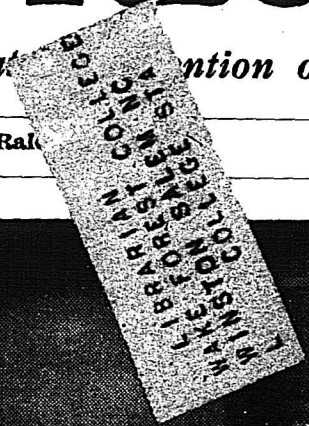


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HON. BROOKS HAYS, who was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention last year, will preside over the sessions to be held in Houston, Texas, next week, May 20-23. Mr. Hays is a member of the House of Representatives, United States Congress, from Arkansas.

An Unusual Ordination

At the ordination of William Everhart at Pullen Memorial Church, Raleigh, last fall, all who participated in the service were members of the Pullen Church. The service was unusual, and of a high order in spiritual content. We are publishing three of the messages delivered on this occasion. W. W. Finlator, pastor of the church, presided at the service.—EDITOR.

Presentation of the Bible

Dr. John A. Yarbrough, head of the department of biology, Meredith College, is chairman of deacons at Pullen Memorial Church. He presented the Bible, as follows:

I hold here in my hand a book, a clean, new book, a beautifully bound book, but above all else, The Book. Its pages are all clean and unwrinkled; through the symbols which constitute the written language its messages and its wisdom lie waiting for discovery and appropriation. As we, the members of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, present to you this Bible with our love and high esteem it is our hope that the pages of the greatest of books may soon show the wear and wrinkles indicative of frequent use. We feel that we could give you no richer storehouse than this book, no greater stimulus to high achievement than is offered by its messages to mankind. We believe in your ability and your sincerity, Bill, and as your friends in Christ we would pray for you a long life of usefulness in the Master's vineyard.

The Word of God

Dr. W. Lawrence Highfill, of the department of religion, North Carolina State College, brought the message for the ordination on "The Word of God."

The world is filled with words. The presses and air ways of all frequencies, the telephones and rostrums of all kinds are choked with words. We clamor for more. With itching ears we hear. Man listens for the true and lively word — the truth, the compelling, satisfying truth. But he turns away frustrated and empty. There is the word to amaze and amuse, to confound and confuse, but no word, no truth, to satisfy.

There is something fresh and contemporary about all encounter with Truth. Hearing the Word of Truth and responding to it is more like a struggle than passive reception. This is the life of joyous quest and commitment. This is process — there is always more light to break tomorrow. Chester Bowles tells about standing last February with a Russian student looking at a painting of Christ and Pilate. The question being put is "What is Truth?" The student commented, "A few years ago I did not like that. Then we all thought we knew the truth. Now I like this picture very much. You see, we now know that the truth is a question." Life presents eternal questions, and we seek eternal light

concerning them. And light there is; God has not left himself without witness.

The Bible is God's Word, the Word of Truth. The Bible is the picture of men wrestling with eternal questions in the light of God. They come up with convictions. Transformed in mind and heart, in harmony with the Father of light, they now speak the Word of God, speak with an inner authority and power. They come to embody the Word of God in this moment of history. Thus the Bible is the picture of God at work in history. Men of God become a new element in history, making history conform to the pattern of God.

Jeremiah like other men of God is possessed by the Word. He speaks of himself as one "to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah"—"it came also in the days of Jehoiakim."

In the record of Jeremiah's encounter with the Word, the first result is a new awareness of the nature of man. Man is not the creature of his own will, not the creature of the social order. He knows most fully what it means to be human when he confronts God, when he sees himself in the light of God. He is a being of divine creation and destiny.

The second result of Jeremiah's being filled with the Word of God is the awareness of calling. "... the word of the Lord came unto me, saying ... before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." The prophet speaks for God, fresh from his experience of the presence of God. Thus he is caught between the world of men and the Word of God. He is restless and guilty if he is faithless to the calling. He is despised and rejected of men if he is faithful. Since he must speak, he is concerned that he person-

ally conform to the Word. As Martin Buber says, "The man who has to make it heard is over and over again subdued by the word before he lets it be put in his mouth." He is concerned to give a true witness to the Word. As John Wycliffe says, "The first condition of the pastor is to cleanse his own spring, that it may not infect the Word of God."

The third insight resulting from Jeremiah's encounter with God recorded in Jeremiah I is the commission to tear down and to build up. "See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." The prophet speaks the word of scathing judgment. He speaks the word of hope and destiny. This is not judgment in which one, like Jonah, takes pleasure. There is the pathos of destroying part of oneself. It is his own people who face destruction. He sees the walls of the sacred city and the foundations of the Temple of God crumble. It tears the heart, but it is the Word of God.

The Word of judgment is not the final Word, however. The Word from God is that he is all the while planting anew, building anew. Jeremiah faces the alternative that all is now lost and that God will abandon his purpose for Israel. But the Word makes clear to him that from the ruins will spring forth a new era, the era of a stronger covenant between the heart of God and the heart of man. Indeed the Word of God is for the renewing of the covenant and extending it to all people. The covenant is the fellowship of devotion and discipline between God and man—a harmony of mind, spirit, and walk. This is the highest good, and this will come to be, for "so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it," (Isaiah 55:11).

Yet man is stubborn. He refuses to submit to the Word of Truth, sometimes until he is



President-elect of the Campbell College Baptist Student Union for 1958-1959 is Robert Adams of Clayton. Robert is, pictured here on the Campbell campus with Miss Ora Cansler, faculty advisor to the BSU.

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flat on his back. Jeremiah sees Judah prostrate, taken captive, before she will hear the fresh Word of God. But the prophet cannot ignore this cantankerous people. While we say in jest, "I believe in the right of every man to go to hell in his own way," we know now the brooding concern in the heart of God for us wayward men. "I am the good shepherd," Jesus reminds us. "The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

The Word of God then is not idle conversation. It is the truth of God, his love and power active in the universe. We rejoice that he is still active in men of God who proclaim his truth in word and deed. Among modern freedoms, how we need to guard this one — the freedom of the pulpit, one way for the Word to break through in the world of words. Amid the noisy clamor of the world, how we need the penetrating clearance of the "true and lively Word."

Charge to Candidate

Dr. L. E. M. Freeman, former head of the department of Bible, Meredith College, gave the following charge to the candidate:

To a man whom God has called into the Christian ministry the poor words of a charge have little significance. The real charge has already come. But a reminder may be in order. A minister's work is many-sided. Its most important phase is stressed in 2 Timothy 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (KJV); or, as the Revised Standard Version says, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." There is truth outside the Bible, of course; but the preacher is mainly concerned with the truth he finds in it.

Ministers, as other men, naturally desire approval. And you will. We all want human approval, appreciation, popularity, good will, flawless reputation, favorable standing in our communities. We dislike question marks after our names.

But the wish for human approval may be dangerous. Jesus warns us to be on guard when all men speak well of us. Without admitting it even to himself, the preacher may become a mere "yes-man," giving more heed to men's opinions than to God's truth. He then abdicates his position of leadership under God and becomes a mere reflector of local, congregational, and sectional ideas. It takes a lot of good religion for a church to endure a man who preaches unwelcome truth. People who are at ease in Zion resent being disturbed. History abounds with the harsh treatment of God's messengers rejected by their people. They killed their prophets. The Saviour was crucified by his own church.

The really worthwhile approval is from God. That is what you will seek. You are God's servant first of all, a bondsman of Christ, not a church hireling. You are his representative, his ambassador. You are sent by him and entrusted with his word for man. In trying supremely to please God you will be in close fellowship with Paul, falsely charged by his enemies with being a man-pleaser, of the true prophets who dared to contradict the pleasing sermons of false ones,



THE NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING of Memorial Church, Williamston, E. Gordon Conklin, pastor, was dedicated Sunday, March 30, along with remodeled areas of the original educational building. Dr. Herman Ihley brought the dedicatory address during the special services, and Dr. M. A. Huggins led the dedicatory prayer. A sheaf of letters of thanks from the membership was presented to C. Urbin Rogers, chairman of the building committee, after which Mr. Rogers presented the keys of the building to Dampey Simmons, chairman of the deacons. Following the services, the buildings were opened for a period of fellowship and inspection. During this time the ladies of the church served at an informal reception.

The construction was begun in November, 1956, by M. C. Martin, contractor, under the supervision of Albert Haskins of Haskins and Rice, architects of Raleigh. The \$135,000 building consists of four Nurseries, two Beginner departments, church parlor, kitchen, fellowship hall, church office, pastor's study, and adult classrooms on the first floor, with the Junior, Intermediate, and Young People's assembly rooms and their 19 classrooms on the second floor. The Primary Department, another Adult Department, and the Choir rooms are to be found in the remodeled areas of the older building. Already, the additional space has begun to show results in enlarged attendance and interest.

and of Jesus who came not to do his own will but the will of the Father who sent him.

Your main business as a preacher will be dealing with the Bible, the word, the "word of truth." You will not be just manipulating words, but "handling the word." And your rating with God will depend on the way you deal with his truth. The word translated "dividing rightly" in the King James Version originally meant to run a straight furrow, then to cut a line, as with scissors cutting cloth to a pattern. Then it came to mean "to handle rightly or correctly." And this expressive word suggests how the preacher must handle the truth.

First of all, he must understand the truth as God has given it. This means study, hard, honest, open-minded study. It is a whole life's task. Such study will lead to better views of truth and of the Book in which the truth is found. A great American scholar, near the close of his teaching career, wrote a book called *Sixty Years with the Bible*. In early life he had very childish views. His long study of the Bible itself corrected many wrong ideas and gave him a new book with far greater meaning than it had for him at first. Like profitable reworking of old mines with improved machinery, better methods of Bible study bring out more and more of its precious truth.

Next, the preacher must exemplify the truth in his own life. He lives it, puts it into practice, and so becomes an example of what truth can do. Telling has teaching value; but showing has much more.

Finally, right handling of the truth involves

explaining it. The minister is taught of God that he may be a faithful teacher. Like the Twelve, the preacher must first be a disciple to learn the truth, after which he becomes an apostle to make others see it.

And now, I pass on to you Paul's old charge to Timothy, "Do your best to present yourself before God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

The new Baptist Student Union Council of Mars Hill College was entertained April 29 at a banquet by the retiring council. Speaker for the occasion was Rev. Jerry F. Potter, native of Portland, Ore., now a resident of Thomasville and missionary to the deaf of North Carolina.

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The committee on resolutions of Flint Hill Church, York Association, S. C., sends a resolution of love and appreciation for Rev. Charles Herbert Myers, who retired from the active pastorate on April 30 after having served the Flint Hill Church for 10 years. "Brother Myers has won the admiration and confidence of not only his congregation, but of other church groups as well, . . . he has been very interested in community and civic affairs, . . . and Mrs. Myers has been his faithful partner and has always been at his side in the service of the church," states the resolution, signed by William O. Cox, Mrs. H. P. Garrison, and Harry L. Cook. Mr. Myers is commended to the North Wilkesboro Church, this state, "knowing he will carry on in supply work as the Lord sees fit."

Editorial Brevities

A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 117,000 PERSONS, according to reports, attended the first week of Billy Graham's San Francisco Crusade in Cow Palace; a spokesman for the evangelist announced in San Francisco. He said that during this period 3,749 made "decisions for Christ" following sermons by Mr. Graham. The seven-day total, the spokesman added, was greater than the attendance recorded for the first week at the evangelist's New York Crusade last year.

AN ARTICLE BY DR. ROBERT L. MCCAN on the need for better support for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention appears on another page of this issue. Dr. McCan is right. There is no doubt that the times demand the study and research and the challenge which comes from the work of the commission. We may well thank God for our warm evangelism, our earnest appeals, and our success in Christian education, in missions, and in many other phases of our work. But there is need among Southern Baptists for this emphasis on the application of the gospel to the moral, social, economic, and political life of the nation. Even the average pastor is too busy to study and look into the needs in various areas of life in our Southland. The commission is in a position to give special study to these problems, and to give light and guidance to our pastors, teachers, and religious leaders, as well as to the rank and file of our people. More power to the Christian Life Commission. By all means let us give more support to it, both morally and financially.

WE WERE GLAD TO HAVE AS A VISITOR in our office the other day Paul M. Johnson of the Fork Church, South Yadkin Association. He brought with him and presented to us two very old copies of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, one dated October 17, 1846, and the other March 24, 1849. These particular copies were addressed to Rev. W. W. Turner, who was a former pastor of the Fork Church, one of the older Baptist churches in the state.

The BIBLICAL RECORDER in those early years before the Civil War was edited by Thomas Meredith, and on the masthead it is stated that the paper is "devoted to religion, morality, literature, agriculture, and general intelligence." Each issue of the RECORDER at that time carried four large pages covering a wide variety of topics, including, as the paper said, "agriculture and general intelligence." In the issue of 1846 we noted one article on "The Conquest of Austria," which referred to the conquest by Napoleon.

The early issues carried the statement, "The RECORDER is published every Saturday, and is sent to subscribers at \$2.00

per annum, payable in all cases in advance."

These two old copies of the RECORDER presented to us by Mr. Johnson had been preserved by Professor Wilson F. Merrell of Mocksville, who was a grandfather of Mrs. Johnson. Copies of the paper have been going to the family perhaps since it was first established in 1833.

We appreciate these old copies of the RECORDER, which are another reminder of how long the people of North Carolina have been receiving our Baptist state paper. The RECORDER was founded by Thomas Meredith in 1833.

