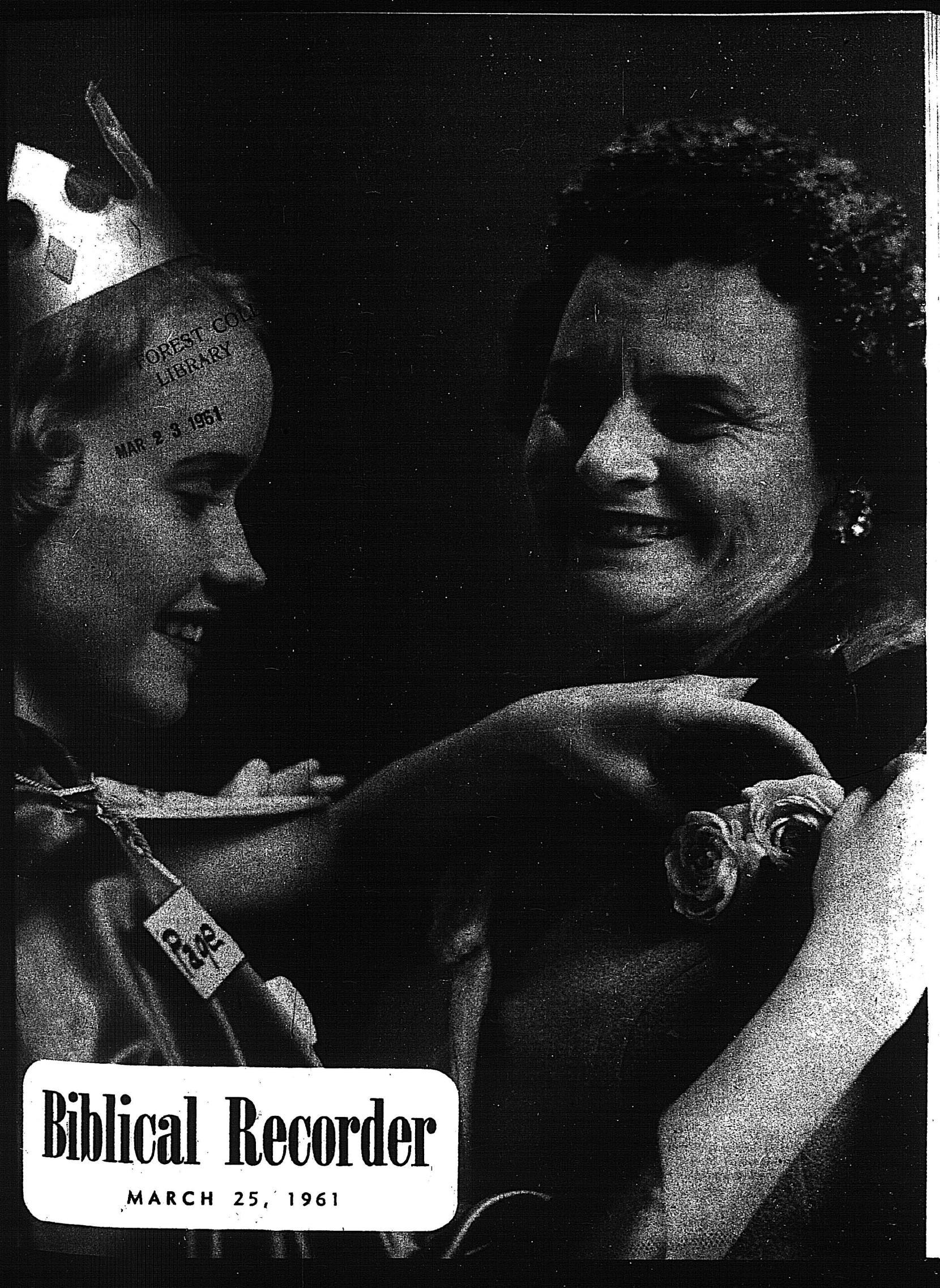




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Dr. Cauthen Travels Almost as Fast as Telegrams

WINSTON-SALEM—Dr. Baker James Cauthen who spoke to the WMU Convention here traveled almost as fast as the telegrams did between the various conventions he was attending. He left Atlanta on Wednesday, March 15, just as the Georgia ladies were sending greetings to the North Carolina Convention. He heard the telegram read in Atlanta and then that night in Winston-Salem he heard the same wire. The next morning he left early for Hamilton, Ohio, where he was to address the Ohio ladies. There he heard the telegram from North Carolina that had been approved the night before when he was in Winston-Salem. Next year maybe the women will just use Dr. Cauthen to carry their messages in person. His pace qualifies him for the job.

One man's opinion—but we believe it is shared by 1,500 women: The acceptance speech by Mrs. Leroy Parker was one of the most moving moments of the convention.

When she finished, it was not surprising to see ladies all over the auditorium taking out their handkerchiefs, although the talk was not designed to have this effect. She related the lifelong influence that WMU had exerted on her. (Her mother was her GA counselor, Mrs. J. Clyde Turner was a great inspiration, etc.). "Freely I have received. I pray I shall freely give," she said. "Please make this a year of prayer . . . and especially for me. For without your prayers I cannot be your leader. In your prayers daily for the missionaries, the pastors, and your children, please include me." Mrs. Parker is one of the most effective speakers we have heard in a long time and we predict an outstanding term of office for her.

