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Time Features Southern Baptists

The entire Religion section of *Time* magazine (issue of October 17) is devoted to "The Southern Baptists." As writeups in national magazines go, this one is fairly complimentary, although it errs in spots (such as using the term, "Southern Baptist Conference" instead of Southern Baptist Convention). Pictures of Drs. Ramsey Pollard, J. D. Grey, Carlyle Marney, Theodore F. Adams and W. A. Criswell appear, along with thumbnail sketches of each. The article begins with a quotation from an Episcopal bishop who said: "There ought to be but three Christian denominations in the world. The Roman Catholics standing on one side for the authority of the church and the Baptists standing on the other side for the authority of the Bible. The other denominations should be united, for the difference between them is that between Tweedledum and Tweedledee." The article does not dwell on the current "issue" but gets into a comprehensive picture of what Southern Baptists are doing today. It ends with a quotation from the *Christian Century* which states that the "convention's greatest resource is in its well-trained young lay and clerical leadership." The *Time* story is well worth reading and if you are impressed with it, a note to the *Time* editors would not hurt the Southern Baptist cause one bit.

Julian Scheer, popular columnist and reporter of the "Charlotte News," had this item in his column last week: "Reported to us this week—a man handing out hate literature. What was it? A Billy Graham pamphlet. Just shows you how things get around."

The *RECORDER* is receiving more "letters to the editor" than can be printed, especially in reply to the letter published in the Oct. 8 issue by the Rev. W. W. Finlator of Raleigh. This week's issue will complete the letters on this particular episode. Reaction was strong and actually some of the letters would have not been published even if there had been sufficient space. Baptists are a rather sensitive people right now, as evidenced from letters reaching an editor's desk.

Interest in the *RECORDER* continues to be encouraging at the annual associational meetings. There are many evidences that people are reading it. Last week in the Dan

Valley and Central associations a rising "vote of appreciation" was given the *RECORDER* and its staff. The Rev. W. H. Poindexter, pastor of Grace Church, Madison, made the motion in the Dan Valley while the Rev. Charles R. Pierce, pastor of Jewel Church, High Point, made the motion in the Central. Such displays of confidence and support are almost overwhelming.

This is a quote from *U. S. News and World Report*: "Harry Truman, former President and a Baptist, is counted on to woo back voters in the South who have drifted away on the issue of religion." With language like that he used in Texas last week? (See Page 22 for full story.)

New Recorder Clubs: Two Every-Family, Four More

Chase Mission, Sandy Run Association, Melvyn Flynn, pastor, sends an Every-Family club of 19 subscriptions, and Longview Church, Macon Association, W. A. Cloer, pastor, sends 24 subscriptions on the Every-Family Plan.

Other clubs beginning this week, listed by church, association, pastor, and number of subscriptions are: East Bend, Yadkin, Tim Bryant, 4; Mt. Harmony, Beulah, R. R. Coleman, 11; Oak Grove, Wilmington, James M. Lackey, 18; and Sardis, Union, Alfred Scoggins, 14.

MISS LOVIE JONES

Miss Lovie Jones, for many years a music teacher at Peace College, died October 13 at Rex Hospital after a brief illness. After her retirement at Peace College, she taught private music classes at her home. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, and funeral services were conducted there Saturday morning, October 15, by Dr. John M. Lewis, pastor, and Dr. Jesse Weatherpoon, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest.

Surviving are three brothers, T. O. Jones of Greenville, Ky., Prof. Hubert A. Jones of Winston-Salem, and Dr. B. L. Jones of Dunedin, Fla., and two sisters, Mrs. C. H. Stephenson and Mrs. Z. M. Caviness, both of Raleigh.

BAPTIST MINISTER, 106, DIES

The Rev. Newell J. Matthews died at the home of his son in Pilot Mountain on October 15. The 106-year-old minister had been seriously ill for a week after



DR. GEORGE W. SADLER (left), former Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria and secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, talks with Dr. J. T. Ayorinde, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lagos, Nigeria, during celebrations of Nigeria's attainment of independence. Dr. and Mrs. Sadler and Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, of Warsaw, N. C., also former Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, attended the celebrations as guests of the Nigerian Government. Dr. Ayorinde is a former president of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance.

several years of declining health. He was ordained a Missionary Baptist minister in 1885 and served churches in North Carolina, Virginia, and Missouri during his years in the active pastorate.

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EDITORIALLY

Church Changing World, World Changing Church?

IS THE CHURCH CHANGING the world—or is the world changing the church? Or to put it another way, “Is the church becoming just another thoroughly secularized institution?”

Evidence is piling up to show that the world is doing more of the changing than the church is. Methodist Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Iowa, says that instead of the church “insisting that the world be Christian, the world has insisted that the church be worldly. In our time the world calls the tune, not the church.”

Strong language, but can anyone convincingly refute it?

Continuing, Bishop Ensley said that “society segregates itself, so we segregate. The nation goes into war, the church hurries into uniform. It is the fashion in a social set to drink, so churchmen join in with the world. Instead of the church penetrating the world with the gospel, the world has filtered into the church.”

Secularism is a powerful factor in this disturbing trend. Speaking to the same Methodist evangelism meeting in Illinois, Bishop Edwin E. Voight said that the church feels the “impact of secular-mindedness. The sober truth is that we tend to become much the children of this age and identical with it. Thus we waste our time in things which secularize and do not Christianize us.”

To sum up, the church—dominated by man’s hunger for security and status—is being overcome by the world, instead of remaining true to its mission of overcoming the world. Such a turn is a far cry from the early New Testament Church. With distress signals already being lifted (see “Storm Warnings for Southern Baptists,” *RECORDER*, October 8), Southern Baptists are not able to excuse themselves from the current trend. In fact, we may be among the most vulnerable. With baptism goals being revised downward and fewer young people showing interest in the mission field, all is not well in our own ranks. More will be said about this in the weeks ahead. (See “Our Readers Write,” page 18).

A Disturbing Proposal

THE MATTER OF GIVING public tax aid to parochial schools will be a continuing national problem, regardless of which party wins the election on November 8.

This was demonstrated recently when Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican vice-presidential aspirant, came out in favor of Federal aid to parochial schools. His running mate, Vice-President Nixon, advocates Federal grants to sectarian colleges. In contrast, Senator John Kennedy,

Democratic presidential nominee, has said that he opposes aid to parochial schools.

The *RECORDER* agrees with Glenn L. Archer, executive director of POAU, who said that Mr. Lodge “has made a most unfortunate concession to political expediency when he supports the use of public tax funds for construction of parochial schools and also grants toward transportation and textbooks for these institutions. . . . Mr. Lodge’s statement violates the spirit of the Supreme Court whose interpretation of the First Amendment has consistently opposed substantive grants for church schools. . . . We believe that Mr. Lodge will yet discover that most Americans of all faiths believe that churches and their institutions fare better in a free, democratic society when they support their programs with voluntary gifts rather than with tax funds.”

It is our feeling that the Nixon-Lodge policy on Federal aid to private schools is very close to the objective of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. There is reason to believe that the hierarchy would prefer aid for school construction and “fringe benefits” only, with the salaries of teachers continuing to be paid by the church. Under this plan it is possible to maintain strict control over what is being taught; if another party is paying the teacher’s salary, this sectarian control may not be possible. Since teachers in parochial schools are not paid big salaries anyhow, this outlay of money by Roman Catholics would be well worth the cost.

Strange thing about politics—in 1951 it was a Baptist (President Harry Truman) who was so intent on sending an ambassador to the Vatican, a move that was blocked when Baptists and others protested. And now in 1960, a Roman Catholic nominee for President says he will not support aid to parochial schools of his own faith. What’s the answer to such a paradox? There is none—except that both men are engaged in politics—and Americans have learned not to be surprised at what happens in this rough-and-tumble profession, especially two or three weeks before an election.

Shoe on the Other Foot

A town, not long ago, was about to vote dry. The wife of the liquor seller—the only saloon in town—said, in tones of almost despair, to her Negro wash woman: “If this town goes dry, I will not be able to pay you to do our washing any more. I do not know how we can live ourselves.”

The generous-hearted colored woman sympathetically answered: “Don’t worry, honey. If your husband has to shut up his liquor place, my husband won’t be able to get drunk, and we will have plenty, and you can come and do our washing.”—*Christian Cynosure*.

“It is a tragedy that the church with the only saving grace in her hand should be so undecided, hesitant and fearful on many of the fundamental issues which involve both body and soul. On all these issues we should either stand with Christ or forfeit our claim to moral and spiritual leadership.”—REV. LONGRI AO, to Baptist World Congress in Rio.

Varied Activities: Laymen Leading, Budgets, Dedication, Homecoming, Attendance, etc.

Pastor J. R. Featherston of **Adaville Church**, Rt. 3, Forest City, reports a splendid Laymen's Led Revival, Sept. 18-25, with Gary Harthcock of Hendersonville as director. Laymen from North and South Carolina came to help and to give their personal testimonies. The preaching was done by three neighboring pastors: the Rev. Lloyd Garner of Rutherfordton First Church, the Rev. L. R. McNeill of Bethany Church, and the Rev. John Lucas of Cliffside Church. Music was under the direction of W. C. Giles. Twenty persons joined the church on profession of faith, eight by letter, and there were approximately 100 rededications.

The **Lee Park Church, Monroe**, Carroll A. Davis, pastor, observed a successful Layman's Day, October 9. Using as a theme, "Men Who Dared for God," three laymen spoke on Moses, Daniel, and Paul. Men read the selections of Scripture and led in prayer, and at both morning and evening services the choir was composed of men. The pastor's sermon at the evening hour was based on I Samuel 10:26, "A band of men whose hearts God had touched." Revival services are in progress at Lee Park this week, with the Rev. Glen R. Mosteller of Greenwood, S. C., as visiting speaker.

Sixteenth Street Church, Greensboro, has adopted an \$83,000 budget for the coming year — the largest in the history of the church, but in keeping with financial growth in recent years. Among other things, the new budget shows a marked increase for world missions and benevolences and also provides for air-conditioning the new educational building.

Wise Church in the Cullom Association recently adopted a recorder budget of \$13,000, an increase of 52 per cent above last year's gifts. Pastor A. T. Ayscue says that the Forward Program of Church Finance is responsible for this new enthusiasm in stewardship. "Never before have many of our members been engaged in one undertaking," he said "and I might add, never before have we experienced methods so successful." The church has also taken another progressive step—approving the Every-Family Plan of sending the RECORDER to every resident member's home.

A dedicatory was held Sunday afternoon, October 2, by the **Buckhorn Church** at Como for the dedication of the new

seven-room brick parsonage, built at a cost of \$25,000. The home has living room, dining room, kitchen, den, three bedrooms, 1½ baths, car port and storage room. Pastor Edmund E. Ballard presided at the service and Dr. E. N. Gardner of Henderson, a former pastor, brought the main message. Others on the program included Cyrus Howell, Elvin Curle, J. L. Howell, Frank Stephenson, Mrs. Livingston Sumner, choir director; Mrs. H. K. Taylor, organist; and the Rev. H. B. Brookshire, pastor of the Winton and Holly Springs churches. Following the service a reception was held in the parsonage living room, after which everyone was invited to see the new home. Some 110 persons attended.

Grace Church, Wilson, held its sixth Homecoming October 2. The Rev. Earle L. Bradley of the State Convention, Raleigh, spoke in the morning, and dinner was served following the service. Grace Church was begun as a mission in January, 1954, and was organized as a church on October 3 of that year with 73 charter members. Membership is now 252, and the Rev. F. M. Lindler is pastor.

Forty-eight members of **Pilot Church, Zebulon**, received Sunday school awards on October 2 for perfect attendance. Bud Ray had perfect attendance for 21 years; Wayne Ray, 11 years; Mrs. Dorothy Alford and Mrs. Ann Ayscue, five years; Miss Barbara Perry, four years, with the others divided between the one, two and three-year groups. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Stallings, Jill and Robie, were also recognized for perfect Training Union and evening worship service attendance.

From the *Rowan Rambler*, association publication, we learn that **China Grove First Church** is tearing down its old auditorium in preparation for new construction next spring.

On Sunday evening, October 2, members of the **Pilot Church, Zebulon**, enjoyed a two-part program. First a recognition service was held for the Royal Ambassadors. Dan Perry received his sword for completing the step of Knight, four boys reached the rank of Squire, and three became Pages. The second part of the program was the installation of new WMU officers. Mrs. Gilbert McDowell gave a short talk on the meaning of WMU, after which Mrs. John Davis, who



MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL superintendent Richard Isaac, left, talks with the Rev. James L. Pharr, pastor of College Avenue Church, at the entrance to the mission sponsored by this Lenoir church.

Lenoir Church Has Opened Mission

Members of College Avenue Church, Lenoir, are enthusiastic about the opening of their mission this month. They were thrilled to witness 69 people enroll in Sunday school on the opening day, Oct. 2, and to feel the wonderful spirit of the people in the worship service that followed.

The College Avenue people have been working diligently for months toward the opening of their mission, and they are proud that they could present their new Sunday school "child" on October 16 when they celebrated the Golden Anniversary of their church. They are so enthusiastic that when they set a goal of \$1,200 for a "baby shower" for the mission a few Sundays ago, they quickly and happily gave more than \$1,300, and the money is still coming in.

