the little diamonds on the rosebush and the grass!"

David replied matter-of-factly, "Oh, they are probably just rhinestones."

Mother found the first gladiola of the spring. It was a beautiful fuchsia-colored one. She snipped it with her scissors and stood looking at its exquisite beauty.

Suddenly she cried, "Oh, look at the tiny bee asleep in the pretty flower!"

Diane and David looked, and sure enough, there was a bee asleep within the blossom.

"He surely has a pretty bedspread," said Diane.

"I just don't see how it can sleep with all that beauty and honey around it," sighed Mother.

"It's probably a drone, Mother," said David. "We read about them in school — the male of the honeybee. It has no sting, and it gathers no honey, but it lives on the labors of others. That's what my book says."

"Maybe so," said Mother, "but it's strange, because a bee's job is to gather honey and share it with others."

She nudged the tiny bee with her scissors. It stretched its silly wings, buzzed about a bit, and was gone.

"Children, a Christian's job is to

Be A Good Bike Rider

By Ollie J. Robertson

ARE YOU a good bike rider? Are you safe when you must ride through heavy traffic? To have real pleasure from bicycling, you must always be safe. To help you be safe here are some bicycle DO's and DON'T's. Cut them out for your scrapbook, and practice them when you ride.

DO:

Have your bike under control.

Have a bell, a headlight, and a tail-light, and keep them in working order.

Inspect tires and brakes often.

Keep close to the curb when riding in the street.

Stay in a single line when riding with other bicycle riders.

Be on the lookout all the time.

DON'T:

Don't disobey traffic lights and signs.

Don't let anyone ride in front or behind you on your own bike.

Don't forget to hold out your hand when making turns.

Don't allow small children to push you or ride your bicycle.

Don't attempt stunts or fancy riding.

Don't accept dares or challenges.

A Smile

By Florence Pedigo Jansson

*A smile is such a lovely thing,
So friendly, warm, and sweet,
It seems a silent way to sing
And make the song complete.*

*I wonder if a smile might be
A bit of God on view;
You see a bit of God in me,
I see a bit in you.*

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make honey and share it with others, too."

"It is?"

"Yes, but sometimes we fall asleep and don't see all the beauty around us and the opportunities that are ours."

"Mother, what are opportunities?" asked Diane.

"They are chances to do something good for somebody else to make them happy," replied Mother trying to make it easy for Diane to understand.

Diane thought a moment and quickly suggested, "Mother, may we take the gladiola to Jimmie? He's going outside in his wheel chair today."

"Yes, you may take it; and let's send some of the cookies we made yesterday, too."

Mother smiled as David and Diane started down the little dusty road to Jimmie's house. She was glad her little bees weren't asleep.

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Bible Mothers

By Nina Coombs Pykare

THIS PUZZLE is about mothers in the Bible. Fill in the blanks by using the hints below.

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Mother of the Saviour of mankind

A mother who lost her sons but whose daughter-in-law stayed with her

Solomon's mother

One who gave her little boy to Eli to raise as a priest

The first mother on earth

A mother of twin sons, who helped one steal his brother's blessing

One who became a mother when she was quite old

ANSWERS

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Sarah
Rebekah
Eve
Hannah
Bathsheba
Naomi
Mary

A Smile or Two

OTHER GUY

A RECKLESS driver is one who passes you on the highway in spite of all you can do.

ONE'S A MEAL

LION TAMER: "My dad was a lion tamer, too."

REPORTER: "Did you ever put your head in a lion's mouth?"

Lion Tamer: "Only once. To look for Dad."

MISTRESS: "This food tastes terrible. Did you salt it?"

NEW MAID: "Yes'm, but I never used that brand before. It was called Epsom Salts."

WIFEY: "What's wrong, John?"

HUBBY: "My razor won't cut at all."

WIFEY: "Don't be silly. Your beard can't be tougher than linoleum."

JUST IN case you're interested in the latest variation of the "later, alligator" routine, it runs like this:

"See you tonight, satellite."

"In the void, asteroid."

THE STORY is told of a great musician who took his orchestra on tour, and during his travels received a note from a well-meaning person in one of his audiences. This is what the note said: "I think it only fair to inform you that the man in your orchestra who blows the instrument that pulls in and out, only played during the brief intervals when you were looking at him."

THE TEEN AGE

by Judy McDonald



"There goes that big porcupine again!"

God's People Tested

By E. E. GRIEVER

(Pastor, 1st Church, Hamburg)

May 18,
Numbers 13:17-14:45

God's people had been away from slavery less than two years, when they arrived at Kadesh-Barnea just across the river from their promised destination. They now faced a supreme test. God had definitely promised them the land, but they seemed to have felt that they had better send some spies over to look it over before attempting to enter.