"DOING THE WORK OF THE KINGDOM" was the theme of Dr. Jack Ellis in a vigorous and inspiring talk made at the chapel service at the Baptist Building May 5. Perhaps one could say his text was "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth." The speaker declared that all of us who are Christians are citizens of the kingdom, and a citizen of the kingdom must live the happy triumphant life as a disciple of Christ. Kingdom work, he declared, includes being kind, helpful, courageous, faithful, having the spirit of the Master. He said that there is always a bright side to life, regardless of



RECORD ATTENDANCE GROUP—The people shown above are members of the Sunday school of Gethsemane Church, Whitakers, who have had perfect attendance records for a period of six months to eight years, writes Superintendent E. T. Pittman.

We are listing the names of those who have had perfect attendance for two years or more: John Tippet, two years; Mrs. W. C. Jordan, Nellie Ruth Jordan, Robert Jordan, Stanly Jordan, Linda Jordan, and Roy Jordan (all in one family), two and a half years; Drew Davenport, three years; Ann Williams, three and a half years; R. E. Quincy, four and a half years; Mrs. C. P. Denton and R. T. Marks, five years; Julian Anderson, C. P. Denton, and Anita Marks, five and a half years; E. T. Pittman, Mrs. F. N. Hyman, and Willis Denton, six years; and F. N. Hyman, eight years.

the circumstances—especially for the Christian.

Dr. Ellis himself is an embodiment of the spirit which he emphasized. He is a man of faith, a man of good cheer, a man who is courageous. He himself has suffered misfortune and ill health in recent months, but he is bright and cheerful as in former days, and in his talk he seemed to be the very embodiment of comfort and good cheer, which should characterize the Christian heart and mind. His visit to the chapel service was a blessing to all who were in attendance.

New Superintendent of Children's Homes

WE SALUTE DR. W. R. WAGONER in his election as general superintendent of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. He comes to this position with the vigor of youth and seems to be qualified in every way for this important position. He is well educated. He holds a doctor's degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fields of ethics and sociology. He has had wide experience as a pastor, and knows our people and knows the work of Baptists in North Carolina.

He comes to this new position at a time when there are many changes and progress being made in services to homeless and needy children, and we feel that he will give a good account of his stewardship in this important position. We wish for him success in this task and the blessing of God in all of his endeavors.

"An Hour of Triumph"

"YES, I WILL COME, for there is so little time left, and so much to do." Thus Dr. J. Howard Williams talked when I called him some weeks ago and asked him to come again to Georgia for the keynote address in the meeting this week of the Georgia Temperance League at Emory University. I thought then of Shakespeare's line in *Macbeth*: "I dare do all that may become a man." And then the telegram on April 20, telling of his sudden passing! An empty place against the sky! None of us could have thought of Howard Williams going so soon—"so much to do!"

And now these lines from Coleridge come to mind: "Greatness and goodness are not means, but ends! Hath he not always treasures, always friends, the good great man? Three treasures—love and light and calm thoughts, regular as infants' breath." Impelled by these God-given impulses, Howard Williams served his day and generation, by the will and grace of God. He inspired others as he gave himself to the work of the Lord. A Texas layman said one day, soon after Dr. Williams went to Southwestern: "This man has given me a new understanding of discipleship."

"Once he had said: 'Please have them sing the *Hallelujah Chorus* at my funeral.' And when the choir sang, and the great audience in Truett Memorial Chapel stood, it was, indeed, an hour of triumph." — LOUIE D. NEWTON in *The Christian Index*.

EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

WHEN YOU ATTEND CHURCH it's not an ordinary act. It is something tremendous. You take a stand for faith and for spiritual interpretation of life. You testify and witness to the faith that is in you.

When you Attend When you attend church you take the side of the angels, you count on the side of the spiritual, you tell the world you believe in God and Eternity and Immortality, and that's tremendous!

When you attend church you challenge all that is evil, all that which is contrary to the will of God. When you attend church you say to the whole world that you are against lying, cheating, immorality, drunkenness, war and everything that hurts human beings.

When you attend church you tell your neighbors who see you go that you are not simply an earth creature, that you are not giving up all your time to creaturely pleasures, that you are seeking something higher.

When you attend church you salute Christ and his Church. You appreciate what the church has done for humanity.

When you attend church you come to God's house to adore, to worship, to praise. You become a part of that host that has been worshipping God down through the ages. You have been caught up in the spirit.

— GEORGE MECKLENBURG. (Clipped).

Getting Acquainted with Our Colleges

THE ANNUAL VISIT OF THE PRESIDENTS to each of our seven Baptist college campuses in the state was concluded at Meredith College on Thursday, April 24. There was a total attendance of approximately 1,200 pastors and other church leaders. This plan of visitation was inaugurated one year ago in order that our Baptist people throughout the state might meet with the presidents of our colleges and secure from these men pertinent information about the operation of these colleges.

Claude F. Gaddy, executive secretary of the Council on Christian Education of the Baptist State Convention, says that "it is likely that the success of these two years will justify such an annual practice."

This campus visitation day was observed in the following order: Mars Hill College, April 15; Gardner-Webb, April 16; Wingate, April 17; Wake Forest, April 18; Campbell, April 22; Chowan, April 23; and Meredith, April 24. The presidents of the colleges had good fellowship with one another, as well as with the people of the state, in these visits to the colleges. Hundreds of pastors and church leaders were invited to visit the college or colleges of their choice. Meetings began in each case in the morning and were concluded after lunch served by the college. Visitors were given a chance to see the colleges they visited and also to ask and answer questions concerning the welfare of the colleges and what could be done to support the colleges more adequately.

The object of these meetings, according to Secretary Gaddy, is that the people might "see the schools and learn their problems. This is a long step toward making the com-

bined work of our churches and our schools more effective." A short-range purpose was to promote the second annual Christian Education Day in our Baptist churches. As was the case last year, this Christian Education Day will coincide with Father's Day on June 15.

The results of these visits were very fruitful, both to the college people and to the members of the churches. Our people need to get acquainted with the colleges, and college people need to get acquainted with the rank and file of the people. That's understanding. We develop sympathy and support on the part of our people for the colleges. The colleges need better support, not only financially but in every other way.

As an illustration of the big opportunity facing our Baptist colleges today, we would call attention to an article in "Creek Pebbles" by President Leslie Campbell of Campbell College in which he refers to the increasing number of students seeking entrance to our colleges. "It is a surging tide of youth," he writes, "already in our public schools, flowing down the well-defined human stream toward college, destined to arrive in force between 1965 and 1970. About two aspirants for every available space in our present college buildings!" Then he asks: "Will your child or grandchild be one of those squeezed out because of society's failure to provide room?"

Dr. R. O. Cornett, executive secretary of our Southern Baptist Education Commission, writing in "The Baptist Program," states, "The number of Protestant church-controlled colleges in the United States has increased 20 per cent in the last 50 years, while in the same interval the number of Catholic colleges has increased by more than 350 per cent. Not many Protestants are aware that the 228 Roman Catholic colleges in the United States had in 1949 a combined enrollment of 244,456, as compared with the total enrollment of 277,605 for the 475 Protestant church-related colleges."

All of these things point up to the fact that our colleges are rendering a great service today, and will need to render an even greater and bigger service in the coming years. It is up to us to get to know more about our Baptist colleges in North Carolina, and also give them our sympathy and support in every way that we can. These visits to the campuses on the part of both the college people and the members of our churches no doubt will mean a fine contribution to a better understanding between the churches and the colleges.

We note that at these meetings a pamphlet on our colleges was distributed to the visitors. It gave interesting pictures of college groups and pointed out some of the interesting facts about our Baptist colleges. We noted especially the marks of a Christian college were listed as seven: Christian ownership, Christian administration, Christian faculty, Christian students, Christian ideals, Christian teachings, and Christian service.

Let us remember that Christian Education Day in the Baptist churches of North Carolina will be on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15. This day has been set apart by the Baptist State Convention to evaluate, emphasize, and magnify the great assets the Baptists have in their seven Baptist colleges. A goal of \$200,000 has been set for a special offering on that day. This is not too much to ask for our colleges on June 15. Every church taking a special offering on this special day for this very special cause will guarantee a support for our seven Baptist colleges that is needed that they may, in an even greater way, carry on the work they are doing for Christ in North Carolina.

Better Support for Christian Life Commission

By Dr. Robert L. McCan, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.

The secretary to the chaplain at Yale was instructed never to bother Dr. Lovett when his study door was closed. One day, very reluctantly, she broke the rule. There was a timid knock at the study door, and the secretary called, "Pardon me, sir, I'm sorry to disturb you, but the chapel is on fire!"

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 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 Com-

mission 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.

Magnolia Festival at Wake Forest Begins with Coronation of the Queen

The annual Wake Forest College Magnolia Festival began on the campus Saturday, May 3, as the festival's queen, Anne Bridges of Lattimore, was crowned. Other members of the court were Marlene McLamb of Salemburg, maid of honor; Jane Aycock, Winston-Salem; Elizabeth Prickett, Burlington; Stephany Painter, Forest City; Leah Lee, Rocky Mount; Llew Baucom, Monroe; Jean Hobby, Cary; Susan Davis, Raleigh; and Jean Thompson, Whiteville.

The hour-long program featured a series of dances by the Orchesis Dance Club and three selections by the college choir. The dance program, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ellen Byerly, an instructor in physical education, presented 25 girls in dances from six countries of the world. Numbers sung by the choir were "Magic Moments," "Catch a Falling Star," and "Sourwood Mountain." The choir was directed by Dr. Thane McDonald, chairman of the music department.

Student choreographers for the dances were Shirley Bridges, Barbara Safriet, Linda McGinty, Hillary Jones, Diane Mattox, and Fabian Broadway.

The Magnolia Festival is a week of events centered on cultural activities. Included this year, other than the coronation, are a choir program, the presentation of an original musical comedy, a sidewalk art exhibit, and a college band concert.

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a boy. — *Clipped.*



THREE MEREDITH COLLEGE STUDENTS tapped into Silver Shield, honorary leadership group on this campus, are pictured with the Silver Shield president, Nancy Wallace of Raleigh. She is admiring the "Shield" just presented Virginia Jones of Raleigh. To the left is Glenda Eddins of Claxton, Ga., and to the right, Jussie Swindler of Charlotte.

South Fork Association Takes First Step in 30,000 Movement

The South Fork Association recently took her first step in the 30,000 program when the Macedonia Church set up a mission in the otherwise unused Triangle Elementary School building six miles south of Denver on Highway No. 16. The mission "went into orbit" April 20 with 37 present for Sunday school and 31 present for Training Union. Of this number only about six came from beyond the community. Fifty came through a downpour of rain on April 27 to attend Sunday school. Blair Wilkinson is Sunday school superintendent and Jerrell Beal is Training Union director. Rev. Alvin Walker, associational missionary, is serving as pastor temporarily, bringing two sermons each Sunday.

Macedonia Church is fostering the mission at the request of the committee on associational missions, consisting of C. R. Devine, chairman; Paul Hilton, Rev. A. V. Ledford, R. M. Clark, and Rev. Linwood Peterson. A survey of the area had been made previously. Pastor Jack Mace of Macedonia Church is assisted in giving direction to the mission by the following church committeemen: Craig Barker, E. W. Turbyfill, Horace Crouse, L. Cash, and Harold Sides. Every necessity has been anticipated and provided before the mission was opened, and an excellent spirit seems not only to guarantee the success of the mission but is definitely reviving Macedonia Church.

The unused school house is in excellent condition and is suited to the use of the mission. A nursery will have to be opened soon as well as other classes in Sunday school perhaps. This work should inspire other churches to join in the 30,000 movement and become more definitely missionary.

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TOP STUDENT OFFICERS — Mike Logan of Mooresboro, newly elected president of the student body at Gardner-Webb College, talks over future plans with vice-president Phyllis Wilson of Shelby, center; and Janice Anderson of Gastonia, secretary. The new leaders take office May 1 to serve for one year. (Photo by John Roberts).

Letters to the Editor

Revivals in North Carolina and in Washington, D. C.

During the latter part of March and the month of April it was my privilege to share in glorious experiences in three revival meetings in a fine country church during the Raleigh Simultaneous Campaign. I found the Lord at work in marvelous way among his people at Oakgrove, near Wake Forest, where Rev. William Pope, a student at Southeastern Seminary, is doing an excellent work. This young pastor is giving living and verbal testimony concerning the meaning of Christ in human experience, and is creating the finest and highest type of spiritual atmosphere in which members can work.

This was followed by a most excellent experience with Brother L. C. Pinnix and the Lillington Church. This report has already come to the RECORDER, but I want to say that Mr. and Mrs. Pinnix, both excellent musicians, are doing a superb piece of work in that good church.

More recently, it was my privilege to join with others in the Simultaneous Crusade in Washington, D. C., where I assisted Brother Parks Hackney, pastor of the Georgetown Church. It was a joy to meet other North Carolinians there who were either pastors in the area or assisting in revivals: A. L. Parker, Greensboro; G. W. Bullard, formerly of Raleigh; Stewart Simms, also native of Raleigh; S. L. Morgan, Jr., and others.

Summary report mailed to me this week shows 730 total additions through Sunday, April 20, 518 of these by baptism. While our number of additions at Georgetown was small, I can truthfully say that it was one of the best revivals I have been in. Georgetown is and has been undergoing a transition period, and they are getting established for a marvelous ministry in our nation's capital.