An adequate building with necessary facilities has been provided for the mission, which is beginning with Sunday school services only. More than a year ago the church elected a missions committee, led by Mrs. R. J. Smith, and this committee has planned carefully and well. Capable people have dedicated themselves to serving as faculty for the mission with Richard Isaac, former superintendent of two furniture plants, leading the work as Sunday school superintendent.

served as WMU president for six years, was presented a WMU pin by Mrs. James Pearce. Pastor Gilbert McDowell then gave a charge to Mrs. Clyde Pearce, the new president, and all the other officers.

IN CHARLOTTE . . .

Church Drama Festival Scheduled for January

The Training Union departments of North and South Carolina, in cooperation with the Church Recreation Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., are sponsoring a Church Drama Festival to be held in the First Church, Charlotte, January 26-28, 1961.

At a recent meeting of representatives in Charlotte, Cecil McGee of the Church Recreation Department of the Sunday School Board outlines some of the areas of interest to be covered in this festival. He included: The place of drama in the church, drama in making programs come alive, materials and resources for church drama, and such technical items as lighting, costuming, and directing plays. It is expected that several one-act plays will be presented by various church groups.

Details concerning the entry of church drama groups desiring to present plays, housing, program schedule, etc., will be forthcoming from the Training Union Department, according to Secretary James P. Morgan. Information, in the meantime, may be secured by writing to him.



Dr. Noffsinger

Mr. Bramlette

Speakers for Student Convention Next Month

At the BSU Convention, November 4-6, Howard Bramlette, associate in the Southwide Student Department, Nashville, will speak on "Christ's Lordship in the Campus Community."

Dr. Jack Noffsinger, pastor of Knollwood Church, Winston-Salem, will deliver the closing message "And Now What?" The Sunday morning worship service for Convention goers will be an early one to allow the congregation of First Church, Winston-Salem, to use its facilities for their morning service.

CHANGES IN THE CHURCHES . . .

Spradlin Going To W-S Church

WILLIAM H. SPRADLIN, JR., of Weaverville, who has been an associate in the N. C. Training Union Department the last five years, has accepted a call to the Hawthorne Road Church, Winston-Salem. He will be going back to his native city next month when he moves to Winston-Salem. A graduate of the University of N. C., Mr. Spradlin was a bank employe a few years before entering the ministry. He graduated from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, was minister of education at First Church, High Point, and later pastor at Wallburg before joining the Training Union Department.

Recent pastoral changes in the Alexander Association include the calling of **WALTER HOWELL**, student at Southeastern Seminary, to the pastorate of Hiddenite Church; the coming of **J. A. ISENHOUR** to a full-time ministry at Pleasant Hill Church from the pastorate of Eastside Church, Statesville, South Yadkin Association; and the resignation of **H. L. McDUFFIE** as pastor of Dover Church to accept a call to Temple Hill Church, Caldwell Association.

Phaniels Church, Rowan Association, has called **H. G. BARNES** from the pastorate of Southside Church, Morganton, and he was expected to move to Phaniels on October 18.

A resolution from the Brunswick Pastor's Conference commends **JOHN HERBERT HOLDEN** to the Winter Park Church, Wilmington. "Mr. and Mrs. Holden were very much respected by the people in the church where they served so faithfully as well as everyone in the entire association," Larry R. McClure, secretary of the Brunswick Pastor's Conference, said. Mr. Holden's work at Winter Park will be in the field of music.

GWYN P. SULLIVAN resigned as pastor of Piney Grove Church, Caldwell Association, to accept a call to Shoupes Grove Church at Icard, Burke County, effective Oct. 23. He had served at Piney Grove since March 1, 1957.

J. HENRY COFFER has resigned as pastor of Lakewood Church in Durham to study medicine. Mr. Coffey has the B.A. degree from Mercer University, was graduated from the Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., and this year received the Th.M. degree from Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest. His future plans are to pursue a medical education with the intention of specializing in psychiatry; ultimately to make some contribution toward better communication between the areas of theology and medicine.

J. P. JOHNSON, associated with the Second Baptist Church of Fayetteville since 1947 and pastor for the past four years, has resigned to become pastor of the First Church, Spring Lake, effective November 1. At Spring Lake he will succeed J. R. Everett, who retired there recently after a pastorate of seven and a half years. From 1947 until September, 1956, Mr. Johnson was assistant to his father, the late Rev. J. P. Johnson, Sr., as director of education and music and associate pastor. He became pastor of the Second Church in September, 1956.



PLANNING DRAMA FESTIVAL—Cecil McGee of Nashville is displaying a folder depicting activities and promotion of the Church Drama Festival to representatives meeting in Charlotte to plan the Church Drama Festival scheduled for 1961 in North Carolina. Shown, left to right, are:

Seated—**Roberts Lasater**, St. John's Church, Charlotte; **Mr. McGee**; **Mrs. Garvey Murphree**, Florence, S. C.; **Mrs. Robert Goddman**, Baptist Book Store, Charlotte.

Standing—**Miss Jo Ann Setzer**, St. John's Church, Charlotte; **Jim Smithwick**, Beaufort, S. C.; **Miss Nancy Kistler**, First Church, Charlotte; **John B. Lane**, Training Union secretary for South Carolina; **Ed Echerd**, promotional secretary, Mecklenburg Association; **John Fletcher**, Pritchard Memorial Church, Charlotte; and **James Ivey**, First Church, Charlotte.

Mr. Ivey was named chairman of the group. **James P. Morgan**, representing the N. C. Training Union department, took the picture and so is not shown.

GIVES PROGRESS REPORT TO GENERAL BOARD . . .

College Advance Committee Will Ask for Special Session in '61

The Committee on Advance Program for the Colleges will ask the convention in Asheville to call a special session, probably early in 1961.

This session will be devoted exclusively to consideration of the recommendation that will be made by the committee. In a progress report to the General Board, the committee said that the campaign to meet the financial needs of the colleges would be for \$45 million. Since the committee was appointed by the convention, its report to the General Board did not require any action. Board members did show keen interest in the preliminary report presented by Dr. E. Norfleet Gardner, chairman. The report will be run in the RECORDER.

Perhaps the most important matter acted on by the board was the adoption of the 1961 budget which now goes to the convention in Asheville for final confirmation. The budget goal for 1961 is \$4,400,000. The state's share for 1961 is 66 per cent or \$2,904,000. Undesignated income to the Southern Baptist Convention will be 34 per cent or \$1,496,000. This compares with a 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ per cent-33 $\frac{1}{3}$ ratio used this year.

Increase for SBC causes in 1961 will be \$129,333 or 9.46 per cent. Percentage

of increase for the state's share is only 6.24 per cent. Counting designated gifts anticipated for 1961, total income through the Convention office is expected to be \$7,000,000.

R. A. Camp Site Approved

The board gave approval to the purchase of an 880-acre camp site near Asheville. Laymen throughout the state are expected to participate in the purchase of this land which will cost over \$50,000.

The Board approved the erection, in time for the 1961 assembly season, of a four-unit motel-type apartment building at Caswell. Each unit will have two bedrooms, two baths and a kitchen. The unit will be so arranged that they can be used as one apartment, as a small apartment and extra room, or as two double rooms. Cost of the construction will be between \$25,000 to \$30,000. It is believed that cost of construction can be defrayed from: (1) a surplus which should remain in the account set aside for securing an adequate water supply after this goal has been reached; (2) excess of income from operations during 1961, not otherwise pledged; and (3) excess of income from operations during 1962. The construction cost includes furnishings.

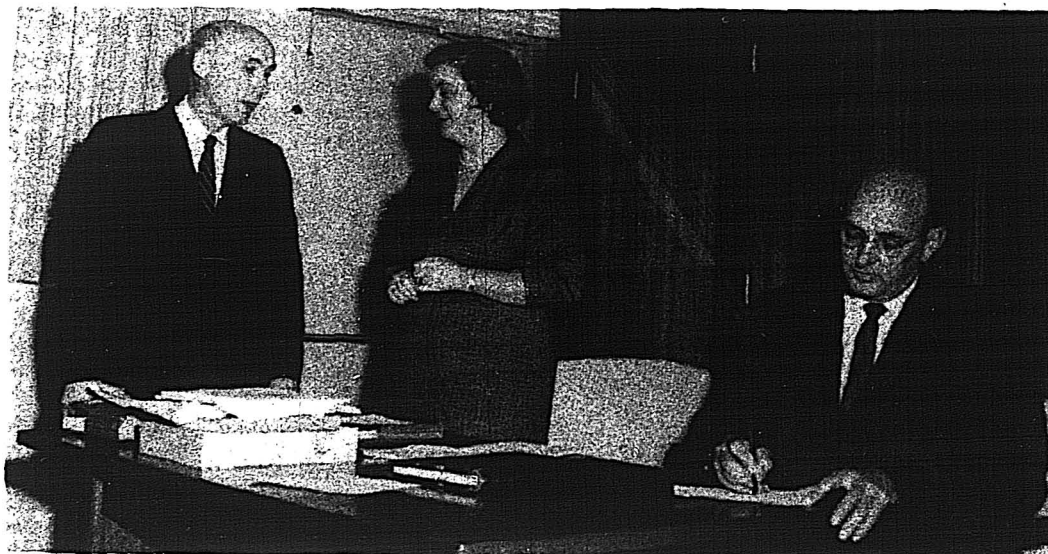
Evangelism Associate

After considerable discussion, the Board voted to accept the offer of a High Point layman to provide an associate for the Division of Evangelism. The offer from Carson Stout, active layman and furniture manufacturer, was made with the understanding that the person to be employed would not be a substitute for the associate already planned for the department. This will mean that ultimately the Division of Evangelism will be made up of the director and two associates. Mr. Stout will pay directly to the Convention a sufficient amount (about \$12,000) to pay the salary and expenses of such an associate.

Recommendation will be made to the Convention in Asheville that a special Convention committee be named to "study the possibility of eliminating special offerings, except direct mission offerings to state, home and foreign missions." This matter originated in the Board's executive Committee. The proposal further stated: "The necessity for this study is occasioned by the decided trend toward increased designation of gifts rather than the channeling of contributions through the Cooperative Program." The question was asked if the Executive Committee itself could not make this study, but it was pointed out that perhaps a statewide committee composed of persons other than Board members might be preferable.

Cooperative Program Day

The Board will also recommend to the Convention that a Cooperative Program Anniversary Day be observed the last Sunday in April each year. If the proposal is adopted, this day will be promoted jointly by the Department of Stewardship Promotion, the Brotherhood Department, and the WMU. The purpose of the day would be entirely educational, with no special offering being sought. Observance of this special day is in keeping with an idea projected recently at the SBC Promotion Conference in Nashville.



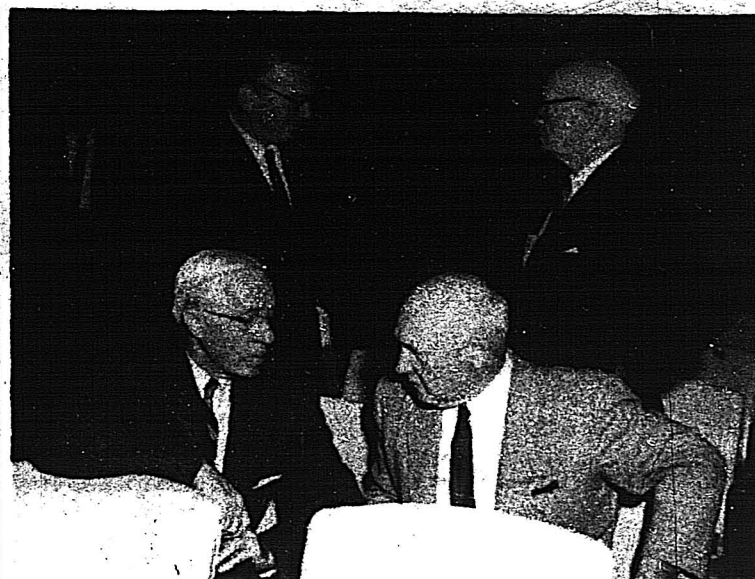
AT ADJOURNMENT TIME—So well did the business move ahead, and so ably did Vice-President E. J. Prevatte preside Monday night, as did President Nane Starnes Tuesday, that the October General Board meeting finished its proceeding shortly before noon, October 11. At the secretary's table, just after adjournment, are (left to right) C. B. Deane, president of the Baptist State Convention; Miss Mary Lily Duncan, secretary to Dr. Douglas Branch; and General Board President Nane Starnes. They are getting ready to leave, after what was considered one of the best sessions in a long time. Plenty of business was transacted, healthy discussions took place, and earnest consideration was given to the weighty matters at hand. Attendance was excellent.

NASHVILLE, TENN. — (BSSB) — Here's our "come on" — they're still coming! That's the word from the Baptist Sunday School Board's tour guides.

The guest register shows 2,373 people toured the Board's ten buildings in downtown Nashville during the first nine months of this year. This averages out to 264 visitors per month. Thirty-three states and 16 foreign countries are included in this representation — from as near as Nashville, and as far away as New Zealand, Liberia, China, Norway, and Italy.



