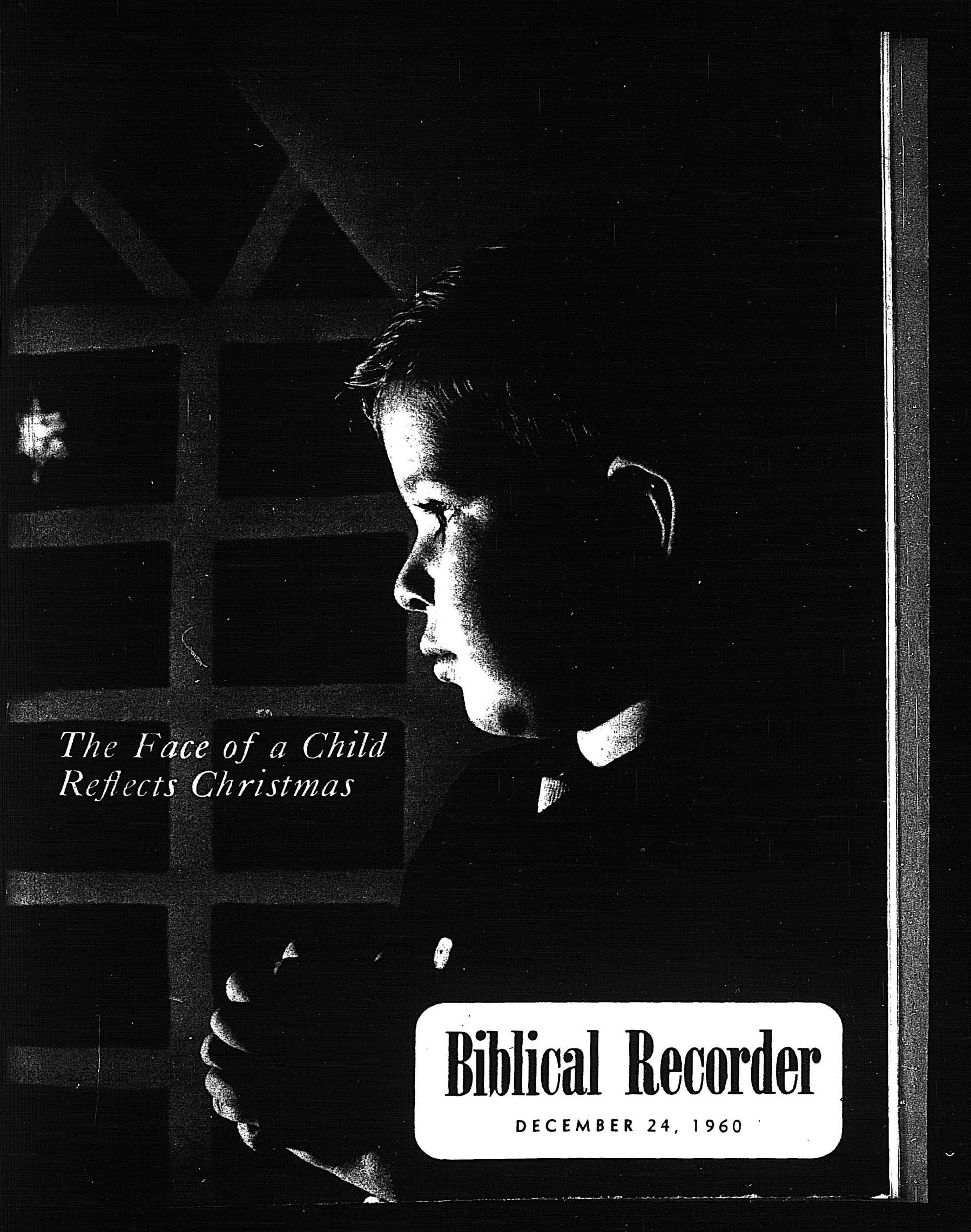




*The Face of a Child
Reflects Christmas*

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What Some Churches Will Do to "Make" Money Continues to Amaze

What some churches will do to "make" money continues to amaze us. Last Christmas, for example, a church in Ohio (not Baptist, thank goodness), turned the basement of the church into a "Mistletoe Mart" and rented decorated booths to local merchants. No money-making possibility was overlooked. Five thousand invitations were printed (and mailed for only \$45 under the church's bulk-mailing privilege). At 50 cents each, 1,600 tickets were sold (billed as a donation to the church). Booth rental fees amounted to \$1,350. This note in the "success story" was quite revealing: "In order to avoid complications and to keep prices low, the Mart's organizers preferred not to share in the profits from the sale of the merchandise." Total church "profits" from the one-day venture came to \$800 — and it was so successful that this year's event was extended to two days — with ticket prices and booth-rental fees being raised. We wonder if the Internal Revenue Service is investigating practices of this type on the part of churches? It looks as if revenue agents have limitless untapped possibilities in these areas rather than threatening a few churches that had the courage to stand up for their convictions when religious freedom was being discussed.

What happens to old campuses when the college moves to a new suburban location? In the case of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., the land is converted into a giant shopping center with modern business, commercial and apartment buildings on it. Furman's 90-acre old campus is located at the southern edge of downtown Greenville and is being converted into a large shopping center. Furman will retain ownership of the property, leasing it to builders of the development. Revenue from this source is expected to amount to several hundred thousand dollars annually. It sounds as if Furman was smart in retaining this property.

Our state continues to be blessed by the ministry of men who carry the technical title of being "retired," but those who know these veterans realize they are

not retired by any means. Dr. J. Clyde Turner is a good example. On the first Sunday in December, he was visiting in Greensboro and attended First Church where he served so effectively for 38 years. There must have been a tinge of nostalgia as he went to church that day. It was 50 years ago — the first Sunday in December in 1910 — that he preached his first sermon as pastor of that church. This year, with Dr. Claud Bowen confined to his home with a virus infection, his assistant, the Rev. Jack Causey, was scheduled to preach. Upon arriving at the church, the assistant pastor called on Dr. Turner to preach and he accepted. It was the same type of sermon which through the years has brought Dr. Turner recognition as one of the finest preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention. His friends can't believe that he's 82 today, so active and alert is he. Here is a man that younger preachers can profitably use as a model for their ministry.

Another tireless veteran, Brother M. L. Banister of Henderson, continues to serve effectively as an interim pastor. Sample: He recently closed his interim ministry at Tabernacle Church, Roanoke, Va. During the past year under his leadership the church received 54 members — 26 by baptism. He and his wife have returned to their home in Henderson.

Easton in Winston-Salem Is Beginning New Unit

Easton Church of Winston-Salem held ground-breaking ceremonies recently for its new educational building, to be of modern brick, three-story design, matching the present auditorium. John C. Calhoun is pastor. This growing church, organized eight years ago by Glenn Swaim, its first pastor, and others, is making steady progress. Over \$45,000 in church bonds have been sold to finance this new unit at Easton, and some bonds are still available and offered to investors for a limited time, to yield six per cent. The new unit will be a large structure, 90 by 50 feet, and will cost about \$75,000.

70,639

The "Recorder" staff has special reason for joy at this normally joyous season of the year. This final issue of 1960 will go to 70,639 people, thus breaking the "70,000 Barrier" for the first time in history. When "Recorder" directors met October 19, circulation had just passed 65,000. This means that more than 5,000 new subscribers have been added in the last two months.

Next goal is 75,000. How can your church help? The most practical way, if you are still on the Club Plan, is to switch to the Every Family Plan.

A GOOD WAY TO EXTEND HOLIDAY GREETINGS

"About the best way I know to say 'Merry Christmas' to the RECORDER staff is to send you our new Every Family Club with 326 subscriptions," the Rev. Elwood R. Orr of Wilmington wrote last week. He is pastor of Winter Park Church which recently joined the growing number of churches receiving the RECORDER under this plan.

Yes, indeed, that is an ideal way of saying "Merry Christmas" and here's a tip: It is also a good way of saying "Happy New Year." What about it?

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EDITORIALLY

A Christmas Story: He Gave His All for Another

THIS IS THE STORY of a young man who gave his life that another might live. At this Christmas season, it should have special significance. Dr. Kenneth Goodson, pastor of Charlotte's First Methodist Church, is the story-teller.

Billy Rough was born many years ago in Gary, Ind.—born with just one leg. There were no newspaper headlines when he came into the world—neither were there any headlines when another Boy Child was born in an obscure stable long years ago.

On a Gary street corner, Billy Rough sold newspapers. His stand was near a downtown building frequented by

Interested in African Violets or Violence?

A CARTOON THAT PORTRAYS the nonchalant attitude of too many Americans appears in the December 20 issue of *Look Magazine*. It shows two lavishly-dressed ladies in a typical club atmosphere with this caption: "African violence? I thought today's discussion was to be about African violets."

Unfortunately, this is the attitude that many citizens of this nation continue to take toward the problems of the world. What's happening in the Congo, Laos, Vietnam, Nepal, Ethiopia, Cuba, Algeria and other trouble spots doesn't seem to bother them. They are too interested in their own little local projects to get concerned about the fate of the world.

Not so with Communism, a well-disciplined ideology that thrives best in these troublous areas where people have so little. We are fearful of the enthusiastic reception Communism is getting in these countries. One needs but see a TV program on Cuba to witness a demonstration of the fanaticism that has been whipped up in these deprived people.

And this brings us to a final observation: This is the time of year when many Americans are concerned about a gift for the "man who has everything." What about a gift to the people in this world who have nothing? While Americans are wasting money on solid gold paper clips (only \$17.50 each) or a camel's hair bed jacket (priced at \$80) or a diamond-studded golf putter, millions upon millions in this world will not have an adequate meal Christmas Day. Is it any surprise that Communism is making gains among these underprivileged people with promises of food, clothing, and decent housing? We had better become more concerned about African violence than African violets.

doctors and lawyers. His *laughing eyes and warm smile* made many detour a block to buy his papers. It was while talking with his doctor friends that the newsboy learned of the girl who lay near death in a nearby hospital. The lower part of her body was so badly burned she was not expected to live. Billy wanted to help.

"Would a skin graft help?" he asked the doctor. It might, the doctor replied, but he knew of no source from which the needed supply could be obtained. Billy hit upon the idea of offering the skin from his only leg. He argued that he could sell papers without any legs as well as he could with one leg. The offer was accepted.

Bit by bit, skilled surgeons transplanted skin from the leg of the newsboy to the burned portions of the child's body. The girl lived and eventually became a wife and mother. But shortly after the operation, the doctor-friend came to Billy for a "heart-to-heart" talk. Gangrene had set in.

"You want to tell me I won't get well," said the wan newsboy. "I knew I probably wouldn't before it all started. But, you know, I ain't the first fellow who ever died so someone else could live. I'm going to die happy like Him."

Today in Gary, Ind., there's a statue on the spot where the newsboy hawked his papers. The inscription reads, "Here's to Billy Rough who like another Young Man gave His life that others might live. . . ."

Tomorrow the world celebrates another Christmas. Do we know what it means? Billy Rough did. Until the world takes a more unselfish view of Christmas, there will continue to be unrest and turbulence. The "world" however begins with individuals—like Billy Rough.

Christmas Editoriales

Pastor Jack Bracey of Double Springs Church, Shelby, makes an excellent suggestion in his church paper. He recommends Bibles, concordances, commentaries, or Bible dictionaries as Christmas gifts. New Testaments in modern language like Williams Translation or "The New Testament in Modern English" by J. B. Phillips are just two of the many good ones that will make appropriate gifts.

Pastor H. Page Lee of Parkton got some interesting answers the other morning when he asked his children, "Why do we celebrate Christmas?" After the older children had answered, the little two-year-old daughter said in a blunt, verbless, but articulate manner that only a two-year-old has, "Baby doll, bottle, table and chairs." This answer broke up the session, but it caused the Parkton pastor to observe, "It did not take our family long to realize that we had neglected to explain the real purpose of Christmas to this little one who would be celebrating her first Christmas with any understanding." We must separate the tinsel from the truth, Brother Lee points out. "Let us not overlook the real purpose for celebrating Christmas."