The church was organized in 1866. Virginia Baptists have had a great hand in its development, and that Southern friendliness blends with its dignity and its historical background to make an excellent fellowship. Such well known leaders as Broadus, Hatcher, Wharton, Willingham, Mullins, Carroll and Dargan have spoken from its pulpit. Today a North Carolinian occupies its pulpit. Rev. J. Parks Hackney of near Siler City was ordained along with four others in Burlington's First Church. He is a graduate (THM) of Southern Seminary, Louisville, and has done graduate work at Golden Gate. His talented wife is the former Estelle Councilman of North Carolina. Baptists will remember her as a pioneer missionary for two years in Argentina and two years at Asuncion, Paraguay, under our Foreign Mission Board.

Just a few months ago Georgetown's pastor was taken by death, and Brother Hackney has been there only a short time. Also Rev. Charles B. Austin, former pastor of Georgetown and once pastor of First, Laurinburg, N. C., is still an active member



THE WINGATE COLLEGE MAY QUEEN, DELORIS STONE, AND HER ATTENDANTS make a pretty picture. They are, left to right:

Front row: Nancy Carroll, Denton; Deloris Stone, Johnsonville, S. C.; Peggy Blackburn, Wilmington.

Second row: Billie Stone, Asheboro; Mary Ellen Griffin, Polkton; Lorraine Beaty, Siler City; Dorothy Brown, Mooresville; Carol Morgan, Asheboro; and Loretta Gantt, Thomasville.

Standing: Dotty Doares, Charlotte; Hazel Lawhon, Albemarle; Dovie Pigg, Aberdeen; and Nancy Moore, Pennsylvania.

The May Day activities were held on the Wingate campus on Saturday afternoon, May 8. Open house in Cannon Hall followed at 5:00 p.m.

of this Georgetown Church. He and Mrs. Austin are a great asset to the membership.

We Baptists throughout the Southern Convention will do well to remember our brethren in Washington, for they are carrying on in marvelous way under the pressure of many handicaps. Washington's population is a shifting one at this moment. Also distance and traffic constitute additional problems. We drove 15 miles to talk with a prospect. We won, and the prospect became a member of the church but will have to fight traffic in order to attend the services. As one example: It took us one full hour to drive from the pastor's home to the home of a member where we had a meal! These preachers deserve a salute for their patience and efforts under trying circumstances.

A note from the History of the Church gives some idea of its historical background and spiritual character; as to Charter Members: "Among these were men who had worn the Gray and men who had worn the Blue resolving to become brothers in Christ." So, in this very place where Luther Rice dreamed of a great church for the glory of Christ, and where Baptists today are carrying on, as they face a new day, it was my privilege to walk "where saints have trod." Friends who move in to Washington, or go for a visit, will do well to

visit historic Georgetown.

It was a joy also to visit our Baptist World Alliance Headquarters. . . to visit and speak at the Washington, D. C.'s Baptist Home for the Aging. . . and to speak at the Pentagon on Friday. All this, coupled with a short visit to a session of the Senate and a visit to the Committee's Labor Racket Hearing constituted quite an experience for me.

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Young Street Church in Concord held revival services April 13-20, with Rev. John Tierney of Taylors, S. C., as evangelist assisting the pastor, Rev. Victor Trivette. Twenty-seven came into the church on profession of faith and baptism, two by letter, and four by statement. Mr. Tierney challenged the Sunday school and Training Union for an all-time high attendance, with the result that 406 were in Sunday school and 136 in Training Union. Twenty-seven new members were added to the Sunday school enrollment, bringing it to an all-time high of 481. The pastor baptized 25 on the closing night of the revival. Mr. Trivette writes, "It was one of the most eventful weeks in the church's history. Young Street Church recommends Mr. Tierney as a great evangelist and soul-winner."

Convention President Brooks Hays Writes of Service in Moscow Church on April 30

We reached the Baptist Church in Moscow at 8:45 a.m. to find a long line of people waiting outside, and a number of American news services represented. The church was filled to capacity already, and as our group moved down the aisle the crowd flowed in behind us and filled every available space. The church auditorium was smaller than I had anticipated, but I believe some 2,000 of the 4,000-member congregation were present that day.

It was the most amazing sight I have ever witnessed in a church. Although the pastors say that 20% of the congregation is made up of young people, and I did see some young people in front, the large majority of the congregation were women and elderly men. Most of them appeared to be from the poor classes but among them were some fairly well-dressed men and women. A very attractively dressed choir led magnificent singing. A number was announced at once, and it seemed that every person in the congregation was singing. Several wiped their eyes. The special anthems were unusually good. Apparently considerable emphasis is given to music.

Behind a high pulpit in large letters were the Russian words for "God is Love." There was an eagerness in the faces of the con-

gregation (pathos in some) that was deeply moving. When Brother Karev introduced me, I sensed that the crowd gasped at the mention of our 8 1/2 million Southern Baptists.

First I presented the two Bibles and six Testaments in the Russian language as a symbol of our love and good will. I told them that I am not an ordained minister so would not preach a sermon but would only give a testimony. My intourist interpreter stumbled on the word "testimony" and asked if "little talk" would be satisfactory.

I spoke of my early church life and then I commented that I had come thousands of miles, the farthest I had ever been from home, to be with them. I assured them that I would go back a better man by reason of this experience, and I meant it! Their faces - their songs - their humility - their friendliness - their warmth - all combined to impress me with the significance of their faith under these circumstances. They have suffered, yet they have faith in the Gospel. The ease with which they went through the service, participating enthusiastically in it, some even standing for several hours, set a good example for American Baptists.

I turned to ask if they sang "Amazing

Grace." Karev did not know it and he asked me to sing a little of it, which I did. He then said they did not know it. I was disappointed because I wanted to hear a hymn I was familiar with, but before the service ended we all joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Then they waved handkerchiefs at us, and when the benediction was said the people moved out of the aisles to the outside so that we could make our exit. But nearly everyone wanted to shake hands.

Having witnessed this demonstration of great devotion, I won't complain ever again if I have to stand to hear a service. I want to dedicate myself more completely than ever to the simple things we stand for. My Christian witness took on a new meaning that day. — BROOKS HAYS.

Religious Education Association to Meet in Houston

The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association has scheduled its meeting for May 19-20 at the First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas. Sessions will be held Monday afternoon and evening and Tuesday morning and afternoon. Keener Pharr, educational director of the First Church, Charlotte, will preside over the Monday evening session, and he will also lead the group conference for educational directors at 11:05 Tuesday morning.

There will be numerous discussions and panels which should be of great help and interest to workers in the field of religious education. Southwide leaders and persons from many parts of the Southern Baptist Convention area will take part on the program. Dr. J. M. Price, Sr., of Fort Worth, Texas, is president of the organization.

Physicist Says College Education Incomplete Without Religion

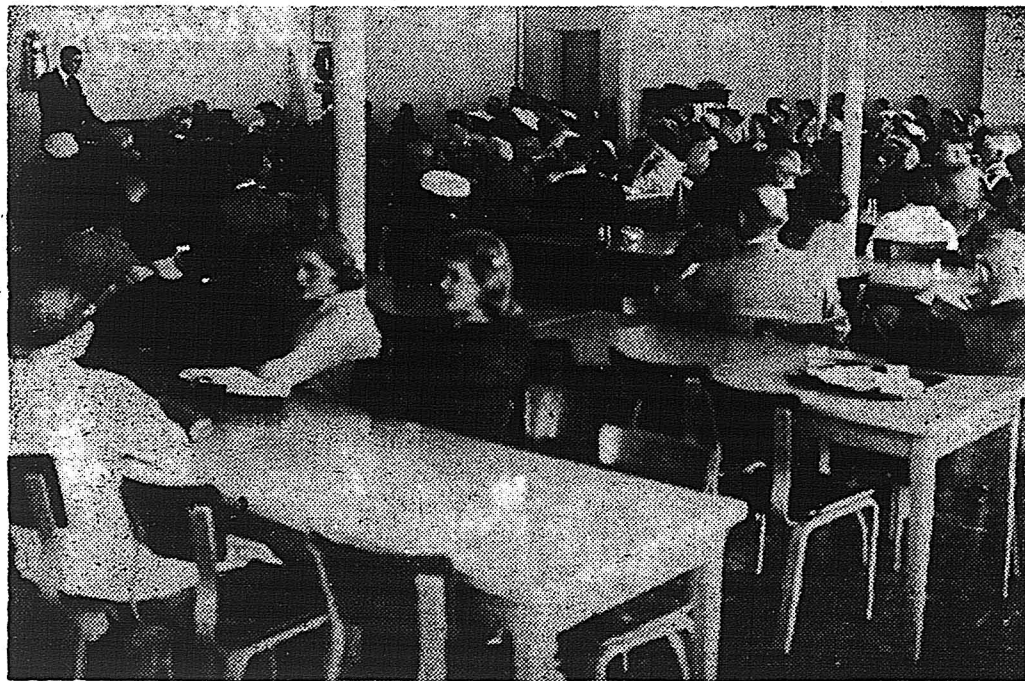
CHAPEL HILL, N. C. (RNS) — College and university education is incomplete without "the opportunity of systematic thought and experience in religion," an eminent physicist said here.

Dean Harold Schilling of Pennsylvania State College declared that it was possible to conduct research and give instruction in religion "in an unbiased, nonsectarian and objectively scholarly manner as in other fields."

He told public meetings conducted by the Department of Religion of the University of North Carolina that in the teaching of religion it was important that an "open, free, critical atmosphere" should be maintained "in which dogmatism shall not prevail."

"Many problems that physicians, nurses, teachers, lawyers and others are called upon to cope with arise out of religion," he said. "Therefore such knowledge may well be included in their professional training, and legitimately incorporated integrally in courses on the practice of law, medicine and so on."

He warned, however, that "the university must not allow itself to be the happy hunting ground for competing religious groups seeking their own interest to proselytize adherents."



THE ABOVE SCENE AT GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE IS REPRESENTATIVE of the gatherings of pastors and other church leaders on our seven Baptist college campuses in our second annual observance of "College Visitation Days." L. H. Hollingsworth, president of the General Board, is shown speaking to the group.

Approximately 1,200 people were in attendance in these seven meetings, and it is our hope that interest in such gatherings will grow among our Baptist people. This plan seems to provide the best opportunity for meeting with the presidents of our colleges and engaging in constructive discussion.

Following the special offering for our hospital on Mother's Day, May 12, the Council on Christian Education and the individual colleges will promote an intensive Christian Education emphasis in all of our churches in an effort to acquaint our Baptist people with their work and needs; and urge all of the churches to participate in the special offering for the colleges on FATHER'S DAY, Sunday, June 15.

Children's Homes Have New Superintendent

By Marse Grant

Dr. W. R. Wagoner, pastor of the First Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro since September, 1954, is the new general superintendent of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

His unanimous election came at the semi-annual meeting of the Homes' trustees at Mills Home Monday night, May 5. He succeeds General Superintendent W. C. Reed who has announced his retirement effective June 30. His decision to step aside was "reluctantly" accepted by the trustees. He was 65 years old on April 24 and even though he could have served three more years in the post before reaching the mandatory retirement age of 68, he insisted in turning over the reins to "younger leaders" as he expressed it.

The new superintendent is 39 years old and will be the youngest man ever to serve in the position. Born and reared on a farm at Lewisville in Forsyth County, he was ordained to the ministry by the Lewisville Church in 1940. He graduated from Lewisville High School in 1935 and finished Mars Hill College in 1939. After receiving his A. B. degree from Wake Forest College in 1941, he entered Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., receiving his bachelor of divinity degree in 1946, his master of theology degree in 1947, and doctorate in Christian Ethics and Sociology in 1954. He did graduate research work at the University of Louisville in 1947-48 and at Duke University and the University of North Carolina from 1948 until 1951. During the same three years he was pastor of the Mount Carmel Church near Chapel Hill.

From 1951-54, he was pastor of the North Winston Church and he has been at North Wilkesboro since September, 1954. His service to his denomination has been extensive. From 1954-57, he was a member of the General Board and was on the Board's executive committee in 1957. He is now serving as chairman of the Baptist State Convention's "Committee of 17."

Like most pastors, Dr. Wagoner doesn't have too much time for hobbies and recreation, but when time permits, he likes to work in his garden and go fishing.

His wife is the former Miss Elizabeth Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis E. Tucker, 2208 Elizabeth Avenue, Winston-Salem. Mrs. Wagoner grew up in the First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and graduated from Meredith College in 1942 with an A. B. degree. In 1948, she was awarded the degree of master of religious education from Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Ky. From 1954 through 1957, she was president of the Brushy Mountain Association WMU and last November was elected a trustee of Meredith College. In recent months, she has served as interim minister of education at the First Church in North Wilkesboro.

The Wagoners have two children, Otis, 13, and Janet Anne, 8.

Dr. Wagoner will become the seventh



THE WAGONER FAMILY — Left to right, Dr. Wagoner, Janet Anne, 8, Mrs. Wagoner, and Otis, 13.

general superintendent in the 73-year history of the institution. His predecessors have been John H. Mills, J. B. Boone, M. L. Kesler, I. G. Greer, Zeno Wall, and W. C. Reed.

THE 30,000 MOVEMENT

By C. C. Warren

The 30,000 Movement is moving, but not fast enough. Note some things now imperative to quicken the tempo.