SIDELIGHTS AT GENERAL BOARD SESSIONS—Even between sessions, those who come to the General Board meetings have plenty to talk about, think about, and get done. At left is a candid camera shot of the tireless chairman of the College Advance Committee, Dr. E. N. Gardner, hard at work getting portions of his report into revised form as Miss Grace Yow, secretary to Claude Gaddy, takes down revisions in shorthand to be typed into report. Dr. Gardner and his



committee have held many sessions for study.

Right photo gives an informal glimpse of four well-known Baptists who were on hand before the Tuesday morning session opened: Seated, Dr. I. G. Greer (left) chats with Lloyd Griffin, who outlined some of the significant aspects of the educational advance facing North Carolina Baptists; and standing (left to right) are President Budd Smith of Wingate College and R. O. Huffman of Morganton.

"CONCERNED OVER SUPERFICIAL TYPE OF EVANGELISM" . . .

Committee Chairmen Give Reports to Board



Mauney

Simmons

Ford

At the closing session of the October General Board meeting in Raleigh the various chairmen of the Board's committees presented their reports for consideration and approval of the body. The above photos show three of them — (Left to right) Chairman Fred Mauney of the Committee on Stewardship Promotion and Editorial Services; Chairman George E. Simmons of the Committee on Missions; and Chairman Howard Ford of the Committee on Church Programs. Photos of others were not available.

Chairman Ford reported that his committee recommended that the Board make continued study of salary scales and classifications of those in the framework of General Board's appointment; this was approved.

Chairman Simmons in a brief, optimistic report, cited the healthy number of new churches and missions established this year and commended the work of the Church Development Department in

stimulating church surveys. It was pointed out that at the January, 1961, Board meeting, the new program will be presented for associational missions promotion and general work. Also, the good news was heard in this report that 130 new churches and missions have been started this year in North Carolina — which is beyond the goal set.

Cooperative Program Day

Chairman Mauney, reporting briefly for his committee, stated that they concurred fully with the Board that "Cooperative Program Day" be observed the last Sunday in April, not for any special offering, but for its widespread educational value.

Chairman Maynard Mangum's report for the Committee on Christian Social Services stated that the Children's Home service center in Asheville is proving successful; that three new cottages are to be added to the Homes; and that Baptist Hospital is "gravely concerned" at the necessity of operating "in the red" lately. Fee raises in three areas of service have been necessary. Resolutions were presented to accept the Hamilton property (Homes for the Aging) with its present commitments ready, and also to proceed with its building and equipment, as well as the infirmary annex at Winston-Salem

— the total of such outlay not to exceed \$375,000. These were approved.

Superficial Evangelism

Chairman William (Bill) Bennett of the Committee on Evangelism reported that his group recommended baptism goals of 40,000 for North Carolina for the coming year, and that the state's evangelism program be in spirit and keeping with that of the Baptist Jubilee advance program of the Southern Baptist Convention. "We are greatly concerned over a type of superficial evangelism prevalent today . . . a sort of 'believe in Jesus only' pattern of evangelism that brings in unconverted church members . . . we believe there ought to be a pastors' class in every church for new converts, to train them in duties and obligations of Christians," he added, as he spoke of great need for deeper spirituality in the evangelistic outreach of the churches.

Dr. Robert Fincher of High Point reported on Royal Ambassador work: "Only 1,300 RA boys participated in camp life last season, out of 25,000 RA boys in our state," he stated.

Chairman R. N. Simms of the Committee on Christian Education expressed the deep appreciation of his group for the faithful work of the College Advance Committee, and presented a resolution to that effect. Also noted was the willing purpose of all the colleges to be in accord with the suggested allocations of funds as set forth in the total budget adopted for the coming year.—C.W.B.



EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BAKER J. CAUTHEN, of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, greets the Nigerian students who were guests of honor at a special service in the Board chapel in celebration of Nigeria's attainment of independence. With them is Missionary Margaret Lamberth, who represented the 212 Southern Baptist missionaries under appointment to Nigeria. The students are (left to right) A. Oladipo Adeyemi, Isaiah Ola Adegbile, Mrs. Dorcas Tugbiyele, Emanuel Taiwo, and John Oyewale.

ENCOURAGING NEWS . . .

Reports of New Churches and New Missions Keep Coming In

Dr. E. L. Spivey, director of the 30,000 Movement, continues to get reports of new churches and new missions. In each case, appropriate Certificates of Award are sent from his office to the new organizations. Some of the missions and churches have been reported directly to the *RECORDER* previously, but we are listing here reports received from Dr. Spivey's office within the last week, though there is duplication in some cases.

Pilot Mountain Has Four New Missions And Four New Churches

Missionary Lewis E. Ludlum of the Pilot Mountain Association planned to present Certificates of Award before the whole association in annual meeting on Tuesday, October 18, to the following new organizations:

Knollwood Church, constituted Feb. 10, 1957, and Community Church, constituted June 2, 1957, both sponsored by Pilot Mountain Association; Union Cross Church, constituted Oct. 4, 1959, and sponsored by Waughtown Church; Peace Haven Church, constituted Oct. 2, 1960, and sponsored by the Clemmons and South Fork churches; Liberty Street Mission, begun Jan. 3, 1960, and Trade

Street Mission, begun Nov. 4, 1958, both sponsored by Woodland Church; Morningside Manor Mission, begun Sept. 8, 1960, sponsored by Waughtown Church; and Rock Hill Mission, begun Sept. 10, 1960, sponsored by Goodwill Church.

Other New Churches

Blaise Church was constituted October 2, 1960, from the Mocksville Baptist Mission sponsored by the First Church, Mocksville, J. P. Davis, pastor. Dewey Ijames is pastor of the new church.

The Oxford Church, Herbert W. Baucom, Jr., pastor, reports that the mission it began some time ago was constituted as the Delrayno Church on Oct. 2, 1960. Tom M. Jones is pastor.

Shell Point Church, which was constituted Aug. 21, 1960, was sponsored in its infancy in 1959 by the Mt. Pisgah Church, Brunswick Association. H. B. Bennett of Supply is pastor of the new church.

Another New Mission

The Concord Church, Granite Falls, John W. Wallace, pastor, is sponsoring the Concord Mission, which was begun August 5, 1959.

Campus Exhibit of Work of New Art Teacher at Meredith

An autumn exhibit in the Meredith College Art Gallery, in Joyner Hall on the campus, presented works of Mackey Jeffries, the new assistant professor in the department of art at the college. Works in oil, glass painting, lithography and sculpture in wood were exhibited.

Mrs. Jeffries, who exhibits under the professional name of Mackey, is a native of Bland, Va., a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and of WCUNC in Greensboro. While doing her graduate study at WCUNC, she served as graduate teaching assistant in the department of art for two years.

Her works have been shown in Greensboro, Statesville, and Chapel Hill; and an oil painting, *Ordonnance II*, was chosen for the annual show of the Columbia Art Museum in South Carolina.

She comes to Meredith after a year in Seattle, Wash., where she served as occupational therapist for the County Hospital Psychiatric Ward, and also taught children's art classes. She has had experience as summer camp art counselor in Massachusetts.

At Meredith she will teach classes in art, beginning design, sculpture, ceramics and teaching methods.

MISSIONARY APPOINTEES HAVE DAUGHTER

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Wiggs, Southern Baptist missionary appointees for Korea, announce the birth of their first child, Deborah Jean, on September 27. They may be addressed at the College Park Motel, 301-A North, Rocky Mount, N. C.

All-Time High Enrollment At Wingate College

Enrollment at Wingate College has reached an all-time high, according to Registrar S. G. Chappell. There are 770 full-time students, 28 more than last year. They include 474 freshmen, 272 sophomores, 19 in high school, and three special students, with three times as many men as women. North Carolina has 546 enrolled; South Carolina, 157; and Virginia, 10. Baptists lead in church affiliation with 427, followed by 140 Methodists, and 69 Presbyterians. Twenty-one other denominations are represented in the student body, and 57 students have no religious affiliation.

THEY "ADOPTED" MISSIONARY CHILDREN . . .

"New Additions" to Weekley and Whitescarver Families in Charlotte--Teen-Age Daughters

By BILL LAMKIN

CHARLOTTE—The pastor and minister of music at Providence Church have new daughters.

But instead of having to worry about bottles and diapers, the parents have to think about dating curfews and party dresses.

You see, the Rev. Gordon Weekley and Oscar Whitescarver "adopted" teenagers.

The girls are daughters of missionaries. And the unusual part about it is that both men had the same idea at the same time — while they were thousands of miles apart.

The Rev. Mr. Weekley made the decision last Spring after visiting mission stations in Africa during his travels with the Billy Graham crusade team.

During his absence, Dr. H. C. Goerner of the Foreign Mission Board preached one Sunday at Providence. His message led to Mr. and Mrs. Whitescarver's decision to "adopt" a missionary child.

Both families now have their "new additions." The Weekleys enrolled Diana Gilliland in Wake Forest College last month.

Theodosia (Teddy) Hughey, who's living with the Whitescarvers, is in the 11th grade at East Mecklenburg High School.

Parents in Nigeria

Diana is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gilliland. Her father is a professor at the Baptist Seminary in Nigeria, and her mother is a physician.

Her parents insisted that she return to the States for college, even though Diana wanted to remain in Africa. She had already made up her mind she wanted to be a missionary in Africa.

Teddy's parents wanted her to get a better command of the English language. She was a two-year-old toddler when she left for Spain 14 years ago.

From Spain, the family was sent to Switzerland, where her father is acting president of the International Baptist Seminary in Zurich.

To hear Teddy speak, you'd think she'd lived in Charlotte all her life. But she has trouble reading and writing her native language. In fact, she writes letters to her family in German.

The "adoption" of the girls consists of providing a home and parental-like guidance. The Whitescarvers and Weekleys receive some money from the mission board, and most clothing is provided by the girls' parents.

The Weekley and Whitescarver families are quite proud of their "big sisters."

Diana is happy to be in a family with three sons, the oldest 11. "I miss my 13-year-old brother a lot."

The Whitescarvers were wondering how to tell their friends about their third daughter, but their 4-year-old Sally took care of that.

"We've got a new big sister at our house," she proudly proclaims to every body she meets at church.

At last report, Mrs. W. Isaac Terrell of Ahoskie is steadily improving after a recent illness. She was in Roanoke-Chowan Hospital at Ahoskie for three weeks, and has been at home since then, responding well to treatment for the coronary condition beginning in late September.



"ADOPTED DAUGHTERS"—The Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Weekley (at top) and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Whitescarver (in middle) are shown with their "adopted" teen-age daughters, Diana Gilliland (left) and Theodosia (Teddy) Hughey.

Our Response to God

Lesson for October 30

Psalm 1

The Psalms were written by many different men over a long period of time. Some of them go back as far as the Mosaic age, and some of them may be as late as the fourth century B.C. Psalm 1 probably was composed late in the post-exilic period. When the collection of Psalms was given its present form, it was not by accident that this one was placed first. It serves as something of an introduction to the entire collection, because it pictures just the kind of man who will nourish his spirit upon the psalms.

A Wisdom Psalm

In the ancient east there developed a kind of writing known as "wisdom literature." This literature was not the product of priest or prophet, but of the sage, the keen observer of human nature and the teacher of the art of living. Its subject matter was not philosophical speculation but practical, down-to-earth advice.

The Hebrew people produced a number of works which are classified as wisdom literature. In the Old Testament the books of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes fall into this category. There are many known Jewish writings not included in the Bible which are of this type. In addition, a number of the poems in the book of Psalms fall into this literary classification. Psalm 1 is an excellent example.

"Blessed"

The psalm opens with a word which is not much used outside biblical literature. Perhaps the best synonym for it is "happy." It is not a simple description, but an exclamation. It might better be translated, "Oh, the happiness of."

There is a Greek word which in the New Testament is also translated "blessed" (cf. the beatitudes in Matthew 5). That New Testament word means an inner security and joy which grows out of the assurance of acceptance by God. This Old Testament word, however, has a slightly different connotation. It does not mean the inner blessedness so much as it means good fortune.

In this word, then, we are brought face to face with a fundamental idea in

Hebrew thought. Belief in eternal life is Christian, not Jewish. In the Old Testament there is only the scantiest evidence of any concept of a life that is to follow our existence in this world. Since God is just, punishment and reward must be meted out in this life. When this psalm speaks of the man who is "blessed," it is saying that in this life he receives outward manifestations of God's approval of his way of doing things.

This basic concept is one of the ideas of Judaism which Jesus insisted was not accurate. He taught that there is no necessary connection between good fortune in this life and morality. (Cf. Luke 13:1-5; John 9:1-3).

But are we then to conclude that there is no validity to this Jewish concept which is so beautifully expressed in Psalm 1? By no means! The wise man who wrote this psalm saw clearly that God does not ignore man's way of life. He may not have perceived accurately the nature of the pious man's reward, but he did know that those who serve the Lord find true blessedness.