THIS STORY IS NOT FICTION, NEITHER IS GOD . . .

"When I Finally Reach the Dark, Beautiful River That Flows Into Heaven, I'll Kneel..."

Just a month ago — November 25 — a 13-year-old boy, James Edwin Pardue, Jr., was buried in Jonesville. For four years he had been under the sentence of death with a brain tumor. During this time, he faced his illness with patience, courage and hope. About a year before his death, he wrote this original composition about his personal attitudes toward his illness. The RECORDER secured a copy of this moving article from the Rev. A. Douglas Aldrich of Raleigh who assisted in the funeral.

"I've had three major operations at the Baptist Hospital. The first time was in September, 1956. I had a very serious head operation that was performed by the best neurosurgeon in the world and one of the nicest persons in the world. His name is Dr. Eben Alexander.

"One of the last nights before my operation my mother and I were praying for God to help me and guide my doctor's hands through the operation. I saw a Glorious Angel of God. My room was light all over. The Angel paused at my bed and smiled at me and then disappeared. But I think that if that Angel hadn't stopped and smiled I wouldn't be alive today.

"When I do walk the last mile I shall not be afraid or lose hope. I will not be discouraged by the awesome figures along the way, I will not lose courage or faith and I shall not stop until my goal is reached.

"I may find friends along the way to walk with me. I will be glad, and I will thank God and look ahead toward my

destination with new hope and faith.

"And then I shall finally reach the dark, beautiful river that flows into Heaven, I shall kneel and thank God for the guidance to follow the right path this far.

"And when I get into the Glorious Boat, I shall think of the world I have left, but I will not want to go back. I will go down the glorious river to Heaven.

"Remember, this story is not fiction, neither is God."

—JAMES EDWIN PARDUE, JR.



"HOUSE OF THE WICKED"—District Attorney Dave Nolan is shaken as he learns that a criminal jury has failed to convict the community's vice czar after he has worked day and night to provide the incriminating evidence. His wife Laura consoles him and fears her husband is headed for a total breakdown in his relentless war against crime. Theme of this film from "The Answer" series is Christian citizenship. Produced and distributed by Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission, "House Of The Wicked" will be televised in North Carolina Sunday, January 1, over these stations: WTVD, Durham, 1:30 p.m., WFMY-TV, Greensboro, 1:00 p.m., WBTV, Charlotte (time to be announced).

Let us always remember that it is not the amount of religious knowledge which I have, but the amount which I use that determines my religious position and character. — ALEXANDER MCCLAREN.

WANTED

Young lady 21 to 30 years of age to keep financial records and assist secretary in church office. Only those qualified and dedicated to Christian service need apply.

Write F. B. K.

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Convention Workers' "In-the-office" Schedule

One of the major problems in making contact with staff leaders in the Convention program is that of finding them in their offices. In order to remedy this situation and to provide more time for effective planning, the Convention staff has adopted a plan by which staff members will be in their offices each week following the first Sunday in each month of the year. This schedule will get under way January 1, 1961.

It is called "in-the-office-week." During this week each month staff meetings will be held, office appointments will be made, and work plans formulated. We request:

1. That our Baptist people in the churches and associations desiring to contact Convention staff leaders will plan to do so during "in-the-office-week," and

2. That church and associational leaders will keep this plan in mind in scheduling meetings or programs involving Convention staff personnel.

We feel that this plan will make Convention staff members more easily accessible to our Baptist people across the state, that it will add definiteness to our planning of conferences and personal contacts, and that it will improve the quality of our own work planning.

—DOUGLAS M. BRANCH

General Secretary - Treasurer

FIVE GA QUEENS AT SPRUCE PINE

Five Girls' Auxiliary Queens were crowned recently in a coronation and recognition service held at the First Church, Spruce Pine. The Queens are: Virginia Riddle, Sandra Black, Shirley Hollifield, Pat Blevins, and Margot Dale. Other girls advancing in forward steps include: Susie Black, Lady-in-Waiting; and Mary Elizabeth Riddle, Kay Hollifield, Sharon Edwards, and Barbara Twiggs, Maidens.

Among leaders taking part on the program were the pastor of the church, the Rev. R. M. Cassity; two former Queens, Myra Ann Sparks and Kathleen Duncan; Mrs. R. M. Cassity, GA director; Mrs. Lloyd Black and Mrs. Ruth Hollifield, Junior GA counselors; Mrs. Lewis Sparks and Mrs. Arthur Uphold, Intermediate counselors; and Mrs. Lloyd Bryson, WMU president. A number of GA members and others also participated in the program in various ways.

THE CHURCH YOU WANT

The church is just what its members are, nothing more, nothing less. A church cannot rise above its people. If it would be a better church in character, in attendance, in things that money can buy, then its people must be better in character, in attendance, and in Christian giving. The members of a church can make their church what they would like to see it be. They can do this by measuring up to these aims themselves. Any criticism of our church also is a criticism of ourselves. Yes, we are our church. It is what we are. Let's make our Church the most wonderful church on earth.—C. F. LEEK.

WINNING—AND HOLDING—THE TEEN-AGERS REQUIRES PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES . . .

Some Churches Keenly Aware of Obligations to Youth

By Ted Stone, Educational Director
Grace Church, Durham

At Grace Church an increasing emphasis is being placed on our ministry to young people.

Because of my personal interest in this field and the concern of our church as a whole, I recently took a trip covering 3,150 miles through the Deep South and churches in Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma. Accompanying me was Mike Oakley, a high school student who edits our youth paper.

First stop was at First Church, Lake Charles, La., where there is a good spirit and well-planned program, even though the church lacks building facilities. John Bewley, director of recreation and youth activities spent several hours telling us of their extensive program.

Their program is varied, including ministry to the sick and aged, and extensive recreation program, and Sunday night and afternoon fellowships for young people. The Sunday night fellowships are well attended with different Intermediate and Young People's departments being responsible for the program on specified nights. Baptist churches in the area have their own leagues for the different sports. YMCA facilities are used to a great extent, especially in basketball.

Splendid Facilities in Houston

South Main Church, Houston, Texas, was the next stop. D. K. Harrell is minister of education and he gave us a tour of this church's recreation building. It is quite an elaborate building consisting of a gymnasium, game room, and lounge. The gymn can also be used for skating. One of the current projects of the church is the erection of a \$60,000 lodge at the associational assembly grounds. This facility will be used often for youth retreats, Mr. Harrell said.

From Houston, Mike and I drove on to Dallas where everything is big! Although most of the church staff was attending the state Training Union Convention, we were given a cordial welcome by Dan Beam, new minister of recreation who conducted us on a tour of the church's recreation building. The entire sixth and seventh floors of a huge building are devoted to recreation which includes gymnasium activities, skating and bowling. While in Dallas, we had the privilege of

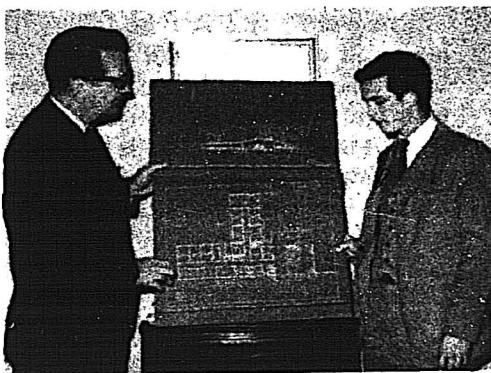
attending Wednesday night prayer service with 1,200 in attendance.



TED STONE, right, and Mike Oakley, a teen-ager from Grace Church, Durham, are shown planning their 3,150-mile trip to visit churches with outstanding youth program and facilities.



ADMIRING TROPHIES—John Bewley, right, youth director of First Church, Lake Charles, La., and two of his young people admire trophies the church has won in recreation and sports events.



IN HOUSTON—Mike Oakley, right, active young member of Grace Church, is pictured with Minister of Education D. K. Harrell of South Main Church, Houston, Texas.

Million Dollar Building

First Church, Oklahoma City, is also doing an outstanding job in the field of recreation for its young people. The million dollar building is dedicated to youth activities — education, recreation and similar programs.

It was a long drive back in my old Oldsmobile but we made it. Mike and I were grateful for the privilege of seeing what we did. We felt we were witnessing the beginning of an awakening — a new sense of awareness on the part of Baptist churches as to their obligations to youth. The churches I have mentioned, along with others, are proving to be pioneers in this long-neglected field.

It is true that we cannot all have the marvelous facilities of some of these churches. However, lack of finances should never prevent our churches from realizing the responsibilities and opportunities they have in providing wholesome activities for our young people.

If we are to win and hold our young people, the church must minister to them in all settings of life. Now is the time to act. We are determined to act at our church. What about you and your church?

Cardinal Cushing to Give Invocation at Inaugural

BOSTON (RNS) — Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, will give the inaugural invocation for President-elect John F. Kennedy on January 20.

Shortly after the cardinal's prayer, Sen. Kennedy will take his oath on an old family Bible once owned by his grandfather, the late Mayor John F. Fitzgerald of Boston. It will be the First Douay (Catholic) version ever used in a Presidential inauguration.

The 15-pound Bible, presently owned by Thomas A. Fitzgerald of Dorchester, an uncle of the President-elect, contains a record of births, engagements, marriages and deaths in the Fitzgerald and Kennedy families. Although its age is unknown, the book records the births of Sen. Kennedy's grandparents.

The latest entry is the birth of the Senator's son, John F. Kennedy, Jr., on November 25.

To lose a friend is the greatest of all losses. — SYRUS.

MUST REJECT HILL-BURTON GRANT . . .

Missouri Baptists Outline Terms For St. Louis Hospital to Meet

Unless certain conditions are met, Missouri Baptists may sever connections with Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis. The convention's executive board laid down these terms. (1) The hospital must

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"reject the Hill-Burton grant of monies" recently announced; (2) It must "return the pledge of the Anheuser-Busch Foundation, or any other pledges of monies received from like interest"; (3) It must "agree to become a member of the Missouri Baptist Convention family of institutions." The hospital recently announced that it had accepted a grant of \$662,351 from Hill-Burton funds. The foundation of the Anheuser-Busch Company (brewer of Budweiser beer) had pledged \$30,000 to the hospital.

For many years, the convention has had a working relationship with the hospital. Since its beginning, the hospital has had a self-perpetuating board of managers but the convention has contributed each year in varying amounts toward the support of the hospital. Last October the convention adopted a recommendation omitting the hospitals in Kansas City and St. Louis from sharing in convention funds for operating needs in 1961. At the same time, the convention voted to consider giving assistance in future capital needs of the hospitals. (BP)

ADVANCE FIGURE NOW \$333,097

As of December 13, the advance stage of the SBC Cooperative Program stood at \$333,097, an amount that will be divided thusly: \$249,822 to the Foreign Mission Board and \$83,274 to the Home Mission Board. The advance continues until December 31 when the SBC budget enters a new year. Officials of both board expressed hope that the surge would continue until year's end. The FMB expects \$800,000, but it looks doubtful that the board's share will reach this figure. (BP)

RALEIGH PASTOR TO W-S

Changes: W. E. COATES, pastor at Boylan Heights, Raleigh, since May, 1959, has accepted a call to Temple in Winston-Salem and will begin his ministry there January 1. . . . JEFF ROBERTS, minister of music at Dunn First for the past year, has resigned to accept a similar position

at Florida St., Greensboro, effective January 2. . . . Glencoe in the Mount Zion Association has called H. L. SUMMERFORD of Cedar Falls as pastor while Riverside in the same association has called D. H. STEELE.

\$28 MILLION TEXAS DRIVE

BRIEFS: Southern Baptists will baptize nearly 400,000 this year, according to Dr. C. E. Autrey, evangelism director for the Home Mission Board. A total of 388,560 have been reported thus far. Last year churches reported 429,963, the highest on record. . . . Texas Baptists have appointed a six-man committee to map plans for a \$28 million fund drive in behalf of the nine Baptist colleges in that state. Objective of the four-year campaign is to finance construction programs in order to meet a critical shortage of space . . .