Prayer — "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." If this movement succeeds, Southern Baptists must pray fervently, unceasingly for it.

Make 1958 a year of prayer. Follow our Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee's excellent prayer program. The Emphasis Committee on Evangelism for next year is pleading that we pray more earnestly. Let us pray and urge our people to pray for the 30,000 Movement, and the entire Jubilee Advance Program.

Organization — Two chief keys to the success of the 30,000 Movement are the Associational Missions Committee and the local church missions committee. Appoint these two committees wisely. Clearance with them means "the green light" for all in establishing missions and churches. This procedure will eliminate confusion, overlapping, misunderstanding, etc.

Definition — What is a mission? We venture to say, "anywhere one or more church members go apart from the local church at regular intervals to preach or teach the word of God, a mission is established."

While the most important thing in this program is the establishment of New Testament

churches and a Sunday school is the logical spearhead for this, yet thousands of people will not be reached except through other types of missions.

Action — Many of our people are moving in a commendable fashion, but many are too slow in getting started. Time is of the essence! God has blessed us, prepared us, equipped us, and commissioned us "for such a time as this."

Will Southern Baptists come up with the dedication necessary to match this hour, and fill their place in His redemptive purpose? *My hope, my prayer, and my faith is that they will.* — *Co-operative Missions Bulletin* of Home Mission Board.

Warsaw Has New Pastor

Rev. Delamar E. Parkerson, pastor of the Gibson Church for the past four years, became pastor of the Warsaw Church on May 7.

A native of Georgia, Mr. Parkerson holds a B. A. degree from Mercer University and the bachelor of divinity degree from Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest. Also he has completed all the residence work required in earning the master of the theology degree in the philosophy of religion under Dr. S. A. Newman at Southeastern.

Mr. Parkerson is married to the former Jessie Lord of Dublin, Ga., and they have a six-month-old daughter, Gail. Prior to coming to North Carolina, Mr. Parkerson was pastor in Dublin for four years.

While in Gibson he served a term as president of the Pastors' Conference of Pee Dee Association and also served as counselor for the Life Service Club, an organization for young people.

Living by God's Laws

LESSON FOR MAY 25

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-3; 11:18-21, 26-28.

Memory Selection: Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord, and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, and with all thy might (Deut. 6:4-5).

"How I love Thy law, O Lord!
Daily joys its truth affords;
In its constant light I go
Wise to conquer every foe."

The book of Deuteronomy is just what its name signifies—"repetition of the law." In it there are recorded three long discourses which Moses gave to the Israelites just before his death. The place was the Plains of Moab, the time, the 40th year after the exodus from Egypt. In these talks Moses brings to mind the great goodness of Jehovah, and reiterates in detail the Ten Commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances given to him on Mt. Sinai, and which he had passed on to the people. "Remember" seems the key word of these sermons. The great leader is eager that his people be prepared for obediently following Jehovah when Moses would have been taken from them.

The theme of this fifth book of the Pentateuch is thus well stated in Dummelow's "One Volume Commentary": "The love of God to Israel, calling forth a responsive love to God and to humanity, that is the theme of this most profoundly religious and ethical book; and nowhere else is the blessedness of an obedience which is rooted in love and gratitude set forth more eloquently or persuasively."

It was from this book that Jesus quoted in resisting Satan's temptations in the wilderness. (See Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16; 6:13).

There are some beautiful, meaningful verses in Deuteronomy which, in addition to the Golden Text, may well be stored in memory. Among these we find: "If thou shalt seek the Lord thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul" (4:29). "Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth" (8:18). "Love ye . . . the stranger: for ye were strangers in a strange land" (10:19). "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee" (16:17). "The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (33:27). "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (33:25).

Love, the Fulfilling of the Law

The purpose of God's laws is stated in the last verse of chapter 5: "You shall walk

all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which ye may possess." The heavenly Father seeks to provide for the happiness and welfare of his children. Laws are set for our protection, not to cause unhappiness and restraint. Many people who have never experienced the joy of complete surrender to the Lord think that being a Christian is giving up all happiness and living in a world of gloom. Dr. Haight writes clearly concerning this matter: "The true symbol of the Christian way of life is not a back lot fenced in by 'don'ts', but a highway inviting us to journey together and with God. Travelling with God we have no need to worry about running through fences posted with 'no trespassing' signs. Such is the picture painted in this lesson on 'Living by God's Laws,' for all divine regulations for man are included in the royal law of love—love for God and love for others."

In Romans 13:10 we read, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." And along with "the first and great commandment" Jesus put the second, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Dr. Duke K. McCall wrote: "All other motives for obeying God—including fear and hope of reward—fade into the background in the presence of love."

Ignorance of the Law No Excuse

John Selden, an eminent British statesman who died about 300 years ago, made a statement that is often quoted today: "Ignorance of the law excuses no man." And so Moses realized. The Hebrews could not obey the commands of God if they did not know them. "Therefore ye shall lay up these words in your heart and in your soul and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they be as frontlets before your eyes," he admonished his people.

We who have so much fuller revelation than did the wanderers in the wilderness have not only Moses' words of admonition but the words of the Saviour himself. "If

ye love me, keep my commandments." John, the Apostle of love, said, "And his commandments are not grievous" (1 John 5:3). How can we keep his commandments unless we know them? How shall we know them unless we study his Word and listen to his voice as we commune with him in prayer?

"Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).

"O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119:97).

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). Read Psalm 19:7-10 RSV).

Teach Them to Thy Children

Moses laid great emphasis upon the duty of parents to teach God's laws to their children. The Jews to this day have accepted this responsibility. Dr. Frank Meade writes, "Historically the Jew has taken this charge to teach and obey the Law very seriously—more seriously than most Christians accept their teaching obligation. It is the taproot of Jewish solidarity and strength; the faith implanted in their children has kept them alive across centuries of deadly persecution, intolerance, and misunderstanding. . . . We can learn a great lesson from the home devotions of the Jew—from the unending reminders in every Jewish home that God is one of the family. We could and should do as much as the Jew does within the walls of our homes—with grace at the table, regular periods of Bible reading, and with private and family prayer. Only with such practices will the God of our fathers remain alive in us; only so will those homes flow with 'milk and honey' of the Spirit."

Christian education should begin and continue in the home. It should be supplemented, to be sure, in the Sunday school and the church organizations and services, but the foundations should be laid by the parents.

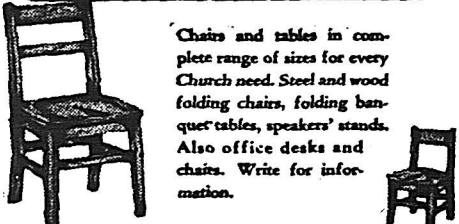
"Unless religion in the church is supplemented by religion in the home, both home and school are sore bestead. . . . One Sunday school hour, however godly, can hardly compete with thirty godless hours at home" (Buttrick).

A chaplain in a penitentiary testified that out of 1,700 convicts he found only one that came from a home where there was family worship. Not only at set times shall the children be taught. Moses admonished his hearers: "And ye shall teach them your children when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down and when thou risest up." So should it be in our homes today; conversation concerning our Lord and his work should be as natural as talking about happenings in school or on the playground.

Many of the 18 fine young people ap-

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Great Master, touch us with thy skillful
hand;

Let not the music that is in us die!
Great Sculptor, hew and polish us, nor let,
Hidden and lost, thy form within us lie!
Spare not the stroke! do with us as thou
wilt!

Let there be naught unfinished, broken,
marred;

Complete thy purpose, that we may become
Thy perfect image, O our God and Lord!

—HORATIUS BONAR. (Clipped from *The Watchman-Examiner*.)

"Thanks" for a Picnic

By Helen Houston Bollean

While Mother unpacked the picnic, Susan, Jimmy, and their father spread the blanket out on the ground beside the stream.

"My, isn't it pretty here?" smiled Mother.

"And that chicken sure does look good!" sighed Jimmy.

"Can't we eat now?" asked Susan.

"Yes," laughed Mother. "We'll have our picnic now, but before we eat, we want to say thanks."

"Do we have to say thanks even on a picnic?" Jimmy asked.

It was his father who answered. "We never have to say thanks," he said. "We say thanks because we want to. When we have such fine food, a nice home, and are so happy, we feel thankful, and we want to let God know how grateful we are for all these blessings."

"But at a picnic—," Susan started, but Mother spoke up quietly.

"There is a story in the Bible that tells about a time Jesus fed nearly 5,000 people at a picnic, and He gave thanks before they ate. Why don't you tell us that story, dear?" she said to her husband.

"It was after Jesus had crossed the Sea of Tiberius," Father started. "A great multitude of people had followed him, but no one had brought any food, except one young boy, and five loaves of barley bread and two fish were all that he had. However, the lad gladly gave his bread and fish to Jesus. Many people wondered what possible good this small amount of food would be when there were so many people to feed. Jesus, however, took the food from the boy and thanked him for it. Then he gave thanks to God. After this, he had everyone sit down in the grass and he divided up the bread and fish. Everybody



had plenty to eat, and there was even some left over."

"But how could five loaves and two fish feed all those people?" Jimmy asked.

"Jesus' faith and gratitude made this possible," Father explained.

Susan and Jimmy were quiet for a moment, then Susan spoke. "May I say our thanks this time?"

Mother and Father nodded. They all bowed their heads while Susan spoke. "Dear Jesus, we want to say thank you to God for this wonderful picnic and for having such a nice home and being so happy. Amen."

It wasn't the family's usual thanks, but it was what they all felt in their hearts.

After they had finished eating their picnic, right down to the last crumb of chocolate cake, Jimmy said, "I think this was the best picnic we have ever had."

"Yes," Susan agreed, "and it makes picnics seem especially nice after hearing the story of Jesus' picnic." — *Western Recorder*.

Smile Awhile

Did you know that everybody has two faces—everybody in the whole world? They do. You do, and I do. One face is a happy, sunny face, and the other is a cross, mean old face.

We don't see our own faces very often, only when we look in the mirror, and few people want to look in the mirror when they are angry, so they don't know how ugly their faces really can be. But other people see our faces all the time.

People like to see our pretty shoes and dresses and mittens, but what is more important, they like to see bright, happy faces. We wear new clothes only once in a while but we wear our faces all the time and people see them whether we ask them to look or not. Nobody likes to see a face all twisted and ugly with meanness or unhappiness. That is one reason why people who go about with scowling, frowning faces all the time have so few friends.

You don't have to talk to people to tell them that you like them. Your face tells

them that before you get a chance to say a word.

You don't see pictures of an ugly, frowning, angry Jesus. There is a picture of Jesus with children standing around him. You can't hear Him talk, but you can see he loves those little children, and there is a hymn in your hymn book that says:

"Long ago the little children

Gathered close to Jesus' knee

And His kindly smile said gently,

"I love them and they love Me."

I'm sure the children wouldn't have gathered around his knee if he had looked angrily at them. A smile was all that was needed to tell them He loved them.

Now perhaps you would like to play a smiling game. Everybody in your family may want to play it because it is fun.

Get a large sized hand mirror. Look in it and say in a very cross voice, "I'm mad at you. I'm not going to play with you any more."

Now smile and say the same thing again, say it as cross as you can but with a big, broad smile. See how hard it is to say something cross with your voice and keep a smiling face!

So it is really true when people say that the most important thing you wear is your face. — *The United Church Observer*.

Spice Box

AUNT SOPHIE (who lives in the city): And what brought you to town, Henry?

HENRY (from the country): I jus' come to see the sights, and I thought I'd call on you first.—*Ex.*

Notice in a New York restaurant: "Customers who consider our waitresses uncivil should see the manager." — *Ex.*

Bascom was about to leave for the station one morning when his wife detained him. "Henry," she said, "I wish you'd go into the kitchen and give the maid a good talking to before you go to the office."

"Why?" asked Bascom in surprise. "I thought you were very satisfied with her."

"Oh, I am, dear," replied his wife, "but she's beating the rugs this morning and she does a much better job when she's angry." — *Ex.*

Maude: "What a beautiful new gown Helen is wearing. Says it's imported, doesn't she?"

Marie: "Not exactly in those words. It's her last season's dress. The dressmaker has turned it inside out, and now she says it is from the other side." — *Clipped.*

The barefoot young man stood before the grizzled mountaineer.

"Mr. Burbidge," he stammered, "I've come hyar to ask yer daughter's hand."

"Can't allow sech thing," drawled the mountaineer. "Ither yer takes the whole gal or none." — *Ex.*

News: PERSONALITIES and EVENTS

Rev. Frank Zedick, pastor of the Selma Church, is clergy officer for the Johnston County Council of Civil Defense.

Two pastors in Rowan Association have resigned: Rev. Virgil Boone at Needmore Church and Rev. K. E. Haigler at Southside.

Rev. Ernest A. Mehaffey, pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Shelby, preached in revival services with Pastor E. S. Elliott at the Troutman Church April 9-20. There were 12 additions by baptism and many rededications.

The final report of the simultaneous revivals in Raleigh Association show that 45 churches participated in the recent meetings (April) and that there were 490 additions by baptism and 197 additions by letter, in these 45 churches.

Rev. J. Lee King of Swansboro has accepted a call to be pastor of the Rich Square Church. Mr. King, a native of Beaufort, will complete his studies at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest this month. He and Mrs. King have one daughter.

At the Regional Training Union Tournament held at the First Church, Hickory, on April 24, the following 10 juniors were recognized as winners in Bible Memory work: Toni Thompson, Beverly Brotherton, Polly Byers, Linda Karreker, Patsy and Ronnie Elmore, Mary and Effie Caskaddon, Nancy and Hermon Upright.