MR. GRIEVER

Moses then selected a representative from each tribe. This committee went across and made a thorough survey of the entire land; and after 40 days of searching out the land they returned with their reports to the people.

In the main, their report was unanimous. They all saw a goodly land, and to prove this part, they brought samples of the fruit grown there. They were also unanimous in the report, that the country was well fortified, and that there were some giants, that the taking of it was going to be a tremendous undertaking. Ten said, "We are just not strong enough to possess the land." Two, Caleb and Joshua, believed it could be done, and so expressed themselves. These two faithful men of God saw the difficulties, but in the difficulties, they also saw opportunities.

The ten saw only the difficulties, and forgot the promise of God. When they lost their hold on God they became cowards.

Ten Against Two

The report of these ten men threw the entire congregation into panic, and a state of rebellion. They completely lost their sense of direction, and forgot that their destiny was the Promised Land. They turned away with childish fear, and wept. In this state of cowardly rebellion, they tried to lay the blame on their leaders, Moses and Aaron, and refused to follow their counsel. They even wanted to choose another and go back to Egypt. They even suggested stoning Caleb and Joshua to death. These people were much like a great many folks today, who magnify the difficulties and minimize the opportunities, and in it all forget the promises of God, and depend on human reports. God became so provoked with their doings that He threatened to smite them with pestilence, and even to disinherit them. One of His great complaints against them was that they had rebelled

against the leaders He had placed over them.

Moses, the man of God that he was, intercedes for Israel in a most striking manner. He intercedes on the ground that the people of the countries from whence they had come, and those into whose land they were going would conclude that God was not strong enough to accomplish the thing he had set out to do. Moses further appeals on the grounds of the long-suffering mercy and forgiveness of God. On these grounds Moses pleads that God will, once more, forgive His wayward people.

So far as we know, it was only the interceding of Moses that withheld the mighty wrath of God from blotting out this rebellious nation.

Our Intercessor

This is just a little foreglimpse of what and where we might be, if it were not for the fact that we have one who stands between us and God to plead our case for us. When we ourselves are rebellious and fearful, and many times turn ourselves away from God's plan for us, then it is Jesus who pleads our case there before Him. Through Moses' intercession, God pardoned these frightened people in so far as their national iniquity was concerned. He also declared that His judgment would be meted out to vindicate and to demonstrate His glory.

These people had seen the mighty signs and the wonders performed by God in their deliverance from Egypt. They had seen the plagues sent upon their enemies. They had seen the parting of the waters of the Red Sea, and their own people go over on dry ground. They had seen the same sea swallow up their enemies. In fact they had seen greater enemies put out of the way than they had seen in the Promised Land.

They simply refused to possess the Promised Land because of their unbelief, and because of this unbelief, they were doomed to lose the inheritance which God had promised them. They would never enter the land of Canaan to possess it. Caleb and Joshua, because of their faith, would be preserved to enter and to possess their allotted portions. Their faithfulness, even though in the minority, will not be overlooked, and will receive just rewards.

There is a great lesson in this for us today. They saw themselves as grasshoppers in the sight of giants. They were admitting their defeat. The giants were bigger than their God. If they had exercised the faith that David had, when he went against the giant, then the order would have been reversed and the giants would have taken on the appearance of grasshoppers.

We are very much what we see our-

selves to be. We are either conquerors or conquered, and the difference is all within the bounds of our faith.

We must consider God and His promises the most important factor in each and in every situation of life. As our faith in God increases, our difficulties vanish, and as our faith diminishes, our obstacles multiply. Whatever difficulties may arise, whether sickness, or poverty, or famine, or even war, God's strength can be depended upon. If problems arise in our homes, or in our business, or in our church, God is adequate and will, if we let him, provide a solution for every problem.

Unbelief is one of the outstanding sins of all ages. Jesus said He could not do many mighty works in a certain place because of unbelief. God's people were stopped in their tracks at Kadesh-Barnea because of unbelief. This was not true with all members of the party, but the majority overcame the minority, and their unbelief not only stopped them but turned them back for many, many years.

This unbelief not only kept them from entering the promised land, but it also blocked the way of progress for the whole group, and for a future generation. Because they were not willing to walk across the river by faith, they were turned into the wilderness, and for almost 40 years they could not see one day ahead. They refused to walk across the river by faith, but were forced to cover the entire wilderness by faith.