NEW RECORDER CLUBS

Eight new RECORDER clubs begin with the issue of December 24. Listed by names of church, association, pastor, and number of subscriptions, they are:

Calvary, Neuse, Glenn Dow, 4; David, Kings Mountain, N. S. Hardin, 8; Hutchinson, Mecklenburg, Fred C. Roberts, 11; Lakeview, Catawba River, R. L. Crawford, 4; Mt. Zion, Piedmont, Charles F. Padgett, 5; New Hope, Gaston, Robert F. Summey, 16; Penn Memorial, Dan Valley, George M. Bishop, 4; and Skyland, Cabarrus, Alvin E. Tweed, 4.

ABOUT OUR COVER . . .

Capturing the Awe, Faith, Hope of Christmas

Every child is a new beginning. It was so that first Christmas, when God began all over again with a dying world, began with a child on a silent night in an insignificant stable in a remote village. "Unto you a child is born," and with him, a new start for mankind, a new hope for the world.

So it is today. A child "is a new thought of God, an ever-fresh and radiant possibility." And where but in a child's face are the mystery and joy and sadness of Christmas, of birth and beginning, so delicately painted, so wonderfully beholden?

This week's RECORDER cover picture was made by Floyd Craig, official photographer of Southwestern Seminary. The little boy is Floyd's son, Paul, a favorite subject of his dad for three years. Floyd's camera has said more than a thousand words could express, capturing in the cover photo something of the awe, faith and hope which Christmas holds for us all. At Christmastime, the spirit of the season is best reflected in the face of a trusting child like the one on this week's cover. Would that more adults were armed with the same childlike faith exemplified in Paul's face.



DR. HENDRICKS MADE IT—For years, Dr. A. F. Hendricks, 90-year-old retired Wingate professor, has given a party for children of faculty members. When he gave the first party, there were only two children on the campus. Now there are 38. This year, despite being hospitalized with arthritis, he made it again, much to the delight of the children. The hospital confinement is something new for the grand old man of the Wingate campus. Until a month ago, he walked to chapel services or anywhere else he wanted to go. He is shown above with some of the happy children who enjoyed his Christmas hospitality again this year.

Park Road, Charlotte, Has 10th Anniversary

Park Road Church, Charlotte, the Rev. Charles O. Milford, pastor, celebrated its 10th anniversary with special services December 4 and 11. The church was organized December 10, 1950. Anniversary Day was observed Sunday, December 4 and the following Sunday was Dedication Day. Charter members were honored at a reception on December 9. Presentation of "The Messiah" on Sunday night, December 11, by the church choir climaxed the observance.

MR. AND MRS. P. C. RODWELL . . .

Charlotte Couple Establishes Foundation To Assist Students in Baptist Seminaries

A prominent Baptist layman in Charlotte and his wife have established a foundation which will aid ministerial students who need financial assistance in Southern Baptist seminaries. The foundation will also help to provide places for them to preach.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Rodwell said the decision to establish the foundation was prompted by a conviction "that in this day when countless 'isms' are bidding for the minds of men, the wisest investment anyone could make is in that which will aid God-called ministers in their preparation to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Rodwells recalled Romans 10:13-14-15a which reads as follows: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

Directors of the foundation are Mr. Rodwell; Dr. C. C. Warren, Charlotte; Fritz D. Hemphill, Hendersonville; Courtney Mauzy, Charlotte; and William E. Poe, Charlotte.

Mr. Rodwell, who has been a Baptist deacon for 45 years, is married to the former Miss Sue Walker, daughter of a Methodist minister who at the time of their marriage lived in Orangeburg, S. C. The Rodwells moved to Charlotte in 1927 where Mr. Rodwell has conducted a successful real estate and construction business. The Rodwells are conveying certain properties to the foundation in the sum of \$216,783.23.

NO RECORDER NEXT WEEK

Traditionally, the RECORDER is not published the last week in December, so that all the staff may have a few days' holiday at the same time. So don't be disappointed when your paper doesn't come next week. Actually, there have been 52 issues in 1960 because there were 53 Saturdays this year.

Mrs. Foy J. Farmer is writing the Sunday school lessons for the first quarter of 1961, and the first two lessons are published in this issue, so that teachers and others will have the lessons in ample time for the first two Sundays in January.



SET UP FOUNDATION TO AID SEMINARY STUDENTS — Pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Rodwell of Charlotte who recently established the P. C. Rodwell Foundation, Inc., to help students in Baptist seminaries. They are shown in front of the motel which they own in Charlotte.

30,000 MOVEMENT . . .

TWO NEW CHURCHES

Woodlawn Baptist Church, Conover, was duly constituted on December 11, 1960. The Rev. Carl H. Lee is pastor of the new church and the East Hickory Church sponsored its establishment.

The Rev. J. M. James, Rt. 3, Siler City, reports that the Community Baptist Church, Route 3, Siler City, was duly constituted May 1, 1960. Hickory Mountain Church, the Rev. William J. Jones, pastor, is the sponsoring church.

Appropriate Certificates of Award have already been sent to both churches, according to Dr. E. L. Spivey.

Cary Pastor to Florida

The Rev. Lamar J. Brooks, pastor at Cary for the past 7½ years, resigned last Sunday to accept a call to the First Church, Dade City, Fla. The resignation becomes effective in 30 days. While still a student at Southeastern Seminary, from which he graduated, Brooks became pastor at Cary.

N. O. Seminary Students Forced to Withdraw Children From School

NEW ORLEANS (RNS) — Violence and economic pressure have forced two white Southern Baptist seminary students here to withdraw their children from recently integrated William Frantz Elementary School.

Marvin Chandler and Marion McKinley, both students at New Orleans Seminary, had been sending their children to the school despite the resistance efforts of white segregationists, who have resorted to blockades, name-calling and stone-throwing.

Mr. McKinley withdrew his son and daughter after a series of stonethrowing incidents. Rocks were hurled at Mrs. McKinley and through the kitchen and bedroom windows of the McKinley apartment in a housing project here.

One night, to escape possible injury, the McKinleys slept on their living room floor, pulling the mattress from the bedroom into which the rocks were thrown.

Mr. Chandler, according to relatives, was threatened with the loss of a job if he did not take his children out of the school.

DON M. PRICE ORDAINED

Don M. Price, a student at Southeastern Seminary, was ordained to the gospel ministry last Sunday afternoon at Pritchard Memorial Church, Charlotte. The request for ordination came from the Whitakers Church.

Our Readers Write

STRONGER BAPTIST VOICE

TO THE EDITOR:

So fitting, so appropriate for the Christmas Season, was the lead editorial in the Dec. 17 RECORDER. Reverently, we say "thank you for this Christmas Gift" in behalf of the Master and me. Really now, would not joy be brought to the Saviour's heart by such proposed actions?

Some of us have dreamed for years of a strong, united AMERICAN Baptist Convention. Deep down in the heart we knew something of a longing akin to the Hebrew Messianic expectancy and found our lips muttering "It will come . . . It will come" . . . !

Our Christmas has been made joyful beyond expression by your suggested approach to the union of our Baptist bodies in America. Especially must be mentioned one sentence in the editorial:

A strong, united Baptist witness in America is needed.—LEE PRIDGEN, Pine Bluff

Advance Stage of SBC Budget Reached

The SBC Cooperative Program budget finally went into the advance stage with 24 days remaining in the calendar and budget year. The budget for 1960 was \$16,386,900 and checks through December 7, brought the year's total to \$16,394,274. For the remainder of the year, all Cooperative Program receipts will go to Foreign and Home Mission Boards entirely, divided 75 and 25 per cent, respectively. The Foreign Board looks confidently to receiving \$800,000 from advance funds which if received would also mean \$265,000 for home missions. (BP)

LOUISIANA CATCHES UP

Louisiana Baptist executive board has moved to catch up on commitments to the SBC Cooperative Program by making the 1960 deficit a preferred item on a monthly basis for 1961. The board considered securing a loan to fulfill the obligation, but finally decided to make the payments to the national and worldwide causes under the Cooperative Program over a year-long period.

FLORIDA HELPS PUERTO RICO

Florida Baptist board of missions has voted salary aid for two churches in Puerto Rico. Metropolitan Baptist Church, San Juan, was given \$100 a month for the next 10 months to aid the pastor of its Spanish work. Started by servicemen from the U. S., this is an English-speaking church with a Spanish-speaking mission. A church at Aguadilla will receive \$25 a month from Florida Baptists. Both churches are affiliated with the Tampa Bay Association in Florida.

VIRGINIA BUILDS IN '61

A new building to house the staff of Virginia Baptists will be built during 1961. A low bid of \$539,237 was accepted by the convention's general board for the construction of a two-story building on Monument Avenue, one mile west of the Foreign Mission Board offices. Work will begin immediately with estimated date for completion January, 1962. The building will also house editorial offices of the "Religious Herald," state Baptist paper.



"We've GOT to do something about this overdue pledge. Shall we think up some excuse or just ignore it?"

Neither one, please! We realize Christmas giving sometimes puts a temporary strain on the family budget. But since the very essence of the meaning of "Christmas" is so closely interwoven with our Christian beliefs, shouldn't our church take precedence over all other giving?

POLITICIAN ASSAULTS PASTORS

In a case before city court in Phoenix, Ariz., two Southern Baptist pastors charged a state legislator with vulgarity and assault. One of the ministers — the Rev. James B. Ray of Phoenix — is a leader in a state dry organization. Rep. Elmer King was in a campaign for reelection when the incident occurred outside a church building. Ray said King hit him and used vulgar language in the presence of women and children. King was disturbed over a pamphlet released by the dry group stating that he held a liquor license. King was re-elected to office. The other pastor involved was the Rev. Mark Daniel.

IMAGE NOT WORRYING POLLARD

In an "M" Night address in his church in Memphis, Tenn., SBC President Ramsey Pollard chided other Baptists for their post-Presidential election concern about a proper Baptist image. "Baptists ought to stand up and be counted in this day and time," the Bellevue pastor said. "I am not worried about what other people think of Baptists, but I am concerned about what God thinks about us. When the Godless people of this county and state start patting Baptists on the back, that's when we had better get on our knees and start praying."

Roman Catholics Worry About Public Image

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON — (BP) — Roman Catholics are so concerned about "the image of the church, the way the Catholic Church appears to the general public that they are being advised to do something about it the next four years and beyond.

In an article on "Lessons from the Election" in *Our Sunday Visitor*, National Catholic Action weekly, Donald J. Thorman said, "More than one American Catholic was jolted out of his complacency during the past few months. Somehow since 1928 many of us have gotten the idea that our non-Catholic neighbors all see the church as we do — a spiritual organization concerned with the salvation of souls and not a political power group seeking dominance over the government of the United States."

One of the lessons from the campaign, bemoaned the article, is the fact that the Roman Catholic Church has "failed to project the true image of the Church to a large segment of our fellow Americans." A large part of the blame, according to Thorman, lies at the feet of Catholic laymen who have not interpreted their church to their neighbors as they should and who have failed to understand what they have been told by the Pope and their bishops.

Analyzing the situation further, the article said that the reason the Catholic laymen are not projecting the true image of their Church to the public is that "most Catholics simply do not know what the Church is. . . . The average layman has failed to grasp the total picture of the Church himself; therefore, he cannot project the real image of the Church because he does not have it."

"Our work is cut out for us at least during the next four years—and beyond," the article concluded. "We must first of all learn for ourselves what the Church is. And then we must communicate this image to our non-Catholic friends."

What is becoming is honest, and whatever is honest must be becoming. —CICERO.

Nor need we power or splendour,
Wide hall or lordly dome;
The good, the true, the tender,
These form the wealth of home.
—MRS. HALE.

Season's Greetings

from the RECORDER STAFF

We are grateful for your confidence and support during the past year. As the New Year approaches, we pledge ourselves once again to send you a paper that will be helpful and inspiring in 1961. Keep us in your prayers.

