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They Attended Baptist World Congress

Typical of many parties who traveled to London for the Golden Anniversary session of the Baptist World Congress in London, which closed yesterday, July 22, is this party conducted by Mrs. L. L. Carpenter. The picture was made as they were ready to go aboard the *Queen Mary* at the New York docks just before they sailed on July 6.

Kneeling in front, left to right, are Mrs. Carpenter, Editor S. H. Jones of *The Baptist Courier*, Greenville, S. C.; Rev. Howard J. Ford, Elkin. Standing behind them, left to

right, are Miss Louise Omohundro, Washington, D. C.; Miss Minnie Morris Huggins, Winston-Salem; Dr. Charles F. Sims, executive secretary of South Carolina Baptist Convention, and Mrs. Sims, Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. W. E. Nichols, Coats; and Mrs. Howard J. Ford, Elkin; and Lafayette Patterson of the Patterson Universal Travel Service, Raleigh.

Mrs. Patterson is standing on the stairway directly behind Mr. Patterson and others, reading from bottom toward top of stairs, are: Mrs. J. R. Butler, Coats; Mrs. L. R. O'Brian, Wake Forest; Miss Hilda Mayo, Rocky Mount; Miss Meredith Byrd, Raleigh; and Mrs. Myra Motley, Raleigh. Others in the party, not shown in the picture, are Mrs. M. L. Laughlin, Tarboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sprott and Mrs. Joe Sprott, Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson went to New York to see the party off.

Other members of the Carpenter party who went by plane a few days later are: L. L. Morgan, of the State Sunday School Department, and Mrs. Morgan, Raleigh; Rev. Charles E. Parker, New Bern; Rev. Earle Bradley, secretary of promotion, Baptist State Convention, Raleigh; Mrs. Kent Barbee, Wake Forest; Miss Hazel Brannock, Mount Airy, and Editor L. L. Carpenter of the *BIBLICAL RECORDER*. The two groups met in Southampton, England, on July 11. There are 25 people in the party.

CORRECTION: Transylvania Association will meet August 9-10 instead of August 2-3 as previously reported, according to Ruel Whitmire, clerk.

We appreciated an invitation to attend the opening services in the new sanctuary of the Sandy Branch Church, Bear Creek, on July 31 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Fred A. Duckett is pastor.

On the front cover of the bulletin of the First Church, Canton, Horace L. Smith, pastor, June 23, appeared an architect's drawing of a contemplated sanctuary. Outline with the picture read: "The First Baptist Church Faces the Future."

"By unanimous vote last Sunday, the church voted to build a new sanctuary at an approximate cost of \$148,000. This is a great step forward in reaching more people in our area for Christ.

"Working together, canvasses should be completed and building started by early fall. "Let us build for the Glory of God!"

We extend hearty congratulations and good wishes to Pastor Smith and the members of the church in this important new enterprise.

A Layman Evaluates Foreign Mission Conference

By Claude F. Gaddy, Executive Secretary
N. C. Baptist Council on Christian
Education

It is a rare experience for one to be able to attend any one of the three great conferences which were held at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly June 30-July 6. The three conferences running concurrently were the Writers' Conference, the Brotherhood, and the Foreign Mission Board. Those responsible for planning and directing the three programs did a marvelous job in coordinating and unifying them most effectively without in any sense detracting from the particular emphases in each department represented.

As the leader of the Men's Conference for the Foreign Mission Board, I naturally considered this the major emphasis, but I did have the happy privilege to be in a number of the conferences in both the writers' group and the Baptist Brotherhood, and found every moment enriching and helpful.

The program of the Foreign Mission work was centered around a daily schedule consisting of Bible study each morning under the direction of the able and unique Dr. Solon B. Cousfus of the University of Richmond. This was a rare privilege never to be forgotten. For the next 45 minutes, three missionaries on furlough gave us their most unforgettable experiences in their respective fields of service throughout the world.

After a brief recess the some 1,700 people in attendance divided themselves into mission study conferences with a well-arranged schedule of visits from missionaries and mission leaders who enlivened the discussions and brought all of us intimate touches with our work in the remotest mission centers of the world.

The morning activities were brought to a close with a period of devotion followed by a message from such outstanding Baptist leaders as Dr. George W. Schroeder of the Bap-

tist Brotherhood. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Missionary I. N. Patterson of Nigeria, Scientist and Christian layman Ralph T. Overman, and Dr. Fred F. Brown, former pastor in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The afternoons were given to conferences and study groups among the three divisions, and then in the evenings, following vespers, the large auditorium was usually filled with those who participated in periods of worship, and heard inspirational messages by the various leaders in missionary and Brotherhood work.

In addition to some 1,700 men, women and young people attending the conferences, there were 90 missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board, now on furlough, along with new appointees who will be sailing to their respective fields of service in the near future.

After six full days of fellowship and participation in these three conferences, it is my conviction that only as we come to see ourselves in all departments of our Christian work in true relation to a great mission program extending to the ends of the earth shall we ever realize our maximum potentialities.

Although I make such a comprehensive statement, I should like to be more specific and say that the seven Baptist colleges in North Carolina with which I work will realize their true and full opportunities in our program of Christian work as we come to plan and operate them to the end that they may train young men and young women to assume their rightful places in carrying the gospel message to all men everywhere. If we can keep our goals and our activities within this type of Christian framework, we shall never want for the understanding and support of our Baptist people.

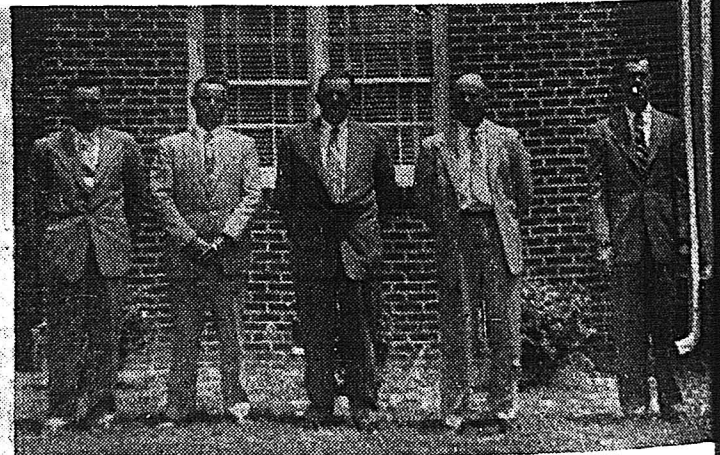
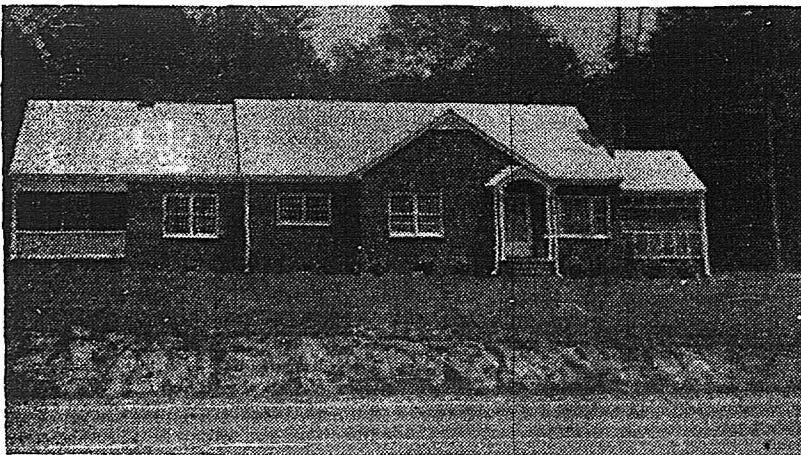
Any effort to evaluate conferences such as we had at Ridgecrest during the past week must remain inadequate. Let it be said, however, that anyone attending and observing the work of these six days is convinced that we have in these three areas of our Southern Baptist work outstanding leaders who have real vision and who are working effectively in the organization and administration of their departments.

If our Baptist people were better acquainted with our Foreign Mission leaders and the work that is being done by our 1,000 missionaries now in the fields, we would be well on the way to finding the answer to our great program of advance, not only in foreign missions but in every department of our Baptist life.

Tar River Missionary Rounds Out Five Years' Service

Missionary V. E. Duncan of the Tar River Association was honored in the last issue of the Tar River Bulletin, by special tribute paid to his five years' faithful work, by leaders of that association. The Bulletin was the Fifth Anniversary Issue. It contained much news of the progressive work accomplished recently, and fitting messages of commendation from the former moderator, G. M. Beam, and from the present moderator, Aubrey Tomlinson of Louisburg; messages from Training Union Director W. C. Guthrie, and from former W. M. U. Superintendent Martha B. White.

Each leader gave expression of sincere appreciation for the five years' sustained work and wise promotional efforts of the missionary. We quote from Brother G. M. Beam: "During the past five years, Brother Duncan has enthusiastically given himself to the advancement of every phase of our work in the Tar River; he has made use of practically all available materials and assistance offered by our State Convention; and received splendid cooperation from the local churches."



Ballard's Bridge Church Has New Parsonage

Pictured here at the left is the new parsonage of Ballard's Bridge Church, Chowan Association. At the right are members of the building committee. They are, left to right: Rudolph Jordan, chairman; W. J. Bunch, Edgar Howell, Jessie Howell, and Gordan Boyce. The parsonage is a four-bedroom home of brick veneer construction, with paneled den, utility room, and garage. It has baseboard-radiation hot water heat. The two-and-

a-half-acre building lot was donated by Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Peele, members of the church.

Ballard's Bridge, established in 1781, is now a growing, full-time, four star church and has about 300 resident members. Rev. Ralph W. Knight has been pastor since June, 1951. He and Mrs. Knight and their four children, Judy, Woody, Steve, and Sylvia, are now living in the new parsonage.

A Trip Across the Desert to Mount Sinai

By H. Walton Connelly, Jr., Pastor
First Church, South Boston, Va.

Mr. Connelly and Rev. C. C. Coffey, First Church, Kannapolis, N. C., are conducting a tour of the Holy Land and other places of interest before attending the Baptist World Alliance.

When we suggested to our travel agent that we would like to visit Mount Sinai, his candid reply made us feel that it was merely another stop on the itinerary. When we made the trip, however, we found the situation to be very different. It took us longer to see Mount Sinai than it did Jerusalem, and the elaborate preparations, including all our food and water for the four-day desert journey, made it more of an expedition than a sightseeing tour.

While we were in Cairo, Egypt, we learned that there were only two groups from the states scheduled to make this trip which caused some of our group to become somewhat hesitant. Since preparation had already been made, all 34 of our party were aboard the nine specially equipped cars when we left our hotel in Cairo on June 8. When we returned on June 11, all agreed that the experience and the things we saw had made the difficult travel worthwhile.

The first leg of our journey took us from Cairo across the Suez Canal; by the Quoon boussa, where tradition states that Moses sweetened the bitter water (Exodus XV) and a to Abu Zeneima, a tiny village on the shores of the Red Sea.

At Abu Zeneima we camped in Arab tents for the night, and while there met one of the Greek Orthodox monks from the Monastery of St. Catherine, our destination. He had come to this village outpost by camel to make a three-months report to the military governor on the affairs of the old Monastery, which has existed since the fourth century to protect the reputed site of the Burning Bush.

The next day's journey was made through the soft sand of the valleys between the high granite mountains which distinguishes the Sinai Peninsula from any other spot on earth. Most of the 60 miles from Abu Zeneima to the Monastery was made in second gear, and we averaged less than ten miles an hour. Even though the pace was slow there was still a sense of haste because at every mile there was a complete change of scenery. We passed through the broad Wilderness of Zin, and the Valley of the Writings where Christian pilgrims since the second century have etched their names on the granite sides of the valley.

The only major stop during the second day was at the Oasis of Pharan, where ruins of a city of hermits, who worship Christ, are scattered. The valley as a Christian center dates to the second and third centuries. The abundance of the water at Pharan makes the valley the most fertile valley in the whole Sinai Peninsula, which covers nearly half the area of modern Egypt. A small garden is maintained here to supply fresh food to St. Catherine's, located 30 miles to the east.