For fear you get the impression that the meeting was all on the serious side, here are a few samples of levity:

Rudolph Felzman, a German student

at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, got his tongue tangled and referred to the organization as the W-M-Woo.

Miss Alma Hunt had one funny story after another in her last message, most of them experiences she had on her world mission tour in 1959. In Japan while a man was introducing her, she noticed a ripple of laughter among the ladies. She learned later that he was explaining her marital status. In doing so, he said that Miss Hunt was still "negotiable," which is a new way of explaining the unmarried state.

Mrs. W. K. McGee was trying to get an idea how many women wanted to make the tour of Baptist institutions in the Twin City. At first she had very little response when she asked, "How many of you women want to go to the hospital this afternoon?"

Miss Jo Gwin, manager of the Baptist Book Store in Charlotte, held up two books of special interest to the women—a WMU manual and "How to Go Along with People in Church," a volume which probably was of particular interest to many of the pastors' wives and others in the audience.



BEAUTY ABOUNDS AT WMU CONVENTION—This was the scene at Winston-Salem's First Church last week as ladies attending the WMU Convention poured out of the sanctuary. The huge cherry blossoms framed the entrance to the church. And, of course, the lovely spring hats that the ladies wore added beauty to the occasion.

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"Tragic Beyond Words To Stress Our Differences"

ONE OF THE MOST ESTEEMED Baptist journalists in America, Dr. William B. Lippard, wrote recently in *Missions Magazine*: "As we face the possibility of atomic annihilation, and with our unconcerned complacency about the global spread of communism and the contagion of materialism and status-seeking that infects us like some cancer of the soul, it is tragic beyond words that, with a few heroic exceptions here and there, the Christians of our time, including Baptists, North and South, continue to stress and maintain the differences that divide them."

Editor emeritus of the Baptist magazine in which this appeared, Dr. Lippard writes out of long experience. He continues: "By whatever sectarian and divisive label we classify ourselves, today all of us face one overwhelming issue. It is the decline of Christianity as a force in human affairs against the onslaughts of atheistic communism and the growing menace of an equally atheistic secular materialism. In opposing the United Nations Assembly's adjournment in time for Christmas last year, the Russian delegate sneeringly commented, 'Half of the nations here do not recognize or celebrate Christmas!' That calls for terrific thinking by the world-mission enterprise of Christianity."

With the world growing more non-Christian by the day, it behooves all Christian bodies to rethink their traditional attitudes in the light of the demands of this hour. This does not mean compromise, as some die-hard extremists charge. It simply means that Christianity is already engaged in a life-and-death struggle with the powerful forces Dr. Lippard mentions, and the balance of power remains frightfully delicate. As the largest non-Catholic group in America, Baptists must bear their share of the blame if Christianity succumbs to its foes by default or stubbornness in this critical hour.

A Tip of the Hat To SS Lesson Writers

THE RECORDER IS PROUD of its Sunday school lesson writers. Mrs. Foy J. Farmer has just finished an outstanding quarter and Mars Hill's M. H. Kenall, another favorite of our readers, begins his 13-week stint with this issue. Dr. E. W. Hamrick of Wake Forest College and Dr. Roger Crook of Meredith round out the quartet of writers for this year. To use an overworked term, this is really a "labor of love" since the small honorarium these people receive is not likely to put them

in a higher income tax bracket. Their service is deeply appreciated and the editor wants to take this opportunity to thank them once again for their work.

For teachers and students alike, this is a valuable source of information in studying the lesson each week. The RECORDER is convenient and accessible. The lessons are written in easily-understood conversational tone, showing the result of careful preparation on the part of the writers. If the editor and his wife are typical Sunday school teachers, it is safe to say that there are thousands of well-marked RECORDERS in Baptist households. Of all the quarterlies, commentaries and teaching aids that we use, we find invariably that more thoughts are lifted from the RECORDER lesson than from any other single source.

If you have not been studying the lesson as it appears in the RECORDER, turn to page 10 and begin this week. We predict you'll soon become an avid reader of it. This feature alone is worth the three or four cents the RECORDER costs.

WITH OTHER EDITORS . . .

Two Points of Conflict Between Baptist Bodies

Recently there has been a healthy discussion of the relation between American and Southern Baptists. Further talks of cooperation and closer unity have been advanced by Editor J. Marse Grant of the BIBLICAL RECORDER and then followed by several other Baptist leaders North and South. Dr. E. S. James of the *Baptist Standard* of Texas proposed an exchange of 1,000 ministers between the two conventions, stating that he felt our real problem was that of mistrust and not understanding one another.

We would suggest that there is something that each convention needs to do to show good faith if we are really interested in coming closer together in our work. We have the privilege of traveling North and South and talking with people of both conventions. While with the leaders of one convention one can readily see the point of conflict and vice versa.

The point of conflict in any negotiation as far as Southern Baptists are concerned is that the American Baptist Convention is a member of the National Council of Churches. From the American Baptist point of view, the point of conflict in negotiation is the invasion of their territory by Southern Baptists. It is not my purpose to discuss merits of either of these points of conflict. I only call them to our attention and remind each convention that if they are serious about unity or union, the best place to begin to work is at home. Little will be gained if we sit on each side of the negotiation table and point a finger at the other fellow and single out his faults. Much more will be gained, if before we come to any conference table, we will have removed the points of agitation.