The staff of the
BIBLICAL RECORDER
Christmas, 1960

(This picture is the illustration for the 1960 Baptist Bulletin Service church bulletin available at Baptist Book Stores.)

The Gospel of the Son of God

LESSON FOR JANUARY 1, 1961

Scripture—John 1; 20:30-31

Memory Selection: These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.—John 20:31.

"And so the Word had breath and wrought
With human hands the creed of creeds,
In loveliness of perfect deeds
More strong than all poetic thought."

The studies for this quarter are from the Gospel according to John. Bible scholars have written beautiful descriptions of this book. Dr. A. T. Robertson called it "the profoundest book in the world." Dr. Erdman wrote: "The Fourth Gospel is the most familiar and best loved book in the Bible. It has induced more persons to follow Christ, it has inspired more believers to loyal service, it has presented to scholars more difficult problems than any other book that could be named."

A Scotch theologian, Dr. William Barclay, wrote: "For many Christian people *The Gospel According to John* is the most precious book in the New Testament. It is the book on which above all they feed their minds, and nourish their hearts, and in which they rest their souls. . . . It is true that there are many people who find themselves closer to God and to Jesus Christ in John than in any other book in the world."

Clement of Alexandria wrote: "Last of all John, observing that in the other Gospels those things were related that concern the body (of Christ) and being persuaded by his friends and moved by the Spirit of God, wrote a spiritual Gospel."

Gregory Nazaizen, Bishop of Constantinople: "Matthew [set down] the wonderful works of Christ for the Jew; Mark for the Roman; Luke, for the Greek; John, a herald who reaches the very heavens for all."

The Purpose of the Book

Why did John write this book, "one of the really great books of all time"? By what plan did he write? Both these questions are answered in Chapter 20, verses 30 and 31. These verses may be compared to the preface of a modern book, which is written after the book is completed, but printed at the beginning. From the "many signs" — miracles and discourses — that came to his memory, the old man who had spent years with Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit, selected several and wrote them down in order that those who read should believe that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah), the Son of God, and, believing, might have life in His name.

The Author

There is much discussion among learned men concerning the identity of the author, but the

host of "the simple people" who have "fed their hearts and nourished their souls on it with nothing but the Authorized Version in their hands" (Barclay) believe that John, the "beloved disciple," is the Spirit-inspired author.

John and his brother James were the sons of the fisherman Zebedee and his wife, Salome. (See Matthew 27:55, 56; Mark 15:40; Mark 16: 1, 2.) The brothers were nicknamed "Sons of Thunder" in their impetuous young manhood. By his association with Jesus, John was transformed into the beloved, saintly man who proved that "God is love." He wrote his Gospel between A.D. 80 and A.D. 85, probably from Ephesus, not long before he suffered martyrdom for his faith. Tradition tells us that he was plunged into a vat of boiling oil.

The Prologue

Someone has said that no book in history has such a breath-taking opening as the Gospel according to John. In the first 18 verses, usually referred to as the Prologue, John states the thesis of the book, which is to be proved in the rest of the book. These 18 verses are so glorious, so deep in their meaning, that, realizing we are on holy ground, we should take the shoes off our feet and, praying for the power of understanding, read over and over the wonderful words, full of life and light, glory and truth. The *Interpreter's Bible* gives a summary of the theme of the Prologue: "The theme is the *Logos*, pre-existent, incarnate, rejected, yet revealer of God and giver of sonship to those who believe."

"In the Beginning"

Dr. Maclaren tells us that Matthew and Luke begin with Bethlehem, John begins with the bosom of the Father. Luke dates history by Roman emperors and high priests, John dates his "In the beginning."

The deity of Christ and the Incarnation are set forth in the first section. The *Word* was in the beginning, was with God, and was God.

These marvelous statements are made as simply and as emphatically as the opening words of Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." The *Word* who was with God and was God was the Creator without Him nothing was made that was made (See I Corinthians 8:6; Hebrews 1:2; Colossians 1:16.)

Life and Light

It was indeed a dark world into which came the "Light which is the Life of men," the Light which the densest darkness could not extinguish. "Even the gross darkness of Calvary could not put it out." We, today, must take courage as we read with faith of the coming of the Light, for surely just now we are living in a world of gross darkness — the darkness of sin, hate, greed, war. But we know that even this deep darkness cannot extinguish the Light of Him who is the "Light of the World."

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." These few words are the foundation of all our knowledge of God, of man, of the relation between them, the foundation of all our hopes, the guarantee of all our peace, the pledge of all our blessedness." (Maclaren)

Bearers of the Light

A break seems to come in the rhapsody of the Prologue when a man, John the Baptist, is introduced, not as the Light but as one sent to bear witness to the Light, "the noblest function that any man can discharge." Here is one of the most challenging messages for all who believe and, believing, have life in His name. As John the Baptist was sent to bear witness to the Light, so are we. The Master said, "Ye are the light of the world," because we are lamps bearing light which we receive from Him.

"The condition of Christian vitality and radiance is close and unbroken contact with Jesus Christ, the source of all light. . . . If we lived as if we believed it, the Church would be revolutionized and the world illuminated, and many a smoking wick would flash up into a blazing torch. . . . To all of us is offered the possibility of being 'burning and shining lights' if we keep ourselves close to that Light." (Maclaren)

The First of His Signs

LESSON FOR JANUARY 8

Scripture: John 2

Memory Selection: The beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.—John 2:11.

John the Baptist

The latter part of Chapter 1 tells briefly of John the Baptist's heralding the coming of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world." (For

a fuller account of John's ministry read Matthew 3; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22.) True to the purpose of the book, John selects that part of John the Baptist's ministry which offered proof that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.

The First Disciples

Jesus' first disciples were two — Andrew, and one who must have been John himself.

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\$45 MILLION—WOW!

By J. S. Larrimore, Pastor
First Church, Tarboro

Rather than exclaim, perhaps it would be better to ask, "Why?" or "What for?" I can see and appreciate the need and the good which can be wrought through Christian education with that much money, even if I cannot comprehend that much money. Being a product of two of our Baptist colleges in the state, I know that a wonderful mark they have made in my life; but I was studying for the ministry. It would have been the same, suppose, if I had studied law, or medicine, or teaching (certain fields); but what if I had wanted to study agriculture, engineering, or electronics? Why could not I study these in a "Christian Baptist atmosphere"? Simply because our schools have been strictly "Liberal Arts colleges" and that without the benefit of a Graduate School in anything but law and medicine.

In other words, if I wanted to study anything other than the Humanities (with a few exceptions), though a *tithing* Baptist who believes in the Cooperative Program, and that magic word, *evangelism* (in whose name "there are more things (done) in heaven and earth, than are dreamt of in your philosophy"), I would be discriminated against.

What I am saying is that we have even strategically located colleges that, instead of ministering only to a portion of Baptist student needs in North Carolina, could specialize, or partially specialize so as to minister to more of these needs.

Just for speculation: Why could not Chowan, for instance, broaden its program of farm machinery and graphic arts to specialize in the mechanical arts? Campbell could become the agriculture college; Meredith, with its close proximity to N. C. State and with the benefit of many of its teachers on a sharing plan, could specialize in the sciences; Gardner-Webb and Mars Hill could benefit a great number as teacher's colleges with literacy extension programs, Wingate could specialize in preparations programs (Pre-Med, Engineering, Law, etc.) and Wake Forest in graduate work.

This is something to think about before we launch a program which, at its best, is strictly a Liberal Arts finger in the dike. I will put up my \$50 or whatever it takes, along with 900,000 other North Carolina Baptists to raise the \$45 million, but I would like to see thorough



THE ROYAL AMBASSADOR CAMP COMMITTEE: (left to right) Clyde L. Davis, State Brotherhood Secretary, Raleigh; the Rev. Marion Parker, Troy; B. W. Jackson, Royal Ambassador Secretary, Raleigh; Dr. Robert Fincher, M.D. (Committee Chairman), High Point; the Rev. Charles Coffey, Kannapolis; and the Rev. Roland Pruitt, Murfreesboro. The other committee member, the Rev. J. P. DuBose of Marion, was unable to attend.

Plans Moving Ahead for RA Camp

Plans for developing the summer boys' camp on an 888-acre site near Asheboro were shaped up when the Royal Ambassador Camp Committee met recently in Raleigh. The committee has spent one year studying needs and trends in camping. Their recommendation that the Asheboro site be purchased won unanimous approval at the Convention meeting in Asheville last month. The committee hopes to purchase the site by February 1, 1961, and development will begin early in 1962.

The Royal Ambassador movement with 25,000 North Carolina boys enrolled is sponsored by the Brotherhood. Many interested laymen have already begun to contribute money toward the \$53,000.00 purchase price.

Tentative plans call for a three-phase camping program to include long-term camping of two five-week periods, organizational camping of 10 one-week periods, and camping to meet special needs. The third phase will be with youth organizations which desire assistance with boys who need specialized counseling.

A unit-type camp is planned with a counselor for each group of 10-12 boys. Every possible effort will be made to give individual attention to every camper. In keeping with better camping methods each boy will receive guidance in character development, Bible study, missionary

consideration given to the Baptist farm boy who wants an agricultural education without having to qualify as a county agent. To me, a Christian farmer with a deep sense of the "Stewardship of the Soil" is just as important as a minister with a deep sense of the "Stewardship of the Dollar."

education, and physical training. Special emphasis will be placed upon the Christian experience in the life of a boy. Each program will meet an age-group need. The camp will provide for 200 boys each week at first and its capacity will gradually be increased to 400 boys per week.

When God Answered "No"

She worked her way through college and the WMU Training School with a single burning ambition. She wanted to be a missionary — to Africa. Her training completed, she applied for appointment. But the physical examination revealed a heart murmur. The Foreign Mission Board said "no." She was almost crushed by disappointment. It seemed that, after calling her into service, God had changed his mind. What else could she think but that God also had said "no"?

Refusing to be embittered, she turned to the next opportunity at hand, teaching school. She taught English, math, Bible, Latin, science — but regardless of the subject, the result was the same. Through the years there emerged from her classes a steady stream of new Christians, won by her influence. Nobody, last of all she, knew how many she won. And along with these also emerged a stream of young people dedicated to Christian service. Not all of them became preachers, but a number did. And there were three overseas missionaries, two to Africa. God really wasn't confused that day when he said "no."

— LOULIE LATIMER OWENS.

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FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS . . .

28 New Missionaries Lift Total to 1,487; English-Speaking Work to Begin in Germany

Twenty-eight missionaries, the largest group in recent years, were appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its December meeting, bringing the appointments for 1960 to 137 and the missionary staff to 1,487.

New missionaries, native states, and fields of service are: Robert C. Covington and Gerry Smith Covington, both of Alabama, appointed for Malaya; T. Eugene Dubberly, Florida, and Carolyn Finch Dubberly, Georgia, for Uruguay; Earl D. Farthing and Lovie Catherine Cashwell Farthing, both of North Carolina, for Japan; Harry A. Goble and Doris Anne Cash Goble, both of North Carolina, for Guam.

Also, Clarence O. Griffin, South Carolina, and Ruth Putnam Griffin, North Carolina, appointed for Indonesia; Jimmie J. Hartfield and Susie Armstrong Hartfield, both of Mississippi, for Mexico; F. B. Huey, Jr., and Nonna Turner Huey, both of Texas, for South Brazil; W. Chandler Lanier, Georgia, and Sallie Cook Lanier, Tennessee, for Israel; Charles L. Miller, Florida, and Roberta Ely Miller, Wisconsin, for the Philippines.

Also, Archie L. Nations, Louisiana,

and Elaine Sheffield Nations, North Carolina, appointed for Japan; Marcus C. Reed and Ruth Caldwell Reed, both of Tennessee, for Israel; Roderick W. Smith and Ruth Anne Gettys Smith, both of South Carolina, for Uruguay; R. W. Terry and Dale Fields Terry, both of Texas, for Ghana; and Guy S. Williamson and Julia Heaton Williamson, both of Georgia, for Mexico.