When we arrived at the Monastery, where we spent the next two nights, we found that the letter of introduction from the Greek Archbishop in Cairo adequate to get us into the guest quarters. The monastery which

was built by the Byzantine Emperor, Justinian, a thousand years ago, is a small town within itself; streets, water, lights that burn three hours at night, chapels, guest quarters, and the world famous library where Tischendorff found, in 1859, the second oldest manuscript of the Bible dated 400 A.D.

The climax of our visit to the Monastery was the climb up the 4,000-foot Mount of Moses where the Christians from the fourth century have believed the Law was received. Valid proof that this was the mountain is still wanting, but it seems to fit the Biblical account better than any other in the area.

Access to the summit is gained by five different ways. We ascended by Bedouin camel up the southeastern slope and returned by the Crusader's Steps numbering over 3,000 that led from the summit to the walls of the Monastery in the valley.

On top of the mountain the 20 of us who made the climb held a brief worship service before beginning our descent. The silence and majestic ruggedness of the mountains gave us all a sense of divine presence not soon to be forgotten.

We returned to Cairo after a 13-hour drive the next day, finding the sand easier to cross on our return because of the gradual loss of altitude to Suez. Most of our group possessed a profound respect for Moses before we visited Sinai, but his true greatness was clearly seen by all after crossing the Peninsula of the Exodus.



Weldon Building for Present Needs and Future Growth

Construction has begun at Weldon First Church on the proposed \$85,000 educational building. In the above picture, taken at the ground-breaking ceremonies Sunday, June 19, are seen some of the church leaders and the oldest and newest members, taking part.

Seen above, left to right: Pastor E. W. Glass, Grover Howell, Sunday school superintendent; C. R. Daniel, building committee chairman; Mrs. R. L. Tolar, newest member of the church, who had joined a few minutes previously at the end of the morning worship service; C. F. Gore, treasurer; Mrs. Meade Mitchell, W.M.U. president; Mrs. A. S. Allen, the oldest member of the church, a member since 1897; R. G. Bell, Training Union director; and Dr. R. B. Blowe, chairman of the board of deacons. Mrs. Allen was given the honor of turning the first spadeful of soil for the new building.

More than 200 persons attended the ceremonies. The Weldon Church was founded in 1865, and has grown steadily to its present membership of nearly 600. The new building and the near-by annex will take care of about 700 persons. The plans are for a modern two-story fireproof building, with 10 departments and 36 classrooms, a kitchen, office, and pastor's study.

Rev. Theodore F. Lott has been appointed director of workshop activities for the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas. He will also be in charge of reproducing tapes for the Baptist Hour. The tapes are sent to approximately 400 radio stations.

Twenty students received degrees or diplomas in the summer school commencement of the New Orleans Seminary on Friday, July 8, to bring to 190 the number of students graduating during the current session.

Opportunity is often lost through delay.—
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Editorial Brevities

A NEW BOOK, *Religious Factors in Mental Illness*, has come from the pen of Dr. Wayne E. Oates of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. According to a feature article in the *Tie*, alumni magazine of the seminary, this book was released by Association Press, New York, a short time ago.

Dr. Seward Hiltner, professor of Pastoral Theology, University of Chicago, and an authority in the field of mental health, gives us the following evaluation of the author and of this new book:

"Wayne Oates is highly readable; he is careful and discriminating; he is genuinely committed; and he is interesting. These virtues rarely turn up in the same person and the same book. When they do, I recommend them without reserve."

The many friends of Dr. Oates in this state will be interested in knowing about this book, and no doubt many of them will buy it and read it. It may be purchased at any of our Baptist Book Stores. The price is \$3.50.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION of the Southern Baptist Convention recently announced at Ridgecrest that a special tribute will be planned in recognition of the service of Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, who served as Commission chairman from 1942 until his term expired this year.

The Commission has also announced plans to present a television program and to publish a monthly bulletin. The Radio and Television Commission will help with the TV program. A special committee to work on the TV program plans is composed of A. C. Miller, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tenn.; Barry Garrett, editor of the *Arizona Baptist Beacon*, Phoenix, Arizona; and Paul Sanders, law professor at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. The latter two are new members of the Christian Life Commission.

MISS JENNIE CULBERTSON POWERS was honored at services in Westside Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Philadelphia, as she rounded out 80 years of perfect attendance at Sunday school, we learn from Religious News Service. The chipper lady of 84 was presented a large stack of congratulatory letters, a telegram from President Eisenhower, and a gold badge with her record inscribed on it. Her pastor preached a sermon on her faithfulness.

"Miss Jennie," as she is known, tells friends: "I have three homes—my earthly home, my church, and my heavenly home. I've been happy in two and know that I'll be happy in the third."

As a sales woman and later a secretary, Miss Powers had vacations but never left home over a Sunday.

RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE reports that Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, recently was host at a reception for a delegation of eight Russian churchmen visiting the British Isles. Throughout their stay in England the visitors were to be guests at Lambeth Palace, the Anglican Primate's headquarters, where they also were

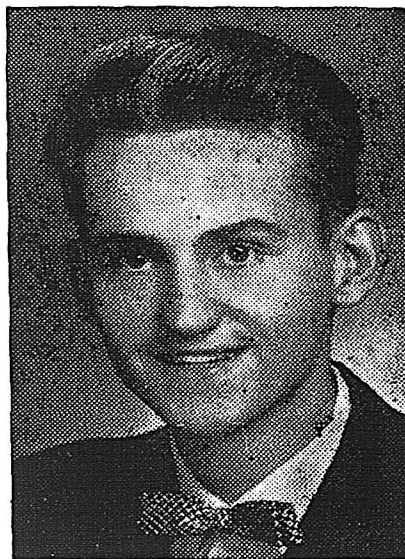
scheduled to conduct a series of theological discussions with Anglican leaders.

At a press conference in Lambeth Palace prior to the reception, Russian Orthodox Metropolitan Pitirim of Minsk and Byelorussia, Rev. Jakov I. Zhidkov, chairman of the All-Soviet Union of Evangelical Christians (Baptists), and Archbishop G. Turs of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia acted as spokesmen for their respective creeds. The delegation included Archbishop Kiivi of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia, three other Russian churchmen, and another official of the Baptist group.

The three spokesmen joined in affirming that they enjoyed freedom of worship and were at liberty to hold services wherever they wished.

ON JUNE 15, the *Baptist Standard* lacked only 1,165 more subscribers to attain the goal of 300,000, the largest circulation in the history of the paper. In fact, Editor E. S. James writes, "So far as we know there is

New Staff Member, Front Street Church, Statesville



Walter W. Jacobs on July 3 began his work as minister of music and education in Front Street Church, Statesville, C. C. Holland, pastor.

Mr. Jacobs received the A.B. degree from Berea College, Berea, Ky., in 1952, and this year was graduated from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., with the degree of Master of Religious Education. While in college he was active in Baptist Student Union work; he worked one summer with the Home Mission Board and one summer with the State Mission Board; and for three years was minister of music and education at Lee's Lane Church near Louisville. He was active in debating, dramatics, and was a member of the tennis team in college.

Minister of Music desires position. 1955 graduate, Meredith College, organ major. Phoebe Barnhardt, 184 Washington Lane, Concord, N. C.

no other state religious paper in the world that has one-third so many readers. The circulation growth has been phenomenal." Then he writes of the continual increase in circulation during the last several years. "It continues to grow, and so long as it has the active support of the leadership in the churches so long will it continue to expand in its circulation and increase in its usefulness in the Kingdom of our God."

This statement is a very true one. The large circulation of the *Baptist Standard* is due to the able leadership on the staff of the paper in part, but primarily because Baptist pastors and other leaders in Texas have accepted the important and definite policy of adopting the every-family plan in every church. There is a spirit of unity and progress in Texas that is exhilarating and very effective in Baptist work. The Baptists of Texas have agreed that the state Baptist paper should be in every Baptist home, and forthwith, they take steps to do exactly that thing—put the paper in every home!

New Orleans Professors Receive Elevations

Five members of the faculty of New Orleans Seminary received elevations in rank at recent meetings of the trustees. Dr. James C. Taylor was raised from associate professor to full professor, first year, of Homiletics. Dr. Taylor is also registrar of the seminary. Dr. Ray F. Robbins was raised from associate to full professor, first year, of New Testament.

Assistant Professor Wilbur W. Swartz of the School of Religious Education was raised to associate professor, first year. Assistant Professor John Durst in the School of Religious Education was raised to associate professor, first year. Instructor Claude H. Rhea Jr., of the School of Music was raised to assistant professor, third year.

The faculty of the New Orleans Seminary is composed of 31 teachers ranging in rank from instructor to full professor with four one-year steps in each bracket. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell is president of the seminary and chairman of the faculty.

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EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

The Baptist World Alliance

Retrospect and Prospect

By F. Townley Lord

President, Baptist World Alliance

NOTE: Here we are giving excerpts from the address made by Dr. Lord at the Baptist World Congress, London, England, July 17. We are able to give only comparatively short sections of the long, eloquent address.

—EDITOR.

Fifty years ago today, on July 17, 1905, the Baptist World Alliance was born. Six days before under the presidency of Dr. Alexander MacLaren, the Baptists of the world had assembled for their first World Congress. . . . Dr. Crandall read the report of the Committee which had been set up to consider future Congresses. This report proposed that a Baptist World Alliance be formed. Dr. Clifford moved its adoption. From the chair Dr. MacLaren declared, "I feel like singing the Doxology in my heart at being the day when Baptists resolve on a world-wide Alliance."

The great audience that day did indeed sing the Doxology; now, fifty years after, we can voice our Thanksgivings to God with fervour and intensity greater than that of our fathers. Fifty years ago the eyes of our Baptist leaders were turned to the future, but they could not see what the future might bring. [Here Dr. Lord refers to the two devastating world wars, to the suffering of millions of people in concentration camps or wandering, "homeless and stateless, across the face of Europe."]

. . . Yet with all this unprecedented confusion and turmoil behind us, we are able to declare that the fellowship which began fifty years ago has more than survived the storm and stress of five decades. By the grace of God it has grown, from some six millions to more than 20 millions. Its roots have become deeper, its range wider, its bonds stronger in the clasp of fellowship and its gesture of compassion; until today, our Alliance stands in its greatest strength and in its most effective comradeship. If our fathers sang the Doxology, we need a Hallelujah chorus and more to do justice to the gratitude we feel for so wonderful a blessing.

[Here Dr. Lord pays a glowing tribute to his predecessors in the presidency of the Alliance—John Clifford, Robert Stuart MacArthur, E. Y. Mullins, John MacNeill, George Truett, J. H. Rushbrooke, and the only living former president, C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo. He also names with appreciation the treasurers of the Alliance—H. K. Porter, E. M. Sipprell, Herbert Marnham, the Hon. Albert Matthews, C. T. LeQuessne, George B. Fraser.]

The course of our history since 1905 has vindicated the claim made by Dr. E. Y. Mullins:

"The Baptist World Alliance is a brave gesture of Baptists to prove to mankind that we are not a miscellaneous group of sects, some under Paul, some under Apollos, and some under Cephas; but rather that we are one group under Jesus Christ, supremely loyal to Him and His revealed word."

Dr. Mullins' Questions

Twenty-seven years ago Dr. Mullins, in his presidential address, read for him at Toronto by Dr. Truett, put a question which it is still pertinent to consider. He asked, "Is our life in Christ strong enough and constructive enough to survive?"

There are here, you will observe, two questions. Is our life in Christ strong enough? Is it constructive enough? As to its numerical strength, our Baptist progress since the day when Dr. Mullins posed his question supplies an impressive answer. According to the *Directory* published in 1928, Europe had 638,000 Baptist church members; today that membership is nearly double; Asia had 343,000 church members; today that membership has about doubled; Africa had 72,000 church members; today that membership is three times as great; North America had 8,500,000 church members; today that membership is more than double.