The Law

By the time of Jesus, Judaism had become a rigidly fixed, legalistic system. The development had been a long one. The ideal for the life of man is to do the will of God. That man therefore who does the will of God is the ideal man. But how is one to know that will? The law was given to guide man in his conduct. Gradually that which was given as a guide came to be identified as the immutable and unquestioned will itself. By Jesus' day the Pharisees, the most influential religious group so far as the masses of people were concerned, had virtually made the law the object of their reverence and deepest concern. Jesus reacted vigorously against this kind of approach to the law.

That is not to say that Jesus had no regard for the law. "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets," he said; "I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them." Properly understood, the law was a guide to the devout life. The Jewish man who was truly concerned about living a life pleasing to God would give himself to the

study of the law and would govern his life by it. He would be devoted to the law, not because of itself but because it was the law of the Lord. It is with this kind of understanding that we must regard the devotion of the "blessed" man to the law.

The Two Ways

This poem is a remarkably varied and beautiful example of Hebrew parallelism. Most of the verses are in the form of synonymous parallelism, with the idea of the first line being restated in different words in the second line. But the parallelism is carried further. Within the poem there is a contrast between the righteous man (verses 1-3) and the wicked man (verses 4-6). The righteous man is first described negatively (verse 1) and then positively (verses 2-3). Nothing is said about the character of the wicked man because that has been implied in verse 1. The poet rather describes the fate of the wicked.

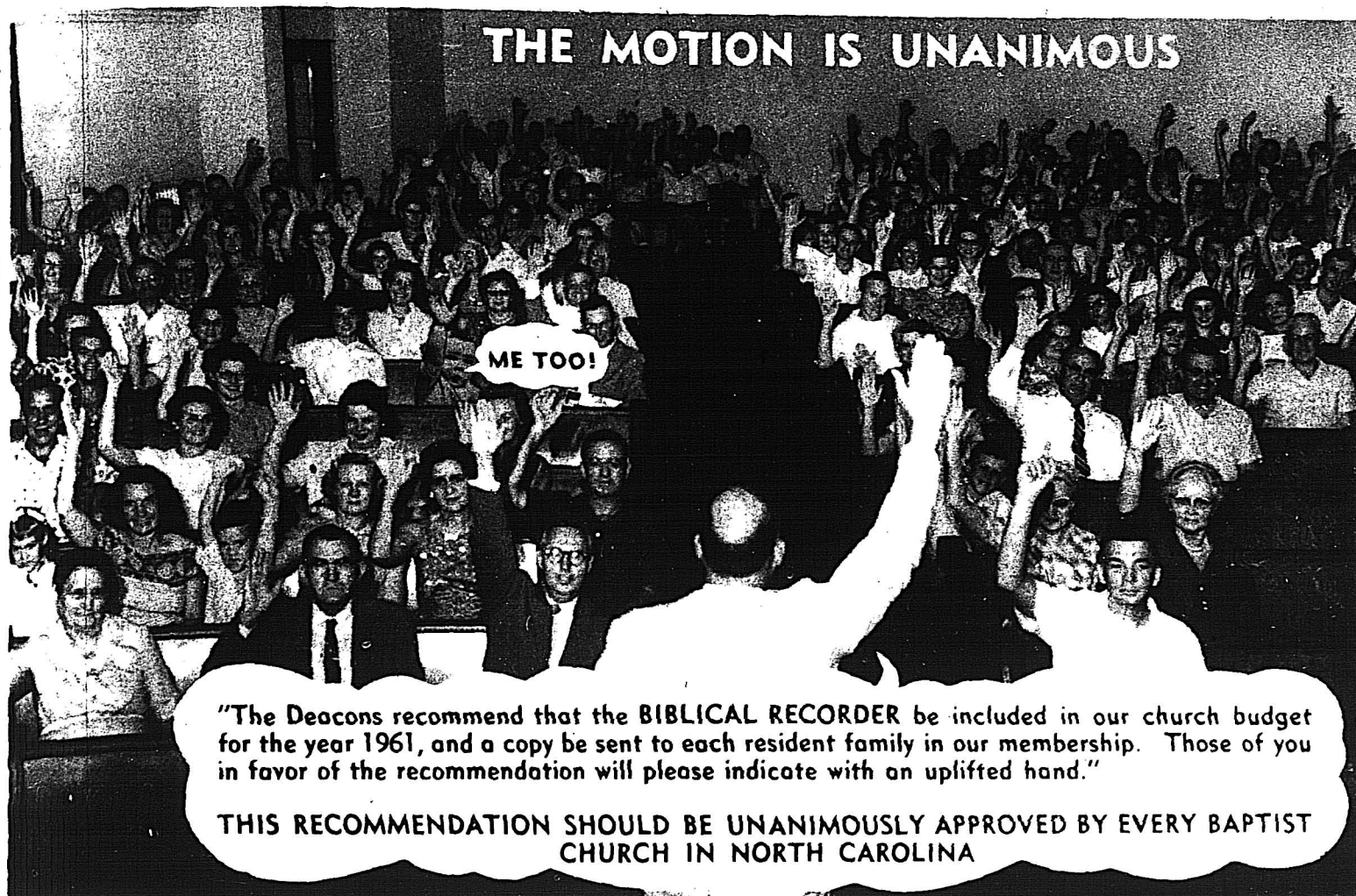
In the description of the righteous man two progressions are seen. He does not "walk, stand, sit" with the wicked. Psychologically there is profound insight here, for there is such progress in the growth of wickedness. Evil gets its first foothold when the mind is wandering, perhaps idly, where it will. But as the interest of the mind is aroused by the evil, perhaps captured by it, the individual finds himself associated in such an intimate way that he is perfectly at home, and he "sits in the seats of scoffers."

The second progression is found in the words for the wicked: ungodly, sinners, scornful. The first word denotes those who, perhaps temporarily, are out of contact with God. The second refers to habitual sinners. The third designates the worst sort of evil men, men who have deliberately set themselves against God.

The positive picture of the righteous man lifts the spirit of the reader. The righteous man "delights" in the law. His chief interest is in living in harmony with its precepts. The law is not a burden nor a duty so much as it is an aid to the highest kind of life. The parallel statement that the righteous man "meditates" on the law conveys the picture of a man reading the law half-aloud as he studies. So rapt is he in his attention to the law that he forgets himself and his surroundings.

The consequence of such devotion to the law is pictured in verse 3. The "streams of water" provided a never-failing source of life for the vegetation

THE MOTION IS UNANIMOUS



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growing on their banks. The trees would thus never fail to produce fruit. So it is with the life of the spirit. The man who is nourished by the law cannot fail to demonstrate by his life what are the real sources of his spiritual strength.

The most striking characteristic of the fate of the wicked is their instability. They are blown away by the wind. This is a judgment which does not wait for that final day of the Lord, but which takes place day by day. There is a sense in which God's judgment is ever at hand. Even verse six is to be understood in terms of God's constant judging activity.

In verse six is stated the reason for the difference between the fate of the righteous and that of the wicked. God "knows" the one and not the other. This knowledge is not merely the possession of certain information. The Lord possesses the facts about both the righteous and the wicked. Rather, to know in the biblical sense is to acknowledge, to receive into one's very being. This is salvation in the truest sense of the word. The person who is devoted to the Lord cannot help seeking to know and to do his will. Such seeking is always rewarded

by a transformation of character and a real stability in the life of the spirit.

For Further Thought

How does the biblical use of the word "happy" or "blessed" differ from the way we customarily use it? How much room is there for law in the Christian religion which teaches that we are justified by faith? In what sense is the righteous man blessed in this life?

TAR HEELS AT GOLDEN GATE

Four North Carolinians are among 308 students enrolled for the fall session at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Enrolled are Paul M. Hart, Morganton; John W. Honeycutt, Rockwell; Oscar L. Smith, High Point; and Marion Batts, Rocky Mount.

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Milford Hills of Salisbury Holds Service of Inauguration

Milford Hills Church of Salisbury held its inaugural service Sunday afternoon, October 2. Pastor W. J. Stephenson, of Salisbury First Church delivered the inspirational message, entitled "The Church."

The Chapel had been under the sponsorship of the Salisbury First Church since its beginning in October, 1955, when the first Sunday school and church services were held in the VFW building, on Brenner Avenue.

Dedication services were held in the new church building on East Colonial Drive on May 31, 1959. At that time the name was changed from Brenner Avenue Chapel to Milford Hills Chapel. The Rev. Charles R. Lemley has served as pastor since January, 1956.

Read the **RECORDER** each week for news about Baptists in North Carolina, Southern Baptist Convention and around the world.

A Methodist Looks at Baptists-- And He Admires What He Sees!

I am a Methodist preacher, as loyal to my denomination as one could be, but it makes my blood boil when I hear some minister or layman in my church make a slurring remark about the Baptists.

This may be because my great uncle, Jonathan G. Bow, was a Baptist preacher, or because I married a Baptist. But I think my warm regard for Baptists is largely due to my observation of the contribution you are making to the kingdom of God.

I take my hat off to the Southern Baptists because of the principles for which you stand. I do not always agree completely with Baptist doctrine, but more often than not I find myself standing with you on moral and spiritual matters as well as on most public issues.

Hats off to the Baptists for your stand for separation of church and state. Most Protestants agree with you, but if you were not the alert watchmen that you are, the rest of us might be found sleeping while our liberties were being taken away!

In the local ministerial association, of which I am president, ministers of other denominations often talk about the reluctance of Baptists to co-operate with other churches. After seven years in this community, I have reached the conclusion that Baptists will co-operate as fully with other Christians as those who criticize them. The only programs in which Baptists will not co-operate are those which violate distinctive Baptist principles. Just because Baptists will not participate in a union communion service on Thursday of Holy Week, or join the National Council of Churches, does not mean that they will not join Methodists, Presbyterians, Disciples, and others in a co-operative approach to any moral or spiritual program on which they can agree.

Church Extension Praised

Hats off to Southern Baptists for your success in church extension. Even though each congregation is a law unto itself, you have succeeded in developing an unselfish attitude on the part of most local churches.

The many new congregations are often accounted for on the basis that Baptists disagree, the church is split, and the dis-

gruntled members start a new church.

This reminds me of what I heard Louie D. Newton, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, say, when a former speaker had referred to the antiquity of Baptist principles. Newton said, "Some people say that the Baptists started with John the Baptist, but that is not true. It started with Abraham and Lot, when Abraham said to Lot, 'You go your way and I'll go mine'."

Differences within the local church do not account for the success of church extension. I have seen Baptist churches start new congregations encouraging some of their best leaders and largest contributors to leave their own church in order to insure success in the new church.

Such unselfishness is to be commended. That the mother church usually continues to grow, and seldom misses the members they "gave away," proves the truth of the Biblical principle "Cast your bread upon the waters and after many days it will return"; and the words of Jesus "He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

Dr. Buttrick to Be In Winston-Salem

Dr. George Arthur Buttrick, one of the nation's leading ministers, will preach at the Wake Forest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem October 23.

Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn, pastor, said the church is attempting to get several outstanding pastors and laymen to speak each year.

Dr. Buttrick will preach at the 11 a.m. service and will hold a seminar for interested persons that afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Paul Price Davis Meditation Chapel.

A native of England who also was educated in England, all of Dr. Buttrick's ministry has been in America. He held pastorates in several cities and was pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City from 1927 to 1954. In January, 1955, he became Preacher to the University and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals at Harvard University. He resigned in June, 1960, to accept the Harry Emerson Fosdick Visiting Professorship at Union Theological Seminary.



Likes Evangelistic Emphasis

I must take my hat off to Southern Baptists for what you are doing in evangelism. We Methodists once excelled in that field. John Wesley said, "The world is my parish."

There is a lot of truth in what Jess Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church in Owensboro said to me one day. We were talking about evangelism. Something was said about Billy Graham's many references to Wesley. Moody said, "We Baptists have learned more from John Wesley than you Methodists."

Although some Methodists make evangelism the burning passion of our lives, by and large it is the Baptists who excel in this field. A recent article in *Christianity Today* pointed out that, "barring another John Wesley" in the Methodist church, Southern Baptists will soon outstrip them as the largest Protestant denomination in America.

As an outsider, I would attribute the evangelistic success to three things.

Believe Men Are Lost

First, Baptists believe that outside of Jesus Christ men are lost! And they believe that Jesus Christ can save! Baptists really believe this, while some others just give lip service to it.

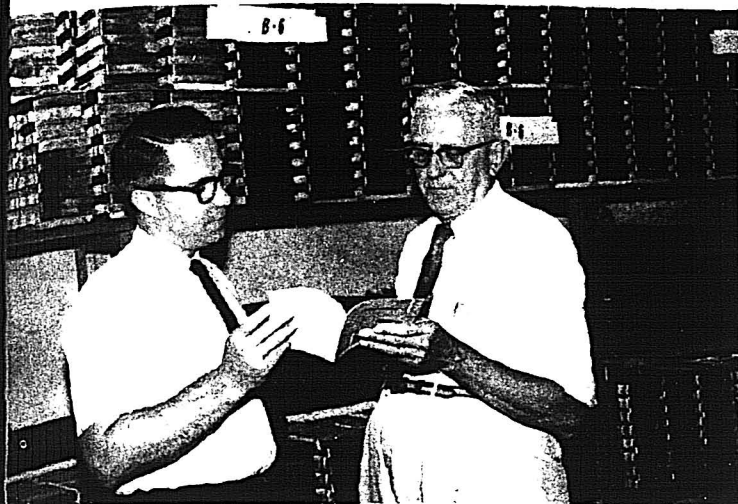
Second, the Baptist approach to evangelism is going out to seek the lost. While some denominations make a survey of a community to discover how many prospects of their particular denomination they can find, Baptists make a survey to discover how many lost people they can find. They seek to win the lost, whether their background is Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, or even Roman Catholic.