The two couples assigned to Israel are the first new missionaries for that country since 1957.

The appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Goble for Guam follows the Board's action last month approving the placement of a couple on the island for English-speaking work. They will be associated with a church organized early this year by a Southern Baptist fellowship group.

Requisites for Sustained Advance

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, reported that the Board's goal for missionary appointments in 1961 is 160. "The attainment of this large objective, as well as our long-range objective of having 2,000 missionaries under appoint-



ment by the close of 1964, will call for much prayer, work, and a definite sense of God's leadership," he said.

He then outlined certain requisites for discharging the responsibilities involved in sustained missions advance across the world:

1. *Prayer support.* "The missionary enterprise must go forward upon the prayers of God's people," he said.

2. *An increasing number of mission volunteers.*

3. *Growing financial support.* "The appointment of a large number of missionaries means long-range increased financial responsibility," Dr. Cauthen said.

4. *An accelerated impact on mission fields where we are laboring.* Dr. Cauthen referred to a recent evangelistic crusade in Hong Kong, during which 2,185 persons professed faith in Christ, and a similar effort just closed in the Philippines. He said advance projects in church educational functions are planned for the Orient early in 1961.

5. *A steady entry into new fields.* "It is our responsibility to take the resources placed in our hands and use them as widely over the entire world as they can be extended," Dr. Cauthen said.

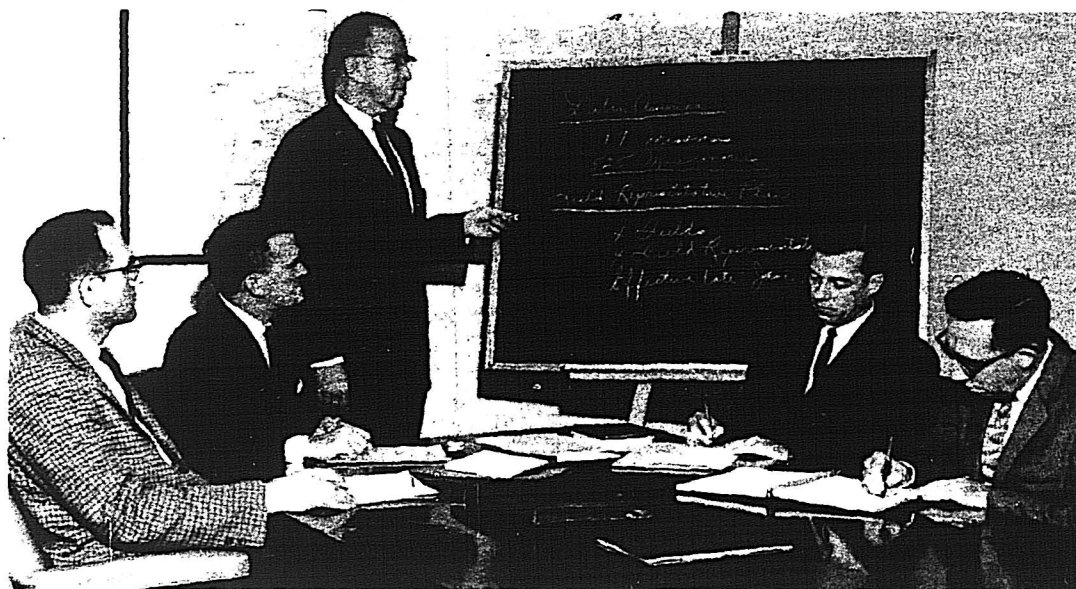
6. *A strengthened organization for carrying the increasing administrative load.* "It is important that we be able to give to mission labor the creative leadership that will result in entering into many fruitful ministries that ought to be extended and strengthening those which are already in operation," he said.

Enlarged Witness Needed in Pakistan

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, who has temporary headquarters in Hong Kong, reported by airmail on a trip which he has just made to Pakistan in order to survey opportunities for an enlarged Southern Baptist witness in that country.

"I found that our missionaries are re-

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DR. FRANK K. MEANS (standing), secretary for Latin America for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, briefs the four field representatives named recently in the Board's program of strengthening administrative arrangements for Latin America: (left to right) the Rev. Horace Victor Davis, for Brazil; the Rev. Charles W. Bryan, for the area made up of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and the Bahamas (and any other mission fields which might be added in the Caribbean area in the future); the Rev. William M. Dyal, Jr., for the area made up of Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay; and the Rev. James D. Crane, for the area made up of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex. Under the new plan, which goes into effect January 1, these four men will stand alongside Dr. Means in a liaison capacity, interpreting Board policy to the Missions (organizations of Southern Baptist missionaries) and the recommendations of the Missions to the Board.

Korea Given \$120 Million by 14 Voluntary Agencies

SEOUL (RNS)—A total of \$119,055,-45 worth of relief supplies were provided by 84 foreign voluntary agencies in Korea for the country's welfare during the past eight years, the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs reported here.

The total included some \$61 million worth of food, \$44 million worth of clothing, \$3.7 million worth of medical supplies and some \$11 million in miscellaneous items.

Contributions from eight agencies exceeded \$1 million each. These were the American Korean Foundation, CARE, Korean Church World Service, Seventh-day Adventist Korean Union Mission, Mennonite Central Committee, Catholic Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Save the Children Fund, and World Relief Commission.

The report covered the period from December 1, 1952, to October 31, 1960. It credited the donations for general relief, child welfare and cultural development with enabling the country to make "enormous progress up to now."



In Apandau, West Berlin, a member of the congregation (right) insisted on helping the young work campers last summer.

Three Little Reindeer

Three little Reindeer
Frolicked on the lawn,
Bells all a-jingle
On white Sty-ro-foam.

They talked to the fir tree
Shining with her light,
Teased the card-board donkey
At the Manger's right.

Whispered to the Angels
Guarding the baby fair,
Knelt by Mother Mary
Saw the Wise Men there.

They ate the mistletoe
Hanging from the door,
Peeked inside the windows
Saw the warm Christmas glow.

Round and round they romped
Till old Santa came to say:
"Hey, boys! there's work to do,
Tomorrow is Christmas Day."

Up to the rooftop they flew
I saw it with my eye,
Bells jingling and a cheery Hi-O,
They vanished in the sky.

— MRS. NELLIE H. MULLIS.

Students to Be Chosen for European Work Camp

One North Carolina college student, preferably a young man, will be chosen the first of February to participate in a European Work Camp this coming summer. The Missions Committee of the North Carolina BSU is seeking to establish communication with any one who meets general qualifications and who has access to resources amounting to approximately \$1,000.

Work Camps will be conducted from late June to the latter part of August in Holland, Denmark, Germany, Sweden and possibly Switzerland. Two Southern Baptist students will participate in each of these camps, for which the arrangements are being made by Baptist leaders in the respective countries working with Mr. William Hall Preston and the Student Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee. The student chosen to represent the North Carolina BSU may request the country in which he prefers to serve. A few days are allowed for touring European countries following the work camps; the American students participating will travel by student boat to Holland and return to New York.

Any church and/or individual interested in sponsoring or contributing toward

the expense of a qualified student, should contact immediately the Department of Student Work, 301 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, or Miss Shirley Brinson, Chairman of the N. C. BSU Missions Committee, Woman's College, Greensboro. Final application and references must be completed by students interested by January 25 in order to be considered.

Any applicant should be at least an upperclassman, who expects to do further study in an institution in North Carolina next school year. He should be emotionally mature and possess a flexibility which will enable him to adjust to difficult situations. His record should indicate extreme interest in church and affiliated organizations and he should possess a willingness to work at all kinds and types of jobs, including physical labor. He should be able to witness to his Christian faith.

Since overseas work camps sponsored by many groups admit only students who can pay their own way, the Missions Committee hopes to find a student who can do so in this instance in order that the N.C. BSU may send summer missionaries to Ghana, West Africa, Illinois, and Alaska, during the summer of 1961.

The First of His Signs

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who in response to John the Baptist's cry, "Behold the Lamb of God," followed Jesus and spent several hours with him in his lodging place. It would be wonderful if we could know what Jesus said to them; what wise answers he gave to eager questions which they asked. Andrew immediately went to find his brother, Simon Peter, and brought him to Jesus. We hear very little about Andrew in the Gospel narratives; each time he is mentioned, he was bringing somebody to Jesus. Perhaps his most fruitful deed was bringing his brother Peter to Christ, the brother who on the day of Pentecost preached such a powerful sermon that 3,000 people believed and were baptized. We are reminded of the shoe salesman who led Dwight L. Moody to the Lord.

Surely John found his own brother James and introduced him to Jesus; Jesus himself sought out Philip, and said, "Follow me." Philip went in search of his friend, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee (see John 21:2), and he, too, followed Jesus.

Jesus, the Joy Bringer

Jesus, the Joy Bringer, the subject of a sermon by Dr. Maclaren about the wedding in Cana of Galilee, is an appropriate alternate title for this lesson. There can be no better proof that the followers of Christ are not long-faced people than this beautiful "sign." "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).

Jesus and the six men who had become his disciples were invited to a wedding in Cana of Galilee, a small, obscure village, quite near Nazareth. Matthew Henry commented: "Christ began to work miracles in an obscure corner of the country, remote from Jerusalem, which was the public scene of action, to show that He sought not honor from men." (See John 5:41.)

Jesus' mother was present, too; and as we read the story we realize that she was very much at home, probably having responsibility as the chairman of the social committee.

Most housekeepers have had the embarrassing experience of having provided some article of food or drink in insufficient quantity for the number of guests or for their appetites, and can sympathize with those responsible when there was no more wine.

Jesus' mother came to her Son and said, simply, "They have no wine," feeling assured that he could and would take care of the situation. After a casual reading, Jesus' reply seems abrupt, if not harsh. "O, woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come" (RSV). But the term "woman" was a term of respect, often used in addressing queens. "My hour" — for putting forth miraculous power — "is not yet come." "Hour" is used in the sense of the appointed time" (Dummelow).

"His reply to Mary was a check for interfering in a matter which was the act of His Godhead which had no dependence on her, and of which she was not the Mother. Though as a man He was David's son and hers, as God He was David's Lord and hers, and He would

have her know it" (Matthew Henry). Dummelow says, "Now that His ministry was actually begun, not even His mother may presume to suggest or control His course of action." (See Matthew 12:46-50.)

Mary understood his reply to her, and realized that when the right time came, he would be ready in some way to relieve the embarrassment; for she did not question him further, but said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you" (RSV).

One is glad for her unconscious and instinctive tribute to Him. For the silent years are very silent, and the veil that cuts us off from them tragically thick. But this confidence of Mary in Him could only have come out of a long experience of one always unselfish and thoughtful and dependable, unfailing and ingenious in helpfulness." (Interpreter's Bible)

When the time came Jesus gave the servants two commands — to fill to the brim the six water pots, holding about 20 gallons each, and "to draw out and carry to the governor of the feast" (probably corresponding to our head waiter). Notice that he used no direct object for draw out — neither water nor wine — but when the liquid reached the governor, it was wine of superior quality. No mysterious gesture did Jesus make, no magic words did he speak, but he willed the water to become wine, and it obeyed. "He who can create the grape can create the wine," for he is the "Ruler of all nature."

The eleventh verse, the memory verse, is the key verse of this lovely story. "This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him."

The glory of his Messiahship had been hidden, but now that the right time had come, it was "manifested," and the faith that the disciples had shown in following Jesus was strengthened, and they put their trust in him.

By his presence at the wedding Jesus sanctified marriage forever and put his seal of approval on the happy fellowship of social life. If all our social gatherings had him present as an invited Guest, how glorious they would be!