Our distinctive principles, however men may regard them, have succeeded in winning the allegiance of great multitudes both among English-speaking peoples and even more among other language and missionary groups. We do not profess to have the whole truth, nor do we unchurch those who differ from us; but we believe that our witness has been vindicated by the remarkable response to it during the past half century.

The second of the questions put by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, 27 years ago, was: "Are Baptists constructive enough to survive?" We may remind ourselves that there can be no resting on our laurels. We may be excused a certain pride as we reflect on the contribution Baptists have made to the life and witness of the whole Church: in the battle for liberty in which our fathers were pioneers, in the missionary impulse, which our fathers restored to the eighteenth century church; in the sphere of evangelism where we have shown, I think, that here lies a great part of our genius; our traditional devotion to humanitarianism in its application to social problems. Pride, yes, and gratitude for the clear-sighted wisdom of our fathers. Yet are we like the men and women pictured by John Masefield when he wrote:

"We travel the dusty road till the light of day is dim,

And sunset shows us spires away on the world's rim.

We travel from dawn till dusk, till the day is past and by,
Seeking the Holy City beyond the rim of the sky."

What did Dr. Mullins mean when he asked whether the Baptists of the world were constructive enough? We can see his meaning in a fine passage with which he brought his presidential address to a close:

"We need the imagination of the architect because we are building a human temple with living beings as stones. We need the passion of the great poet because divine fire alone can fuse human spirits into the unity and glory of the image of God. We need the patience of the great painter and sculptor because the human material on which we labour is refractory and yields but slowly. We need the inspiration of the great composer because it is only as we are swayed by the eternal music that is sounding itself forever through the heart of God that we can do his work in the world . . . We need education and culture because our method of winning men is the appeal to reason and conscience."

Plea for Education and Culture

Today, a quarter of a century after Dr. Mullins, I would underline his plea for education and culture in our constructive witness. In such an emphasis twentieth century Baptists are in line with their great traditions. It is insufficiently recognized that many of our pioneers in early days were men of cultured mind. John Smyth was a Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge. Thomas Helwys had the then considerable advantages of education at Gray's Inn, then the largest and most fashionable of Inns of Court. Roger Williams was educated at Charter house and Pembroke College, Cambridge.

Not all our great Baptist leaders had academic advantages, but our Baptist achievements have left their mark in Biblical scholarship. We have every reason for pride in the contribution of Baptist scholars in the work of Biblical translation, for while in this field William Carey stands alone, he has had many notable Baptist successors. And as we look around the Baptist world today, we cannot fail to be gratified by the eminence of church historians like K. S. Latourette in the New World and Gunnar Westin in the Old. In this country I can think of eight persons who have held or hold university appointments in Old Testament studies.

More than 300 years ago John Robinson, Congregationalist pastor of the congregation at Leyden, was responsible for a fine sentence with which his name is always linked: "I am certain the Lord hath more truth and light yet to break forth out of his Holy Word." That dynamic thought from the great Puritan epoch has continued to inspire Baptist scholars.

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The People Left in Judah

Lesson for July 31, 1955

Scripture: II Kings 25:10-12;
Jeremiah 40:44

Last Sunday we studied the destruction of the southern kingdom. Today we give our attention to the developments which occurred in Judah after the departure of the Chaldeans, and to Jeremiah's attitude toward those developments.

Days of Reconstruction
(Jeremiah 40:1-12)

Jerusalem had been totally destroyed by the Chaldeans because it had proved to be the center of repeated rebellions. When the Chaldeans finished their systematic pillage and destruction, the city was completely in ruins. Many of the people had been taken captive to Babylon, and others had escaped to surrounding countries. A considerable number had gone to Egypt, where Jews had often found refuge in other similar situations. Only the most unpromising people of the land were left in Judah.

Judah was completely dominated by Chaldea. To govern the Jews in the land the Emperor Nebuchadnezzar appointed Gedaliah. Gedaliah was not of the Jewish royal house, the house of David, and he was not given the title of king. He was, however, of the nobility, and his grandfather had been one of the chief advisers of Josiah. It is apparent that Gedaliah was a wise choice, for the government of the Jews was thereby left in the most capable hands available. Gedaliah made a good beginning toward a reconstruction of the land.

Since Jerusalem was in ruins, Gedaliah made his capital at the town of Mizpah. That town was not far from the site of Jerusalem, and had been important in the history of the Jewish people. To Mizpah came representatives of the Jews—village elders, chieftains of wandering guerrilla bands, refugees who had fled to Moab, Ammon, and Edom—to swear their allegiance to their new governor and to have a part in rebuilding the Hebrew nation. The prospects were promising indeed. They were all the more promising in that Jeremiah was there, and Gedaliah seems to have relied upon his counsel.

Gedaliah was loyal to his Chaldean overlords, for he understood that whatever future there was for Judah was conditioned upon the benevolence of Chaldea. His rule lasted between three and four years, and had he been permitted to live longer the history of the people might have been different.

Insurrection
(Jeremiah 40:13-41:18)

Like many good people, Gedaliah was trusting and unsuspecting. Johanan, one of

his lieutenants, warned him of a plot under way to destroy him. The leader of the plot was a man named Ishmael, a descendant of the line of David. Again we know nothing of motives, but it may be that Ishmael felt that he was the rightful ruler. He was encouraged in his plot by the king of Ammon, who may have been desirous of preventing Gedaliah from developing a strong Jewish nation again. Gedaliah refused to believe that any such plot was under way, and was therefore an easy victim for Ishmael, who killed him as he was a guest in Gedaliah's house.

At first it appeared that the insurrection was successful. Ishmael's men killed not only Gedaliah, but also the men who were with him, as well as a group of Chaldean soldiers who were present. He then set about securing control of the government, using the usual ruthless methods of insurrectionists. Johanan led a force against the insurrectionists, however, and put them to flight. Ishmael escaped to Ammon, and was never heard of again.

With the insurrection quelled, the next question was, What shall we do now? Even though the loyal Jews had put down the insurrection themselves, they were terrified at the possibility that the Chaldeans might make them the objects of vengeance. Their first thought was to flee to Egypt; indeed, they went as far as the village of Geruth Chimham, south of Bethlehem. Then they determined to ask Jeremiah for "the word of the Lord" concerning what they should do.

The message of the Lord through Jeremiah was that they should remain in Judah. "If you will remain in this land, then I will build you up and not pull you down; I will plant you, and not pluck you up; for I repent of the evil which I did to you. Do not fear the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid; do not fear him, says the Lord, for I am with you, to save you and to deliver you from his hand. I will grant you mercy, that he may have mercy on you and let you remain in your own land" (Jeremiah 40:10-12).

The scripture does not tell us, and one is made to wonder why the future of the people depended upon their remaining in the land. It may be that it was because flight meant taking matters into their own hands, forget-

ting the power of Jehovah. Or it may be that the danger of apostasy would be too great for them in Egypt. Or it may be that to abandon the land of promise, the land which was so important in their faith, was to abandon the covenant entirely. At any rate, Jeremiah made it clear that the will of Jehovah was that they remain in Judah.

Life in Egypt
(Jeremiah 43-44)

The people were determined upon flight. It seems that, rather than seeking to discover what the will of Jehovah was for them, they had been seeking to gain his approval for a course of action upon which they had already determined.

They said that Jeremiah's message was not the word of God, but the word of Baruch. Their words indicate that they believed that Baruch had "sold out" to the Chaldeans, and was trying to use Jeremiah to betray them into the hands of the Chaldeans. Forcing Jeremiah and Baruch to go with them, they moved across the Egyptian border to Taphanes and established themselves there.

One further message of Jehovah was delivered by Jeremiah to the Jews in Egypt. He reminded the people that the calamities which had befallen Jerusalem were punishment for the sins of apostasy and idolatry, and for the other sins which were the fruits of those two. What the people in Egypt had done by fleeing from Judah was interpreted as deliberately cutting themselves off from their heritage and from their God.

Furthermore, they had already begun "burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt" (44:8). Jeremiah announced that utter destruction would be their punishment for their sins, "so that none of the remnant of Judah who have come to live in the land of Egypt shall escape or survive or return to the land of Judah" (44:11-14).

So complete was the apostasy of the people, and so perverted was their reasoning that they did not see the logic of what Jeremiah said. They even attributed the blessings which they had enjoyed in Jerusalem to the fact that they used to "burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out libations to her," and the calamities which had come upon them came, they said, when they ceased their worship of the "queen of heaven" (44:15-19).

Jeremiah's final word to the people, so far as our records go, was therefore a word of warning. He seems to have had little hope that the people would heed the warning, but he was constrained to say to the people that even in Egypt destruction would come to them. They had fled Judah to avoid the sword of the Chaldean, but in Egypt they would "be consumed by the sword and by famine." The terrible warning from Jehovah was, "Behold, I am watching over them for evil and not for good" (44:27).

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HOME CIRCLE

What I Said When I Did Not Stay for Church Services

I told MY FAMILY that it would be better for us to go home rather than remain for the morning worship hour. I told them that we would receive a greater blessing and we would be a greater blessing by going home, so I did not stay for church this morning.

I told THE SINNERS passing by the church door that we did not like our church worship program nor our pastor's preaching, so we are going home. We pushed the stranger back so he could not enter in. We made such a surge toward the door that it was made impossible for him to enter. I do not care what the stranger thinks of the church, so I did not stay for the morning worship hour.

I TOLD GOD that I had HAD ENOUGH OF HIM for the day. I did not care to sit in his temple any longer. I did not care to sing praises to his name. I did not care to have his Word read to me any more. I did not care to bow down on my knee and worship him, so I did not stay for church this morning.

I told CHRIST that I had heard ENOUGH ABOUT HIM for today. I did not care to hear any more about him. I did not care to hear my pastor lift up Christ as the hope of a lost world. I did not care about communing with my Master any longer, so I did not stay for church this morning.

I told my UNSAVED FRIEND that I was not interested in his finding Christ as his personal Saviour. I know that unless he is saved in the church service that he will probably not be saved at all. But I do not particularly care whether the unsaved become saved or not, so I did not stay for church this morning.

Spice Box

Gilbert Stuart, the celebrated portrait painter, once met a lady in Boston, who saluted him with: "Ah, Mr. Stuart, I have just seen your miniature and kissed it because it was so much like you."

"And did it kiss you in return?"

"Why no."

"Then," said Stuart, "it was not like me."

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MOTHER: What! Have you been fighting again, Johnnie? Good little boys don't fight.

JOHNNIE: Yes, I know that. I thought he was a good little boy, but after I hit him once, I found he wasn't.

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A gentle old lady on a suburban train sat for some time, with the kindest interest, a young soldier sitting next to her. The fellow was chewing gum vigorously. Finally, she leaned across and patted him on the knee and said, "I'm awfully sorry, but it simply isn't any use trying to talk to me, young man, I'm completely deaf!"

Church Attendance

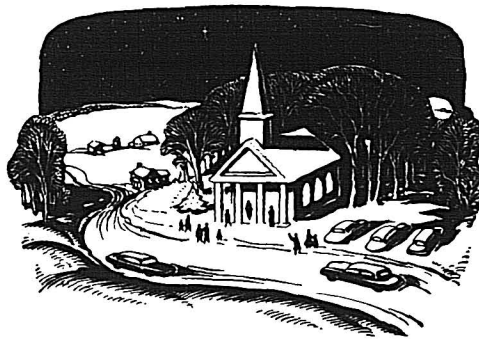
What My Absence Did:

1. It made some question the reality of religion.
2. It made some think that I was a pretender.
3. It made many think that I regarded my spiritual welfare and that of others as a matter of small concern.
4. It weakened the effect of church service.
5. It made it harder for the preacher to preach.
6. It discouraged the brethren, and therefore robbed them of a blessing.
7. It caused others to stay away from church.
8. It made it harder for me to meet the temptations of the devil.
9. It gave the devil more power over lost souls.
10. It encouraged the habit of non-church going.