The third secret of success in Baptist evangelism is the way laymen accept their responsibility. Once, when I was assistant pastor of Settle Memorial Methodist Church, we were engaged in a church school rally day. Our goal was 1,000 in Sunday School. First Baptist Church, with just a few more members than Settle Memorial, was in a similar campaign with a goal of 1,600. They made their goal! We missed ours!

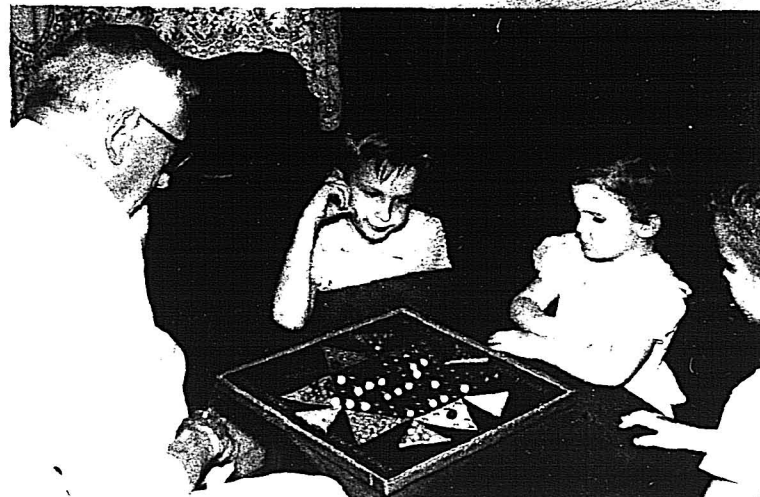
Eating lunch the following week with Findley, their educational director, I said, "Tell me how you did it."

This was his answer: "If you have 100 calls to make, you go out and make 50 and Weldon (pastor in charge) goes out and makes 50. If we have 100 calls to make, we get 50 laymen to make two calls each. That is the difference."

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MISSIONARIES JACK J. COWSERT (right) and Jack E. Thrower look over a leaflet explaining the work of the Bible Press of Brazil. Behind them are Bibles which have been gilded and are ready for covers. Mr. Thrower is supervising the printing shops of the Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro now that Mr. Cowser has retired.



MR. COWSERT AND FRIENDS, M. K.'s (missionary kids) Bobby, Elizabeth Jean, and Tommy Kirk, ponder the next move in a game of Chinese checkers. The children's father, the Rev. James P. Kirk, was associated with Mr. Cowser at the Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (Photo by James P. Kirk)

PLAN TO BUILD HOME AT WINGATE . . .

Missionary and Mrs. Cowser, Now Retired, Are Bible Millionaires

A sheet of paper rolled from the printing presses of the Carroll Memorial Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in September, 1944, to become the high point in the missionary career of the Rev. and Mrs. Jack J. Cowser. It was the final sheet of the first edition of the Bible produced by the Bible Press of Brazil — the first of more than a million copies to be printed under Mr. Cowser's supervision.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowser, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil since July, 1920, retired from active service September 30.

One of the first persons to recognize the need for the Bible Press, Mr. Cowser has been involved in the production of Bibles for nearly half of his 40-year missionary career and in the production of other Christian literature even longer.

His "faith and vision" have been cited by the present director as a vital factor in the progress and expansion which the Publishing House has experienced in the past three decades. (It is the largest publication enterprise connected with Southern Baptist foreign mission work.)

When Mr. Cowser joined the staff, editorial work was done in a rented office and printing in "a shed the size of a chicken house." Today the Publishing House has its own office building in Rio, and its printing facilities are housed in a 75,000-square-foot plant in the suburbs.

In recent years, under his supervision

as production director, the printing shops have annually produced hundreds of thousands of books, 175,000 Bibles, 80,000 New Testaments, and millions of Gospels and Bible portions, 800,000 quarterlies of Sunday school lessons and program material for other church organizations, nearly 90,000 copies of *O Jornal Batista* (the nation-wide Baptist newspaper), and millions of tracts. This literature is used by Portuguese-speaking people in the United States, Portugal, Angola, and Macao, as well as in Brazil.

The Bible Press produced the first Bible ever printed in Brazil or, so far as missionaries have been able to ascertain, in all Latin America. Its Bibles were the first available in modern, simplified language. For 14 years they were sold almost as rapidly as they were printed and bound, so that it was 1958 before sufficient stock was accumulated to justify advertising.

Now that Mr. and Mrs. Cowser are embarking on what he calls "permanent furlough," they are preparing to build a home in Wingate. Their daughter, Helen, heads the modern language department at Wingate College. The Cowserts plan for one room in their home to be a "sort of Brazilian museum." There will also be plenty of space for visiting M.K. (missionary kid) grandchildren. At present there are five of these, four in Brazil and one in Colombia.

Cranford Named Chairman Of Public Affairs Group

WASHINGTON—(BP)—Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church here, was re-elected chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs at its annual meeting. C. Emanuel Carlson is the executive director.

Actions of the Committee included:

(1) Commendation of the findings of the recent Religious Liberty Conference on the Churches and American Tax Policies to the churches, the constituent Baptist bodies, their agencies and publications for study and response.

(2) Decided that the subject of next year's Religious Liberty Conference be the church-state issues involved in the response of the churches to human need at home and throughout the world. This would involve the relationship of the churches to the governments in providing for human needs. The date for the conference will be October 4-6, 1961.

(3) That a full study of the development of a Roman Catholic political party in Puerto Rico be made and reported back to the March meeting of the Public Affairs Committee.

(4) That a Religious Liberty Sunday followed by a Baptist Heritage Week be suggested to the constituent Baptist bodies for inclusion in the denominational calendars.

Is every family in your church receiving the BIBLICAL RECORDER? If not, this is the time of year to take the step as finance committees are working on budgets for the coming year.

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING BORROWING OF MONEY

RESOLUTION IN RE BORROWING BY WINGATE COLLEGE

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Wingate College find it wise, expedient and necessary, in order for such institution to properly carry on its work, to borrow up to \$500,000 to be used for the purpose of constructing a science building and a dormitory for women, and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the said Board of Trustees that the principal amount of such loan, together with the interest thereon, can be liquidated over a period of twenty years from regular operation income, and

WHEREAS, said Board of Trustees of Wingate College can plan to borrow only such an amount as needed and at the best interest rate possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, in session in the city of Asheville, North Carolina, November 15-17, 1960:

1. That the Board of Trustees of Wingate College be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to be used for the purpose of constructing a science building and a dormitory for women, at such institution;

2. That the sum so borrowed, together with the interest thereon, shall be repaid over a period not in excess of twenty years, the payments of principal and interest to be made in approximately equal annual installments;

3. That said Board of Trustees be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to execute, or cause to be executed in the name of Wingate College and on its behalf by its authorized officers, a mortgage upon the land upon which such science building and dormitory for women shall be erected, together with the approaches thereto; provided, however, that such mortgages shall not in any way encumber any other property presently owned by Wingate College;

4. That no part of indebtedness incurred by Wingate College by reason of this resolution shall be deemed or held to be in any respect an indebtedness or obligation of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, nor shall its General Board assume any responsibility whatever for the repayment of such loan or any interest thereon.

Resolution to Be Presented by the Trustees of Gardner-Webb College to the Baptist State Convention November 15-17, 1960

WHEREAS, Gardner-Webb College has been unable for a number of years to offer desired courses in the sciences because of inadequate physical facilities; and

WHEREAS, this has been made more acute through the loss by fire of the Huggins-Curtis Building, in which five classrooms and one laboratory were destroyed; and

WHEREAS, the student body is increasing in number, and in desire for instruction in the sciences; and

WHEREAS, a science building and the necessary equipment to care for the expanding needs of the College will cost in the neighborhood of FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$450,000) DOLLARS; and

WHEREAS, the College will have no additional indebtedness, and it is the opinion of the Board of Trustees of said College that any proposed indebtedness can be liquidated within three years after the completion of construction.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in session in the City of Asheville, North Carolina, on November 15-17, 1960:

1. That Gardner-Webb College be and is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow an amount or amounts, the total not to exceed the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00), as may be authorized by its Board of Trustees, to be used for the purpose of constructing a Science-Classroom Building.

2. That the said College be and is hereby authorized and empowered to execute or cause to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its authorized officers a note or notes and any renewal or renewals thereof evidencing the indebtedness authorized by these resolutions.

3. That the sum or sums actually borrowed, together with interest thereon, shall be repaid over a period not to exceed ten years.

4. That the indebtedness incurred by Gardner-Webb College by reason of this resolution shall not be deemed or held to be in any respect as an indebtedness or obligation of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING BORROWING OF MONEY BY NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES, INC., BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for an additional Home for the Aging in Eastern North Carolina;

WHEREAS, a dedicated layman of Hamilton, North Carolina, has given a considerable amount of money and land for this project;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., plans to carry this said



THE KNIGHTDALE CHURCH honored pastor Yates W. Campbell and his family at a reception after Mr. Campbell had resigned to begin new work last month. A silver service was presented to the Campbells. Mr. Campbell has gone to new work as associate pastor and director of promotion at Loray Church, Gastonia. He is shown above with Mrs. Campbell and their three sons, Walter, Pratt, and Scotty.

A resolution adopted by the diaconite of Knightdale Church on October 5 recounts the great progress made during Mr. Campbell's pastorate, which began June 1, 1958. A few evidences of advance include: Addition of 144 members to the church, organization of a male chorus, a Brotherhood, and a Royal Ambassador chapter; work with the youth in various activities; lot purchased and parsonage built on it; adjoining lot and house purchased for Sunday school annex; paving, painting, and other physical improvements. Mrs. Campbell helped many in activities of the church and community, being especially active in WMU and Girls' Auxiliary work.

Ollie W. Faison was chairman of the committee preparing the resolution.

project forward and to construct a fourth Home for the Aging at Hamilton, North Carolina, at a cost of approximately \$300,000;

WHEREAS, there are funds in hand to cover only one-third of the anticipated cost;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in session in the City of Asheville, North Carolina, on November 15-17, 1960:

1. That the North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., be and hereby is authorized by the Baptist State Convention to accept a deed to the above mentioned land, all assets now held by the Board of Directors of the Baptist Home for the Aging of Hamilton, North Carolina, Inc., and proceed with plans to erect the above mentioned building on this land at a cost of approximately \$300,000;

2. That said Board of Trustees of the Homes be and is hereby authorized and empowered by the Baptist State Convention to borrow an amount, or amounts, the total not to exceed \$225,000, to erect and equip the above mentioned building, in addition to an indebtedness of \$150,000 already authorized for an Infirmary Annex at the Headquarters Building of the North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., bringing the total indebtedness of the said Homes to \$375,000;

3. That said North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., is hereby authorized and empowered to execute or cause to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its authorized officers a note or notes and any renewal or renewals thereof evidencing the indebtedness authorized by this resolution, said indebtedness to be incurred over a period not to exceed ten years and at an interest rate not to exceed six per cent. Repayment is to be made as rapidly as possible through funds received from the Special Day Offering on the third Sunday of February annually, the Homes' share for capital needs from the Cooperative Program and special gifts;

4. That necessary security in the form of mortgage on certain properties now held by North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., may be pledged to secure such notes referred to above;

5. That the indebtedness incurred by the North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., by reason of this resolution shall not be deemed or held to be in any respect as an indebtedness or obligation of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Putting God on the Payroll

Recently a layman — J. Roy Martin, Jr. — wrote the following paragraphs about his church in Anderson, S. C. This article appeared in the *Emerywood Echoes*, High Point; and is very appropriate at this time of year:

"Concerning our financial obligation, there are several things we need to do. Perhaps the more important thing is that we give systematically. Literally we need to put God on the payroll. Too many times our giving is haphazard. If anything is left after all the bills are paid, then we give some to the church. All too often nothing is left. Then many times our giving is limited by the amount of change we happen to have on Sunday.

"The church cannot exist on handouts. We need to plan or budget our giving just as we plan all our other financial obligations. We need to put God first on the budget, not last. And, if we so plan our giving what can be the objection to telling the financial leaders of our church what we expect to do? A very large part of the economy of our nation is completely dependent upon the pledging of future income. We call it the time-payment plan. Few of us hesitate to buy a home when we have to pledge to make payments, sometimes as long as twenty years. How many of us pay cash for the new car or perhaps that new TV, stove or refrigerator?

"Yes, time payments are an accepted part of our life today and they have a proper place in church finance. Those responsible for the preparation of the budget should not be forced to guess what we will give. They should be able to plan with a certain knowledge of the resources which will be available."