Rev. J. Howard Cates of Highland Church, Hickory, recently assisted Pastor John Robinson in revival services at Pleasant Grove Church, Fayetteville. There have been 16 additions to the membership in recent weeks, many of them coming during the revival services. The church was greatly blessed through Mr. Cates' messages, both in song and in the spoken word.

These are the newly elected officers of the teachers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and business education of the seven Baptist Colleges in North Carolina. From the left, Dr. Mary Yarbrough, chairman of the natural science and mathematics division; Miss Lois Frazier, chairman of the business education; and Dr. John Yarbrough, secretary of the natural science and mathematics group. All of these are members of the faculty of Meredith College where the next inter-faculty meetings of these particular groups will be held.



Bessemer Church of Greensboro held a fine Training Union enlargement campaign in March, with over 200 persons enrolled. Among the workers were Miss Naomi Braswell, Mrs. F. T. Matthews, Rev. Bill Wilson, Sam Riddle, Mrs. Harold Jensen, Mrs. Rob Smith, Mrs. J. R. Everette, and Miss Sarah Hull.

Pastor Lloyd Garner of Rutherfordton First Church was visiting evangelist for the week of April 20-27 at Wil-Mar Park Church, Concord. Rev. John Garner, pastor. There were many decisions made. There were two nurses dedicating their lives for service on the mission field.

Rev. C. O. Greene of Lawndale is the new president of the Wake Forest College Ministers' Alumni Association. He was elected recently when the group held its annual meeting at the college. Mr. Greene succeeds Rev. Howard Dawkins of Kinston. Other new officers include Rev. John M. Sykes of Statesville, vice-president; and Rev. Robert L. Costner of Raleigh, secretary.

Holly Springs Church in Little River Association experienced a wonderful revival, beginning April 6, with Rev. C. J. Futrell, Jr., of Sandy Level Church, Blythewood, S. C., assisting Pastor O. M. Hicks. There were 27 additions, and every phase of the church life was blessed and strengthened by the vital messages brought by Mr. Futrell, writes the pastor.

Salem Church in Sneads Ferry, Wilmington Association, will observe Consecration Day on Sunday, May 18. The day has been designated for the beginning of the church's building fund drive in an effort to reach the \$50,000 goal set by the congregation. There will be special services beginning at 11 o'clock and lunch will be served on the church grounds. All former members are invited to attend.

Rev. John W. Lambert, for the past six years pastor of the Chadbourne Church, has accepted a call to St. John's Church in Raleigh, effective in June. Mr. Lambert, born in Franklinton, grew up in Raleigh. He and Mrs. Lambert have two children, Johnny, 13, and Frances, 10. At St. John's he succeeds Rev. L. J. Morriss, who is now giving his full time as secretary of the Visual Aids Department of the Baptist State Convention.

Reports come from Bessemer Church of Greensboro, Norman L. Blythe, pastor, of a fine season of revival, April 23-May 4. Pastor W. P. Milne of Ahoskie First Church was the visiting evangelist and Verl Capps of Charlotte directed the music. Excellent preparation had been made, with cottage prayer meetings and visitation plans, and the meeting was marked by fine attendance and interest and many decisions.

Immanuel Church of Concord, Bill Cochran, pastor, had an inspiring revival April 28-May 5. Rev. R. J. Roberts of Blair, S. C., did the preaching. At the closing service three members were honored for their faithful service. They were A. C. Sossman, D. W. Hartsell, and M. D. Haigler, Sr., who together have rendered more than 144 years of service. We are indebted to Mrs. Lois Tuttle for this information.

Rev. Ernest P. Russell, pastor of the First Church, Dunn, assisted Dr. Charles R. Tucker in revival services at the Parkton Church, April 6-13, as a part of the simultaneous crusade in Robeson Association. Mr. Russell writes: "Dr. Tucker is doing an excellent work at the Parkton Church. . . About 14 persons made profession of faith and one joined the church by letter. A number of rededications were made. The week was a most meaningful one to me."

Youth Week was observed in Staley Church, Sandy Creek Association, April 6-13, with the following young people taking part: Clifford Williams, youth pastor; Mary Berry, church pianist; Jacky Cooper, Training Union director; Billy Burgess, Douglas James, Tommy Coble, Richard Coble, Randy Parks, and Colon Poe, youth deacons; Steve Garner, young people's superintendent; Thelma Langley, pianist; Patsy Cooper, choir director; and Sara Williams, church secretary.

The Protestant churches of Dunn, which each year have a week of services in preparation for Easter, this year, had as guest speaker Rev. Lowell F. Sodeman, pastor of Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. Mr. Sodeman's messages were centered around the theme, "The Cries of the Christ from Calvary's Cross." At the request of the student body Mr. Sodeman spoke each morning at the Dunn High School on teen-age moral and social problems. The pastor, Rev. Ernest P. Russell, writes that the services were especially helpful.

Dr. Frank P. Lide, Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines, is making his home at Wake Forest during his year's furlough. During this period he will be available for supply preaching. Anyone interested in securing his services may write him at Wake Forest, N. C.

Dr. Kemp P. Neal of Myrtle Beach, S. C., was guest teacher of the Jones-Brewer Berean Bible Class at the First Church, Raleigh, on May 3. Before his retirement 10 years ago, Dr. Neal was a practicing surgeon in Raleigh. He now devotes his time to Christian work.

Miss Louise Royston of Louisville, Ky., has accepted the call to Winston-Salem First Church as director of children's work, and will begin her work there in July. She was educated at Howard College and at Southern Seminary, Louisville, where she is to receive her M. R. E. degree at commencement time. She comes to the Winston-Salem church highly qualified and recommended from places she has served in the past few years.

The new educational building of Rehoboth Church at Maple was dedicated at the morning worship hour, May 4, and a homecoming service was held in the afternoon, with visiting speakers on each occasion. The new building stands beside the church, connected by a breezeway. The exterior is of solite blocks and the interior is paneled with juniper. It contains eight classrooms, four of which are divided by folding doors so that a large space for gatherings of various kinds may be arranged. Also there is a kitchen, store room, and rest rooms. The grounds have been improved with shrubbery and walks have been laid. Cost of the improvements and the new structure so far has been around \$14,500.

News of the churches in Rowan Association, as gleaned from "Rowan Rambler": Calvary had a good revival with nearly 25 additions; the Intermediate Union at Trinity, with 15 enrolled, recently held a study course with 14 receiving awards—one member was out of town; Stallings Memorial has voted to proceed with its building program; Salisbury First recently organized a new adult union; Garry Watkins of Calvary was second-place winner among young people speakers at the regional meeting and there were a number of winners in the junior group; West Park had four conversions in a recent revival and the Sunday school had a record attendance of 80.

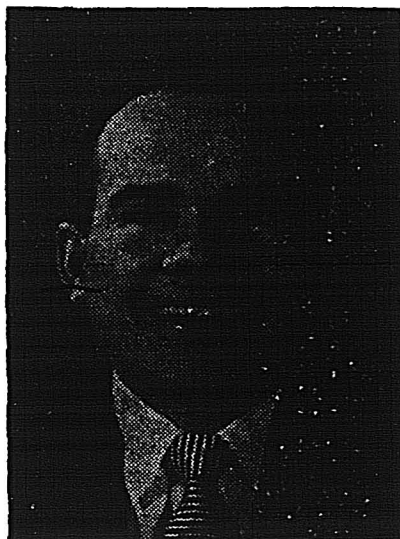
Rev. A. W. Icard, a graduate of Wake Forest College, who served churches in North Carolina for 20 years, and who has recently gone to the Union Baptist Church of Chincoteague Island, Va., has just closed one of the greatest revivals of his ministry.

The meeting started in their mission church on the Island. One hundred and twenty five have already accepted Christ, and more are coming each Sunday. Mr. Icard has already baptized 65 and around 25 more are awaiting baptism. Many of these are past 70 years of age and numbers were past 50. Nearly all were grown people.

The Union Church of which he is pastor

has 1,000 members and nearly 1,200 enrolled in Sunday school. He has already baptized 107 in the nine months he has served as pastor.

Drama on Jubilee Advance to Be Given at Houston



Cecil McGee, recreation-drama consultant, Church Recreation Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, will direct the drama at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, on May 20. The drama is based on the Southern Baptist Jubilee Advance.

This will be a joint session with the Woman's Missionary Union at the Houston Coliseum. The program will present in dramatic form the five annual themes for the Jubilee Advance for the years 1959-1964. The Baptist Hour Choir, under the direction of Paul Green, Fort Worth, will be the featured choral group. The Speech Choir of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Houston, under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Miller, will be the speech group. The cast will be drawn from members of Baptist churches in Houston.

Total SBC Funds Up Over a Year Ago

North Carolina contributed a total of \$80,868 to the work of the Southern Baptist Convention in April, with the total from all states reaching the SBC's treasurer amounting to \$1,861,750, according to the report of Treasurer Porter Routh.

The state's monthly contributions included \$49,517 through the Cooperative Program and \$31,350 through specially-designated funds.

For the first four months of the year total Southern Baptist Convention receipts are \$11,925,518, up 10.06 per cent over a year ago.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith Entertain Foreign Students at Wingate

On Monday evening, May 5, President and Mrs. Budd E. Smith entertained in their home 18 foreign students who are attending Wingate College. Assisting Mrs. Smith in serving was Mrs. Lena Harte of the college staff.

The program is planned by Wingate College in an effort to bring about a better understanding on an international basis. These young people represent six foreign countries and have been studying at Wingate for one and two years. They have participated in all activities on the campus and have learned much about the American way of life while getting a good basic education.

The countries represented by the students are Korea, Japan, Iran, Argentina, Brazil, and Cuba. Last year, students from China, Indonesia, and Colombia were at Wingate.

During the current school year, Mrs. Ruth Horton, who has served as advisor to foreign students, has been on a Fulbright Fellowship in Turkey. Mrs. Edith Hough has been advisor to the foreign students during this time. While in Turkey during this year, Mrs. Horton has had an opportunity to work with many young people. When she returns to the States in August, two young ladies whom she has known in Turkey will be coming with her in time to begin the fall session at Wingate.

Good Simultaneous Revival Crusade in New South River Association

Simultaneous Revivals were held in the New South River Association April 6-20. Dr. Julian S. Hopkins, secretary of evangelism for the Baptist State Convention, directed the revivals. Forty-six of the 70 member churches participated, and all reported the churches greatly revived and blessed.

There were 455 additions to the churches by baptism, 154 additions by letter, 12 by statement, making a total of 621 additions in the participating churches. One hundred one additional professions of faith were reported, which did not result in membership in the reporting churches. Ninety-one of these professions were among members of the student body of Pineland College and Edwards Military Institute in Salemburg. Rev. John Scalf, Jr., is pastor of the Salemburg Church, where most of the Pineland and E. M. I. students attend.

A fine Steering Committee promoted this first simultaneous revival effort in the New South River. The members were: Rev. Clyde L. Davis, Sr., H. E. Langford, Marvin Parrish, Rev. John P. Johnson, Rev. E. C. Chamblee, Charlie Starnes, Rev. John Scalf, Rev. D. H. Lowder, Rev. Gordon Shaw, Charles Storey, Rev. Cecil Tatum, Rev. Baxter Walker, Rev. E. C. Watson, Jr., Stedman, is chairman of evangelism for the association.

Fayetteville's Second Baptist Church led all the churches in the total number of additions: 81 for baptism, 16 by transfer of letter, and two by statement—a total of 99 additions in one week! Rev. John P. Johnson is pastor, and Rev. G. G. Lanter of the Home Mission Board was evangelist.

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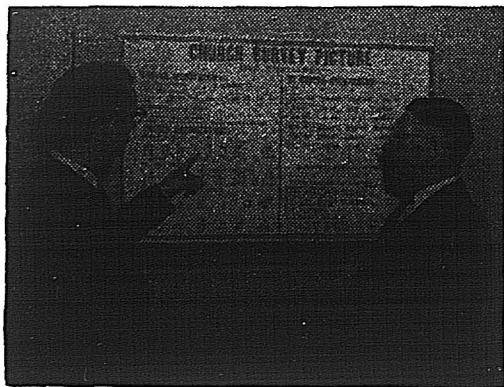
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The Ministries of These Departments Are Phases of State Missions

West Oxford Church Has Church Survey Program



One of the most helpful and revealing studies our church has made was when Rev. E. C. Upchurch, secretary of the Church Development Department of the Baptist State Convention, came to Oxford and led us in a Church Survey Program.

This survey was not just another census, but a discovery of our needs and possibilities and a clearly outlined plan for meeting those needs. It gave our people a vision of things which they had not considered before. They saw the bigness of the program of the church as they had not seen it before. For example, the deacons voted to take charge of the mid-week prayer services for several weeks in order that the pastor might devote more time to visitation.

This survey program makes provision for many more people to share in the total program of the church. Our community was divided up into about twenty zones with two people in charge of each zone, thus providing a responsibility for many who do not and would not have an assigned job otherwise. These zone captains keep the census up to date, and provide the pastor and church with information necessary in carrying on a full program.

The program as now outlined in the survey program of the Church Development Department is the best and most unique plan I have ever seen for discovering and meeting the total needs of all the people. It is ideal for any church, large or small.—ALBERT S. LAMM, Pastor, West Oxford Church.