The Japanese Christians use every occasion for a social meeting — for welcome, for farewells, for picnics. There is always wholesome fun, and simple refreshments, and truly "a



And, lo, the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people — (St. Luke 2:10)

For nineteen centuries uncounted generations have been repeating the glad tidings of the Child born in Bethlehem. Yet the message remains always new, always joyful . . . ever more welcome in the troubled world of mankind.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO CHRISTMAS

Dear Lord, hear my prayer for those who have no Christmas. . . . For the darkened millions who go to bed hungry tonight and all the nights; For the children in whose homes the candles have been put out by war, and pestilence, and fear; For boys and girls whose hands press against store windows while their eyes devour the glories they can never touch; For those whose hearts are torn by hate, twisted by prejudice, crippled by narrowness and pride; For those who have no Christmas this day, Christ of deathless love, let Thy presence come with joy and healing in its wings.

—PERCY R. HAYWARD.

good time is had by all." The most impressive feature is this — every party begins with a brief devotional service, hymns, prayers, Scripture; every party closes with a period of worship.

Origen of Alexandria, an early theologian, writer, and teacher, wrote: "Before Jesus, the Scripture was water, but from the time of Jesus it has become wine for us."

"Dear Friend, whose presence in the house, Whose gracious word benign, Could once, at Cana's wedding feast Change water into wine, Come, visit us and when dull work Grows weary, line on line, Revive our souls, and let us see Life's water turned to wine."

(James Freeman Clarke).

See the Middle East

and Holy Land with a Maupintour group.

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Holy Christmas

May you enjoy a peace-full celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace. We are grateful for your year-round interest in the sharing of the "good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

At this holy Christmas season, may your eyes see more clearly the pitiable plight of the millions who do not know that Jesus came to "save his people from their sins." May your heart be filled with the peace which passeth all understanding. Let the love of Christ constrain you to more diligently and effectively share this peace with the multitudes the world around, at Christmas and always.



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OUR READERS WRITE

NO "AGING" IN HOMES

TO THE EDITOR:

We have done a mighty fine thing in establishing homes (and nice ones, too, I can say) for our older friends. I believe we can do even better by them if when we speak or write about the homes or the residents of the homes; that we simply say or write "Our Baptist Home, Inc." or "Homes" as the case may be. That way we can leave off the word "aging." To be sure, it makes no one older or younger to say or write "aging"; however, it does have a negative connotation. I don't believe that I would like to give my address as a "Home for the Aging." (Although, actually all of our homes are just that, for we too are growing older.) At one time we said "Orphan's Homes" or "Orphanage"; now we usually say "Our Children's Home." That seems better to me, and I think that we show more kindness to the children we are helping. So here is one vote for calling our homes, "Baptist Homes" or "Baptist Homes, Inc." This is from one who, as you have guessed, is not so young.

MARY LILLY MILLER
Route 2
Albemarle

SPIRIT AT CHOWAN COLLEGE

TO THE EDITOR:

A good friend of mine whose only son took his college training at Chowan spoke to me the other day about this son. He has accepted work a little less than 100 miles from home, placed his church membership in the Baptist church of this new community, has accepted office in the young people's work of his new church, and is going on with his Christian service in a way that reflects credit on him, on the home from which he came, and on the school where he took his training.

I have no doubt that this case could be duplicated many times over from all our Baptist schools, but this is a concrete case that was brought to my attention in a very incidental way. May the product of these schools go out into our awfully disturbed world to carry the life-giving spirit of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord!

W. R. CULLOM
Wake Forest, N. C.

CHRISTIAN CONSISTENCY

TO THE EDITOR:

In the world of Christianity today many times a Christian must make a decision between what is "good" and what is "best." Our world is larger, though scientifically smaller. It would seem the quality most often found lacking in Christians is consistency. In our support of the program at the church of our choice, we fail to realize we first need the strength to be gained in attendance. Also, the church needs the strength we can give through our support. This is all true enough; however, what of the Christian who is well enough to work on Saturday but, when the pastor calls on Monday to "visit the sick in his flock" due to their Sunday absence, he finds them again at their daily task?

Many times Christianity demands the sup-



"M" NIGHT, ANSON ASSOCIATION—Conferring before the program began are three important people connected with the Anson "M" Night meeting. Left to right, they are: the Rev. Ben Fisher of Southeastern Seminary; Paul Sessions, associational Training Union director; and the host pastor, the Rev. George Simmons of Wadesboro First Church. There were 279 in attendance.

port of our immediate interests and, seemingly, obstacles are there for other church-sponsored meetings. Is it true that our Lord would like us to be on a committee and, if we serve at all, do so without the total church program in view? Each phase of the organization is important but still only a small "link" in the chain toward the ultimate goal of winning souls. Many pastors will say, when questioned, that every born-again Christian's lack of consistency is frequently a wrong example for those in the world to be won to the Lord.

Let us think of our lives, of our responsibilities, of our response to these responsibilities. Have we been living a consistent Christian life?

Yes, Christian consistency is a choice between what is "good" and what is "best"—a choice each one of us makes daily.

MRS. T. J. FULK
Fayetteville

COMMENDS "RECORDER"

TO THE EDITOR:

The Adult Union of Silver Lake Baptist Church wishes to express its appreciation of our Baptist Paper for the part it plays in promoting our Baptist cause.

In our union recently we had a discussion about the role the state paper plays in the life of our denomination, and decided that we should let you know that we read and appreciate your work very much. We're proud of the fact that this paper is included in our church budget, thus providing each family with its copy of BIBLICAL RECORDER each week.

Keep up the good work and thanks again for giving us new goals to reach and opening new horizons for us to conquer.

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GOD'S CHILD

I am God's child! A thought to bless and cheer me!
For He who reigns supreme on Heaven's throne
At the same time will be forever near me,
I need not tread the pilgrim path alone.

I am Gods' child! No matter what betide me
Of grief, uncertainty, or pain, or care,
I know that, with my Father close beside me

No burden is too great for me to bear.

—Edith Earnshaw.

Wake Forest.

Dr. Poling Endorses Catholic Bishops' Film Protest

NEW YORK (RNS)—Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of *Christian Herald*, non-denominational Protestant monthly, endorsed a plea made by a Roman Catholic bishops' committee for a nation-wide protest against morally objectionable films.

In an editorial prepared for the *Herald's* February issue, Dr. Poling declared: "We think it is high time that Protestants, Catholics and Jews, that indeed men and women of goodwill without regard to faith, get together in a positive program to support the every day decencies of American life and against Hollywood's steadily growing output of objectionable pictures."

The Catholic Episcopal Committee for Motion Pictures, Radio and Television had reported that immoral films had increased in volume from 14.59 per cent in 1959 to 24.33 per cent in 1960.

In rebuttal to the bishops' report, a spokesman for Eric Johnston's Motion Picture Association of America said, "We do not agree that Hollywood has made a 'bold and unprecedented' departure from previously accepted moral standards."

Dr. Poling, however, stressed in his editorial, "We do agree. We agree completely with the findings of this Catholic committee."

"The statement of the committee," the Protestant editor said, "is not an overstatement. In truth, it could have said much more than it did say. But it exercised a certain commendable restraint."

Foreign Mission Board Reports

(Continued from page 12)

giving a hearing that is most encouraging," he said. "At Comilla I preached to about 30 people, mostly nonbelievers, in an English-language service. Out from Comilla I went with a missionary and some laymen of the Comilla Baptist Church to a village where people of Hindu background welcomed us and listened attentively as one of the laymen explained the central truths of the gospel.

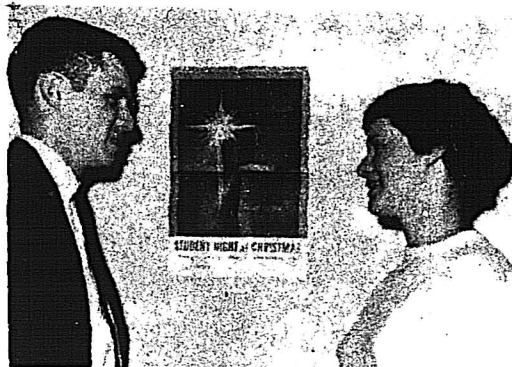
"The Kushtia district northwest of Faridpur has probably 1,000,000 people, and the only Protestant of evangelical missionaries are two Anglican nurses. The city of Chittagong in the southeastern part of East Pakistan is the second largest city in that half of Pakistan. It has perhaps half a million people. A recent directory of Christian work in East Pakistan indicates about 250 Christians in Chittagong. Surely Southern Baptists should look toward locating missionaries there soon."

Dr. Crawley and Missionary James F. McKinley, Jr., visited a district of 2,000,000 people in East Pakistan where there are no Protestant or evangelical missionaries at all.

Then Dr. Crawley and the missionary went to the railroad station to catch a train to another town. There, a man with something in his eye turned in a very friendly and trusting way to Mr. McKinley to get it out. The man was the government official the missionary wanted to see. For the next 45 minutes he talked enthusiastically, telling about a recent six-month stay in the United States, commenting on the friendliness and hospitality of the American people, and indicating his hope that Pakistan can follow the example of America in many ways. "We could not help thinking how good it is that Americans were courteous and friendly to this Pakistani when he was in our homeland," commented Dr. Crawley.

Board Votes to Station Missionaries in Germany

Upon invitations from the German Baptist Union and the Association of Baptists in Continental Europe, the Foreign Mission Board voted to place a missionary couple in Germany for the purpose of assisting the development of



STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS—Charles Duke, N. C. State College student from Canton, and Judy Bullard, Meredith student from Baltimore, Md., formerly of Raleigh, are shown as they discuss the forthcoming Student Night at Christmas theme, "Found Faithful." The event will be observed on Christmas Day by thousands of churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Some churches, however, will choose December 18, January 1, or a mid-week service.

English-speaking churches. "It is believed that this couple can serve a very useful purpose, not only in connection with the English-speaking churches, but also as fraternal representatives of the Foreign Mission Board among the German-speaking churches," Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the near East, said in his report to the Board.

Underscoring this belief, he pointed to the "remarkable success" of the Rev. and Mrs. Jack D. Hancox in English-speaking Baptist work in France, which now includes two churches and a third congregation scheduled to become a church soon.

With respect to Africa, Dr. Goerner told the Board that full-time publication work is being established in Nairobi, Kenya, for the mission program in East Africa and in Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, for that in Central Africa.

As far as personnel needs are concerned, he said that with the appointment of two couples for Israel at the December meeting of the Board "the dubious honor" of being in the top position on the priority list in his area now goes to Ghana. The need for medical personnel is particularly critical, he said, with that for evangelistic and educational workers being almost as bad.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Mrs. Lucile O'Brian Carpenter, late of Wake County, this is to notify all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment to me; and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same to me on or before November 26, 1961, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. This November 26, 1960.

L. L. CARPENTER, Executor
3203 Ruffin Street
Raleigh, N. C.

11-26, 12-3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

Basis for Christmas

By John Baillie

The happiness we look forward to enjoying at Christmas is not really a happiness that is complete within itself; it is a derived and dependent happiness. The spiritual climate of the Christian family circle is not susceptible of any merely humanistic explanation. Every good historian knows that it came into being only as the reflex of a tremendous belief about a transcendent world.

There would be no Christian family circle for us had there not first been the circle of the Holy Family — the Heavenly Father sending his only-begotten and well-beloved Son to redeem us from our sins and the Son consenting in obedience and love to come as a human child in the Blessed Virgin's arms.

And again, how much charity would there be among us this Christmastide towards the poor and oppressed if the Son had not said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me?"

The Christian family owes its special atmosphere to the fact that from the beginning it was not conceived as a merely earthly circle, but has always included a Father in heaven and an Elder Brother, "unseen but not unknown." Christian charity owes its distinguishing character to the special nature of its motive: the thought of what God has done for us in Christ spurring us on to do all that in us lies for these our brothers for whom Christ died. How long is either of these blessed things likely to survive its severance from its original source?

Let us then wish one another not only a Christmas of Druid merriment, nor yet only one of family happiness, but above all a Christmas blessed by remembrance of the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

— From *Christianity and Crisis*.

In Memoriam

D. F. EDWARDS

It is with love, respect and appreciation that we pay our respect for the life of our departed brother, whom the Lord called to his rest on November 10, 1960, at the age of 86.