What My Presence Did:

1. It caused people to have confidence in me.
2. It made people know that I regarded my spiritual welfare and that of others as a matter of great importance.
3. It had a good effect on the services.
4. It made my friends feel more welcome.
5. It encouraged the brethren and helped the preacher in his work.
6. It caused others to come to the Christ, and say, "I believe that; I believe that is enough to save a man," that man is a power for good.
7. It made my life stronger for another week.
8. It removed stumbling blocks from the sinner's path.
9. It caused others to say: "He practiced what he preached."

—Selected.



Straight Ticket

Late one dull October afternoon a group of our women went to hold service for the guests at the near-by home for elderly widows and maiden ladies.

Some of the women had already gathered in the lounge when we arrived. But there were latecomers—a woman who came in with the aid of a chair that she pushed along in front of her, and another, blind, feeling the wall for guidance.

As I passed out the song books, I paused in front of the sightless latecomer. She sensed my presence and her wrinkled face broke into a smile as she said, "I can't see to read and I never could sing, but I come out to show how I'm votin'."

"Not a bad text for a sermon," I thought. "We all show how we're voting when the hour for worship arrives."—PHILIP WAHLBERG, in *The Free Will Baptist*.

HOST: My wife took great pains with that cucumber salad she made.

GUEST: So did I.

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No dashing rain can make us stay
When we have tickets for a play,
But if a drop the walk besmirch
It is too wet to go to church.

Church Members Never Die—They Just Fade Away

That isn't quite true, for now and then a church member passes on, but the pastor conducts many more funerals for those outside the membership of the church than for those within it.

But some church members might as well be dead—so far as being a help to their church is concerned. They never come, they never express an interest, they never give. They have just faded away, back into Backslider's Land.

There are church members, very much alive, who fade away after Sunday school and do not come to the worship service to pray, to witness, to be inspired, to praise God. Too many fade away during the afternoon, never to be seen in Training Union to receive the joys of becoming well-informed church members. Evening worship, also, goes on without their voices joining in.

There are church members who fade away at 12:00 Sunday morning, and are not seen until the next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. There are some who fade away on Sunday and are not seen at the prayer service on Wednesday evenings for the planning and the praying and the fellowship that's so necessary that we might know each other better and thus render a more reasonable work and service unto our Master.

Then, there are church members at this time of year who fade away on Saturday to the lake, the beach, the mountains, or a relative's home . . . not to be seen until Monday morning when they dare not give their boss the same excuses they gave their Lord.

Church members never die (if they are Christians) for Jesus said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die"—John 11:26. But in a day when their witness and support are needed as never before many of them surely do fade away! (Clipped from *The Messenger*, Clinton Church.)

News: PERSONALITIES and EVENTS

The vacation Bible school of Clear Creek Church, near Marion, was a blessing to all concerned, writes Pastor Bertis Fair. There were 15 professions of faith and nine additions to the church on the following Sunday.

The Brotherhood of the First Church, Tryon, elected the following new officers at its regular monthly meeting July 1: president, Byron Rector; vice-president, James Pace; and secretary, Harold Taylor. Roy F. Easterly is pastor of the church.

First Church, Benson, held its vacation Bible school the first two weeks in June. There were 275 enrolled with an average attendance of 243. This is a record for the church in Bible school, and it is believed to be a record for the Johnston Association. H. O. Lanning is pastor of the church.

The Wendell Church, Wendell, on June 16 completed the most successful vacation Bible school in the history of the church. There were 181 enrolled with an average attendance of 151. There were three professions of faith and \$50 was contributed to State Missions. T. M. McClelland, minister of music and education, was the principal. Rev. William Vinson, Jr., is the pastor.

Pastor William A. Poole of the First Church, Graham, reports a most successful Bible school. The enrollment of 220 this year was larger than ever before. Average attendance was 207, and 182 had perfect attendance. One of the factors contributing to the great success of the school was the fine faculty of 38. The offering, amounting to \$43.05, was for the Cooperative Program.

The Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., plans to have available for distribution within a few weeks a pamphlet which will offer guidance in the establishment and administration of church kindergartens. This is the result of a kindergarten curriculum conference, directed by Dr. James C. Barry, editor of weekday materials, held recently at the Board. Dr. Barry said that definite plans have been made for the production of curricular materials, which are now being written and will be available in 1956 for use in church kindergartens.

Dr. Budd Smith, president, has announced the appointment of Richard Henderson of Alta Vista, Kansas, as a member of the faculty of Wingate College. Mr. Henderson will teach some classes in Bible, serve as registrar, and direct the night school. A native of Chicago, Mr. Henderson holds an A.B. degree from Wheaton College and a B.D. degree from Central Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. He is married to the former Kathryn Stough, whose parents, Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Stough, live in Wadesboro. Mr. Stough is missionary of the Anson Association, and Mrs. Stough is a state officer of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Newton, Southern Baptist emeritus missionaries to China, have a new address in Richmond, Va. It is 1232 Lorraine Avenue, Richmond 27. Dr. Newton is a native of Kerr, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Deaver M. Lawton, Southern Baptist missionaries to Thailand, have returned to the States on regular furlough and may be addressed at P. O. Box 79, Ridgecrest, N. C. They make their permanent American home at Ridgecrest.

Bethlehem Church, Raleigh Association, held its annual vacation Bible school June 27-July 1. There were over 100 enrolled with an average attendance of 94. The offering of \$17.00 will be given to the Heck-Jones Offering. Mrs. Max A. Eller served as principal, assisted by 17 faculty members. Max A. Eller is pastor.



During the morning worship service July 3, Dr. Thomas Eugene West, left, pastor of the First Church, Marion, recognized Deacon R. Clay Henline for a rather unusual record. Deacon Henline has attended every worship service conducted by Dr. West since Dr. West has been in Marion, and Sunday, July 3, was Dr. West's fourth anniversary as pastor of the First Church.

In making the recognition, Dr. West presented Henline with the three books essential to the function of a church: the Good Book, the Hymn Book, and the pocketbook. In addition, Henline was given a certificate in recognition of the occasion.

The Oxford Baptist Church for the second successive year has just completed a standard, grade AA vacation Bible school. The enrollment was 282 with an average attendance for the ten days of 239. Both in enrollment and attendance this was 33 per cent larger than any previous year. Miss Rebecca Mannes, educational director, was the principal. Rev. Herbert W. Baucom, Jr., is the pastor.

Mr. William B. Humphries, father of Southern Baptist Missionary Carol Leigh Humphries, died July 5 in Woodsdale, N. C. The missionary, who serves in Nigeria, may be addressed at Baptist Mission, Box 13, Ede, Nigeria, West Africa. She is a native of Bethel Hill and makes her permanent American home near Woodsdale.

The following changes of address have been requested: Rev. Gwyn P. Sullivan from Boiling Springs, N. C., to 306 East Harper Avenue, Lenoir, N. C.; Rev. Ralph Banning from Hendersonville, N. C., Route 2, to Edneyville, N. C.; Rev. L. A. Faulkenbury from Route 1, Charlotte, North Carolina, to Baptist Bible Institute, Box 66, Graceville, Fla.

The Girls' Auxiliary of the W.M.U. of the Hopewell Church, Union Association, held a beautiful coronation service on Sunday night, June 26. Miss Sunel Polk attained the rank of Queen. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Herman Sasser, counselor for the Girls' Auxiliary, and Mrs. Hal Polk, associate counselor. Mrs. Grover Watson decorated the church for the occasion, and Miss Mary Floyce Price helped with the music. Dr. E. S. Summers is pastor of the church.

The Oxford Baptist Church is enjoying some physical improvements. The outside woodwork is being painted, a lovely new outdoor bulletin board has been erected by Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wilson in memory of their son Bruce who passed away in 1943. The organ console has been moved to the center of the choir loft. On order and to be delivered in August is a new suite of pulpit furniture, memorial gifts from the Perkinson family and the Howard family.

First Church, Robersonville, has begun a renovation program which is to be completed by the latter part of August. The church will be brick veneered, a belfry erected, the porch remodeled, and the ground in front of the church will be paved. The interior plans call for wall-to-wall carpeting, enlargement of the choir loft and pulpit, refinishing the pews and pulpit furniture, and the addition of memorial windows. During the renovation program, worship services will be held in the high school auditorium. Ralph E. Ferguson is pastor.

We have received a resolution from the Piedmont Association expressing appreciation for the services of Rev. J. Wayne Levan at Hilliard Memorial Church, High Point, for the past four and one-half years. During his pastorate there were 182 additions to the church and great progress and growth were realized in the Sunday school, Training Union, and W.M.U.

Mr. Levan "has served his association as vice-moderator, Training Union advisor, and gave his leadership ability to the work of other committees." Mr. Levan has accepted the pastorate of the Second Church, Lancaster, South Carolina.

Faith Church, South Fork Association, Howard Laney, pastor, will hold a revival meeting July 24-31. Pastor W. L. Pitts of South Side Church, Lincolnton, will be the visiting minister.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Tumblin, Southern Baptist missionaries to North Brazil, have returned to their field of service after a furlough in the States and may be addressed at Caixa Postal 111, Natal, Rio Grandê do Norte, Brazil. They had been living in Durham.

South Oak Ridge Church, Yadkin Association, held its vacation Bible school July 4-8. There were 146 enrolled with an average attendance of 128. There were 94 pupils with a perfect attendance record for the week. Mrs. A. C. Cheshire was principal of the school.

The pastor, A. C. Cheshire, had a Bible study class for adults during the same week. The book of James served as a basis for study and discussion.

Commencement exercises on Sunday night, June 26, closed a successful Bible school at Central Church, Raleigh Association. Mrs. Willie Honeycutt, the principal, was assisted by 20 able workers. Average attendance was 171. The school was held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each evening so that there could be classes for young people and adults as well as for children. Kay May, an intermediate girl, wrote and recited a poem about the school at the commencement exercises. Lack of space does not permit us to publish this.

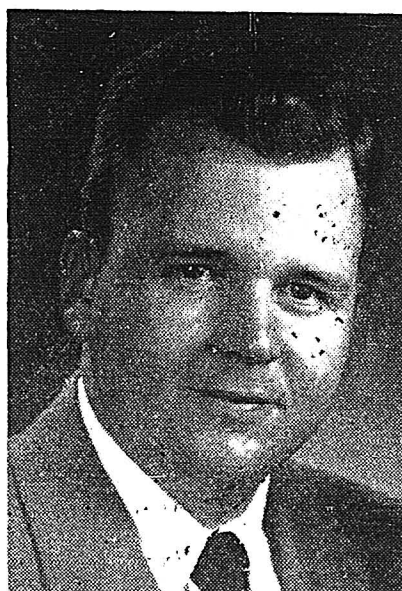
The First Church, Lexington, J. Roy Clifford, pastor, held a 10-day vacation Bible school with 290 enrolled and average attendance of 238. There were three professions of faith and eight dedications. Fifty persons served on the faculty and there was a mission offering of \$57.22 given through the Cooperative Program. This was the first Bible school at the new church plant and, according to the records, the best the church has had. There were 12 departments in all. Miss Betty Winningham, the church's educational director, was principal of the school.

Grey Stone Church in Durham, Rev. B. E. Morris, pastor, held the annual Girls' Auxiliary coronation service and Royal Ambassador recognition service on Wednesday evening, June 22. Mrs. Waldo Woodcock led the emotional period, after which came the in-athering of the Heck-Jones Offering. Charles McKinnon, R.A. counselor, directed the recognition service. Several boys advanced in rank. Two, Max Matthews and Ronnie Ferrell, attained the rank of Ambassador.