These two steps we have suggested are big ones for each convention. Many will think it a price too high to pay, but serious consideration for a closer fellowship will not come without its cost. Of course, if the American Convention were to withdraw fellowship from the National Council, individual

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NO OFFERING . . . JUST INFORMATION, INSPIRATION . . .

Cooperative Program Day, April 9

By Earle L. Bradley

After 35 years of promoting the Cooperative Program, why is it necessary to have a Cooperative Program Day in North Carolina? (The Convention voted for April 9 as the day to explain and promote the Cooperative Program without receiving an offering.)

We must remember that a new generation has grown up since the Cooperative Program was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925. Also there is a possibility that in our promotion we have been explicit without being specific and definite. However, the chief reason may be found in a statement made by Dr. Duke McCall to the Promotion Conference in Nashville. He said, "Our people do not understand the Cooperative Program. We must go back to our churches with an educational program teaching our people what it is and how it operates."

However, we were aware of the lack of understanding of this program among our people throughout the state prior to the statement by Dr. McCall. This awareness has been intensified by questions asked and statements made in our clinics

and conferences conducted over the state. As a result of these meetings we realize that our people were seeking a clarification of the program. Bluntly—they wanted answers.

This lack of understanding is not confined to any particular type of church or any particular section of the state. The following are a few of the questions and statements heard from various sections:

Some Examples

In one of our large churches, after a speech on "What Is the Cooperative Program?" one woman said, "I am 42 years old and I have been a member of the Baptist church for 18 years — this is the first time I have ever heard the subject discussed."

At a banquet for the men of the Brotherhood and their wives in a church composed chiefly of professional and business people, a teacher of a ladies' class said, "I am happy that you discussed the Cooperative Program. Every Sunday one or more of my members inquires, 'What is the Cooperative Program?'"

Following a discussion on this subject

TU AWARDS, GASTON ASSOCIATION

Training Union awards for the period October-December in the Gaston Association total 1,898. During the period 38 of the association's churches participated in the Study Course for Teaching and Training.

in another church, a very active member of the church and of the Woman's Missionary Union said, "I am so happy to hear this subject discussed. I have heard about it all of my life. I have been asked to give to it, and I have, but I have never known to what I was giving."

When the budget was being discussed by the deacons in one of our large city churches, one of the deacons said, "Pastor, this is a large amount for the Cooperative Program. What is the Cooperative Program?"

In an association-wide emphasis after the pastor of the Cooperative Program had been shown and discussed, a young deacon said, "This is the best thing I have seen. When did you get it?"

A pastor said to a state worker, "I think we should give less to the Cooperative Program until we increase our gifts to missions."

These true stories could be multiplied and they would be humorous were it not for the seriousness and importance of the subject matter and the fact that participation is determined by knowledge and understanding of the program.

Let us put forth a special effort to inform our people. Brother Pastor, if our people are to be informed, you must assume the major responsibility. Will you please make your plans now to present the Cooperative Program to your people on April 9? Let us not only be explicit but let us be specific, explaining how the Cooperative Program was adopted why and when it was adopted, when the money goes, and who divides the money.

Shiloh Church Soon To Complete Building

Shiloh Church in Wilmington Association has under construction a new educational building, the Sunday School Board plan S-300D. It will be completed sometime in May, when a dedication service is planned. Pastor C. W. Jones, its first full-time pastor, has been at Shiloh since 1955, and has guided the expansion and building fund. The new building will cost about \$50,000.



WHAT'S YOUR LINE? was the theme of the guidance project completed by eight Wingate College professors as a part of an Appalachian State Teacher's College extension course held on the Wingate campus during the winter quarter. Professors receiving on-the-job training included, left to right, Carolyn Gaddy, Sam Greer, Nollie Shelton of ASTC, instructor for the course, Joe McLean, Carl Jarrell, Charles Tucker, Robert Morgan, and James Brower.

WILL BAPTISTS SACRIFICE A SUPERIOR PLAN AFTER 35 YEARS ? . . .

Cooperative Program in Danger, Dr. Huggins Fears

By M. A. Huggins

We are approaching the 35th birthday of the Cooperative Program or Plan. I came to Raleigh to work as Secretary of Education for the Baptist State Convention 37 years ago this coming July. Since I know the history of the Cooperative Program, I am writing this article, and two more to follow, to warn our Baptist people, whom I love so much, that the Cooperative Program is in danger. In fact, it is sick. It must have more nourishment and a shot in its long arm, which extends all the way from the doors of the local church to the ends of the earth. But, like any patient, it needs and deserves the attention of each Baptist and each church.

How Will Our Future History Read?

I write because I feel I must, and of course I speak only for myself. But I do speak out of experience and out of a devoted heart. As many of you know, I am in the midst of trying to understand Baptist history and trying to record the facts and their apparent meaning.

As I write, I often wonder what the future historian may have to record about our present generation. I fear it may be something like this, if present trends continue: "Here was a prosperous generation of Baptists who forsook the best plan yet devised for the support of the total World Program of Missions, Education and Benevolence and turned to the favoritism of certain objects at the expense of the whole. But what is even worse, they began to expend too much on themselves and too little on others. They did not wholly forget others, they merely neglected them."