Nearly 27 percent of U. S. drivers involved in 1957 traffic fatalities were under 25 years of age.

Passenger cars were involved in over 78 percent of all U. S. traffic fatalities in 1957 and in 86 percent of traffic injuries.

Reflections on Visit of 52 American Ministers

Rev. Fergus Lewis, from Port Antonio, Jamaica, British West Indies, pastor of a circuit of Baptist churches which includes the Port Antonio Church, is the guest of Rev. W. R. Grigg and other friends in the States who have visited in Jamaica on Evangelistic and Stewardship Campaigns at various times in the past five years. Mr. Lewis, past Chairman of the Jamaica Baptist Union, which corresponds with our State Convention, at the request of Mr. Grigg, has written the following report of the last campaign, conducted in March of 1957. This report reveals the value of such sharing of the Gospel with nearby friends.

In March, 1957, the Jamaica Baptist Union, through Rev. W. R. Grigg, had the unique pleasure of the visit of 34 white and 18 colored American ministers, led by Rev. W. R. Grigg, who conducted a ten-day Mission of Revival Meetings in our 52 circuits of 253 churches in the Island (Jamaica). The Union and individual ministers have already expressed thanks and gratitude for the blessing and their sense of indebtedness of that visit.

My purpose in this short article is to give an idea to the brethren who served us some results of their service and ministry during the period. The impact of that visit made a tremendous impression throughout the Island and in our churches. As clerk of the Jamaica Baptist Union, I am happy to state that in the Secretary's Report presented at our Annual Assembly, February, 1958, we had added to our membership over 1,000 by baptism, and our missionary giving reached the unprecedented mark of 6,000 pounds or \$18,000. Not in the history of our Missionary Society has this figure been even dreamt of: e.g., ten years ago when we celebrated our Missionary Centenary and concentrated our efforts on Missions, we raised less than two thousand pounds or under \$6,000.

The above figures were made possible because of the mission of the 52 already mentioned. They were men with a missionary vision and a passion for souls to which all our ministers have testified. This article is calculated in a humble and simple way to amplify the official appreciation and gratitude by stating the benefits derived by us through that visit.

A note of explanation is needed for both the men who went to Jamaica and for those who read this article. In a revival meeting in Jamaica the visiting preacher may be disappointed in not seeing visible or spectacular results. The reason for this is that in Jamaica we have a system of instruction, or inquirer's class, and very often in a revival



W. R. Grigg and Fergus Lewis

meeting those who are convicted do not respond to the appeal to come forward but will invariably come to the minister and enlist in the Inquirer's or Instruction Class. After a period of not less than three months he or she is baptized and received into the fellowship of the church. In my own Circuit where Rev. K. O. Goodwin, Dr. David Hedgley of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Rev. J. M. Oswald, Hammond, Louisiana, served, they didn't see any visible results but I had the joy of having the largest number of baptisms in the Circuit which were due principally to their mission and service in the Circuit.

I will cite another instance: Billy Graham visited Jamaica in January, 1958, and many converts only made it known to their ministers after he was gone. These results in our Baptist churches will be reflected in our report which will be presented in February, 1959.

I am glad for this opportunity on behalf of the Jamaica Baptist Union to say thanks again to Mr. Grigg, the ministers and their churches, and to all those who made it possible for that Mission to Jamaica in 1957. Please come again and again — this interchange is having a great effect on our people and an outstanding and tremendous contribution to the Kingdom of God.

—REV. FERGUS LEWIS, Former Chairman of the Jamaica Baptist Union — Member of the Executive Board and Minister of the Port Antonio Circuit.

Religion has not been tried and found difficult; it has been found difficult and not tried.—Ez.

Woman's Missionary Union

301 Hillsboro St., Raleigh, N. C.

Mrs. W. K. McGee, President

Miss Miriam Robinson, Executive Secretary

Heck - Jones Memorial Offering

JUNE — 1958

PROGRAM BOOKLETS giving information about this offering have been sent to WMS presidents and are available to circle chairmen upon order from the State WMU Office.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES that are **not** divided into circles are to use this program booklet for the general meeting of the society in June. **This material is not to be used to replace the regular missionary program at the general meeting of the Society unless the Society is one that is not divided into circles.**

WMS CIRCLES in societies that are divided into circles are to use the material in the Heck-Jones Program Booklet for their circle programs in June. Only one booklet is available to each circle. It is arranged for easy distribution of parts.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS are not expected to have an entire program from this material. It is suggested that the counselor or leader take fifteen minutes of the first meeting in June to tell the young people about certain items in the booklet that will be of special interest to them. The offering may be taken at this or at the second meeting of the organization in June.

THE OFFERING should be taken in each organization in June and sent to the State WMU Treasurer, 301 Hillsboro, Raleigh. Offering envelopes for each member are available. The offerings of the youth organizations and all the WMS circles should be sent in together by the local WMU treasurer.

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CONVENTION BRIEFS

M. A. Huggins, General Secretary

With vacation time "just around the corner," why not plan now to attend one or more of the assemblies. With programs planned for each member of the family, excellent accommodations and a wonderful recreation program, your vacation should be one of the best. Check the schedules listed below and make your reservation.

Fruitland Baptist Camp at Fruitland — "The Camp in the Mountains" —

June 9-14 — Intermediate R.A.

June 16-21 — Junior R. A.

June 23-28 — Training Union

June 30-July 5 — Intermediate R.A.

Junior G.A.

July 4-5 — Brotherhood Conference

June 30-July 5 — Christian Deaf Foundation Camp

July 7-12 — Intermediate R. A.

Junior R.A.

July 11-12 — Sunday School Conference

July 14-19 — G.A. Camp

July 21-25 — G.A. Camp

July 28-Aug. 2 — G.A. Camp

Aug. 4-9 — G.A. Camp

Aug. 9-10 — Alumni Week End

Aug. 11-15 — G.A. Camp

Aug. 18-23 — G.A. Camp

North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Southport — "The Assembly by the Sea" —
May to June 14 — Youth Retreats, (Camps, Church Planning Conferences and Family Reunions)

June 16-21 — Intermediate R.A. Camp (open to all boys)

June 23-28 — Junior R.A. Camp (open to all boys)

June 16-28 — Camp for Girls: ages 10-15 (sponsored by Assembly)

June 30-July 5 — Sunday School (Conferences for each age group)

June 30-July 5 — Intermediate and Junior R.A. Camp

July 7-12 — World Missions Week (sponsored by W.M.U. and Brotherhood)

July 7-12 — Y.W.A., R.A., G.A., and Sunbeams by Family Groups

July 14-19 — Training Union

July 21-25 — Music

July 28-Aug. 2 — Training Union

Aug. 4-9 — Training Union

Aug. 11-16 — Associational Missionaries and Y.W.A.

Aug. 18 to Oct. — Youth Retreats, (Camps, Church Planning Conferences and Family Reunions)

Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest — "In the Land of the Sky" —

June 5-11 — Southern Baptist Student Retreat

June 12-18 — Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp

June 19-25 — Foreign Missions Conference, Writer's Conference — Baptist Broth-

erhood Conference

June 26-July 2 — Southern Baptist Music Leadership Conference

July 3-9; 10-16

July 17-23 — Southern Baptist Training Union Leadership Assembly

July 23-24 — Southeastern Religious Educational Workers Association

July 24-30 —

July 31-August 6 — Southern Baptist Sunday School Conference

August 7-13 — Woman's Missionary Union Conference — Business Woman's Circles

August 14-20 — Home Mission Board Conference

August 21-27 — Ridgecrest Bible Conference

School for Church Librarians

The Christian Life Conference

Radio-TV Workshop

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An excellent spirit has been manifested in the Regional Brotherhood Conventions held recently in our state, and speaking of Brotherhood organizations—a note from the Visual Aids offices lists the following 35mm color filmstrips:

"Introduction to the Order of Royal Ambassadors" 39 frames

"Royal Ambassador Ranking System" 43 frames

"A Baptist Brotherhood Makes a Difference" 41 frames

"Activities Make a Brotherhood Live" 40 frames

"The Executive Committee of the Church Brotherhood" 39 frames

"What Men Can Do in the Movement for Thirty Thousand New Churches and Preaching Stations" 41 frames

Like all other films in the library of Visual Aids, these are free rental to all the churches in the Convention. Be sure to specify exact play date when ordering.

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Envelopes for the Heck Jones offering are available at the WMU Offices in Raleigh. Local presidents should see that youth organizations, as well as the adult groups, are furnished with these envelopes. A goal of \$53,000 is set for this event in June.

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What more fitting way could we celebrate Father's Day than to feature our North Carolina Baptist colleges? We are proud of our Baptist heritage, and the part our Baptist colleges have played in it.

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One will note from the graph which appeared in last week's *Convention Briefs* that through April we have made an increase of a little over 2% through the Cooperative Program. For this increase we are grateful,

particularly when we remember that during January and February we made no increase over last year at all. In fact, as of March 1 we had made no increase.

You will note that in dollars the gain over last year for the first four months is about \$21,000. You will note again, however, that we are \$228,000 short of where we hoped to be as of April 30, 1958.

With clearing weather, and, we trust, a bettering economic situation, we are hoping the churches will make up this loss during the month. — M. A. H.

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Vocational Guidance Training Union Awards as of April 24 totalled 12,241. Many churches are planning to use this series of books later.

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More than 50 associations were represented at the recent Sunday School Convention in Charlotte. Thirty associational missionaries were among the 1,000 registrants who came in spite of heavy rains, dense fogs and unsettled atmospheric conditions. There were many requests for a Sunday School Convention in 1959. The First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, has offered to be host and the tentative dates are August 31 - September 2, 1959.

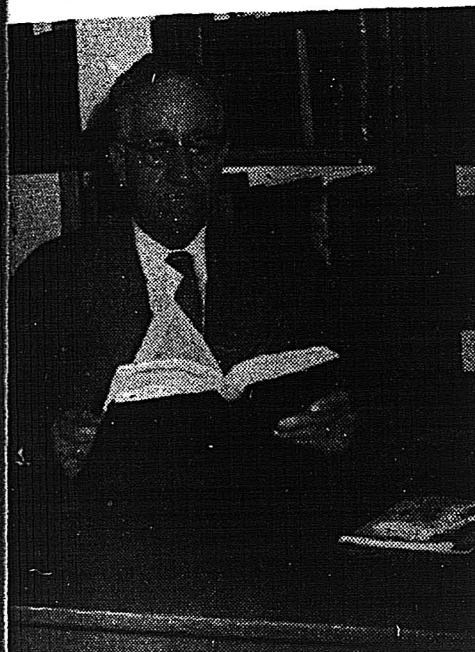
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Some interesting facts about Meredith College—incorporated Feb. 27, 1891, and opened for students Sept. 27, 1895. First known as Baptist Female University, and later as Baptist University for Women, in 1909 the college was fortunately renamed Meredith College in honor of Thomas Meredith, who in the 1830's had advocated that North Carolina Baptists establish a college for women. The college, first located on the square next to the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh, in 1927 was moved to its present spacious site in West Raleigh. Present enrollment is 645, with 374 of the students from North Carolina. Seventy-seven students plan to enter church vocations. There are 90 faculty and staff members, and 11 trustees, eight women and 20 men. The college is fully accredited and offers the A. B. and B. M. degrees. Its aim is to develop a Christian attitude toward life in its students as well as to give them sound academic training.

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A Pre-Camp Counselors Training Course will be conducted at Ridgecrest May 30 - June 7 in cooperation with Carson-Newman College. The course in camp counseling will qualify participants for college credit, and will include theory and practice in dramatics, arts and crafts and all phases of camp activities and administration.

Beloved Pastor Has Retired



Rev. B. S. Hensley

Rev. and Mrs. B. S. Hensley began active retirement from Scotts Creek Church, Sylva, on March 31 of this year. Though he had asked to be retired on December 31, 1957, Mr. Hensley agreed to the request of the church that he remain until a new pastor was on the field.

During his ministry at Scotts Creek, the church has made tremendous progress, a member writes. When Mr. and Mrs. Hensley began their work at the church on May 11, 1941, the meeting place for the congregation was an old wooden building which seated around 300 persons and had eight Sunday school rooms. Church property was valued at \$10,000, and preaching services were held only on the second and fourth Sundays. Church membership was 383, Sunday school enrollment, 379; and organizations included only one WMS circle and a BTU in addition to the Sunday school. The pastor's salary was \$735 per year.

As a result of Mr. Hensley's leadership the church now has a membership of 663, Sunday school enrollment of 550, and organizations include the Training Union, three WMS circles, YWA, two Royal Ambassador chapters, two Girls' Auxiliary organizations, a Sunbeam Band, and a Brotherhood. A new brick church building with educational plant has been constructed. It contains a sanctuary seating 500, pastor's study, secretary's office, library, assembly rooms, 40 Sunday school classrooms, and choir space, which is occupied by one of the best choirs, under the direction of J. A. Bryson, in that part of the state. Pastor's salary is \$4,200.

"Mr. Hensley is a man with vision and the willingness to work to bring that vision to reality," writes the church member. "He works always, undergirded by his faith in

God and his love for his people. No night was too dark, no storm too great, no weather too cold for Mr. Hensley to be at the side of people during their troubles, illness, deaths, and at other times when the pastor was needed."

Mr. Hensley was active in the work of the Tuckaseegee Association and of the Baptist State Convention as well as in his own church.