Mr. D. H. Lyon, associational young people's director, presented the awards for the promotion service. Mrs. Alex L. Booth, Jr., young people's director for Grey Stone Church, directed the program. The girls who were crowned as Queens were Velma Carden, Betty Sue Lewis, Carolyn Lockamy, and Gretchen Maulden. Miss Eileen King was presented her cape and pin for achieving the rank of Queen Regent. She is the first girl to achieve this rank in Grey Stone Church. Counselors for the Junior G.A. are Miss Joan Gregory and Mrs. Lydia Ferrell, while Mrs. Virginia Carden and Mrs. Ollie Martin are counselors for the intermediate G.A.

Mrs. W. V. Byers, W.M.U. president, closed the service with prayer.

YOUNG PASTOR ORDAINED



Norman B. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harris of Route 4, Fayetteville, was ordained to the ministry at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church on Sunday, June 26.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Baxter Walker on "Passions of a Preacher." Dr. Louis Gaines gave the personal and pastoral charges. Rev. Thomas Rich led the prayer, and Earl Reeves, Jr., chairman of the board of deacons, presented the Bible on behalf of the church. The newly-ordained minister pronounced the benediction.

Mr. Harris is a graduate of Campbell and Wake Forest colleges and a this spring's graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He is married to the former Miss Sarah Jordan of Tyner, who is a graduate of Campbell College and the University of Louisville. Mr. Harris has accepted the call to Comer's Chapel at Madison, Dan Valley Association.

Trinity Church of Fayetteville, T. J. Fulk, pastor, and V. H. Moorefield, assistant pastor, is setting good records. Last year Trinity was the only church in the New South River Association with a standard Bible school, and again this year the school is standard. Last year Trinity led the association with 77 baptisms. In nine and one-half months of this church year 79 persons have been baptized by Trinity and seven more are awaiting baptism. The Sunday school is averaging about 75 more in attendance than in the previous year.

We have received a resolution from the Piedmont Association expressing appreciation for the services of Dr. Ronald Edwin Wall at the College Park Church, Greensboro, for the past six years. During his ministry, 623 were received into the membership of the church, a new sanctuary costing \$250,000 was constructed, and remarkable growth in the Sunday school, Training Union, and W.M.U. was also realized.

Dr. Wall "has served his association on various committees, led in the establishment of the Seminary Extension School in Greensboro and acted as dean and professor of the school, and capably led the Greensboro Pastors' Conference." Dr. Wall has accepted a call to the pastorate of the North Winston Church, Winston-Salem.

Buckhorn Church, West Chowan Association, reports a most enjoyable week of vacation Bible school. There was an enrollment of 102 and almost a perfect attendance record. Mrs. R. H. Taylor served as principal. The church has just called Jack Hill as pastor and it is looking forward to much progress under his leadership.

Rev. and Mrs. Dale G. Hooper moved into the new Green Hill Church, Green River Association, pastorium on May 1. On June 26 the brick house was dedicated at a special service with the associational missionary, Rev. Henry Powell, as guest speaker. The W.M.U. was in charge of an open house that Sunday afternoon. The secretary-treasurer of the building committee reported that the house, valued at more than \$14,000, had been built for approximately \$7,800. Church members gave the lot, logs for building purposes, and their labor.

Ryland Knight, 78, retired Southern Baptist minister, died July 9 in Georgia Baptist Hospital at Atlanta. He had retired from the pastorate in 1951 and had been living at Apopka, Fla., since then. His last pastorate was at First Church, Pulaski, Va. He had served as pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Church in Atlanta, and had also served churches in Nashville and Clarksville, Tenn.; Richmond, Va.; St. Louis, Mo., and Ashland, Ky. He had served on the Foreign Mission, Home Mission, and Sunday School boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. Richard W. Hord, 47, of Vale, Route 2, was found dead in bed at his home Wednesday, July 13. He had suffered from a heart ailment for some time. He was pastor of the South Mountain Ministerial Association. Funeral services were held from Mt. Vernon Church on July 15 and burial was in the city cemetery at Kings Mountain. Surviving are his wife, his mother, Mrs. Sarah Styers Hord of Kings Mountain; a son, a daughter, two brothers, and four sisters, to all of whom we extend sympathy.

Rev. George W. Sawyer, retired Baptist minister of Portsmouth, Va., died July 15. Funeral services were held in Portsmouth on Saturday, July 16, and burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Mr. Sawyer was a native of Camden County, N. C., but had lived in Virginia a number of years.

Mrs. H. R. Jones is the newly appointed editor of Nursery Materials in the lesson courses section, Sunday School Department, Sunday School Board, and Miss Dolores Jo Baker is new editor of Primary Materials.

CORONATION AND BIBLE SCHOOL PICTURES

In the July 2 issue of the RECORDER we ran a note explaining that it is practically impossible for us to publish coronation and vacation Bible school pictures because of lack of space. So far we have been able to publish only a very few which we received many weeks ago. However, we continue to get these pictures. The accumulation makes it more difficult to say whether we shall ever be able to publish these pictures. Frankly, we do not see how we can possibly publish them. Please remember this before you send a coronation or Bible school picture.—Editor.

Christian Education

IN THE CHURCHES

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Training Awards

There have been 23,966 Sunday School Training Course Awards issued to workers in various churches in North Carolina for the period of October 1, 1954, to May 1, 1955, according to A. V. Washburn, Secretary of Teaching and Training for the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board. This mid-year report shows 861 churches in 62 associations engaging in training.

Church	No. Awards	Church	No. Awards
ALEXANDER			
East	6	Tobermory	10
First, Taylorsville	33	West, Bladenboro	14
Smyrna	27	White's Creek	24
		Zion Hill	27
ANSON			
Brown Creek	33	BLUE RIDGE	
Red Hill	4	Calvary, Marion	7
Wadsworth First	66	Chapel Hill	14
		Clear Creek	59
ATLANTIC			
Atlantic, First	23	Clinchfield	144
Beaufort, First	128	Cross Mill	39
Cherry Point	3	East, Marion	49
Days, First	1	Gordon Creek	20
Fort Barnwell	25	Greenlee	14
Harkers Island Mission	9	Harmony Grove	15
Havens, First	3	Vance Avenue	16
Marshallberg	2	BRUNSWICK	
Marshall City, First	8	Mill Creek	59
National Avenue Mission	67	Mount Pisgah	2
Newport, First	2	Prospect	11
North Jacksonville	1	Supply First	23
Pinney Grove	80	BRUSHY MOUNTAIN	
Richlands, First	3	Boiling Springs	20
Smyrna, First	1	Davis Memorial	10
Spring Garden	13	Mount Pleasant	17
Swansboro, First	24	North Wilkesboro, First	65
Tabernacle	199	Oakwoods	13
		Wilkesboro, First	24
		Zion Hill	20
BEULAH			
Clement	20	BUNCOMBE	
Longhurst, First	66	Asheville, First	184
Providence C.	3	Bear Swamp	19
Roxboro, First	45	Beaverdam	23
		Berea	1
BLADEN			
Abbotsburg, First	25	Biltmore	43
Bethel	18	Black Mountain	2
Bladenboro, First	50	Buckeye	6
Butters	3	Calvary	71
Center Road	31	Chunns Cove	19
Centerville	3	Cumberland Avenue	25
Clarkton, First	69	French Broad Avenue	1
Dublin, First	8	Merriman Avenue	23
Elizabethtown, First	31	New Bridge	9
Lisbon	17	New Found	6
Lone's Grove	21	Reed Memorial	10
Love's Grove	21	Riverside	33
Riverside	24	Swannanoa, First	3
Shady Grove	32	Weaverville, First	15
		West Asheville	101

Church	No. Awards	Church	No. Awards
BURNT SWAMP			
Antloch	6	Mulvale	2
Bear Swamp	2	Pleasant Hill	27
Berea, Pembroke	28	Pooney's Chapel	3
Bethel Hill	5	Pooney's Grove	41
Cedar Grove	31	Rhodhiss, First	57
Deep Branch	75	Sardis	30
Galilee	8	Setzor Creek	16
Mount Airy	7	Union	4
Mount Elin	9	Whitnel, First	25
Mount Moriah	11	Yadkin	10
Mount Olive	44		
New Point	20	CAROLINA	
Pembroke, First	5	Etowah	4
Pinney Grove	10	Hendersonville, First	67
Pleasant View	4	Horse Shoe	2
Reedy Branch	68	Shaw's Creek	18
Smyrna	32	Tryon, First	1
Ten Mile Center	17		
Union	3	CATAWBA RIVER	
Zion Hill	7	Abec's Grove	30
		Antloch	8
CABARRUS			
Brookdale	22	Burkmont	32
Calvary	52	Calvary	62
Centerview	83	Calvin Heights	9
Central	62	Catawba Valley	15
Concord, First	67	Cross Memorial	10
East Side	14	Drexel First	32
Emmanuel	15	Friendship	41
Fisher Street	11	Glen Alpine	13
Franklin Heights	1	Hartland	2
Jackson Park	3	High Peak	56
Kannapolis, First	157	Hopewell	40
Kerr Street	184	Morganton, First	111
Lane Street Mission	11	Mountain Home	43
McGill Street	114	Mount Calvary	59
Middle, First	1	North	20
Mount Pleasant	10	Pleasant Hill	299
North, Kannapolis	50	Pleasant View	35
Pitt	15	Rutherford College	20
Royal Oaks	7	Valdease, First	66
Skyland	1		
South Side	45	CHOWAN	
Stowes Chapel	14	Ballard Bridge	1
West Point	79	Calvary	23
White Hill	3	Coinjock, First	2
Young Street	39	Corinth	13
		Elizabeth City, First	1
CALDWELL			
Baton	2	Hertford, First	17
Blair's Fork	1	Manteo, First	17
Center Grove	5	Rocky Hook	14
Central	4	Sawyer's Creek	6
Clover	48	Shiloh, First	12
College Avenue	13		
Concord	86	COLUMBUS	
Dudley Shoals	25	Chadbourn, First	4
Fleming's Chapel	7	Clarendon, First	47
Grandin	14	Council	13
Grandview Park	1	Evergreen	14
Granite Falls, First	45	Fair Bluff	17
Harris Chapel	107	Hallsboro, First	13
Highview	1	Hinson's Cross Roads	2
King's Creek	2	Iron Hill	22
Lenoir First	39	Lennon's Cross Roads	40
Lower Creek	10	Mount Tabor	36
Mountain Grove	35	New Hope	16
Mount Zion	184	Sweet Home	2
		Western Prong	1
		Whiteville, First	56

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Church Membership and Sunday School Enrollment by States

(Smallest states not included)

Compiled by J. L. Corzine

Rank	State	Per Cent Relationship	Short of 100%
1	North Carolina	89.9	10.1
2	South Carolina	87.6	12.4
3	Florida	85.6	14.4
4	Illinois	85.0	15.0
5	Missouri	79.0	21.0
6	Oklahoma	74.5	25.5
7	Tennessee	74.3	25.7
8	Arkansas	74.0	26.0
9	Texas	73.6	26.4
10	Alabama	73.2	26.8
11	Georgia	72.7	27.3
12	Kentucky	72.2	27.8
13	Louisiana	71.3	28.7
14	Mississippi	65.8	34.2

New Staff Members at Mars Hill

Miss Doris Edwards of Selma and Wade Meadows of Hendersonville have joined the staff at Mars Hill College.

Miss Edwards, a graduate of East Carolina College, is the new dietitian for the college cafeteria which feeds nearly 1,000 students and staff and faculty members. She came to Mars Hill from Morganton, where she had been dietitian at the North Carolina School for the Deaf for four years.

Mr. Meadows is the new assistant manager of the student center, a part of the cafeteria which is comprised of the book store, a small variety shop, and a snack bar and soda fountain. After attending Mars Hill three semesters, Mr. Meadows had been working for the State Trust Company in Hendersonville since last February.

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Calling All Nominating Committees

In the midst of vacation plans and many other activities, you will not forget to elect your officers for the coming year in time for them to plan to attend the Fall Leadership Institutes sometime during the month of September. That means they will have to be elected at your August meeting.