A Superior Plan

The situation is all the more grave when we reflect that we are neglecting a plan far superior to any which Baptists have yet tried and, in my opinion, superior to that in use by other denominations. And now for a bit of history.

Why and How Did Baptists Get the Cooperative Program?

This plan came into existence about 35 years ago because wise heads and warm hearts came to the realization that a special offering once or twice each year for any cause could never provide the money necessary either for local church

expenses or for a Baptist World Program of Missions, Education and Benevolence.

Along with this realization, another question arose. When they meet for worship, why should not Christians bring an offering each week as an act and as a means of worship? And why should these offerings not be used, first, for local church expenses and, second, for the World Program and all causes in that program? And then another question arose: What amount should the giver bring as an offering? The answer appeared at once. Let the worshiper adopt as a goal, and as a minimum, the tithe of his income, not as a legal requirement but as an expression of love. Those wise men believed that special offerings should continue on special days, but that regular and substantial support must come from week-by-week offerings.

What Objects Share in the Cooperative Program?

What are these objects which receive a share of each and all the dollars given in the manner described above? Here is the list:

1. In North Carolina State Missions, Baptist Hospital, Homes for Aging People, Homes for Children, and each of the seven Baptist colleges.

2. In other parts of the world — Foreign Missions, Home Missions, seven Southern Baptist seminaries and the Carver School of Missions, relief for aged ministers and annuities for all participating ministers, six Commissions, Baptist World Alliance, and two Southern Baptist hospitals.

All in all, 31 institutions and agencies get a share of each and all dollars given not to but through the Cooperative Program. Because we have such a plan, each Baptist, each week, may have a share in all the work which his or her church is doing locally and in the support of the work these 31 institutions and agencies are doing. How? By making 31 separate offerings? No, by making just one each Sunday.

This is the meaning of the Cooperative

Program. After watching it and working with it for some 27 years, I make bold to declare that it is the simplest, the most economical and the most effective plan yet devised to support all our Baptist work at home and abroad.

Special Offerings

In addition to the Cooperative Program or Plan, special days are set aside in the denominational calendar. On these days each Baptist has the privilege of making an over-and-above gift to some of the objects named above. And the object receiving such a gift receives it in addition to the share which it receives from the Cooperative Program dollars.

These special offerings, a part of which are provided by the Woman's Missionary Union, ought to continue, but they ought to continue as special offerings and not become, as they have in many churches, special designations.

What Is the Cooperative Plan?

1. It assumes that every worshiper will bring a worthy offering each week in the year.

2. The combined offerings pass into a central church treasury.

3. The church adopts a budget which is both a goal and a plan for the support of its local needs and of all objects in the denominational program, including missions, Christian education, and benevolence.

4. The church decides what percentage of all the dollars shall go for the denominational program; and then the church directs its treasurer to set aside weekly or at least each month (a) the percentage agreed upon for local expenses and (b) the percentage also for all denominational objects.

5. The amounts which the treasurer of the State Convention receives from all the churches is placed in the Cooperative Program fund. Then each month the Convention treasurer sends to each object its share of all the dollars received from all the churches. What is meant by "its share?" How is this determined? The question of a fair share for each is determined by the messengers who attend the annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention, upon the recommendation of the General Board of the Convention, which Board has studied the needs of each object and all the objects in order to be fair to each and all.



Unlike Year Ago, Spring Bonnets Bloomed Profusely in Twin City

WINSTON-SALEM — What a difference a year can make—in the weather, that is. Pretty spring hats bloomed like a flower garden at the WMU Convention here, but a year ago they were frozen out by the sleet and snow at Greensboro. Delegates to this year's meeting were thankful for the good weather, even though it was a bit gusty on the final day.

It was five years ago in Winston-Salem that Mrs. W. K. McGee was elected president. During that time, she has been on the go continually. Friends noted an unusual informality and levity in her last presiding job, suggesting that perhaps she was glad to be near the end of such a busy period in her life. "It's a joy for me to hand you this gavel—which I haven't even had a chance to use," Mrs. McGee quipped as she turned over the symbol of office to Mrs. A. Leroy Parker. The gavel is more of a memento or collector's item in WMU work, unlike its service in the Baptist State Convention, where it frequently is used to bring order among the brethren.

One of the delegates here was Mrs. William M. Watts of First Church, Asheboro, who will step up to the presidency of Meredith College trustees after the passing of Chairman LeRoy Martin. One of her children asked her once if she was president of Meredith. "When I said, 'No, I am vice-president of the board of trustees,' they lost all interest and they've never asked me anything about the job since," she said.

HERE ARE THE OFFICERS

WINSTON-SALEM—Serving with the new WMU president, Mrs. Leroy Parker of Greensboro, will be the following officers: Mrs. Henry Gamble, Waxhaw, first vice-president; Mrs. Earl James, Elkin, second vice-president; Mrs. Marse Grant, Raleigh, recording secretary; and Mrs. Julian Porter, Severn, assistant secretary.