All who knew him, and especially those who were closely associated with him in the church, shall be eternally grateful for his Christian life, which was an example of love and devotion for his Lord and his fellowman of the highest type.

Brother Edwards was a devoted deacon for 63 years, and was an active deacon when he passed away. The members of Lake Forest Baptist Church are deeply aware of the loss of this dedicated man of God.

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No one can harm you except yourself.
—MAHATMA GANDHI.

N "STUDIES IN FIRST CORINTHIANS" BY DR. BERQUIST . . .

M Bible Study Week Is January 2-6

nij Hundreds of churches throughout the
E. state will observe Bible Study Week early
cu in January, with many churches using
co January 2-6, the suggested week.

Dr The study suggested is "Studies in First
W Corinthians" by Dr. Millard J. Berquist,
ci president of Midwestern Seminary, Kan-
pr sas City, Mo. He writes out of experiences
as student, pastor, teacher and adminis-
M trator which qualify him to interpret the
fo problems of the Corinthians and their
ga counterparts in churches today.

cu Last year Bible Study Week was ob-
of served by some 14,500 churches in the
m Southern Baptist Convention. It is ex-
pected that more than 15,000 churches
sti will engage over 300,000 persons in the
ck January study this year. This study will
of introduce the Baptist Jubilee Advance
year of emphasis on stewardship and en-
listment.

O Dr. Berquist says: "Paul sees no in-
AG consistency between the doctrine of the
N resurrection and the doctrine of steward-
ship. He makes no apologies for urging
the churches to give. We do ourselves,
our churches, our convention, the king-
dom itself great harm when we timidly
refrain from teaching and preaching
stewardship or from mentioning money.
There is no surer evidence that the risen,
living Lord dwells in a man's heart than
an eager desire to be a faithful steward
of money."

A new feature of the January Bible
Study Week in 1961 is the provision of
a book for Intermediates and one for
Juniors. The Intermediates will study
"Hymns We Sing" while the Junior book
is entitled "Before Jesus Came."

A filmstrip, "Unity Through Love," has
been prepared to enrich the use of Dr.
Berquist's book. It demonstrates visually
the environment and problems of the

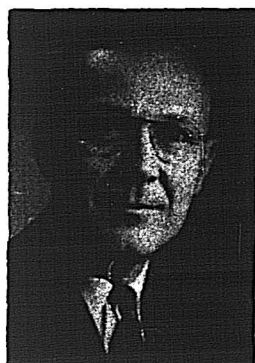
"M" NIGHT IN NEUSE ASSOCIATION

Adamsville, one of the newer churches
of the association, won the attendance
banner at "M Night" for the Neuse As-
sociation at Kinston, Dec. 5. There were
18 churches represented. Pastor Waldo
Early of Adamsville is also associational
Training Union promotional director.
C. W. Bazemore of the BIBLICAL RE-
CORDER brought the message. There are
20 Training Unions in the Neuse, with
more than 1,800 enrolled.

Christians of Corinth and highlights the
13th chapter of First Corinthians, the
"love chapter." The 50-frame filmstrip
can be purchased through the Baptist
Book Stores for \$5.

ETERNAL PRINCIPLES

What are some of the pitfalls
which beset a church with a number
of spiritually immature members
who must be taught how to apply
Christianity to their own lives in the
midst of a corrupt social order? Such
was the situation in Corinth. Such



is the situa-
tion in many
churches to-
day. The spe-
cific circum-
stances differ;
the principles
involved are
the same.

In his letter
to the Corin-
thian church,

Paul deals with such matters as
disunity, intellectual pride, sensual-
ism, perversion of the marriage rela-
tionship, misuse of Christian liberty,
impropriety in public worship, the
abuse of the Lord's Supper, the mis-
use of spiritual gifts and wrong con-
cepts about the resurrection . . .

First Corinthians is without ques-
tion one of Paul's foremost writings.
. . . It deals with localized problems
of church conduct and discipline in
such a way that eternal principles,
applicable to all ages, emerge.

—MILLARD J. BERQUIST.

Lloyd F. Jackson, Jr., Ordained

Lloyd F. Jackson, Jr., who grew up in
the First Church, Jacksonville, was re-
cently ordained to the gospel ministry in
his home church. Dr. E. Norfleet Gar-
ner preached the ordination sermon and
Dr. Luther Copeland of Southeastern
Seminary gave the charge to the candi-
date. Dr. Millard R. Brown, pastor of
the church, led the ordination prayer. A
Bible, properly inscribed, was presented
to Mr. Jackson by the church. He is now
serving a church in South Carolina.

Baptists Using \$10,000 For Miami Latin Relief

Needy Latin Americans in Miami,
fleeing turbulent conditions at home,
will receive \$10,000 in relief from
the Home Mission Board. More than
300 Latin Americans reach Miami
each week and the Spanish popula-
tion has jumped from 60,000 five
years ago to 135,000 today, accord-
ing to HMB Secretary Courts Redford.
Central Church of Miami has of-
fered a building and most of the
\$10,000 will go directly into food
and supplies. The funds will be ad-
ministered by the Miami Association.
Dr. Redford emphasized that this
was not a permanent relief or mis-
sion center. He said that if neces-
sary additional workers would be
transferred to Miami for the emer-
gency. (BP)

AT CHARLOTTE FIRST . . .

Religious Drama Festival Scheduled January 26-28

A religious drama festival will be held
in the First Church, Charlotte, January
26-28. It will be jointly sponsored by
the Church Recreation Service, Baptist
Sunday School Board, and the Training
Union departments of North and South
Carolina. Cecil McGee of Nashville
Tenn., is director, and local plans are
being co-ordinated, by James Ivey, edu-
cational director of the host church.

The purpose of the festival is to ac-
quaint churches with the value of drama
as an unexcelled method of presenting
truth, according to McGee. Five one-act
plays will be presented, and personalities
in the field of drama will lead practical
discussions and present demonstrations.

In addition to McGee, program per-
sonalities include Mrs. Sarah Miller,
Houston, Tex, drama consultant for the
Church Recreation service, and Dr.
Charles McGlon of Southern Seminary,
Louisville. Plays will be presented by the
First churches of Asheville, Shelby, and
Kannapolis, and by Mars Hill College.

A limited number of rooms will be
provided for out-of-town guests by the
churches of Charlotte. Reservations
should be requested from James Ivey,
First Baptist Church, Charlotte.

"Without the lamp of faith lifted high,
the most talented man stumbles in the
dark, often to die there."

LIFE IN CHURCHES . . .

Family Mission Night At Memorial Church

Folks in the Memorial Church, Wil-
mington, are still talking about the
Church-Wide Family Mission Night
which attracted 220 people. This was the
first event of this type and many hours
of prayer, preparation and planning paid
off, according to the pastor, the Rev.
Gordon Conklin. "The spirit of our peo-
ple showed that this evening was destined
to be long remembered in the minds of
those who came," he said. The idea of
such a night evolved from a growing
need to enlarge mission education be-
yond the WMU, the pastor continued.
So it was that the Brotherhood and the
WMU borrowed the idea of having the
families of the church come together for
supper and then each group meet to
study their respective foreign mission
book. The nursery was staffed for the
very young; the Sunbeams attracted those
from four through eight years while the
Junior GA's and RA's had their class
together — likewise the Intermediate
GA's and YWA's. Classes for the adults
were planned as a tour of Latin America.
It is believed that the results of this
mission emphasis will show itself in the
increased giving of our people to the Lot-
te Moon Offering," Pastor Conklin pre-
dicted.

The First Church, Norwood, is planning
a new sanctuary and educational build-
ing to cost an estimated \$268,750. The
congregation has approved plans sub-
mitted by the building committee for an
auditorium seating 600 and a two-story
educational building to take care of the
same number. It is hoped construction
will start in the early spring. The Rev.
G. L. Hocutt is pastor of the church, and
Dr. W. L. McLeod is chairman of the
building committee.

Principal project for the coming year
at Hefner Memorial Church, Blue Ridge
Association, is the development of a two-
acre cemetery site, given to the church
by the McCall heirs and Mrs. Pearl
Stamey.

This year the Woman's Missionary
Union of First Church, Spruce Pine, is an
Honor WMU for the first time, with the
WMS and each of the other organiza-
tions achieving the objectives for an
Honor organization. Officers in the or-
ganization are: Mrs. Lloyd Bryson, WMS
president; Mrs. Bruce Autrey, YWA di-
rector; Mrs. G. B. Sproles, YWA coun-



MEREDITH FRESHMAN OFFICERS, elected by the newest class on the campus, are
shown as they sat in executive session, considering how many buses it would take to carry 250
freshmen caroling over the city of Raleigh, on Friday night, December 16. Following a tradition
of 62 years, observed by the entire Meredith student body, those midnight carolers sang on the
eve of their Christmas holidays.

The students left the college at noon on Saturday, not to return until the year 1961 has rung
itself in. From the left, the freshman officers are Betty Godwin, Greensboro, treasurer; Ellen
Mackintosh, Raleigh, vice-president; Carol Reams, Warrenton, secretary; Joyce Ellen Stainback,
New Bern, president; and Meredith Clifton, Charlotte, representative to the Student Government
Association on the campus.

selor; Mrs. R. M. Cassity, GA director;
Mrs. Ruth Hollifield and Mrs. Lloyd
Black, Junior GA counselors; Mrs. Ar-
thur Uphold and Mrs. Lewis Sparks, In-
termediate GA counselors; Mrs. Robert
Curtis, Sunbeam director; Mrs. Charles
Grandstaff, Mrs. Max Gouge, and Mrs.
Kyle Thompson, Sunbeam leaders; and
Mrs. Hugh Dellinger, Mrs. Albert Dun-
can, Mrs. Sam Phillips, and Mrs. Glen
Buchanan, WMS circle leaders.

Mt. Carmel Church took the banner at
the Montgomery Association "M" Night,

Dec. 5, with 78 members present. Average
Training Union attendance at Mt. Carmel
during November was 93, according to
Don Morris, director. Sunday school,
Homer Hunsucker, superintendent, also
had good attendance in November, with
average of 166. On Nov. 27 David Coble,
one of the outstanding young men of the
church, was licensed to preach. This year
Mt. Carmel voted to give to the Coopera-
tive Program on a percentage basis. The
Rev. W. M. Helms is pastor.

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A true Shepherd came in the days when the sheep were astray in the desert and mountains.

A great Healer came in the days when the lepers cried

"unclean, unclean" and many were sick in body and mind.

A Saviour came when men were lost in sin.

A Redeemer came when men were afraid of death.

A God came to live among men when men thought their gods were dead.

—Adapted.

THANKS TO PERSISTENT WORK OF DAVID ROBERTS...

Every Church in French Broad Assn. Gave Through Cooperative Program in Past Year

By Earle L. Bradley

There are 45 churches in the French Broad Association. This association is in the western part of our state and stretches to the Tennessee border.

For years David Roberts, field director, has worked with these churches located in the valleys and coves and high on the mountain tops. He has won the confidence of pastors and people alike. For the first time in the history of this association, every church has given through the Cooperative Program in 1960.

This achievement has not been easy. For years David has prayed, talked and visited with these churches trying to explain to them the work of the Kingdom and how they can have a part. Often he has been disappointed, discouraged and carried a heavy heart, but he never gave up. Now the churches are responding.

Recently David visited a church in a

remote area which has a part-time preacher. On this particular Sunday the pastor was present and asked David to say a word. Proudly, boldly, and without apology he presented the Cooperative Program. The pastor was misinformed as to the purpose of this Program and so informed the people but added, "If Brother Roberts wants an offering, I think we should take it."

They took an offering for the Cooperative Program and then took an offering for the pastor. The pastor inquired as to the amount of the offerings and when he learned that the amount was the same for each offering he said to the treasurer, "The total amount goes through the Cooperative Program."