Remember that there are to be *two additional officers* elected this year. At the meeting of the Executive Council, held at Meredith College, June 9-10, it was voted that a *Director of Missionary Fundamentals* and a *Chairman of the Division of Prayer* be elected in each region, association and local society. The local W.M.U. nominating committee will nominate and the society elect the *Director of Missionary Fundamentals* and the *Prayer Chairman* for the local W.M.U. this summer. Associational superintendents will name women to fill these places in the association until the regular elections next spring. The regional nominating committee will submit nominees for these positions at the regional meetings in October.

The *Director of Missionary Fundamentals* will have oversight of the work of the divisions of prayer, community missions, mission study and stewardship, and can be of great assistance to the president and superintendent in strengthening these four important phases of work.

The *Prayer Chairman* will head a committee which plans the observance of the Weeks of Prayer for Foreign and Home Missions and the Season of Prayer for State Missions, and which exerts its influence in encouraging the spiritual development of the members through emphasis upon Family Worship, the Intercessory Prayer League, the use of the Calendar of Prayer, and the deepening of their daily devotional life. She should be a deeply spiritual person who knows from experience the value and power of prayer, and whose life gives evidence of habitual communion with the Lord.

Our Jewish Neighbors

The Home Mission Board has just published a book full of information that has long been needed. *Our Jewish Neighbors*, by Frank Halbeck, is designed to inspire friendship and interest in these people who have contributed so much to our religious history and to the life of America as a whole. It is interesting that this book has been released during the year when the Jews are celebrating the three hundredth anniversary of their arrival in America.

Dr. Halbeck taught this book at the W.M.U. Conference at Ridgecrest. It is a good book for you to read during your leisure this summer, or to study in your society. While emphasis is being placed upon Community Missions, it would be well for your women to really get acquainted with the Jews in your community. If there is a Jewish temple in your town, visit it during one of the Sabbath services. There is much we can learn from these devout followers of the Old Testament. We have One Great Gift to offer them. But before you can do much about winning a Jew to Christ, you must know what he believes. This book will tell you.

Honor Students at Carver School

The Edna R. Harris Honor Scholarship and the Castlebury-Layton Scholarship granted each year by the State Woman's Missionary Union to two outstanding young women from North Carolina entering upon their second year of study at Carver School of Missions and Social Work have been awarded to Melba Hicks of Old Fort and Betty Joyce Sanderlin of Windsor. These scholarships are granted upon the recommendation of the faculty and staff of Carver School on the basis of scholarship, Christian character and general fitness for definite Christian service. Melba and Betty Joyce are to be congratulated.

Space Available for Young Men's Mission Tour

At this writing several places are available for the Young Men's Mission Tour to Glorieta, August 6-23. This will be a tour of Home Mission work along the way to Glorieta, going by Cherokee, Nashville, Memphis, Oklahoma City, etc., attending Young Men's Mission Conference at Glorieta, and returning by Carlsbad Caverns, El Paso, New Orleans, and Birmingham.

The tour is for boys who are at least 15 years of age, and who are interested in mission work of our denomination. They don't necessarily have to be Royal Ambassadors. Also, several counselors might be able to attend.

The tour will be by chartered bus, loading in Charlotte and leaving at noon on Saturday, August 6. It will terminate at Charlotte about 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23.

Cost of the tour is \$130 for transportation, hotel, Glorieta cost, fees, etc. Food enroute and return, estimated at \$45, plus spending money, will be extra. The \$130 will be handled by the state office. Each person will handle own money for spending and food.

If interested in this special opportunity to see our mission work, please contact B. W. Jackson, R.A. Secretary, 119 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, N. C.

When the Children Come Home from Camp

The summer camping season is well under way. Almost any camping experience is valuable for a child. But has your child, or have children from your church, gone to a missionary camp this summer? There are some things you need to keep in mind as these children come home:

Your child will be more independent. That does not mean that he or she loves you any less. At camp he has had to make his own decisions and choices. Your daughter may not have worn the dress you marked for her to wear each day—she may have decided to wear a different one. Your son may come home with all of his clothes clean and folded in the suitcase except one favorite, wornout pair of bluejeans that you didn't even want him to take. But he has had fun—and learned a lot—and grown up some.

At camp your child has met, prayed with and played with people from other countries, missionaries maybe, or nationals. You may never have had this privilege. Her world is now larger than just home and school and her own church. At camp your child has had Family Worship each night with the little group that formed her group or circle or his chapter. You may not have Family Worship in your home—and your child will miss this now.

At camp your child has learned to do without something he or she wants in order to give an offering to some needy mission cause. At camp your child may have made a profession of faith in Christ. Or perhaps surrendered his life to definite Christian service. Or perhaps offered himself or herself to go as a witness to the love of God to some country across the sea. All of these experiences have been meaningful to your child. Perhaps there is no greater tragedy than unappreciated enthusiasm. What can you do for the children who come home from camp?

In the HOME, give them an opportunity to talk. Don't just ask them a series of questions. Make an atmosphere that will be conducive to their sharing their experiences with you. Give them your attention, and your enthusiasm, as they tell about it. If they timidly make a few statements, lead them tactfully into more.

Express your pride in what they have done and what they have learned. They will be eager to do something that will prove to themselves that they are going to live completely for Christ. Guide them into service projects for unfortunate children in the community. Perhaps yours and the neighbor's children could plan a party for some needy children.

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RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

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A denomination such as ours, which claims in all things to base its position on the Word of God, must continue to bring to the study of the Divine Word its best and finest scholarship. That is why, in recent years, one important feature of Alliance activity has been through various Commissions to give careful study to such important themes as The Church, Baptism, and Liberty.

Three hundred and eleven years ago there appeared in England a book by one of the greatest champions of liberty, John Milton. Issued under the title of *The Arcopagitica*, it was really a plea for liberty in the realm of printing. In the eloquence of his famous plea to the Lords and Commons of England, John Milton had some noble words to say about truth:

"Truth indeed came once into the world with her divine Master, and was a perfect shape most glorious to look upon; but when he ascended, and his apostles after him were laid asleep, then straight arose a wicked race of deceivers, who took the virgin Truth, hewed her lovely form into a thousand pieces, and scattered them to the four winds. From that time ever since, the sad friends of Truth went up and down gathering up limb by limb still as they could find them. We have not yet found them all. Lords and Commons, nor ever shall do till her Master's second coming; he shall bring together every joint and number, and shall mould them into an immortal feature of loveliness and perfection."

I would take a phrase out of Milton's great address to the Lords and Commons of England, and with a slight alteration would apply it to all our Baptist people scattered now in every continent. Milton referred to the "sad friends of Truth." I would alter that to the "glad friends of Truth," for such we are who have ever come into the radiance of Him who is the Truth. Robert Bridges sang:

"Christ with His lamp of truth
Sitteth upon the hill
Of everlasting youth
And calls his saints around."

It is as we listen to that call, and in dedication respond to it that we claim our noble heritage and transmit it, unimpaired, to the generations that will come.



There were five North Carolinians among the 127 applicants for graduation at the close of the summer term at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. From left to right the North Carolina graduates are: Clifford Elkins, Lumberton, B.R.E. degree; Mrs. Lea Jackson Roberts, Winston-Salem, B.R.E.; James William Ross, Morganton, B.D.; Bruce Allen Russell, Raleigh, M.R.E.; Cecil L. Thompson, Morganton, Th.D.

Dr. James G. Harris, pastor of the University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, delivered the baccalaureate address at commencement exercises on Friday morning, July 15.

A Modern Miracle

There are those in our day and generation, as in the past, who try to discredit miracles and who refuse to believe them. This article is not written to add fat to the fire. The people at the Seashore Baptist Church are sure that God has given to them a miracle of his love. For this reason they would like to share their story with you.

The story has its beginning on May 16, 1954. On this date a handful of people met at the Wrightsville Beach School to organize a Baptist mission, sponsored by the Sea Gate Church, Brother Paul Nix being then pastor. The mission was started and held its first service in the school.

Ray Rogers, a ministerial student at Wake Forest, was sent by the Home Mission Board's summer student program to lead the mission for the summer months. During the summer the services were moved from the school to a former church building owned by the Lion's Club. The small group undertook a building program and took an option on nine lots on Harbor Island.

In September Ray Rogers had to return to Wake Forest to resume his studies. The mission and the mother church, Sea Gate, called Alan G. Johnson as its pastor. As plans were being made to continue the building program the greatest tragedy in the history of North Carolina struck. October 15, 1954, Hazel! Destruction! These were the words that were upon the lips of everyone.

The building that had been serving as the mission was now washed off its foundation, burst open, and part of it was resting on the highway. Would the mission continue, could it continue? Very few of the members of the mission ever asked these questions. God had laid it upon the hearts of these people to have a church of their own, not even Hazel could overcome their determination.

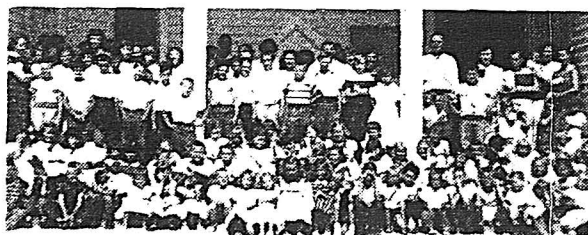
Missing but one service, the people returned to the school to continue the work that God had laid upon their hearts. They carried with them the only things that Hazel had left them, one collection basket and the pulpit stand. Hazel had not been able to destroy nor to take away the promises of Almighty God that they carried in their hearts; "Delight thyself in the Lord and He will give thee the desires of thy heart" (Ps. 37:4) and "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say to this mountain remove hence and it shall remove" (Matt. 17:20).

Their faith in God has removed many mountains for them, there were many mountains to be removed. On January 23, 1955, the mission was organized into the Seashore Baptist Church, a full-fledged Baptist church. In March the ground was broken for the new building. God was at work. On May the first they moved into that building. In one year, less sixteen days, God gave to the people of Harbor Island and Wrightsville Beach a Baptist church. In one year God brought it from conception to maturity despite the greatest destruction in the history of our state. This we call a modern miracle of God's love.

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If you know how to spend less than you get, you have the philosopher's stone.—Benjamin Franklin.

Mount Zion Has Splendid Vacation Bible School



Mount Zion Church, located on Route 3, Liberty, recently closed the most successful Bible school in its long history. The church was founded in 1826.

The one-week school had an average daily attendance of 120. Saturday afternoon was devoted to a picnic on the grounds. This event was well attended, with fathers and

grandfathers participating in the games and partaking of the abundant food. Despite inclement weather the church auditorium was filled to capacity for the commencement exercises on Sunday evening. The entire program was stimulating and inspiring.

Rev. J. W. Hines is pastor of the church, and F. M. Whitesides was principal of the vacation Bible school. Mr. Whitesides was assisted by the following workers and teachers: Misses Ruth Jones and Vivian Hines; Mesdames Wanda Lee Cox, Buren Jones, Everett Smith, Janie Frye, Janie Wells, Dorothy Maness, Cornelia Ingold, Doyle Phillips, J. B. Gosnell, Nellie Stout, Peggy Clapp, J. W. Hines, and Vera Mae Shoffner; and Mr. Marvin Cox.

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Western Roanoke Union to Meet

The Western Roanoke Baptist Union, composed of 46 churches, will meet on Saturday, July 30, at the Nashville Church, Rev. Durbin Ippock, pastor.

Addresses by three well-known Baptist leaders will be featured during the day. In the morning there will be addresses by Dr. R. R. Cullom, professor emeritus, Department of Religion, Wake Forest College, and Dr. W. W. Barnes of Fort Worth, Texas, retired seminary professor and Baptist Historian. Dr. Cullom's subject will be "Religion's Basic Fact," and Dr. Barnes will speak on the people called Baptists.

In the afternoon Dr. S. L. Morgan, minister and writer of Wake Forest, will bring a message on "What to Do with Trouble." There will be election of officers and reports of committees during the afternoon session.