Other appointments made upon recommendation of the nominating committee: Mrs. Leland Kitchin, Scotland Neck, nominating committee member for Southern Baptist Convention WMU, and Mrs. E. Norfleet Gardner, Henderson, alternate; Mrs. J. N. Britt, Lumberton, and

WMU Coverage

Space does not permit separate articles on all phases of the WMU Convention program in Winston-Salem so the **RECORDER** is concentrating on the highlights, along with appropriate pictures. This is the approach used to cover all Baptist meetings insofar as possible. The fact that some speech or part of the program is not covered is no reflection on it. To get the coverage that is in this issue took some doing on the part of the **RECORDER** staff as well as the printers, but as always, the **RECORDER** was glad to put forth a special effort to give its readers up-to-date coverage.

Mrs. Jonathan Gullick, Charlotte, executive board members, term expiring 1962; Mrs. Charles B. Howard, Buies Creek, 1963; Mrs. Ernest Sanders, Elizabeth City; Mrs. J. T. McRae, Elkin; Mrs. Edward Altland, Robbinsville; and Mrs. Hubert S. Mumford, Durham, 1964.

Mrs. A. W. Greene, Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Lewis Ludlum, Winston-Salem, nominating committee, term expiring 1962; Mrs. G. P. Lane, Raleigh; Mrs. Hubert Craig, Lincolnton; and Mrs. Hyma Starnes, Asheville, 1963.

Mrs. M. R. Wilson, Greensboro, served as chairman of the nominating committee this year.

Stir Your Youth, Mrs. Owens Urges Ladies

WINSTON-SALEM — In one of the best messages of the entire convention Mrs. Carlos Owens of Paris, Tenn., told delegates to "stir your youth so they will know about missions and will be willing to work as missionaries."

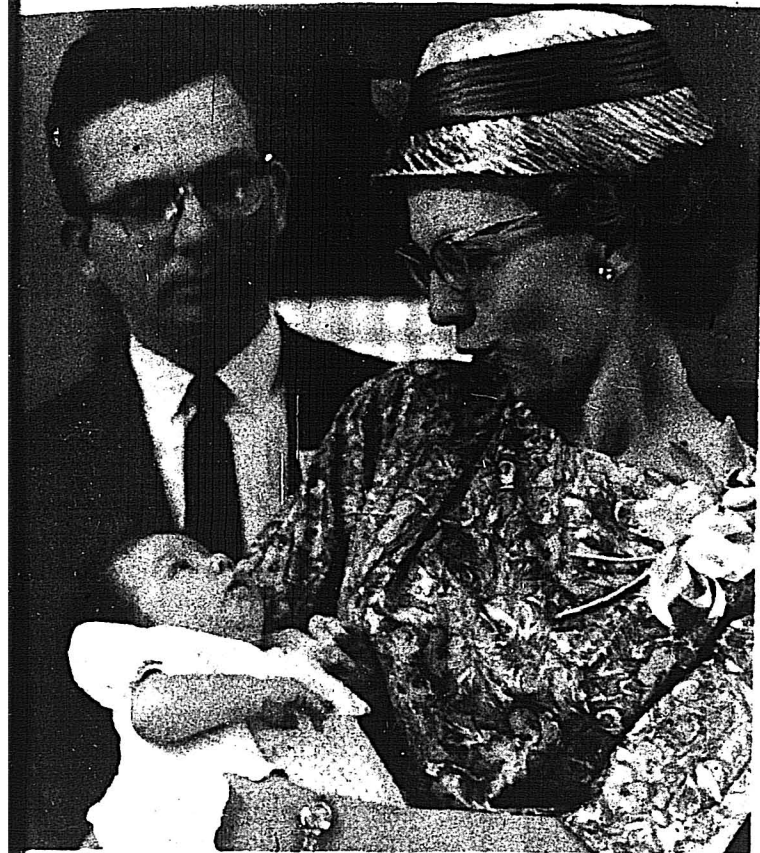
A registered nurse, Mrs. Owens served with her husband in Tanganyika, East Africa, where they will return in June.

"How can we have missionaries tomorrow unless we have youth programs today?" she asked. "And how will the young people know the needs?"

She said that Africa's population was only one-half of one per cent Christian. Although the people are 100 years behind the culture of our country, they are hungry for a way to get to know Jesus Christ, she said. "They have come to us with signs of witchcraft on their bodies and gone home with signs of Christ in their hearts," the mother of three daughters said.



WMU DELEGATES CROWD SIDEWALK, awaiting buses to take them on a tour of Baptist institutions in Winston-Salem—Wake Forest College, Baptist Hospital, and N. C. Baptist Homes. (Photo courtesy of Winston-Salem "Journal-Sentinel")



Youngest "Missionary" Present — Debra Ann, five-week-old daughter of Missionary and Mrs. Carlos Owens, almost stole the show at the Winston-Salem meeting. Mrs. Owens brought one of the most inspiring messages of the convention. The Owens, who have two other daughters, are from Paris, Tenn., and will return to Tanganyika, East Africa, in June. (Photo by Jim Keith, W-S "Journal-Sentinel.")

Over 200 Attend Trustees' Meet

Despite being sandwiched in between the state WMU Convention and Wake Forest's appearance in the NCAA regional basketball playoffs in Charlotte, the Conference for Trustees and Directors of Baptist Institutions still attracted more than 200 people last Friday night and Saturday morning, March 17-18.

Those attending heard outstanding speakers like Dr. Thomas E. Jones of Richmond, Ind., administrative consultant of the Association of American Colleges, who told the trustees not to be "suspicious of education or breathe down the neck of your colleges. If you do, you'll destroy them." He said, "We must give our educational institutions liberation and . . . get out of a ritualized, controlled, mechanized situation."