On December 31, 1957, designated at Scotts Creek as "Rev. and Mrs. B. S. Hensley Day," many gifts from individual members were presented to the Hensleys and, in addition, several hundred dollars to go toward the purchase of a new car was given to them. On the fourth Sunday in March many members of the church and other friends gathered in the assembly room after services to pay still another tribute to this man whom everyone loves so much. A delicious dinner was served, honoring the Hensleys on their last day with the church.

Rev. James M. Lambert of Timberlake is now on the field to fill the pulpit of Scotts Creek Church.

Wingate Alumni Urged to Attend

Officers of the Alumni Association of Wingate College are making an intensive effort to have a large representation present at Alumni Day, May 24. Secretaries of each class are contacting the individuals personally, urging that they participate in the activities which are as follows:

- 2:00—Baseball Game
- 4:30-5:30—Class Reunions
- 5:15-5:45—Meeting of Class Secretaries
- 5:45-6:00—Vespers at Drye Memorial Spring
- 6:00—Alumni Banquet
- 8:00—Commencement Play - A MAN CALLED PETER

Ministers Make Changes

Howard Barnes has changed pastorates from Calvary Church in Mars Hill to Southside Church in Morganton.

John W. Lambert will assume his duties as pastor of St. John's Church in Raleigh in June. For the past six years he has been pastor of the Chadbourne Church.

J. Lee King of Swansboro is the new pastor of Rich Square Church.

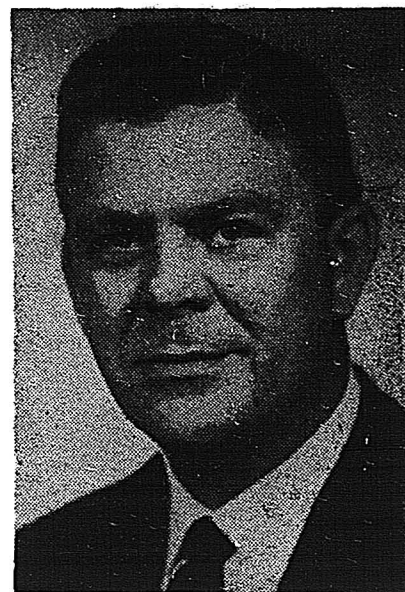
Dale Davis has resigned as pastor of Baptist Tabernacle and Watkins' Chapel in the Johnston Association in order to accept a call to the pastorate of Cheek Heights Church in Durham.

In the Raleigh Association the following changes among ministers have been announced:

John E. Bryant is new pastor of Leesville Church; John Coley has resigned at North Street, Millard Crumpler has resigned at Central Church, and R. L. Stocks has resigned at Boylan Heights; and Yates Campbell will become pastor of the Knightdale Church on June 1.

Charles W. Nanney, pastor of the Swepsonville Church since March, 1955, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Hampton Heights Baptist Church near Greenville, S. C. The resignation was effective May 9.

Eastside Church, Shelby, Celebrates Pastor Hicks' 10th Anniversary



Rev. E. B. Hicks

A gain that more than doubled church membership since he became pastor was reported Sunday, April 20, as Rev. E. B. Hicks celebrated his 10th anniversary as pastor of Eastside Church in Shelby.

In special services that day, concluding a week of revival services, there were 11 new members, nine for baptism and two by letter.

At the conclusion of the worship service, W. B. Biggerstaff, chairman of the board of deacons, gave a report of progress during the last 10 years that included the following facts:

Comparing 1947 figures with those of 1957, membership grew from 435 to 827; value of church property increased from \$34,000 to \$200,000; average attendance in Sunday school went from 242 to 403, and in Training Union from 47 to 106; gifts increased from \$27,552, with \$624 for the Cooperative Program, to \$36,256, with \$5,200 for the Cooperative Program. There have been 735 additions to membership during the 10 years, 360 by baptism and 393 by letter.

In 1947 there was only one full-time paid worker in addition to the pastor. Now there are five: Karl Jordan, minister of music; Mrs. Jack Shull, church secretary; Mrs. Grady Walker, organist; Robert Hicks, pianist; and Broadus Thompson, janitor.

Highlights of activity during the 10-year period include construction of new educational building, remodeling auditorium, purchase of parsonage and of house and lot adjoining the church, purchase of land across street for future development. The Sunday school has been standard since 1954.

Mr. Hicks is moderator of the Kings Mountain Association and is a member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention.

Pastor and Mrs. Hicks were presented a silver tray by the deacons who have served during the past 10 years and who are still members of the church.

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A GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY was held April 6 at 12 noon for the construction of a new church and Sunday school building at Olive Branch Church, 12 miles east of Roxboro, in Beulah Association. Those taking part in the ceremony were, left to right: Dewey Young, a former moderator of Beulah Association; Rev. L. G. Elliott, present moderator; Rev. John M. Wesley, pastor of the church; Sam Melton, and J. W. Tatum. Mr. Tatum has been a deacon at Olive Branch for the past 40 years and is still active in the church. Mr. Wesley has been pastor at Olive Branch the past three years, and he also serves Theresa and Bethany churches in Beulah Association.

Plan S-543 from the Department of Church Architecture, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., is being used for the building under construction. The sanctuary will be 49 feet by 84 feet, seating 521 including the choir and balcony. The new Sunday school plant will have 34 classrooms, accommodating 543 persons.

The building will have a modern heating plant, stained glass windows in the sanctuary, a baptistry, a full-size kitchen in the basement with modern appliances and built-in cabinets.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON: LIVING BY GOD'S LAWS

(Continued from page 10)

pointed at the April meeting of the Foreign Mission Board testified to the influence of Christian homes on their lives. One said: "I cannot remember when Mother and Daddy did not take us to church. They were stalwart Christians, and wanted their children to be the same. We talked often about God, and Mother and Daddy taught us as

children to pray and always to thank God for those things he had given us."

Another testimony: "As I began to grow up, I began to notice the prayers of my parents and my [older] sister each night during family altar. They asked God to help me understand the plan of salvation and accept Christ as my Saviour."

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Eastside Buys Home for Its Pastor

Eastside Church, Kings Mountain, on April 1 took another step forward when it bought as a home for its pastor a seven-room house in the same block with the church.

Many other advances have been made under the leadership of Rev. Carl W. Greene, who became pastor of Eastside in June, 1956. At that time the congregation was worshipping in a small wooden building, had 105 members, a Sunday school enrollment of 69, a Training Union enrollment of 37. At present Eastside has a modern brick house of worship, 202 members, 233 enrolled in Sunday school and 123 in Training Union.

In 1956 the Sunday school had only five classes; it now has 20 classes and a full staff of officers. The members maintain fine Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, RA's, GA's, and Sunbeams. The RA group is the largest in Kings Mountain Association.

Mr. Greene, since becoming Eastside's pastor, has baptized 65 into its membership, and 69 persons have united with the church by letter.

Dr. Wilson to Be Acting Dean at Wake Forest

Dr. Edwin G. Wilson, assistant dean, has been appointed acting dean of Wake Forest College, effective July 1. He succeeds Dr. William C. Archie who is resigning to become dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Emory University.

In announcing the appointment of the 35-year-old acting dean, Dr. Harold W. Tribble, Wake Forest president, said: "We are quite fortunate in having a man of Dr. Wilson's training and ability to succeed Dean Archie. In undergraduate studies and teaching at Wake Forest and in graduate work at Harvard University he has demonstrated the marks of a real scholar. In the year that he has assisted Dr. Archie in the dean's office he has exhibited true ability and leadership in college administration. I bespeak for him in his new position the confidence, esteem and support of faculty and trustees."

Dr. Wilson, who is also associate professor of English, became assistant dean in 1957, and he says his close working relationship with Dean Archie will make his new work easier. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson of Leaksville, he is a graduate of Wake Forest College and has the master's and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa, national scholarship and leadership fraternities, respectively.

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Rapid Growth Marks Union Association

HOUSTON — (BP) — Seventy-one new churches and 77 new missions in 10 years is the growth record for Union Baptist Association, which includes Houston and surrounding cities. The association has 156 churches and 27 missions, with a total 135,000 members.

Association churches have reported from 6,000 to 7,000 baptisms annually during the past five years. This is 10 per cent of the Southern Baptist Convention baptisms in Texas.

Ross Dillon became the association's executive secretary in 1948. At that time the annual budget was \$15,000 and Houston's population was increasing at the rate of 5,000 new residents a month.

One of Dillon's first jobs was to establish a program of securing building sites for new churches and missions. Older churches were asked to buy from four to 10 acres in areas which would be developed at a future date into residential sections.

This year, the association's budget is \$157,000. A loan fund for purchasing church property has been set up and the association has a one-year-old foundation to provide funds for church construction.

The association's "30,000 movement" goals include 50 new churches and 100 new missions by 1964.

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God has been more real to us each day.
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But we look forward to that bright to-
morrow,
When again our hearts will know no
sorrow.

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Convention Book Store Streamlined

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—The book store at the Southern Baptist Convention this year will have a "new look."

Inspired by supersonic sputniks and explorers, those in charge of the Convention book store have streamlined the book display.

Each customer will wait on himself, selecting the books, materials, Bibles, song and hymn books, music, and audio visual aids which he wishes to purchase. At conveniently located cash and charge centers, he will either pay cash or use his "charge-a-plate" for charging to his own area store. The centers will be staffed with area book store managers and Sunday School Board personnel from Nashville.

The table arrangement will allow for

May 17, 1958



Phi Theta Kappa Taps New Members at Wingate

In an impressive ceremony, the Wingate College Theta Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa tapped 11 new members on April 16. Dr. M. A. Huggins, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, was the featured speaker. He is shown above with three members of the organization. Left to right: Ruby Lowery, Dr. Huggins, Jeannette McDonald, president of Phi Theta Kappa, and Myra Williams. Before he began his talk Dr. Huggins was made an honorary member of the chapter for his distinguished service to humanity.

Phi Theta Kappa is a national honorary fraternity which recognizes scholastic achievements in junior college students. Qualities of leadership and fine character must be shown in addition to scholastic ability. Jeannette McDonald, president of the chapter, Wade Wright, Floyd Parker, Gail Melton, Carl Jarrell, Nancy Carroll, and C. J. Browne, present members, welcomed the newly initiated students with a luncheon after the ceremony, and an orchid was presented to each of the girls by the college president, Dr. Budd E. Smith.

The students who received these honors were: Cauline and Pauline Howell, twin sisters from Norwood; Faye Lee, Raleigh; Harold Moser, Concord; Edgar Christy, Concord; Rachel Williams, Wingate; Ruby Lowery, Marshville; Fran Troutman, Troutman; Pat Ogburn, Greensboro; Myra Williams, Monroe; and Jo Ann Burgess, Huntersville.

ample freedom of movement, eliminating congestion in the usually crowded aisles of the Convention exhibit hall. Floor sales supervisors will be on hand to give information and advice in the selection of books, materials, and audio visuals to fit individual and church needs.

Jay O. Turner, manager of the Sunday School Board's Sales Department, said the new arrangement will give more efficient service to the harried and hurried Convention messengers, as well as saving the energy of sales personnel and space in the exhibit hall.

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West End Church, Gaffney, S. C., had a very successful revival April 20-27 with Rev. E. B. Hicks, pastor of Eastside Church, Shelby, as visiting evangelist. His dynamic messages resulted in 48 additions to the church, 34 uniting by profession of faith and baptism and 14 by letter. There were also many sincere rededications. Rev. Hoyle B. Alexander is pastor of West End Church.

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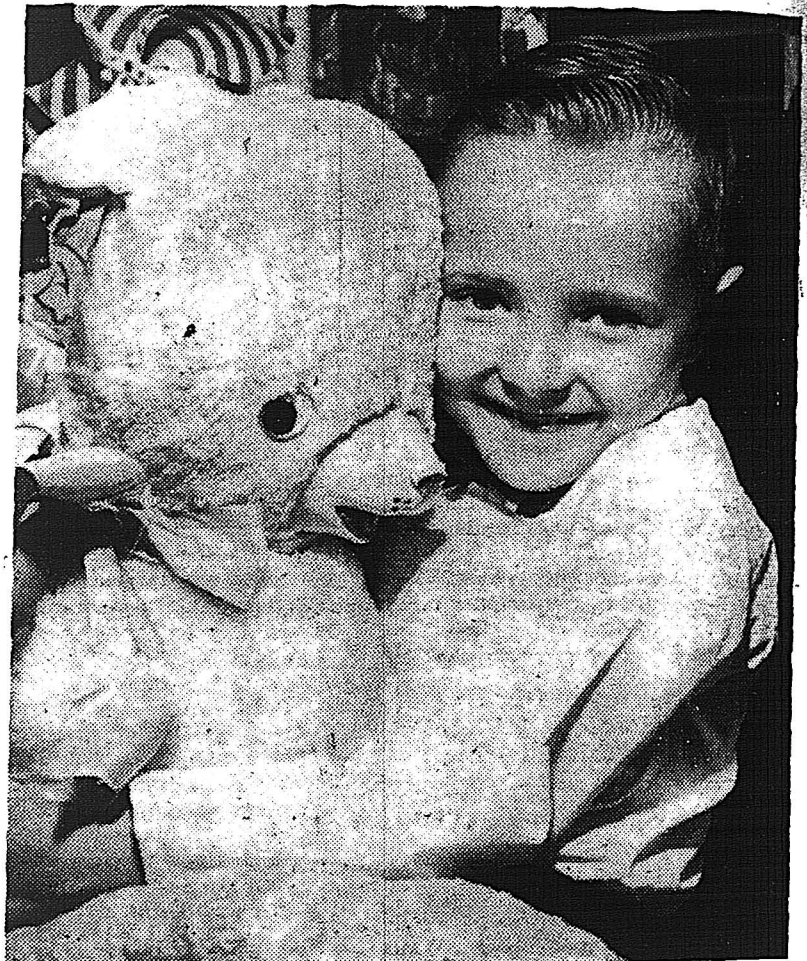
Her son, who had been born with an opening between the two large chambers of his heart, was making a splendid recovery after corrective surgery at Baptist Hospital.