Rev. R. V. Thomas will be song leader for both sessions, and there will be special music by members of the choirs of Nashville and Edgemont churches.

S. V. T. Chamblee, who has served as moderator of the Union for many years, has announced that he will retire after this meeting because of deafness and failing eyesight.

Late beginners seldom attain their end without difficulty.—*Indian Business Calendar* of Gandhi.

Deacons Conduct Revival

Working closely with their consecrated pastor, the deacons of the Cross Memorial Church of Morganton some weeks ago conducted a revival inspiring in its inception and fruitful in its results. Believing with Pastor C. H. Kincaid that it was God's will that the men of the church should promote and conduct this revival, the deacons took turns night after night in bringing their testimonies and messages, with the pastor helping as needed. The meeting ran for two weeks, and there were 37 professions and many others who came for rededication.

The meeting seemed to be born in, and carried on by prayer. There were 77 persons in the prayer rooms before the services each night the first week, and 78 the second week. All the work of the church was revived; the stewardship of the people was lifted to new levels; and the new converts are now being taught a course in church membership.

Eastside Church, Shelby, recently had a G.A. coronation service. There were 20 girls who took part in the service: four maidens, seven ladies-in-waiting, eight princesses, one queen, flower girl, crown bearer, and a trumpeter. Mrs. Robert Wilkes is Intermediate G.A. counselor. Junior G.A. counselors are Mrs. George Carr and Mrs. Jack Shull. Mrs. John Hutchins is W.M.U. president and Rev. E. B. Hicks is pastor of the church.

Books in Review

CHARLES E. MADDY: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY. Broadman Press. \$2.50.

Preview and Review by Hight C Moore

Here we have the racy and radiant record of a North Carolina boy who rose from a rural solitude near Chapel Hill to girdle the globe with his influence.

He came of sturdy stock; was brought up in exhilarant environs; was given large insight through limited outlook; was guided by divine finger-boards every day of his preparatory years; and was most fortunate in his home life, his wife "a worthy woman whose price is far above rubies," their gifted daughter with her husband and children rising up to call them blessed.

After serving grateful and growing churches for many years he won distinction in his denomination as State Mission Secretary in Raleigh, N. C.; then as General Secretary of Southwide Promotion in Nashville, Tenn.; and finally at Richmond, Va., as Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Thus he became a figure of world stature with planetary horizon, personally visiting many churches and stations in many lands, encouraging and energizing every phase of mission endeavor at home and abroad.

And now with his devoted wife by his side, "each for the other and both for God," he is climaxing his career as minister of the church he first served (Hillsboro, N. C.) and as author of vitalizing volumes that include this appealing autobiography which we pray and predict will edify and upbuild myriads of readers.

Ridgecrest, N. C.

New offices and facilities of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention were inspected by hundreds of visitors at open house Sunday afternoon, June 26, at the commission's new home in Fort Worth.

Welcoming guests and dignitaries were Rev. Paul M. Stevens, director, and Rev. James Harris, commission vice-chairman.

The commission was moved to Fort Worth from Atlanta, Ga., after the change was authorized by the convention last year.

Although not yet in full operation, the commission is currently carrying on extensive promotion for its radio program, the Baptist Hour. The program is taped and sent to approximately 400 stations throughout the nation. It is heard by a weekly audience of about 6,000,000 in 33 states, eight territories and foreign countries.



First Church, Mount Airy, Scene of First Surry Associational G.A. Coronation Service

In front, Lou Ellyn Ashby, Crown Bearer.

First row, left to right: Brenda Hair, Carol Collins, Ruth Couch, Queen; Carolyn Vaughn, Queen; Patricia Couch, Queen; Gloria Mills, Carolyn Lofen.

Second row: Sarah Adelaide Shuford, Lorita Still, Mary Vaughn, Audrey Ferguson, Martha Vaughn, Kathleen Bray, Cynthia Still.

Third row: Miss Ann Allred, who presented the awards; Mary Louise Blue, Gail Allen, Sandra Inman, Suzanne Lewis, and Miss Margaret Joyce, who directed the music.

The service was under the direction of the G.A. counselors, Mrs. J. E. Cockerham and Mrs. W. W. Mills. Also taking part, in addition to those pictured, were these leaders: Miss Verona West, a former counselor; Mrs. W. A. Jackson, president of W.M.U.; Miss Mildred Edwards, organist; Dan Slate, cornettist. Flowers and decorating were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Randleman. Mrs. Sam A. Hennis, Jr., and Mrs. Frank Longest are directors of the Young People's Organizations of the W.M.U. A social hour in the recreation room of the church followed the service.

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SILER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

W.M.U.: WHEN THE CHILDREN COME HOME FROM CAMP

(Continued from page 11)

If your child has recently accepted Christ, it is a good time for him or her to try to tell someone else how wonderful such an experience is. You may prayerfully guide in this. *Now* is a good time to start a family altar in your home. Your child will help you. Valuable seed have been planted. Provide every possible aid for their growth.

In the CHURCH the children should be given an opportunity to share what they have learned. This means more than simply reporting the daily camp schedule at your missionary society one day. The *pastor* needs to give special attention to these children who come home from camp. Maybe they need to talk to him and are a little timid about asking. The boys, particularly, would like to help him some way: errands, distribution of literature, any kind of job around the church.

The *Missionary Organizations* (including the missionary society) could display their handwork in the lobby of the church and have the children standing by to tell about it. The *librarian* could use them to boost the reading of books they have studied at camp. The *Community Missions Chairman* could use them to make surveys of the community, or plan some definite projects for them to engage in NOW, before their enthusiasm wanes, or is stifled.

Your children who come home from camp are not the same children who went away. They are different, as Christ wants them to be different. Listen to them. Learn from them. Walk along the different way with them. It is Christ's way.

That is rightly called wasted time
Which is spent neither in the service of God,
Nor for the good of our neighbor.

—ANTONIO GUEVARA.

Several North Carolinians Receive Writing Awards

North Carolinians this year received the majority of the cash awards for creative writing which were given in connection with the annual Writers' Conference at Ridgecrest, held this year June 30-July 6.

Mrs. Clara Lundie Crawford of Black Mountain won an award in the poetry division for her poem, "Good Friday." Miss Kate Matthews of the staff of BIBLICAL RECORDER, Raleigh, was awarded first place in the magazine article field with "For Sixty-Five Years . . ." and Mrs. Frank Howard Richardson of Black Mountain won an award in the same field for "The West Side of Fifty!" Another North Carolinian, James T. Booker of North Wilkesboro, received special commendation for "Outlaw Cave" in the juvenile fiction division.

Other award winners announced at the last session were Mrs. Mary P. Goodhue, Huntsville, Ala., for her story, "For Thou Art With Me," and Miss Evelyn Snider, Conway, S. C., for "Thou Art the Man," a drama.

Judges, who had been instructed to give no awards unless materials submitted were worthy of recognition, included the members of the faculty for this 20th session of the Writers' Conference:

Hattie Bell Allen, juvenile writer, Nashville, Tenn.; William J. Fallis, book editor, Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn.; Eugene C. McKinney, professor, department of drama, Baylor University, Waco, Texas; Hollis Summers, professor, department of English, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Anna Perrott Rose Wright, author of magazine articles and books, including *Room for One More* and *The Gentle House*; and C. E. Bryant, director of public relations, Baylor University.

Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary for the Sunday School Board, declared the purpose of this week was to give an intensive

program of techniques in workshop form for religious and secular writers.

Almost 1,700 people attended the combined Writers', Foreign Mission, and Baptist Brotherhood conferences held simultaneously at Ridgecrest.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON: THE PEOPLE LEFT IN JUDAH

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General Estimate of Jeremiah

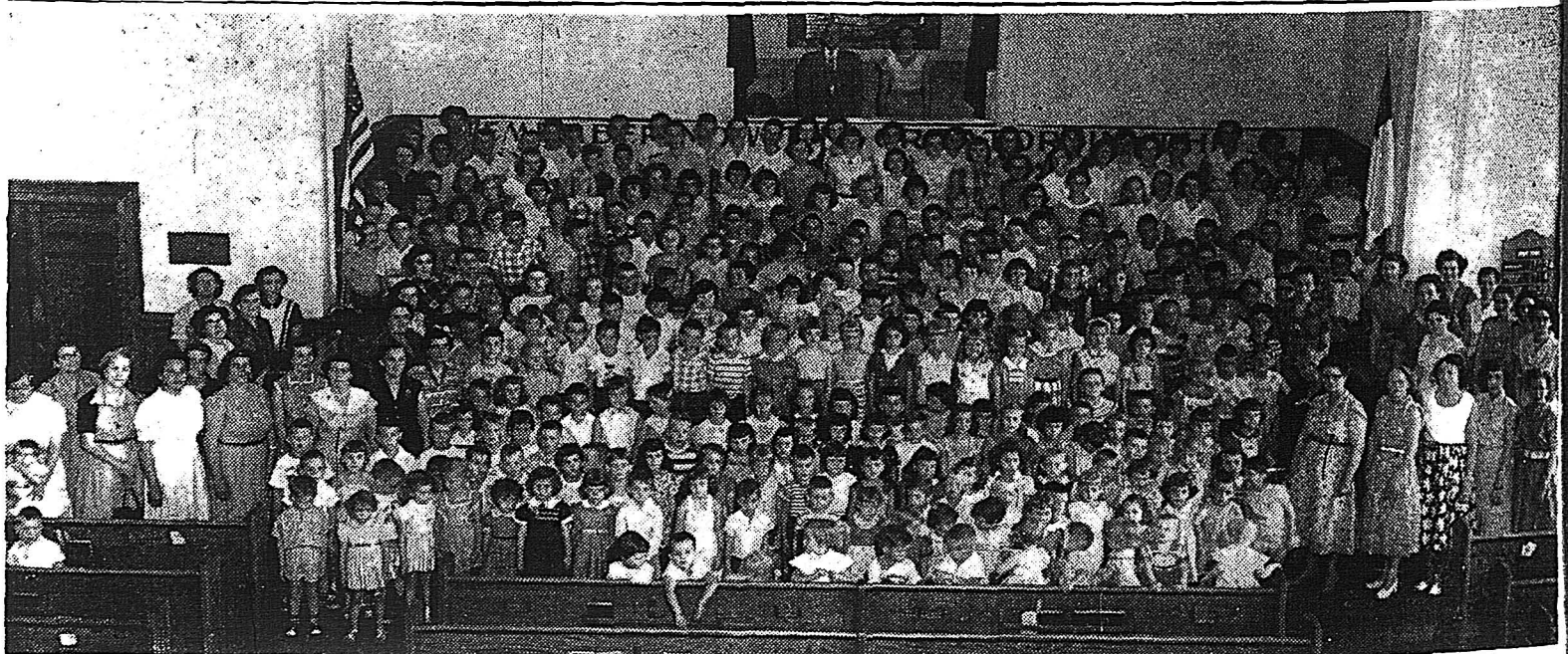
There is a tradition that ultimately Jeremiah was murdered in Egypt by his own countrymen. That tradition is entirely credible, for his messages had never been popular. Before the flight to Egypt, there had always been the note of hope that the people might repent of their ways and thereby avert the impending disaster which he was constantly announcing. In Egypt, however, even that note of hope was missing. His message was entirely one of condemnation, and people with guilty consciences normally do not receive such messages in good spirit.

Jeremiah always delivered the message which the Lord laid upon his heart. Some times he gave evidence of wishing that he might be permitted to remain silent; often he gave expression to his loneliness; but never did he fail to speak. He was intensely devoted to his country and his people, but his message was usually one of denunciation.

The counsel which he gave the rulers of the Jews, if followed, would have saved the nation; yet his counsel was never followed. His personal life was one of intense suffering, and that fact makes his life in at least one respect similar to that of Jesus of Nazareth, whose suffering was for the redemption of mankind.

Exertion, like virtue, is its own reward.—SCOTT—Waverley.