In Memoriam

MRS. BERTIE M. BAKER

We, members of the Missionary Society of Union Church, wish to pay tribute of love and respect to the memory of a faithful and devoted member—Mrs. Bertie M. Baker.

She loved her church and all its activities, especially the WMS. A Sunday school teacher for many years, she was also Sunbeam leader and for 48 years served as pianist.

We are saddened by her passing. Though she is absent from us, she is with her Saviour whom she so faithfully served. She will be missed by her friends, the church and community.

We extend our sympathy to her family in our mutual loss.

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Dr. Walker and Miss Hobbs Will Visit Colleges and Nursing Schools

Dr. Catherine Walker, Southern Baptist missionary to Indonesia will accompany the State YWA Director to the college and nursing school campuses between October 23 and November 4.

Dr. Walker is dean of women, teacher of Old Testament and religious education, and librarian at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Indonesia, located in Semarang, on the island of Java.

Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1946, Dr. Walker did educational and evangelistic work in Tsingtao and Shanghai, China, for several years. Transferring to Indonesia in 1951, she studied Indonesian in Bandung before joining the seminary faculty. She has collaborated on a Baptist hymnal and a book of children's songs in Indonesian.

Daughter of a Baptist minister, she was born in Rome, Ga. She has a brother, William L. Walker, serving as a Southern Baptist missionary in Japan.

She received the bachelor of arts degree from Wheaton (Ill.) College, the master of arts degree from Columbia (S. C.) Bible College, the master of religious education degree from Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now Carver School of Missions and Social Work), Louisville, Ky., and the doctor of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Before going to the Orient she was a Bible teacher in Bluefield, W. Va., and educational director at First Baptist Church, Griffin, Ga.

This tour of the colleges and nursing schools is planned annually. The purpose of the tour is to acquaint the students with missionaries and the areas in which they are serving. The problems of that area are discussed and the challenge of each field presented. Students are also encouraged to consider the possibility of a call to mission service. Personal conferences are arranged with the missionary for students who wish to have such a conference. Dr. Walker, on previous furloughs, has been used for personal counseling with students and is well qualified to advise them concerning their personal responsibility in our world mission program. She will be speaking in vesper services, YWA and BSU meetings, and



Dr. Walker

chapel in many of the colleges.

In addition to the missionary emphasis, the State YWA Director seeks to use this time for training officers of Young Woman's Auxiliary. This is done through conferences with officers, discussion periods, and teaching of the YWA manual when requested.

Miss Nowell Returns To North Carolina

Miss Vivian Nowell of Wendell, missionary to Nigeria for twenty-one years, has returned to North Carolina. On October first she was employed as Financial Secretary in the State WMU Office, succeeding Mrs. Marion Taylor, who recently resigned.

Many of her friends will remember that three years ago when Miss Nowell's service in Nigeria was interrupted with an extended furlough, she worked in the WMU office as Office Secretary, also attending and participating in some of the State WMU meetings and conferences. Both because of her missionary service and her work in the various offices of the Baptist Building, Miss Nowell is well

known to North Carolina Baptists. After prayerful consideration she has felt it best to resign her position with the Foreign Mission Board and follow the Lord's leading into this type of service at home.

While in Nigeria Miss Nowell served as hostess of the Baptist Mission House in Lagos. Dr. Cornell Goerner, Foreign Mission Board Area Secretary for Europe, Africa and the Near East, has written congratulating Woman's Missionary Union upon securing her services and commending her to us. While in Richmond recently she attended a chapel service at the Foreign Mission Board, at which Dr. Baker J. Cauthen presented to her the service pin awarded missionaries who have satisfactorily completed twenty years of service.

Since the position that she now occupies is an office position, it will be impossible for her to accept speaking engagements that would conflict with office hours. Her missionary zeal will continue to be manifested not only within the Baptist Building but, through the visitors to the office and the details of her position, its outreach will extend over North Carolina. We rejoice in her return to us and shall be praying for her as she assumes this new responsibility.

WMU Jubilee Conferences

During the last two weeks in September, State WMU personnel conducted four Jubilee Conferences in different geographical areas of the state. Attendance at these conferences was limited to local WMU officers and leaders from churches within the area. A total of 1,515 women attended these conferences, as follows:

Rocky Mount — 474; Asheboro — 349; Hickory — 486; and Canton — 206.

A special stewardship emphasis was the presentation during the assembly period at each conference of the Stewardship playlet, "Wait-A-Minute," recently published by Woman's Missionary Union SBC for use in each WMU this year. Copies of the playlet are now available from the WMU Office in Birmingham (600 N. 20th St.) for 10c each.

Read the RECORDER each week for news about Baptists in North Carolina, Southern Baptist Convention and around the world.

Baptists Operate Unique and Prosperous Plant

Every Wednesday morning at 9:30 one of the busiest furniture factories in upper Piedmont North Carolina comes to a standstill; all the woodworking machines, the saws, planers, shapers, paint sprayers, are all silent for the weekly worship and devotional period for the some 250 employees of the Baptist-owned Kincaid Furniture Company at Hudson, near Lenoir.

Wade Kincaid and his father, George, began this fast-growing business enterprise in 1946, with only ten employees. Their ideal was to make the best household furniture possible, from native and other hardwoods—walnut, cedar, cherry, and mahogany mainly. Today, about 250 workers share in the production of fine hand and machine-crafted furniture that finds a ready market in New York, Chicago, Dallas, Atlanta, and many other centers.

The weekly religious service is well known in that area, and has borne rich fruit in the fine, co-operative spirit of all employees — (there has never been any labor trouble at the Kincaid plant); and in greater pride of craftsmanship and job appreciation. The Kincaids — Wade, George, the father, and Mrs. Ruth K. Robbins, Wade's sister, own the business that now does about three million dollars a year in gross sales. The employees' social welfare is well provided for, with life insurance and hospitalization insurance all paid for by the firm, over and above wages and salaries. Many ministers and others have conducted the Wednesday morning services; there have been many decisions for the Lord at the meetings, and many lives changed, in the past 14-year history of the firm.

Much hand labor is still needed in finishing the fine early American chests,



BUSY AT HIS DESK—General superintendent L. C. Creger directs production in the 250-employee Kincaid plant at Hudson. Lower photo is a glimpse of a few of the fine products his men turn out.

bedroom, dining room and other furniture that is produced. The men take distinct pride in their work; a Christian atmosphere prevails; and the workmen deliver quality-made products day after day. The Kincaids have expanded their flourishing business on Christian principles, and some of the finest stores in the nation sell their products today.

Our Readers Write

ANOTHER VIEW ON "ELMER GANTRY"

TO THE EDITOR:

I also am "a young preacher fresh from the seminary" and this also is my first "letter to the editor." I write in comment upon a letter by the Rev. William B. Kirby, Jr., in your issue of October 1, 1960, about the movie "Elmer Gantry."

Although I have not seen the movie, I have just finished the book and I found it a good bit more "religious" than some books of stated religious devotional or Christian content. In cutting satire, Sinclair Lewis exposed the sham, hypocrisy, and shallowness of distorted and false religion. To me he spoke in tones of the prophet, and I am sure that Amos and Hosea would have joined him in righteous denunciation.

Rev. Mr. Kirby's criticism of the movie was based on the observations that it was indecent, and that criticism of the Christian Church came from an unholy source, Hollywood. I sympathize with Mr. Kirby in his concern for decency. Undoubtedly the flood of pornographic magazines in our day indicates serious moral laxity, but I would like to make this observation. With certain obvious exceptions, only God himself determines what is decent and indecent, moral and immoral. Christ does not summon us to be "respectable, good" people; he tells us only to confess our sins and trust in him, and love

A Methodist Looks at Baptists

(Continued from page 12)

Now don't you Baptist preachers come to see me. I am not a prospect for the Baptist church. I am a Methodist and will always be a Methodist, but I wanted to let you know how much a Methodist preacher appreciates the contribution to God's kingdom that you are making. I take my hat off to you, but just long enough to put it back on and roll up my sleeves and go to work to make my church as effective as yours. — RUSSELL BOW, Pastor, Woodlawn Methodist Church, Owensboro, Ky., in *Western Recorder*.

others even if they do not come up to our standards. Movies such as "On the Beach," "Streetcar Named Desire," and maybe "Elmer Gantry" are concerned with real issues of real men and women. They deal with both the good and the bad, with sex, hypocrisy, ambition, courage and even faith. But doesn't the Bible do just this same thing? A movie or a book can be significant, although judged by some to be indecent, if it reveals honestly the actual human situation to which the Christian Gospel must address.

His second objection to the movie comes in this sentence, "The Christian Church is not above criticism, but I for one strongly believe that the criticism should not come from Hollywood, of all places." Mr. Kirby rightly feels that the church is not above criticism, but if criticism is due, why not from Hollywood? A movie such as "Elmer Gantry," if true to the author's intent, is of much more value to the church than the typical Hollywood "Biblical" extravaganza. Hollywood has rather done us a service, if its criticism has been valid, for the fellowship of forgiven sinners should be the first to encourage denunciation of falsity and distortion wherever it is found.

God can speak and does speak his word of judgement in seemingly strange ways. Maybe He is using even "Elmer Gantry" and Hollywood.

WILLIAM HAL FURR
Elizabeth City, N. C.

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OUR READERS WRITE . . .

"It's Time for Realistic Appraisal and Appropriate Action" by Sou. Baptists; Statements Contrasted

TO THE EDITOR:

The two articles in the October 8 issue of the RECORDER, "Storm Warnings of Sou. Baptists" by Dr. Duke McCall and "Leader 'Heavy Hearted' over Downward Trends" from the Baptist Press, call attention to spiritual problems of vital importance. I am grateful to these denominational leaders for "sounding an alarm" and agree with them that now is the "time for realistic appraisal and appropriate action."

During the past year I have talked with pastors and laymen from churches of various sizes in Va., Ky., N. C. and Fla. As we discussed the conditions in our churches, there was a consensus of opinion that there has been a general decline of interest in church work during this time. Concrete evidence is seen in the increasing difficulty of nominating committees to enlist leaders and in a drop in the average attendance (from the previous year) in Sunday school, Training Union and Worship services. In some cases there has been a decline in offerings. But the surprising thing in some churches is that in spite of a lower attendance, the offerings have held up or increased. This has been true in our church. We attribute this to the effectiveness of the Forward Program, more tithers, and the faithful stewardship of those who have attended.

But what of the decline in baptisms, mission volunteers and ministerial students? It seems to me that a thoughtful diagnosis of the conditions in our churches reveals an ailment similar to that in the church at Laodicea, Rev. 3:14ff. Because of an increasing reliance on our material prosperity — numerical and financial growth during the past 10 years — we have become "lukewarm" to our spiritual responsibilities

and by our actions have said, "I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing . . ." The result has been a spiritual blindness to what constitutes true wealth in our churches. As a result we are now faced with a spiritual poverty in the decline of evangelistic and missionary concern.

Much to our dismay we have found that we cannot buy the dedication of more young people to the work of Christ simply with more dollars to the Cooperative Program. Consider how long places of leadership in the Intermediate and Young People's departments of Sunday school, Training Union, RA's, GA's and YWA's have gone unfilled because of a lack of dedicated men and women! Think how often we (adults) have failed to create a spiritual climate in our homes and churches that would encourage and challenge our young people to dedicate their lives to the cause of Christ. If we, by our example, continue to sow indifference to the primacy of spiritual needs, then we may expect to reap the same from our youth. This same principle may be applied in the field of evangelism.

What shall we do? Surely this is no time for excuses or superficial explanations. Beginning with you and me, let each of us heed Dr. McCall's cry to "fall to our knees and cry for God's forgiveness and help." The words of the risen Christ are pertinent: "As many as I love I rebuke and chasten: *Be zealous* therefore, and *repent*" (Rev. 3:19).

J. HOWARD CATES, Pastor
Highland Baptist Church, Hickory

CONTRAST IN STATEMENTS

TO THE EDITOR:

I have followed, with deep interest and satisfaction, the excellent coverage of the Catholic controversy in the BIBLICAL RECORDER. Indeed, in no other publication, with which I have come in contact, has it been dealt with in such a fair and objective manner. The secular press, by and large, has failed miserably to provide the fair and impartial treatment of this subject to which the reading public is entitled. That you have been accused of prejudiced and slanted reporting by Catholics and their politically-motivated sympathizers, is not surprising. There are always those, who, with only a superficial grasp of the aims and objectives of the hierarchy, its oppression in ratio to its political power, and with strong personal or political considerations at stake, are quick to condemn anyone who has the courage to state the facts without equivocation.

However, it was shocking to read a letter, such as that in the October 8 issue, by W. W. Finlator. While any fair-minded person would recognize Mr. Finlator's unimpeachable right to hold and express any opinion he desires, one might justifiably expect better from one in his position. I failed to find in his statement the bread of enlightenment he asks of others. I found many undeserved and prejudicial stones of exacerbation. I found, above all, an illogical defense of the forces, whose consistent and universal designs, if implemented, would destroy evangelical Christianity.