The doctors had given six-year-old Ralph Lomax, Jr., little more than a 50-50 chance of surviving the operation which he underwent on Friday, May 2, after entering the Hospital on the preceding Tuesday. Complications resulting from an attack of pneumonia, which caused heavy pressure on the pulmonary artery and unusual strain on his heart, had reduced the chances for successful surgery.

The team of heart surgeons spent four hours performing the operation, using the Hospital's heart-lung machine for 40 minutes while the flow of blood to and from the heart was stopped.

On Mother's Day when North Carolina's 848,000 Baptists were making contributions to their Hospital, Mrs. Lomax, also a Baptist, was thankful that there was a Baptist Hospital. She and the doctors felt that her son was on the way to recovery and a normal life.

While the Crippled Children's Division of the State Board of Health assisted Mr. and Mrs. Lomax in the expenses of their son's care, the Mother's Day fund of Baptist Hospital supplemented this aid. It is through the generosity of North Carolina Baptists each Mother's Day that the Hospital is able to help so many who are in need of its ministry and are unable to pay the full cost.



Ralph Lomax—A teddy bear and a big smile before surgery.

IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE

In behalf of the needy sick who will be served by Baptist Hospital this year, we express our most sincere appreciation to those who made contributions on Mother's Day.

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Awarded Fulbright Scholarship



William R. Ledford, a professor in the department of foreign languages at Meredith College, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for this summer.

He will attend the Summer Seminar of the Instituto Caro y Cuervo, Bogota, Colombia, South America. The Education-

Exchange Grant will entitle him to an eight-week course for American teachers in Spanish.

Ledford is a native of Franklin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Ledford, Route 2, Franklin. He is a graduate of Berea College, received his master's degree from the University of Iowa, and has done further graduate work at the University of North Carolina. He taught in the Roxboro High School before joining the faculty staff at Meredith College.

S. C. Woman Named American Mother of Year

NEW YORK (RNS) — Mrs. May Roper Coker of Hartsville, S. C., a Baptist, who reared three daughters of her own and five step-children, was named American Mother of the Year for 1958 here.

Her selection was announced by Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, president of the American Mothers Committee.

Mrs. Coker was chosen for her success as a mother, her religious and spiritual integrity, her constant practice of the Golden Rule, and her sense of civic and international understanding.

She was born in Gibson, N. C., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Roper. Her father served as assistant Postmaster General and Secretary of Commerce. Brought up in the nation's capital, she was married

at 24 to David R. Coker, widower with five children, and later moved with her new family to rural Hartsville.

In Hartsville, Mrs. Coker is an active member of First Baptist Church and a Sunday school teacher. She also has been active in business, civic and cultural affairs. Among organizations to which she belongs are the American Association of University Women, South Carolina Coordinating Council for Education and the Advisory Committee for Adult Education. She is a trustee of Byerly Hospital and Coker College.

Mrs. Coker, accompanied by ten other mothers, will visit various countries in Europe as representative of all American mothers. The group also will tour the International Exposition at Brussels, Belgium.

Any time you discover that neither your enemies nor your friends are saying unkind things about you, you have reason to be alarmed: you may be dead and not know it. — *Presbyterian Outlook*.

One reason more people do not recognize opportunity is that it goes around disguised as hard work. — *Clipped*.

Zion's Hill Has New Pastor

Rev. Bobby Van Seagroves of Raleigh was called as pastor of Zion's Hill, Route 5, Lumberton, recently. At the present he is serving on a half-time basis the Mt. Vernon Church in the same association. He plans to serve both churches at half time for each one.

Mr. Seagroves graduated from Durham High School in 1952, from Campbell Junior College in 1954, and Carson-Newman in 1956. He has formerly worked as assistant chaplain at State Hospital and at the present he is a second-year student at Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Seagroves of Durham. He is married to the former Janette Beane of Asheboro, also a graduate of Carson-Newman. Mrs. Seagroves is presently employed as a staff psychologist at State Hospital.



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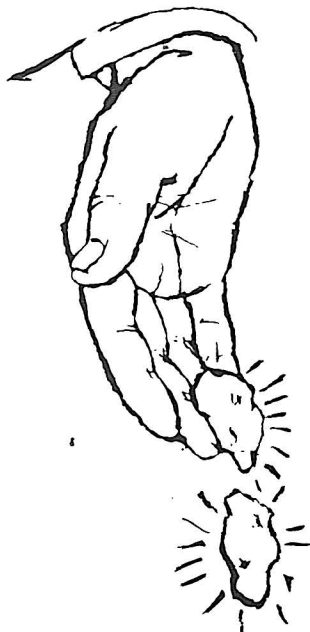
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HOUSTON—(BP)—From the Southern Baptist Convention city of Houston this May, you can drive in any direction and see the influence of Southern Baptist churches and their members.

For instance, take Houston itself. There you will find the third oldest Baptist church in Texas which is still in existence. It is the First Baptist Church, organized in 1841 with nine members. More than 5,800 now belong to the church with property valued at \$1½ million.

Also in Houston is Memorial Hospital. Begun in 1907 as a 17-bed hospital, it has grown to its present capacity of 535 beds.

Baylor College of Medicine is located in Houston. Its fall enrollment was 835. In addition, Texas Baptist haven for the aged, which cares for 24 residents, is in the same city.

Drive south on U. S. 75 the 50 miles to Galveston. There you will find the second oldest Baptist church still in operation. First Baptist Church of Galveston was organized in 1840. The current membership is 3,924 with \$500,000 in church property.

Further west along the Gulf of Mexico is Corpus Christi. Located there is the University of Corpus Christ, a Baptist school with an enrollment of 572 students.

Other Baptist points of interest in the state include:

Harlingen—Valley Baptist Hospital, 153 beds.

Beeville (on Texas SR-359)—South Texas Children's Home, 96 children.

San Antonio—Baptist Memorial Hospital, Mexican Baptist Orphans Home, Bethesda Home for unwed mothers.

The children's home at San Antonio can take care of up to 120 children. Baptist Memorial Hospital admitted 21,900 patients last year, which placed it 75th out of 6,956 hospitals in the nation in number of patients admitted. Forty-eight girls received care at the Bethesda Home last year.

Burnet (on Texas SR-281)—Buckner Boys' Ranch. Here 105 boys have been provided for.

Waco—Home of Baylor University, world's largest Baptist college. Founded in 1845, Baylor has a present enrollment of 6,123. It has branches in Houston and in Dallas. Also located at Waco is Hillcrest Hospital.

Fort Worth—Southwestern Baptist Seminary, largest evangelical seminary in the world, is located here. Nearly 2,500 students were there last year. This also is home of the Radio and TV Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dallas—The Baptist General Convention of Texas has its offices in Dallas. Offices of the

Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board and of the department of evangelism of the Home Mission Board also are here. Buckner Orphans Home is at Dallas, caring for about 700 children. Other Baptist points of interest are Baylor's dental school, Baylor Hospital, and Mary E. Trew home for the aged.

Independence—The oldest Texas Baptist church still existing is at Independence, 11 miles north of Brenham. This church was founded in 1839. (Brenham is on U. S. 75 in the Houston area.)

Ablene—Hardin-Simmons University, Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

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Light Weight Clothing Suggested for Houston

HOUSTON—(BP)—If weather follows its
 usual May pattern, it will be warm enough
 in Houston for Southern Baptist Convention-
 ers to wear lightweight clothing.
 They might also like to bring along bath-
 ing suits.
 And bring raincoats or umbrellas, too, the
 weatherman advises. The average rainfall for
 May is 4.84 inches.
 A May day high temperature is often 85
 degrees and the low, about 55. The average
 mean temperature is 76 degrees.
 Houstonians dress in spring clothing at
 that season of the year. Women wear spring
 cottons or synthetics, with small, conservative
 hats. Men wear tropical weight suits.
 Dark colors predominate. For protection
 against a cool spell, stoles or sweaters for
 women are suggested. Linen jackets also are
 worn.
 Some swimming pools in Houston will be
 open by May 20. Gulf of Mexico beaches, 50
 miles to the south, are usually popular by
 that time and concessions open.
 Humidity ranges from 60 to 92 per cent.

Year of Evangelism to Be Stressed at Convention

Two Southern Baptist Convention presen-
 tations in Houston will stress a 1959 program
 involving the largest number of Baptists to
 ever participate in a joint effort.
 The program is the Baptist Jubilee Ad-
 vance's 1959 year of evangelism. As a part
 of the convention's jubilee presentation on
 Tuesday night Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of
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Speakers Announced for Religious Education Conference at Ridgecrest

Speakers at the Southeastern Religious
 Education Association meeting at Ridgecrest,
 North Carolina, July 23-24, include Dr. Leon-
 ard Sanderson, Dr. C. C. Warren, Dr. Robert
 Cook, Dr. J. E. Lambdin, Dr. A. V. Wash-
 burn, Dr. Albert McClellan, Dr. J. M. Price,
 Mrs. Frank Leavell, and many others.

The sessions will begin Wednesday, July
 23 at 2:00 and end at 4:30 Thursday, July 24.

The meeting is for those engaged in the
 field of Religious Education work. Confer-
 ences will be held for Educational Workers,
 Secretaries, Youth Workers, Children's Work-
 ers, State and Convention Workers, and Mu-
 sicians.

Brotherhood Organized at Emerywood Church

The Emerywood Church of High Point
 organized a Brotherhood on Easter Monday,
 April 7. The first meeting was a dinner held
 at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church
 with 76 men present. The officers elected
 were: Reese Felts, president; J. H. Washburn
 and L. G. Harrison, vice-presidents; Hugh
 Smart, secretary; Tom Elliott, treasurer; and
 Bob Latta, projects chairman.

The speaker for the occasion was Dr. R.
 Jackson Robinson, pastor of the First Baptist
 Church, Augusta, Ga. He brought a graphic
 message based on some of his athletic expe-
 riences of the past.

The projects that the Brotherhood assum-
 ed are support of boys' work; Boy Scouts;
 athletic program of the church; and an evan-
 gelistic goal of "each one winning one." The
 meetings are being planned on a quarterly
 basis.

Meredith Summer School Begins June 9

The Meredith College six-week summer
 session is scheduled from June 9 to July 19,
 according to announcement from Dean Leish-
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Registration is set for June 9 in the college
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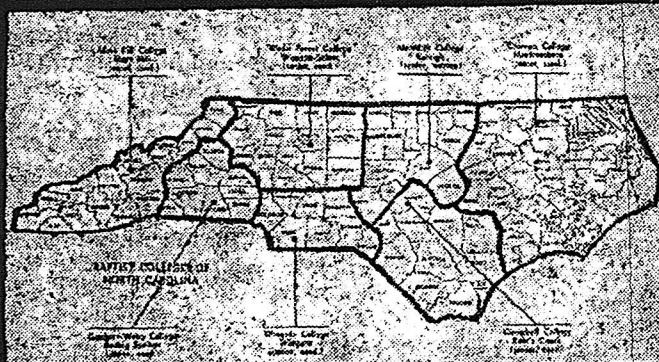
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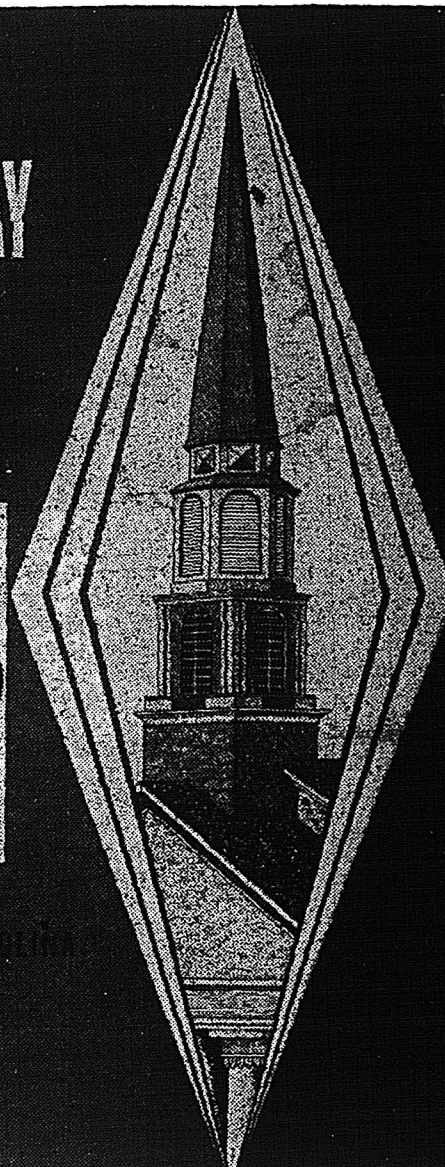
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The North Carolina Baptist Council on Christian Education has designated FATHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 15, for bringing this Christian Education Emphasis to a close with a great special offering in all our churches.

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