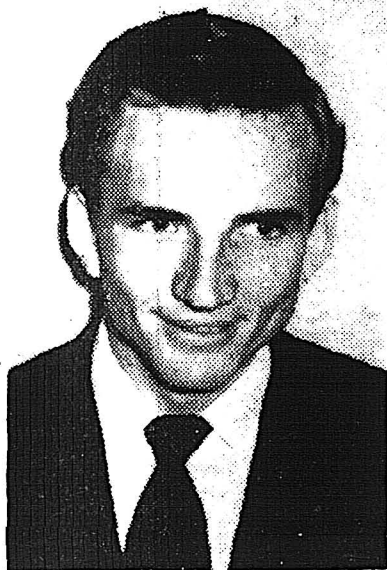
Necessity is a hard master.—Proverb.



Vacation Bible School at Glen Hope Church, Burlington

Pictured above are children who attended the vacation Bible school at Glen Hope Church, Burlington. The 10-day school had an enrollment of 427 and average attendance was 326. The pastor, Rev. G. W. Swinney, and the principal, Mrs. Winfred Overman, are in the back-

ground. Mrs. Overman is educational director in the church. There were 18 professions of faith during the Bible school, and a mission offering of \$61.12 was contributed to be given through the Cooperative Program.



Bill Beck

Ministers Make Changes

Howard Knight, pastor of Trinity Church, Arboro, has resigned to accept new work as pastor of the First Church, Kershaw, S. C. R. J. Hartman is new pastor of West End Church, Montgomery Association.

J. Hoyt Roberson has accepted a call to become missionary of the Three Forks Association and has also accepted a call to the pastorate of Bethel Church at Sugar Grove. He will divide his time between the association and the church. He comes from Owensboro, Ky.

Thomas Eugene West has resigned as pastor of the First Church, Marion, effective October 1.

J. Wayne Levan, for the past four and a half years pastor of Hilliard Memorial Church, High Point, has accepted a call to Second Church, Lancaster, S. C.

Howard Williams, who was graduated from Southern Seminary early this year, is now pastor of the Swan Quarter and Rose Bay churches, Chowan Association. His address is Box 502, Swan Quarter, N. C.

Norman B. Harris has accepted a call to Comer's Chapel, Dan Valley Association. He is a recent graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

First Convention Press Title Released

The first *Convention Press* title, which was released July 1 by the Baptist Sunday School Board, is *Guiding Young People in Bible Study*, by W. L. Howse.

The additional press name became effective June 1, 1955, and will be used on all books prepared especially for Southern Baptist churches and sold exclusively through Baptist Book Stores. The Board also uses the name *Broadman Press* for general trade books.

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Locust Church Has New Pastor and New Minister of Music

Rev. J. W. Loy, Jr., of Salisbury is the new pastor of Locust Church, at Locust, Stanly Association. For several years Mr. Loy had been out of the pastorate because of ill health. He last served at Lexington Avenue Church, formerly North Park, High Point.

A native of Granite Quarry, he is a graduate of the high school there. He is also an alumnus of Catawba College and the Pioneer Theological Seminary. Mr. Loy is married to the former Dorthy Ragsdale of Albemarle and they have one child, Sharon Kayleigh, five years of age.

The new minister of music at Locust Church is Bill Beck of Faith, N. C. Mr. Beck, a cousin of Mr. Loy, received his education at Granite Quarry High School, Catawba College, Tennessee Temple Schools, and the University of Chattanooga. Mrs. Beck is the former Phyllis Bassinger of Faith. The Becks have one child, Pamela, one year old.

Locust Church, a charter member of Stanly Association, has a colorful history. It was organized in 1884. A number of ministers have come from the church, one of whom is Rev. O. O. Burris, former president of Wingate College. A modern church plant, built in 1947-48, is now debt free.

Red Springs Sets Records in Bible School

The First Church, Red Springs, had a record enrollment of 197 in Bible school this year, with an average attendance of 172. There were 125 persons who had perfect attendance records for the two weeks' school. Red Springs set another record in having its first two weeks' school, June 6-17.

The school received a grade of "A" with a total number of points reaching 976. This was the highest rating ever accorded a school in the church and there is a strong feeling that this was the best school that Red Springs has ever experienced.

The highlight of the school was the consecration service, at which time there were 13 professions of faith and seven rededications.

On the last Friday of the school there was a picnic held which was preceded by a parade. Commencement exercises were held on Sunday night, June 19. The program included the Joint-Worship Service, the Junior and Intermediate Scripture Lesson and Anthem, songs by the younger departments, and the film, "Their Future Is Yours." After the benediction there was a fellowship period and an inspection of Bible school work.

Miss Betty Paschall, educational director at Red Springs, served as principal of the school. Dr. G. Willis Bennett is pastor of the church.



Rev. J. W. Loy, Jr.

Biscoe Church Celebrates Anniversary

On July 31 the Biscoe Church, Biscoe, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. Services for the morning and afternoon have been planned with a fellowship meal at the noon hour. Regular worship services will be held in the morning; the afternoon service will consist of recognizing the only living charter member, recognizing all who have been members for over 40 years, a brief summary of the history of the church, special music, and a message by Rev. Leonard Rollins of Lexington. All former pastors and friends of the church are invited and urged to share in the activities of this very meaningful day. Glenn Hix is pastor of the church.

Graham Addressed 230,000 in West Germany

BERLIN — (RNS) — American evangelist Billy Graham attracted 230,000 persons to five rallies held in connection with his one-week crusade in West Germany.

The largest meeting was at Stuttgart where Dr. Graham addressed 65,000. A rally at Nuremberg was attended by 60,000. At Frankfurt, the evangelist spoke to 40,000. At Mannheim 35,000, and in Dortmund 30,000.

According to crusade officials, about ten per cent of those attending the rallies came forward to make "decisions for Christ."

Church circles noted that the attendance and decisions were as high as last year when Dr. Graham conducted a campaign in this country.

From West Germany the evangelist went to the Netherlands and then was scheduled to hold rallies in Norway and Sweden.

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Mars Hill Retreat, August 1-5

MARS HILL—The Mars Hill Retreat, which has been held annually on the campus of Mars Hill College since 1926, will meet this year August 1-5.

As formerly the college will provide dormitory rooms without cost, and those attending will furnish their own covering, linens, and other personal items. Meals will be available at nominal cost in the college cafeteria or at restaurants in town.

The Retreat was begun in 1926 by the late Dr. Walt N. Johnson, who expressed the desire upon his last visit to Mars Hill in 1951 that the Retreat might continue.

The Retreat is interracial and interdenominational and open to men and women, although it is largely attended by Baptist ministers. There are no headlined speakers or regimented programs. All those who attend have opportunity to participate in the meetings. Those from various walks come aside for a period of fellowship, in which they share fully their deepest convictions and clearest insights under the leadership of the Spirit.

Since the Retreats began, those attending have sought to discover the Lord Jesus Christ alive in their midst. Many who have tarried here have gone forth imbued with a sense of His immediate presence. They have found that his spirit not only transforms personal living, but also dissolves economic, political, and social hatreds and tensions.

Rev. Z. W. Rotan will be general director this year, and Rev. Martin England will be coordinator at the meetings. Dr. Elbert N. Johnson will bring something from his thoughts expressed in his recent book, *The Master Is Here: Jesus' Presence in Fact and Experience*. Dr. Robert Seymour, who has recently visited extensively churches in Europe and the Near East, will lead a period of meditation each morning.

Those wishing to make arrangements before coming to Mars Hill may write to J. A. McLeod, Mars Hill, N. C.

FRUITLAND ASSEMBLY WELL ATTENDED

Director B. G. Henry reports that this is proving to be one of the best years at the Fruitland Baptist Assembly, Hendersonville. The first conference was Intermediate R.A. Week under the leadership of B. W. Jackson, state R.A. secretary. The second conference was Training Union Week under the leadership of James P. Morgan, state Training Union secretary, with an attendance during the week of approximately 1,000. The third week the Hickory Divisional Royal Ambassadors under the leadership of Rev. T. A. Linberger of Kings Mountain were at the assembly. The missionaries for this conference were Rev. and Mrs. Frank W. Patterson of El Paso, Texas.

The fourth week was the Intermediate G.A. Camp under the leadership of Miss Janet Wilson, Young People's Leader. The missionaries for that week were Miss Mary Evelyn Fredenburg, Nigeria, W. Africa; Miss Antone Canzoneri, Nigeria, W. Africa, and Miss Pearl Gifford, Good Will Center, Baltimore, Md.

The rest of the season looks as if it will be well attended and as inspiring as these four weeks have been. There are students from ten different colleges and seminaries on the Fruitland staff.



Vacation Bible School of Providence Church, Dan Valley Association

This Bible school had an average attendance of 105. Mrs. Gordon Smith, the principal was assisted by the following workers: Mrs. Thomas Barber, Mrs. Monroe Thomas, Beginners' Class; Miss Betty Jo Cox, Mrs. Clair Thomas, Primary Class; Mrs. Everette Nance, Mrs. Stanley Webb, older Junior Class; Mrs. Russell Hinton, Miss Anna Thomas, younger Junior Class; Mrs. Arthur Cox, Miss Glenda Cardwell, Intermediate Class. Rev. Russell Lee Hinton is pastor of Providence Church.

Monument to Lemuel Burkitt to Be Unveiled

A memorial service honoring the late Rev. Lemuel Burkitt will be held at the Sandy Run Church, Roxobel, on Sunday, July 31, at 3 p.m. An address on "What Mean Ye by These Stones?" will be made by Dr. W. W. Barnes, research professor of Baptist history, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and an offering will be taken for the Burkitt Memorial Scholarship of Chowan College. Also taking part in the program in the church will be Rev. Richard Wynn, pastor of Sandy Run Church; Rev. Oscar Creech of Chowan College; Joel Cook Holland of Murfreesboro; and Rev. J. B. Dailey of Jacksonville.

After the program those attending will go to the grove to the monument to Lemuel Burkitt. The monument will be unveiled by Mrs. Monie Burkitt Hall, Raleigh, great-great granddaughter, and Miss Peggy Vick, great-great-great-great granddaughter. The prayer of dedication will be made by Dr. Lemuel Hall of Oteen, great-great-great grandson of Lemuel Burkitt.

Rev. J. B. Dailey is chairman of the memorial committee, and other members are Rev. Oscar Creech and Rev. W. P. Milne of Ahoskie, and Rev. Richard Wynn of Roxobel.

Spanish Authorities Act Against Baptists

By Religious News Service

MADRID — Protestant officials here said police were holding up the visas of two leading Madrid Baptist pastors who were planning to attend the congress of the Baptist World Alliance in London July 16.

They are Rev. Juan Louis Rodrigo, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Rev. Jose Beltran, pastor of Second Baptist Church.

Meanwhile, other Protestant sources here said the Baptist monthly, *Eco de la Verdad* (*Echo of Truth*), published in Barcelona with a circulation of between 2,000 and 3,000, had been suspended by local authorities "until permission to resume publication is given."

Cherokee Indians Make Plea

A request has been received from the Cherokee Indians of the Cherokee Indian Baptist Association, Cherokee, North Carolina, calling all Southern Baptists and other Christians to cooperate with them in keeping the Lord's day holy and preserving Christianity for the present and future generations.

Since the reservation is visited each year by thousands of tourists it has become a real problem to the native Christians who are seeking to carry on the Lord's work. The Cherokee Indians are asking all who are concerned about the spiritual welfare of the Indians to refrain from coming to the reservation for pleasure on Sunday.

Since the directors of the drama, *Up These Hills*, have turned a deaf ear to the requests not to show on Sunday, the Indians are turning to the Christian public to give them full cooperation by refusing to give the drama support on Sunday.

The Indians also ask the prayers of their friends that they may be allowed to make the same progress in their church activities as their sister churches who are not confronted with such problems. The request is signed by William S. Moody, moderator, and Lou W. Crowe, clerk of the association.

We believe easily what we fear or what we desire.—LA FONTAINE.

Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt.—Shakespeare.

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