Dr. Jones spoke at the opening and closing sessions. Workshop speakers were Dr. Robert Lee Humber of Greenville and Dr. Schiller Scroggs, dean of Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla. Two panel discussions were held on the subjects, "Learning the Needs of Your Institution" and "Fulfilling the Role of Trustee." The RECORDER editor moderated the first discussion and President Carlyle Campbell led the second panel.

The Rev. Gilmer Cross of Goldsboro was chairman of the trustees' committee which planned the program. He also presided at most of the sessions in Winston-Salem.

Telegrams on Federal Aid to Education Sent by Executive Committee of General Board

Among other important matters considered, the Executive Committee of the General Board in session in Raleigh, Tuesday, March 14, dispatched two telegrams to Washington, D. C., as published below:

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Honorable John F. Kennedy
President of the United States of America:

We endorse and support your federal aid to public education measure and urge your continued firm stand on the constitutional guarantees of church-state separation. All congressmen from North Carolina have been urged to support your position.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

N. C. Congressmen:

In behalf of 900,000 Baptists of this Convention and all citizens we urge your support Kennedy's education measure in original form. We believe it to be harmonious with constitutional guarantee of church-state separation, and essential to the future of democratic public school system. Public monies for public schools only.

NEW RECORDER CLUBS

Two new Every-family Clubs begin with this issue. Main Street Church, Pilot Mountain Association, V. Manly Bennett, pastor, has 30 subscriptions, and Middle Fork Church, French Broad Association, W. L. Lynch, pastor, has 28 subscriptions.

Also, Quankie Church, North Roanoke Association, W. Earl Shotwell, pastor, begins a club with 21 subscriptions.

GIFT FOR RETIRING PRESIDENT

Mrs. W. K. McGee who completed five years as state WMU president last week in Winston-Salem tries on the string of pearls given to her by the organization she has headed. Her successor as president, Mrs. A. Leroy Parker, right, assists with the pleasant chore. Mrs. McGee holds the silver, heart-shaped jewelry box in which the pearls came.



LIFE COMMITMENT SUNDAY, APRIL 9



WHAT WOULD GOD HAVE YOU DO WITH YOUR LIFE? On Life Commitment Sunday, April 9, in Southern Baptist churches, young people will be confronted with opportunities for service in church-related vocations.—BSSB Photo.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—(BSSB)—Life commitment Sunday will be observed in many Southern Baptist churches Sunday, April 9.

This special day has been established by the Convention as a special occasion for churches to "call out the called," Lloyd Householder, counselor, church-related vocations at the Baptist Sunday School Board, said.

He pointed out the need for the observance of such a day has been highlighted by a recent study revealing that only one-fifth of the young people who commit their lives to church or denominational service do so in their home churches. Most such decisions are made at camps and assemblies.

"During the past year, Southern Baptist seminaries have evidenced decreased enrollments," Householder said.

"Church-related vocation volunteers in

our colleges have diminished. Fewer persons were ordained. Thus, pastors and church members must help young people to understand God's call and respond to it as never before," he urged.

Mars Hill's "Discussion Day" For Campaign April 6

Baptists throughout the western half of the state will be invited to a special conference at Mars Hill College on April 6 to help them prepare for a called session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in Greensboro on May 4.

At the Greensboro meeting North Carolina Baptists will be asked to launch a campaign to raise \$45 million for the seven Baptist colleges in the state and for the Baptist student work on other campuses. The meeting here will provide opportunity for discussion of the proposed campaign.

Three Baptist leaders, two who are members of the committee which is recommending the \$45 million campaign and the other a member of an advisory committee, will be present to speak

C. Oscar Johnson Named Clergy Churchman of Year

ST. LOUIS, MO. (RNS)—Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, internationally known Baptist leader, has been named Clergy Churchman of the Year by Religious Heritage of America, it was announced here by Lisle M. Ramsey, RHA president and chairman of the awards committee.

Dr. Johnson has been president of the Baptist World Alliance, president of the American Baptist Convention and vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Pastor for 27 years of Third Baptist Church here, he is now a professor at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, Calif.

He will receive the citation during the 11th annual Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen in the nation's capital June 22-24. U. S. Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark is honorary chairman of the pilgrimage.

N. Kannapolis Pastor Writes For "Brotherhood Journal"

A North Carolinian, Virgil Hailey, pastor of North Kannapolis Baptist Church is the author of an article appearing in the April, May, June issue of the *Brotherhood Journal*.

In his article, "Using Your Youth," Hailey tells about the youth of this North Carolina church who have been challenged to witness by the Brotherhood men. Several of these young people are successful soul-winners. Hailey states that the record of baptisms would be rather poor one without the personal soul-winning of these young people.

briefly and answer questions. They are the Rev. G. Othell Hand, pastor of the First Church of Hickory; R. O. Huffman of Morganton, president of Drexel Furniture Co. and an active layman; and the Rev. T. E. Robinett, pastor of the First Church of Waynesville, who is member of the advisory committee.