JOINS CAMPBELL COLLEGE STAFF



James Elwood Bengel of New Bern has been appointed director of guidance and instructor in psychology on the faculty of Campbell College.

After graduation from North Carolina State College in 1956, Bengel entered service with the U. S. Army Medical Service Corps and was transferred to active reserve status as

a first lieutenant in 1958. He is a candidate for the M.S. degree in guidance at State College.

He is married to the former Constance Shaw of Clearfield, Pennsylvania. The Bengels have a son, James Allen, age three months.

I have no disposition to attempt to answer Mr. Finlator's argument point by point. The RECORDER has already done so, effectively and factually. His letter, appearing as it did, beside the straightforward statement of Glenn L. Archer, executive director of POAU, only served to further emphasize, by contrast, Mr. Finlator's naivete. It also makes one ponder the consistency of Mr. Finlator's membership on the national board of this organization, when, obviously, he has not decided, in his own conscience, whose interests he wishes to represent. While Mr. Finlator's letter leaves much to be desired in the logic of the argument he propounds, we may safely accord him this virtue: He possesses one of the most highly developed senses of humor that I have encountered in many a day.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you, Mr. Editor, on the high and noble standards you have maintained with regard to the whole content of the RECORDER. Its impact, for good, upon the total program of Baptists can scarcely be overstated. May God continue to bless and guide you in your tireless efforts.

C. F. LOWE
Mount Holly

COMMENDS "FAIRNESS"

TO THE EDITOR:

Please accept my hearty congratulations for your able presentation of the hidden dangers in the impending presidential election. Your complete fairness to all and the able defense of your position in the October 8 RECORDER is plain to any and all.

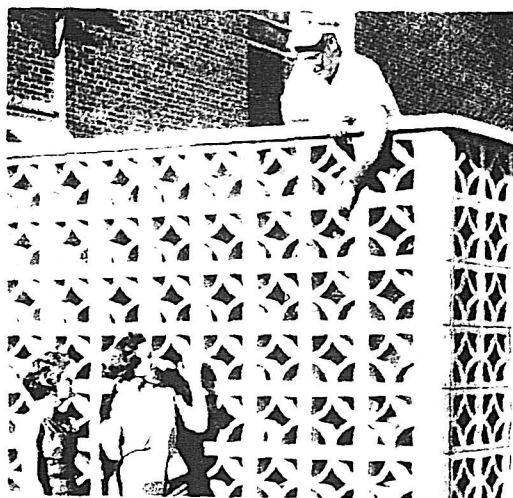
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LIKES CLARIFYING ARTICLES

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to say how thankful I am that our church here at Dover has the Every-Family Plan of subscribing to the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

It has been my pleasure recently to call the attention of my people to the many clarifying articles you have included as well as to the fine editorials you have presented. The RECORDER has made it much easier for me to present the truth to my people. It has been a great ally during these days when blind



NO TRICKS—Bill Wall of Raleigh, superintendent for Piedmont Housing of Durham, isn't posing as a genie in this picture, but he has been credited with magic in putting up the new 65-bed, 3-story annex to Treat Dormitory on the campus of Campbell College in just 81½ days, working 25 to 30 men in a single shift to do it. Treat Annex freshmen Joyce Kinlaw of Bladenboro and Sandra Lee of Godwin here admire the masonry sun screen just put up as one of the finishing touches.



I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.—(Philippians 4:13)

Those who grow "weary in well-doing," who find themselves giving in to despair or temptation, can renew their courage and strength in this magnificent declaration of faith by Paul the Apostle. For the Christian, it is wonderfully true that the obstacles which face him are never as great as the Power behind him.

political prejudice mixed with the fear of losing the election has sought to confuse the issues.

ERNEST M. SMITH, Pastor
Dover Baptist Church, Shelby

"GRAVE INJUSTICE"

(NOTE: The following letter was addressed to the editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, with a copy being sent to the RECORDER for publication.)

Editor

The News and Observer
Raleigh, North Carolina

DEAR SIR:

You have done a grave injustice to me and to more than nine million other Southern Baptists by classifying my pamphlet, *Baptists, Roman Catholics and Religious Freedom*, as literature "aimed at Democratic presidential candidate, John Kennedy." (See *The News and Observer*, Thursday morning, September 29, 1960.) Allow me to point out the following facts: (1) The pamphlet was published in 1955

and does not contain a single reference to anyone in the past or present aspiring to a political office; (2) it is based upon authoritative works, both Roman Catholic and Protestant, some of which are used as textbooks in reputable colleges and universities in this country; (3) it nowhere attacks Roman Catholic religion, but deals strictly with political philosophy and practice; and (4) it is written in the spirit of love. Indeed, it contains a specific plea for love among people of all races and creeds.

If you read the pamphlet, you could not honestly classify it as literature against the candidate. If you did read it, then I have the impression that you deliberately "used" it to promote your own political bias. To me this would be one of the worst forms of bigotry. In placing my pamphlet alongside other materials which no doubt are "deplorable" and "awful" you have made me guilty by association." Everyone knows that this is the old McCarthy technic.

HENLEE BARNETTE
Southern Seminary
Louisville, Ky.

"CONFUSING STATEMENTS"

TO THE EDITOR:

In view of the fact that there has been a large number of conflicting views and confusing statements expressed by various ones relative to the present political situation there are a lot of good Baptists that honestly do not know who to believe.

I am enclosing an editorial from *Church and State* which I would like to see published in the RECORDER, and I believe a lot of your readers would appreciate the information contained in this editorial.

G. E. BOBBITT
Raleigh, N. C.

LET THE POPE SPEAK

There appears to be some doubt as to where the Roman Catholic Church stands on the matter of freedom for other churches. Apologists for this church (both among Roman Catholics and Protestants) call attention to a new "liberal" view. They tell us that the Roman Church has really abandoned its historic position and has now become the champion of freedom for all faiths.

These apologists consider it bad taste for anyone to quote the copious utterances of the Popes and the various Canon Laws which take a firm stand against freedom. To quote such authorities is regarded as particularly bad taste in this election year!

Well, we can read. We have read the Popes on this subject—practically all of them right up to and including John XXIII. They all assert Rome's classic thesis that "error" (the doctrines of others) cannot have the same rights as "truth" (Roman Catholic doctrines).

Now we are told to disregard all these "infallible" statements. We are told that Spain and Colombia don't mean a thing. We are told that all this is passé—we live in a new day. Catholics believe in separation of church and state the same as anybody else.

How to Resolve Doubt

We are baffled. We can't see why there should be doubt as to just where the Roman Church stands. If the Pope now believes in freedom for other religions than his own, why



PLEADING FOR RA BOYS—Dr. Robert Fincher of High Point (above) speaks out of his heart for the host of Royal Ambassador boys of North Carolina. Here he is seen at the recent General Board meeting in Raleigh presenting the highlights of the great advance in RA work involved in the proposed camp site development near Asheboro. The busy doctor loves boys and as the State Royal Ambassador leader he gives the work much time and thought.

doesn't he just say so? That would settle the thing.

This idea may appear naive, but the more we think about it the better we like it. Why not? All doubt about voting for a Catholic candidate for President and all apprehensions about Catholic ambitions could be resolved with one comprehensive utterance. Pope John XXIII is the one to do it, the only one who can do it.

So let Pope John XXIII proclaim:

(1) That Canon 1374 is not binding in the U. S. and that Catholic parents are free to send their children to public schools without spiritual penalties;

(2) That the church in the U. S. (out of respect for the Constitution and the Supreme Court) will drop its campaign to secure public funds for the support of its institutions and rely, instead, on voluntary gifts;

(3) That Canon 1258 is not binding on American Catholics—they are free to attend inter-faith functions or to visit services of other faiths;

(4) That Catholics may be validly married before any clergyman or accredited civil official without discriminatory pledges against Protestants and Jews.

(5) That all men should have, as a matter of right, full freedom to worship according to their own conscience, to propagate their beliefs and make converts to them and to change their faith as they choose, even in Spain;

(6) That the Catholic Church will not attempt to impose its own standards regarding birth control and medical practice on citizens of other faiths;

(7) That Catholic public officials are free to carry out their duties according to their oath of office and in the light of their individual conscience under God, without interference from their church.



GENERAL BOARD SECRETARY AND VICE-PRESIDENT—For many years past, the General Board has had the excellent, efficient services of Pastor Z. Miller Freeman of Gastonia as its secretary. He has important records and minutes to keep, and does the job very well indeed. Right photo shows the Board's vice-president, Attorney E. J. Prevatte of Southport, who in the absence of President Nane Starnes presided over the sessions of the Board on Monday, October 10. He handled the gravel like a veteran, and at some points his knowledge of legal terminology and parliamentary procedure came in handily also.

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SAWYERS CREEK CHURCH, Belcross, has won the Standard Sunday School award for 1959-1960, the third such award the church has received in recent years. Pictured on the front row, holding the award, are Mrs. Marjorie Midgette, general secretary of the Sunday school; Percy Cartwright, superintendent; and at right the Rev. Melvin J. Hughes, pastor.

The church has been very active in study courses, with the pastor and Sunday school superintendent putting much emphasis on visitation and evangelism. The workers have cooperated splendidly in making the award possible.

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New Major Medical Plan Goes to Convention

All that is needed to put an all-new hospitalization, group and major medical insurance plan into operation is the official O.K. of the messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention next May.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, presented the plan to the executive committee of the Convention at its meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

After hearing the report, the committee approved the idea and recommended it to be presented to the Convention in St. Louis next May.

Reed said if messengers approve the plan, a minimum of 2,000 persons will have to be enrolled to put the plan into force. But he felt that perhaps there are more than 4,000 people who are ready to start.

Only persons who participate in one of the basic protection plans will be eligible to join this hospitalization plan, Reed said.

The plan is divided into three major benefits—hospitalization, group term life insurance, and major medical insurance. To get hospitalization, group term insurance must be included. However, major medical protection is optional, but is definitely recommended as a valuable feature at low cost. This plan will not cost the Southern Baptist Convention, state convention, or the local church anything, Reed said. Each participant will assume his own payments in this plan.

A man who was keen on his garden was justifiably proud of his lawn. But one year the lawn had a heavy crop of dandelions. He tried everything he had ever heard of to get rid of them, but without success.

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FROM OFFICIAL OF SBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TO THE EDITOR:

I appreciated the editorial you had in the October 1 issue regarding the Executive Committee.

It is certainly our intent to make the Executive Committee democratic in every sense and we try to furnish the staff work essential for good decisions, but we realize, as you say in your editorial, that there must be an evaluation of all the facts by a group truly representing Southern Baptists. The final policy then must grow out of this evaluation.

PORTER ROUTH, *Executive Secretary*
SBC, Executive Committee.

VOTING FOR 70 YEARS

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a personal word of appreciation for the fine work of the BIBLICAL RECORDER. The makeup of the RECORDER is attractive. It is easy to read and what appears in it is well worth reading. Each issue is filled with information about our Baptist people and about our Baptist work. I appreciate the manner in which you have brought to the attention of the readers of the RECORDER some things that are important. It seems to me that information regarding anything that has a bearing upon the qualifications of anyone seeking public office is important. Especially is this true when one is seeking the highest office in our United States — that of President. The religious background of anyone seeking office, if fairly presented and without prejudice, whether he be Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopalian, Catholic, or one of any religious group, is important, it seems to me.

In fact, very few of us know very much about what Catholics believe, teach and practice. Speaking as a Baptist, I can truthfully say that we need to be informed about what Baptists stand for, teach and practice. The BIBLICAL RECORDER is, I think, our best medium of information concerning the things that should be of interest to our Baptist people. The Baptist pastors in and around Rocky Mount, in their meeting last Monday, voted

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ARE WOMEN STUDENTS CONCERNED ABOUT POLITICS?—The Woman's College BSU's answer is an emphatic "yes." Shirley Brinson, BSU President, New Bern; Miss Mary Kiser, BSU Director; Mary Alice Morris, Study Group Chairman, Goldsboro, are pictured (left to right) as they discuss Maury's "Politics and Evangelism." The BSU study series will give attention during the next several weeks to the Christian's role in political action, issues in the 1961 election, and problems which young people confront when they become involved in active citizenship.

their endorsement of the manner in which you have endeavored, through the RECORDER, to inform our people about some things that are involved in the present political campaign. Information presented honestly and with fairness can do no harm, it would seem, when no pressure is brought to bear upon anyone, but when each person is free to do his own thinking and to make up his own mind with the light that he has before him.

More than 70 years ago I cast my first ballot. From that time to this hour, so far as I can remember, I have never failed to vote in any election, even in the smallest town election, when in reach of the voting place, and was eligible to vote. To vote in a free country such as ours is one of the highest privileges of citizenship and also a grave responsibility and a solemn duty.

My 92nd birthday is behind me. I hope I have never abused or misused my privileges of citizenship that have come to us at such great price and sacrifice. I will use the mind God has given me, and I will try to think through the issues involved in the coming election. I will try to inform myself and seek light from any reasonable source, and then go, on my own volition, and cast my ballot for what I think is best for country and God.

G. N. COWAN, Rocky Mount.

CHRISTIANS SHOULD VOTE!