We believe that if we continue to pray, teach, and inform the people that they will respond. It would be wonderful, not for the Convention, but for the Kingdom of God, if all our churches would channel a portion of their offerings through the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM for WORLD MISSIONS.

Talking with a friend is nothing else but thinking aloud. — ADDISON.

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"I've been too busy to do any sewing, so I thought he could just wear his old Halloween costume!"

A police car stopped a motorist and informed the driver that his wife fell out of the car a mile back. "Thank heaven!" exclaimed the motorist. "I thought I turned deaf."

POET: Have you an opening for a poet of real genius?

EDITOR: Certainly. We have several doors and any number of windows.

OLD GENTLEMAN: What's the matter, little boy, are you lost?

LITTLE BOY: Yes, I am. I might have known better'n to come out with grandma. She's always losing somethin'.

"It was so cold where we were," boasted the Arctic explorer, "that the candle froze and we couldn't blow it out."

"That's nothing," said his rival. "Where we were the words came out of our mouths in pieces of ice and we had to fry them to see what we were talking about."

"But let me tell you," said one, "I'm boss at my home. Last night I found there was no hot water. So I raised the roof. Believe me, I got hot water, too — and in a hurry!"

There was a pause. Then he added, "I hate to wash dishes in cold water, don't you?"

The Recorder "Honor Roll of Churches"

On the "Honor Roll" are churches that subscribed to the RECORDER on the Every-family Plan. On October 8 a list of the churches beginning with the Alexander Association and ending with the Cabarrus Association was published. Those listed today begin with churches the Caldwell Association.

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Carolina		
Dear Wallow, No pastor now.....		12
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MEET YOUR STATE BROTHERHOOD OFFICERS . . .

A. Eugene Warren, Christian Witness Leader

A former Air Force jet fighter pilot is Christian Witness Leader for the State Brotherhood Conference.

Eugene Warren was born in Danville, Kentucky. He is the son of Dr. C. C. Warren, director of the 30,000 Movement, and the late Mrs. Warren.

Eugene is a graduate of Central High School of Charlotte, Mars Hill College, and the School of Design, North Carolina State College, where he earned the degree of Bachelor of Architecture.

He is a partner in the firm of Wilber, Kendrick, Workman, and Warren, Architects, which is located in Charlotte and specializes in church architecture.

At First Baptist Church in Charlotte, Eugene is serving as deacon, Brotherhood president, Sunday school teacher, and Training Union chorister. In civic work he is a member of the Charlotte Exchange Club, secretary of the Lions Club, and section chairman of the United Appeal.

Mrs. Warren is the former Miss Annie Louise Lee of Shelby. They have a two-year-old son, Daniel Eugene Warren.



U. S. THREATENED BY CHARACTER DETERIORATION

SAN FRANCISCO (RNS)—The chief source of danger of the United States is not Communism but a deterioration of character from within, the retiring president of the National Council of Churches said here.

Speaking to the council's Division of Christian Education assembly, Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, St. Louis, Mo., cited FBI statistics that the nation's crime bill for the first six months of 1960 increased 9 per cent over the corresponding period in 1959.

"For every dollar spent on religion, \$9 was spent on crime," he said. "We had 70 per cent more crime in 1959 than in 1940, and an increase of 128 per cent in serious crimes."

Dr. Dahlberg said police power by itself cannot do the job of cutting down the nation's crime rate.

"Something must happen to the inner life of the nation, so that there will be nothing less than a new birth, a change of heart, a transformation of soul and

character," he said. "Here is where the mission of the Church comes in, through its evangelistic message and its resources of religious education and character training . . .

"By introducing into a child's educational diet the elements of worship and prayer, faith in God and love for Jesus Christ and his fellow men, we thus develop within him a certain moral and spiritual immunity by which the temptation of crime and indecency have no power over him."

The real reason for Christian education, he continued, "is not to fight a national crime wave but to enrich the lives of the younger generation."

"Battling crime and Communism and the other evils of the time is a very negative use of religion," he said. "The real purpose of our Christian teaching is that our boys and girls might have the joy of knowing God, and the abundant life which Christ can inspire."

"Are you willing to be a fool for Christ? Then you must believe when others doubt; hope when others despair; stand up when others sit down; dare when others tremble; endure when others quit; and hold on when others let go."—PERRY F. WEBB.

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Activities in the Churches

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After two years as a mission of the East Hickory Church, **Woodlawn Church** in Conover was formally constituted December 11. The Rev. Carl H. Lee, who has served as mission pastor, was called as the church's full-time pastor. He came to Conover 13 months ago from Fort Worth, Texas. Under his leadership, the congregation has held regular services with a full church program in the Conover Graded School building.

The church already has 98 charter members and it was voted to extend the time for receiving charter members through January 29, 1961.

East Hickory's pastor, the Rev. T. W. Nelson, presided at the organizational service. The inspirational message was brought by Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte. The new church is one of 30,000 which Southern Baptists hope to organize by 1964.

Recently **Eastside Church, Shelby**, recognized several members for long records of Sunday school attendance. Superintendent L. E. Blanton presented perfect attendance pins to Mrs. Y. V. Weaver, 14 years; Mrs. P. P. Stubbs, 13 years; and Roscoe Morgan, seven years.

The **Minneapolis Church** in the Avery Association was completely destroyed by fire recently with all the contents, including pews, Bibles and hymnals, being lost. According to R. T. Lewis, treasurer of the church, the total loss will exceed \$15,000. Estimates on the cost of rebuilding range as high as \$25,000, but the small church with only 150 members hopes to

rebuild in the spring. Mr. Lewis says that the church will appreciate any donations from sister churches as "it seems almost impossible for our folks to raise this amount." He said the church had \$6,000 insurance which will help in the rebuilding program.

Stedman Church, New South River Association, reports a good revival with Dr. E. W. Price, Jr., of High Point as guest evangelist. Decisions were made every night with 12 candidates for baptism and two additions by letter. There were many rededications and one lady surrendered her life for Christian service, according to the pastor, Fred G. Culler. Other recent highlights at Stedman: During the fall months, Sunday school attendance averaged 168 or 92 per cent of enrollment. . . . The Church is now in the midst of its stewardship campaign. . . . A Training Union enlargement campaign resulted in 45 people earning awards. . . . At rally day and homecoming, the total offering came to \$2,328.05. Speaker for the morning service was Dr. Francis S. Chesson of Burgaw.

RECORD "M" NIGHT ATTENDANCE FORECAST BY MAINES RAWLS

With 808 associations reporting, attendance at "M" Night throughout the SBC is 422,748, according to R. Maines Rawls, of Nashville, director of associational work in the Sunday School Board's Training Union Department. Rawls expects the final report from 1,100 associations to boost the attendance to 525,000 which will surpass last year's record attendance of 473,978.

FROM THE STAFF OF THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

TO EVERY CHURCH AND EACH MEMBER—A PRAYERFUL WISH FOR THE MOST BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON EVER.

DOUGLAS M. BRANCH
FOR THE STAFF



JACKSONS HONORED AT ERWIN—Before the Rev. and Mrs. Colon Jackson left Erwin for Mr. Jackson's new pastorate at Sunset Park Church, Wilmington, they were presented a silver service and silver candelabra by the members of the First Church, Erwin. Floyd Glover (second from left), chairman of the Board of Deacons, and Ellis Barbour are shown presenting the gifts on behalf of the church members. In addition, the Brotherhood of the Erwin church presented Mr. Jackson suit, shoes, shirt, and tie.

CHANGES IN THE CHURCHES Neils Larsen Going to Central, Spruce Pine

NEILS H. LARSEN has accepted the pastorate of Central Church, Spruce Pine, going from the Ridgecrest Church at Ridgecrest.

O. J. MORGAN, formerly pastor of Central Church, Rowan Association, has gone to new work in Orlando, Florida.

BOBBY D. GRAHAM recently became pastor of the Long Shoals Church, Rt. 1, Arden in Buncombe Association.

EARL PAYNE, former pastor of Cold Springs Church, Bryson City, and a recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary, has accepted the pastorate of Gladly Branch Church, Transylvania Association.

T. J. FULK, pastor of Trinity Church, Fayetteville, for the past 11 years, has accepted a call to First Church, Lake View, S. C., effective January 1. Since April, 1949, Pastor Fulk has led the growth of Trinity from 198 to its present membership of about 1,000, with 610 baptisms and 837 additions by letter. He has served also as chaplain of the Fayetteville police department and as chaplain of the Cumberland County unit of the State Highway Patrol. Trinity Church has contributed \$83,531 to missions during the 11-year period.

HAROLD LEE ALEXANDER of Norfolk, Va. has begun his work as pastor at Benson where he succeeds **H. O. LANNING**, pastor for the past eight years, who resigned to accept a call to a church in Havana, Fla. Serving as interim pastor was Dr. Elmo Scoggins of Southeastern Seminary.

The First Church of Erwin has called **EDWIN YOUNG** to serve as interim pastor until a regular pastor is secured. Mr. Young is a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi Southern College. At present he is a senior at Southeastern Seminary. He has served as assistant pastor of the Ardmore Church in Winston-Salem.

JOHN C. GRANT is the new pastor at Lakewood in Durham, coming from a pastorate in Halifax County, Va. A native of Alabama, he is a graduate of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., and Southeastern Seminary.

Dr. Huyck Comes to Lumberton January 1

Dr. A. Warren Huyck will begin his pastorate at the First Church, Lumberton, January 1, coming from First Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., where he has served since June, 1953.

A native of Wisconsin, he was educated at Shurtleff College in Illinois and at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Georgetown College in Kentucky conferred an honorary D.D. degree on him several years ago, and he also has the distinction of being a "Kentucky Colonel." Before going to Florida, he had served pastorates in Kentucky and Georgia.

Dr. Huyck has served on numerous boards and committees, having been a trustee of Southwestern Seminary and a member of the Sunday School Board. At one time he served as vice-president of the Georgia Baptist Convention.



Dr. Huyck

N. C. Leads in Seminary Extension Centers

Seminary extension work in North Carolina now includes 20 centers, with enrollment of 529 students—160 ministers, 176 laymen, and 193 women, many of the latter being pastors' wives. Five new extension centers will open in January, 1961. These figures include the first area extension service set up in North Carolina, with the Rev. Alton Morris of Murphy as director.

North Carolina now leads all states of the Southern Baptist Convention area in the number and extent of such extension centers. The field director for the North Carolina area is the Rev. Frank R. Koger of Gastonia.

The oriental shepherd was always ahead of his sheep. He was down in front. Any attack upon them had to take him into account. Now God is down in front. He is in the tomorrows. It is tomorrow that fills men with dread. God is there already. All the tomorrows of our life have to pass Him before they can get to us. — F. B. MEYER, *Christian Observer*.



"OUTREACH FOR THE UNREACHED" IS THEME—Much advance effort in promotion, mailing of literature, and advertising stands back of the Sunday School Department's emphasis for 1961. Already on the job with correlating materials, the department had an excellent exhibit at the November sessions of the State Convention, and here the camera caught one of the workers, Mrs. Wilma Auman, giving timely literature about the Sunday school's outreach to Pastor G. Hanford Hamby of White Rock Church who, like many others, took some of the printed materials home to study.

The 1961 theme for the over-all Southern Baptist emphasis is "Evangelism through Stewardship and Enlistment." Kinston First Church will be host January 9-13 to the statewide Leadership Clinic, where 20 classes will be conducted daily and each evening for every administrative and teaching group in Sunday school work.

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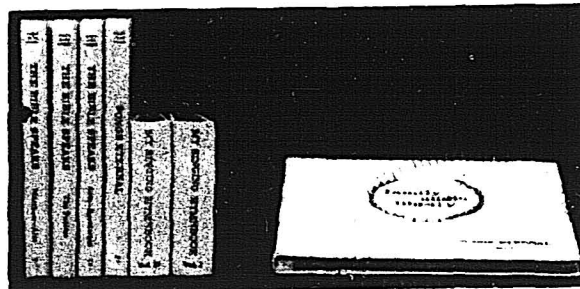
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