"Of course we are in favor of the proposed campaign and hope that the special convention undertakes to raise \$45 million for Christian higher education in the state," explains Dr. H. Blackwell, Mars Hill president; "however, our primary purpose in inviting Baptist leaders here is to provide information and to give them an opportunity to ask questions. Our people must be informed if they are to vote intelligently at the special convention."

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"Washington Post" Takes Cardinal Spellman to Task on Federal Aid

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Because we believe it identifies accurately the threat to church-state separation posed by recent demands for public subsidies to Roman Catholic schools, we reprint below an editorial from "The Washington Post." This article is another in a series to acquaint readers of the RECORDER with all aspects of the current controversy over whether parochial schools operated by religious groups should receive federal aid. — M.G.)

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Cardinal Spellman has done a disservice to the country by reinjecting a religious controversy into the issue of Federal aid to the public schools. In a speech in New York the Cardinal criticized a Kennedy task force report recommending financial assistance to all public schools on the ground that "such legislation would discriminate against a multitude of children because their parents choose to exercise their constitutional right to educate them in accordance with their religious belief." His Eminence is, we think, under a misapprehension.

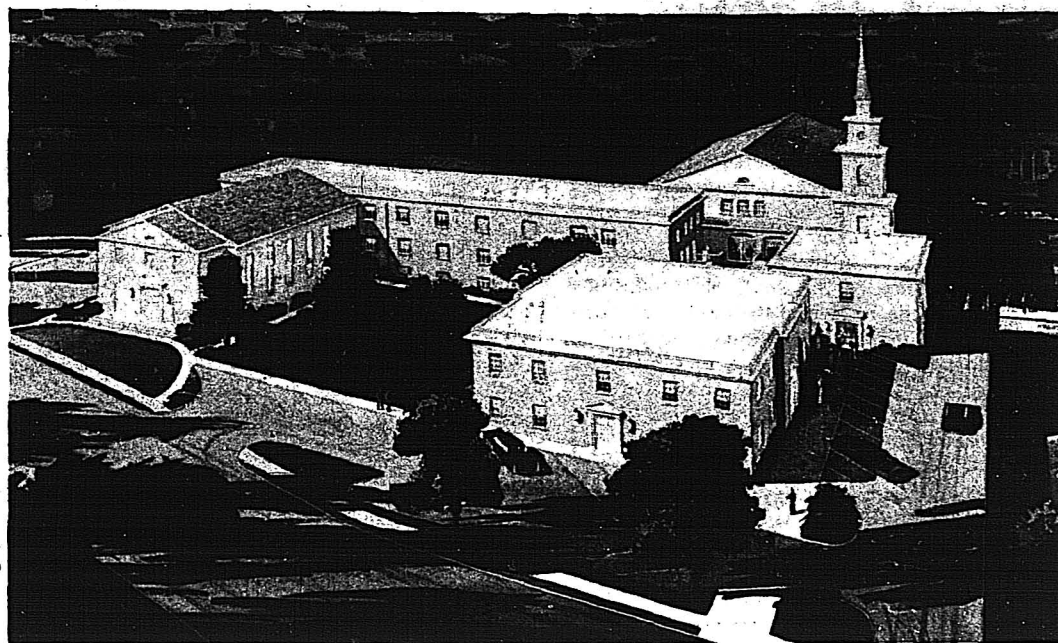
Public schools are operated by public servants and supported by public funds because of a belief that they promote the general welfare. All Americans have a right to send their children to those schools. All Americans also have a right, if they prefer, to send their children to parochial or other private schools for specialized education in religious doctrine or for other special needs and interests. But they cannot expect public funds to support those parochial or private schools; and least of all those that give instruction in religious matters.

Cardinal Spellman needs to be told bluntly that under the United States Constitution public funds may not be used in any manner of religious instruction; moreover, wherever public funds are employed, some measure of public control must follow to protect the public interest. The proposed Federal aid to education discriminates against no Americans. It leaves the public schools open to all without discrimination; and it protects the religious freedom of those who wish to send their children to religious schools by keeping those schools altogether free from public regulation.

Happily, the United States has been free from the kind of bitter conflict over

CONSTRUCTION ON "STAGE ONE" BEGINS IN JUNE . . .

ARDMORE, W-S, APPROVES MASTER PLAN



THIS IS THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION of the proposed "master plan" for the future facilities of Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem.

The Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, recently approved a "master plan" for the future.

A study of the present facilities, including converted houses on the church property, was made by the firm of Adams & Pegram of Statesville several months ago. The firm recommended that the present educational building and children's building be renovated and remodeled to provide more efficient use of the space. This change would also eliminate the necessity for using the temporary houses.

The larger building in the front center of the drawing above is to be Fellowship Hall, which will provide dining facilities for 400 people. It also will include the church library, an audio-visual aids library and viewing room, and the youth director's office. The second floor will be educational space for four youth and young adult departments adequate for 300 people.

The Administration Building will house ministerial and educational offices, with

a large conference room on the second floor.

Adequate for 1,800

"This remodeling and renovation, together with the new buildings, will give us facilities to care for 1,800 people," said the Rev. Dwayne B. Zimmer, minister of education and music. Renovation of the present space, addition of Fellowship Hall, the Administration Building and Bell Tower, along with the landscaping and hard-surfacing of parking lots, is all included in "stage one" of the master plan. Work is scheduled to begin in June. The entire plant will be air-conditioned.