How much better it would have been to walk a little way by faith and to have seen the Promised Land, than to have to walk by faith for this long period of time, and most of them never got to see it. In their wandering in the wilderness, these men who rebelled against God and His divinely called leadership were never permitted to go into this land. Everyone of them above 20 years of age, except those two who gave the minority vote, died in the wilderness.

Faith Rewarded

Caleb and Joshua were permitted to return and take their places of leadership in the final conquest of Canaan. This all indicates that God's people, regardless of the age in which we live, when we are put to the test, are not to rely on the majority report every time, but regardless of reports to follow the direct commands of God.

Let us hold dear the words of Caleb when the majority report was unfavorable. He said, "Let us go at once and possess the land, for we are well able."

We are able to accomplish anything or take any possession that God has promised us.

Memory Selection

Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness. —Hebrew 3:7-8

★ Executive Board STATE CONVENTION ★

S. A. Whitlow, General Secretary, 100 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark., Ralph Douglas, Associate

Stewardship

“... not to be ministered unto ...”

THE MINISTRY of Jesus was characterized by these words, “The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). With that objective in view, Jesus had a right to talk with his followers about their stewardship.



DR. DOUGLAS

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus sent some of his disciples out to serve with the admonition, “Freely ye have received, freely give.” As a fundamental principle of the Gospel, Jesus said, “Give to him that asketh thee; and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.”

Another bed-rock principle proclaimed by Jesus is, “He that hath two coats let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.” Moreover Jesus taught his disciples,

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal” (Matthew 6:19-20).

These teachings seem hard and unfair to the modern way of conducting financial affairs. But, as Christians, we are to remember that Jesus said, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” To re-emphasize this teaching, Jesus told the multitudes, “If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren and sisters, yea, and his own life, also, he cannot be my disciple.”

Now, it goes without saying that if we are expected to surrender the fellowship of our relatives, if need be, and surrender the love of our friend for Jesus, then one is expected to surrender his material possessions and as a symbol of that surrender give a tithe of his increase to preach the Gospel to a lost world. So our Baptist people are taught to put their money into an envelope, seal it, and drop it into an offering plate.

To re-emphasize all of these teachings and to impart what we believe that the Bible teaches on Stewardship, Baptists have adopted the Forward Program of Church Finance. It is the best plan we know about to help Baptists to become better Stewards. —RD

	1948	1957
1. Churches in Arkansas	1,002	1,143
2. Churches with Training Unions	619	961
3. % of Churches with Training Unions	61.8	84.2
4. Church Membership	211,728	289,981
5. Training Union Enrolment	51,423	92,695
6. Study Course Awards	15,743	27,119

Our State Work

Training Union Trains Church Members

THE PURPOSE of the Training Union is that of training in church membership. It was the felt need among our churches for more effective church workers which gave birth to this organization.

The Rev. Ralph Davis, secretary of this department, came to the state office as our first Training Union Director, in January, 1945. This was when the work was a part of the Religious Education Department. It was set up as a separate department in 1952.



DR. WHITLOW

For more than twelve years Brother Davis has provided energetic and forward-looking leadership in this phase of our state work. Other personnel making up this department are: Rev. R. V. Haygood, associate; Mrs. Ruth Tolleson, records secretary and field worker; and Miss Ruth Petty, office secretary.

Through the medium of Associational Training Union Clinics, Associational Leadership Schools, and State Leadership Workshops the leadership of our churches is strengthened.

The state is divided into eight districts for promotional purposes. Assisting the department in promotion are eight presidents: Tommie Hinson, Northwest District; Nolan Finney, West Central District; Harrison Johns, North Central District; Marlin Gennings, North East District; Lehman Webb, Southeast District; Ken Green, Southwest District; Norman Sutton, Central District; and D. Hoyle Haire, East Central District. These men are to be commended for carrying this denominational responsibility without remuneration.

The department staff is able to participate in a limited number of church enlargement campaigns each year. However, to render an enlarged service in this capacity five state approved workers have been enlisted. They are: Charles Davis, Fort Smith, Nursery; Mrs. Faber Tyler, Ozark, Primary; Mrs. F. F. Hicks, Smackover, and Mrs. Early Kinard, El Dorado, Junior; and Mrs. Theo James, Pine Bluff, Intermediate. These workers serve for a nominal remuneration.

More than 250 college students have been used by this department in the past thirteen years in a program of summer field work. They go in pairs to smaller churches.

A recent survey by this department of its work over a period of the last ten years indicates a large measure of progress.

7. Churches Reporting Study Course Work	371	572
8. “M” Night Attendance	4,266	17,122

The District and State Conventions provide information and inspiration to large numbers of our people. —SAW

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