TO THE EDITOR:

Every American voter is conscious of the importance of the Presidential election in November. Not only are Americans conscious, but 40 religious leaders from all over the world meeting in Switzerland during August agreed that this year's presidential campaign would be the most important in American History. In fact, a most revealing statement was made by a pro-Communist leader who stated flatly that America could be in Communist hands within 12 years. He stated the change would not necessarily come by the way of war, but would be marked by a rapid drift toward government control and then Communism. The issues are deep! In fact, the issues may almost be life and death for American freedom. The significance

Cramerton Church Completes Its Survey

The First Church of Cramerton of which Rev. R. O. Baker, Jr., is pastor has completed a successful Church-Community Survey under the direction of the Church Development Department, Ernest C. Upchurch, secretary.

The church discovered many potentials in the area of Sunday School, Training Union, WMU and Brotherhood prospects. Ted Williams of Lexington, an approved worker of the Church Development Department, led the evening services throughout the week. At the close of the week the church was challenged by long-range goals for an enlarged church program.

of this election for the Christian cause is far-reaching.

Many people who are becoming concerned about the coming election are asking, "What can we do to help?" You can study the issues and candidates. Get your friends to register and then both of you vote. But most of all pray for God's divine guidance in voting for the man who will lead our country in the right way. You can organize prayer bands to pray with you over this issue. Be sure to vote at all cost. This election could be lost or won by one vote.

Perhaps you think that your vote doesn't count. A few weeks ago North Dakota elected a United States Senator by a margin of less than one vote for every three precincts. Last year in Minnesota two mayors were defeated by one vote, and each had failed to vote himself. In 1948 President Truman was elected by winning the pivotal states in Ohio and California by less than one vote per precinct. In 1916 Charles Evans Hughes lost the key state of California to Woodrow Wilson by less than one vote per precinct, and it cost him the presidency. YOUR VOTE COUNTS!"

Many people feel that they cannot vote this election because they cannot back-up or vote for their party. The Scriptures definitely teach that we have a responsibility as citizens to participate in good government. Edmund Burke once said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing!" We Christians must work and pray as never before in this election or the future course of America could be dangerously altered and the free preaching of the Gospel could be endangered.

I am sure that you are just like me and all other Americans that each one of us is interested in the future of our country. Therefore, be sure to vote. But first, let me remind you to seriously think and pray over this matter and definitely let God lead you as you vote. We Americans are not thankful enough for the freedom of worship that we have, but let us not fail to recognize this freedom by not voting for the man who has the best Foreign-Affairs issues including his other issues.

A. L. LAMBERT, Valdese

What you dislike in another, take care to correct in yourself. — SPRAT.

Truman Blasts Baptists in Texas on Religious Issue; They Answer

WACO, TEX.—(BP)—Fiery Harry S. Truman mounted a political pulpit and chided fellow Baptists for injecting the religious question in the U. S. presidential election in this Central Texas bastion of Baptist strength.

Across town, meanwhile, messengers to the annual meeting of the Waco Baptist Association were approving a resolution critical of Truman's public conduct and manner of speech.

Speaking during a two-day campaign in Texas for the Democratic ticket, Truman blamed Republicans for capitalizing on a deluge of "smear and hate literature, all contrived to arouse religious prejudice."

"I say to you this is un-American. It makes me sick, and it makes me want to fight — and that's what I'm doing.

"I bow my head in shame and pray to God to forgive these people for what they do," said Truman.

Truman's famed salty speech habits cropped up in ad-lib remarks to Democratic faithfuls attending a \$50-a-plate dinner in San Antonio.

Attacking farmers and others who voted Republican in the last two elections, Truman warned them against voting for Nixon this year. "If you do," he said, "you ought to go to h—!"

At that meeting, Truman announced that he would "tell the Baptists what they ought to do" in view of the religious issue during his address.

Messengers Return Fire

Messengers to the Waco Baptist Association challenged Truman on his authority.

"He is presuming too much if he presumes that it is his prerogative or anyone else's to tell Baptists what they should do in this election or in any other realm of conscience," a resolution passed by the Association said.

The resolution stated that the Association "looks with disfavor upon his (Truman's) public conduct and his manner of speech as a Christian, a Baptist, and a guest in our midst."

Later in a news conference, Truman said he felt immune to any church criticism of his views on the political campaign.

He interrupted his prepared address to

say, "One reason I'm a Baptist is that nobody dictates to me."

Truman said that it saddened him to have to speak on the subject of religious bigotry, which he called "an earmark of dictatorship."

Truman suggested that some of the efforts to defeat Kennedy are being carried on through Protestant churches with political money contributed for this purpose to avoid paying income taxes.

Circulation of the "scurrilous literature" takes a lot of money, he said, "and the people who are putting up the money don't really object to Kennedy's election because he's a Catholic — they object to him because he's a Democrat."

The outspoken former president who received the honorary doctorate from Baylor University here a few years ago, declared his support for Kennedy "because he's a Democrat . . . I don't care if he's a Baptist or not."

The Waco Baptist Association, including 69 churches and 14 missions, also approved a resolution to "encourage our churches and our people to consider seriously the men nominated for the presidency as to their allegiances other than to the Constitution of the United States."

S. C. Plans New Building

The General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention has voted to build a new three-story Baptist building in downtown Columbia. The new air-conditioned building will have a total floor space of 36,000 feet.

FILMS MADE ON MISSION FIELDS TO BE SHOWN ON WBT, CHARLOTTE

We have just learned from the Rev. H. Gordon Weekley of Providence Church, Charlotte, that a film on Baptist mission work in Bangkok, Thailand, will be shown on television station WBT, channel 3, Charlotte, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., Oct. 27 and 28, and a film made on Baptist work in Tokyo will be shown at the same hour, Nov. 3 and 4. The films were made by Clyde McLean, a Charlotte radio and television announcer, on a recent trip he made around the world. Mr. McLean is a member of Mr. Weekley's church.

ON THE COVER

The men's dormitory at Chowan College, pictured on page 1, was dedicated October 12 in conjunction with the annual Founder's Day observance at the 113-year-old institution. Dr. Bernice Kelly Harris of Seaboard was principal speaker at the Founder's Day program, and at the dedicatory exercises which followed the feature address was made by Lloyd Griffin of Raleigh, executive secretary of the North Carolina Citizen's Association. Music was furnished by the Chowan College Choir. Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president of the college, presided over the exercises.

Pollard Says Truman Has Keys to Kingdom

DALLAS—(BP)—The President of the Southern Baptist Convention blasted former U. S. President Harry Truman for "assuming the role of the Pope" and intensifying the religion-in-politics issue under the cloak of trying to eliminate it.

Truman, who said in San Antonio that anyone who votes for Republican Presidential Candidate Richard Nixon "ought to go to h—," prompted a quick reply here from SBC President Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

"Truman has associated with Catholics so much," Pollard said, "that he has taken on the characteristics of the Pope and is trying to assume the authority of sending people to hell."

"Though Truman is very outspoken in his disgust for those who raise the religious issue in politics, he is actually inserting religion into the campaign and making the political party a religion by saying such a thing," said Pollard in an interview with newsmen here.

Quick to say that he speaks only for himself and not for nine million Southern Baptists, Pollard indicated that Truman, in his address on "religious bigotry" in Waco, Tex., had tried to stir up prejudice against the Protestants.

Pollard, who speaks Oct. 13 at the Colorado Baptist General Convention in Boulder, Colo., was in Dallas to address the Brotherhood of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church.

Meredith Will Honor Founders

RALEIGH — Meredith College will honor its founders with day-long annual observances on the campus on Friday, Oct. 28. Everyone cordially invited to attend the morning and afternoon events. Dr. Arnold Nash, professor of the history and sociology of religion at the University of North Carolina, will make the Founders' Day address at 11 a.m., in the college chapel, Jones Hall.



Dr. Nash

Early-day founders and supporters of this 62-year-old women's college who have had buildings on the campus (and the court fountain) named for them include: Charles Edward Brewer, William Turner Faircloth, Fannie E. S. Heck, J. Rufus Hunter, Livingston Johnson, Sallie Bailey Jones, Wesley N. Jones, James Yadkin Joyner, Oliver Larkin Stringfield, and Richard Tilman Vann. Dr. Vann served as president of the college from its second year to 1915; and Dr. Brewer followed him at this post, serving from 1915 to 1939, when the present president, Dr. Carlyle Campbell, took office.

The Friday afternoon reception for friends of the college will be held in Johnson Hall from 4:30 until 6:00 o'clock; and will be the first social event of the year to acknowledge members of the class of 1961, for the 145-student graduating class also will be received at this time. New appointees on the faculty and administrative staff will be a part of the receiving line; which will be composed mainly of the college officers, alumnae officers, and officers of the Board of trustees. All members of the faculty and administrative staff will assist in serving and receiving.

Mrs. J. R. Overby, of Smithfield, president of the Meredith College Alumnae Association, has announced that the Alumnae Council will hold a dinner in the college dining hall at 6:00 p.m., following the reception, and that their annual fall business meeting will be held at this time.

Rip Van Winkle slept for 20 years, but, of course, his neighbors didn't have television.

POAU Scores Lodge On Private School Aid

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Republican Vice-presidential candidate Henry Cabot Lodge was sharply criticized here by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) for a statement supporting the use of public tax funds to aid parochial and private schools.

Mr. Lodge in a press and television interview in San Francisco said he would make no distinction "between public school boys and private school boys" in distributing federal funds to aid school construction, or in providing aid for bus transportation or for textbooks.

Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of POAU, who earlier praised Sen. John F. Kennedy, the Democratic Presidential nominee, for his stand against any form of federal aid for parochial schools, called Mr. Lodge's statement "a most unfortunate concession to political expediency."

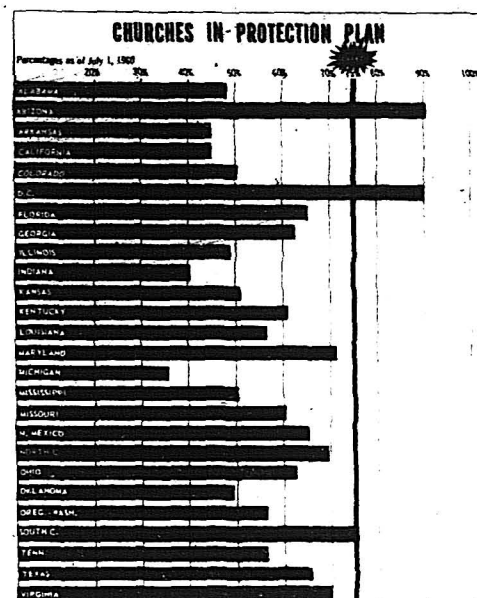
"Mr. Lodge's statement violates the spirit of the Supreme Court whose interpretation of the First Amendment has consistently opposed substantive grants for church schools," said Dr. Archer. "In fact, Mr. Lodge made no mention of the Constitutional bar to such grants."

The POAU leader said that Lodge has called for "forms of subsidy to church schools" which neither Presidential nominee supports and added, "We believe that Mr. Lodge will yet discover that most Americans of all faiths believe that churches and their institutions fare better in a free, democratic society when they support their programs with voluntary gifts rather than with tax funds."

Cherry Grove Celebrates Sesquicentennial

Cherry Grove Church, Rt. 1, Cerro Gordo, in the Columbus Association, celebrated its 150th anniversary on October 2. Three services were held during the day, and lunch was served after the morning worship service, at which Dr. Chevis Horne was preacher. A special anniversary service was held at 1:45 p.m. Mrs. Horace Strickland gave the church history, former pastors were recognized and each was asked to give a three-minute talk, and Claude Gaddy of Raleigh brought the sesquicentennial address. The Rev. Forest Strole brought the message at the evening hour.

In connection with the celebration a



NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS have signed up 69 per cent of their churches and pastors into the Southern Baptist Protection Plan as of July 1. These figures were released by the Annuity Board, the Southern Baptist agency that handles the protection plans for the denomination. N. C. Baptists are in a drive right now to enlist at least 75 per cent of the pastors by January 1, 1961. The Brotherhood Commission has made the Protection Plan a major promotional program, within its organization. Local Brotherhoods have accepted the challenge, and have been playing a big part in helping North Carolina Baptists to reach the goal.

special program and a history of the church were published. This Columbus Association church was established in the year 1810 by Bethel Buffkin, the history relates, and the Rev. Mr. Tarte was the first pastor. The long, straight building of logs had four doors, one each for the pastor, the men, the women, and the slaves. It was in a grove of cherry trees, and hence the name. Mr. Buffkin was the first Sunday school superintendent. Among the pastors who have served since 1930 are the Revs. C. B. Horne, W. C. Wescott, Paul Britt, Rufus Britt, L. L. Todd, R. C. Melton, Mark Owens (supply), John Blanchard, Floyd Enzor (supply), and the present pastor, the Rev. O. S. Long, who has been on the field since April, 1957.

A wood frame building was built in 1860, another was erected in 1924 at the present site of the church. The present attractive brick building was constructed in 1948, and a brick parsonage was built in 1957 and occupied by the pastor on Feb. 5, 1958.

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