The Ardmore Church has had 465 additions in the last 17 months, 158 of these by baptism. Budget for the current year is \$150,000. The Rev. Henry Crouch is pastor.

Gastonia Minister Enrolls In Pastoral Care Classes

The Rev. E. B. Stewart, associate pastor of First Church, Gastonia, is enrolled in the special course in pastoral care at Baptist Hospital.

Prior to going to Gastonia, the Rev. Mr. Stewart was pastor at Rocky Point in the Wilmington Association. His father is the Rev. E. R. Stewart, pastor of the Creswell, Oak Grove, Roper and Mt. Pleasant churches in Chowan Association.

Christ, Our Living Lord

LESSON FOR APRIL 2, 1961

Lesson Text: John 20: 11-22

Socrates, Plato, and other philosophers taught the immortality of the soul. The Christian message, however, as taught and demonstrated by Jesus, goes far beyond the philosophical theory of the immortality of the soul. He taught the resurrection of the body and the continuation of life in a heavenly world in fellowship with God and the host of heaven. Because of Christ, we believe not only that our souls shall live forever, but we also believe that we shall have a glorious fellowship with the heavenly host and with Christ our risen and glorified Lord.

How little, at times, some so-called leaders are able to discern and evaluate events for their true worth. Jesus was crucified, and the religious leaders of Israel were jubilant in their feeling that the mouth of the imposter had been forever closed, his influence destroyed, and his program ended. And even those who loved him sat in hopeless despair, feeling that all was lost. Often they had heard him speak of his death and resurrection. But this they could not understand. Their minds were numbed by the realization that he was dead.

"Woman, Why Weepest Thou?"—vss. 11-13

Death opened the door to a dark and forbidding world. In its presence one could only bow his head in bitter helplessness and weep. Thus, Mary stood without the tomb weeping for the Master whom she felt she would never again see. Thus it was that she looked into the tomb and saw two angels who asked her the reason for her tears. "Because," she said, "they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him."

When Mary looked into the tomb, she was terrified to learn that the body of Jesus was not there. Seemingly, the heavenly glow within the tomb made little impression upon her. She knew that Jesus had been crucified as a criminal, and now she feared that his body had been taken off to the Valley of Hennon to be torn by vultures and, finally, burned by the fires that were continually burning there. This was why she wept; but what she did not know was that the body of Jesus had not been moved, it had been changed. What Jesus predicted had now come to pass. Death had been succeeded by life.

The death of Jesus was more than the death of a good and courageous man. His resurrection vindicated all that he said, did, and claimed for himself. He is man's Saviour. And it is this same Saviour that the church presents today. Therefore, we need not weep for those who die in Christ. Death is the gateway to a fuller life. Death is not the master of the house; it is only the porter that opens the gate.

"Mary—Rabboni"—vss. 14-18

Seemingly, none of the followers of Jesus understood his warning that he would be arrested, tried, and killed—and on the third day

he would rise from the dead. Thus, the followers of Jesus believed him to be dead and buried. He had died heroically. He would not compromise his convictions nor would he cater to the whims of the cold-blooded, heartless religious leaders of Israel, even though he was threatened with death if he did not recant. He was a great and good man, greatly beloved by those who knew him.

But his disciples could not imagine the Messiah of Israel calmly submitting himself to trial and crucifixion at the hands of his enemies. To them death was defeat. They could not understand how one could be victorious in what seemed to them defeat. They thought of the Messiah as a deliverer, one who would drive out the Romans and bring back to Israel the glory that she once knew. All of these hopes, however, were blasted and despair took their place, when the Roman seal was attached to the tomb that held the dead body of Jesus. Mary now appealed to the one whom she thought to be the gardener to tell her where the body of Jesus lay, so that she might take it and give to it the care she felt he deserved.

This was Mary Magdalene, out of whom Jesus had cast seven devils. No one could take the place that Jesus held in her heart and life. Even the tone of his voice when he called her name would linger with her forever. Therefore, when the "gardener" spoke her name, "Mary," she was no longer in doubt. She knew this was Jesus.

Immediately she fell at his feet in worship and praise. In ecstatic devotion and wonder she calls him "Rabboni," "Master." Suddenly, everything is changed. Death and the enemies of Jesus are no longer the victors. He is Master of all and conqueror over death, sin, and the grave. All he said and did has been vindicated. All he claimed for himself has come to pass. He is Master.

It is true that there is some difficulty in understanding the refusal of Jesus to let Mary touch him. Even though he was still on the earth, Mary found that her Lord was different. He was not, in some respects, the same physical being Mary and the disciples had known and loved. Soon after this, he would walk through closed doors, and then he would eat food as though he were thoroughly physical and human. Just what had really happened to Jesus is difficult to say. There are many opinions and interpretations. But one thing we can see and understand. He has conquered death and made

the resurrection a reality. He is truly our Saviour and Lord.

"Peace Be Unto You"—vss. 19-22

The crucifixion of Jesus placed all his disciples in deadly jeopardy. The next step of the executioners of Jesus would be to kill his friends, those who were nearest and dearest to him. This was the usual procedure. In this way the movement would be completely defeated. Therefore, it is not surprising that the disciples "were assembled for fear of the Jews." Into this atmosphere of misery and despair the risen Christ suddenly appeared. His presence eased their tense spirits and dispelled their fears. His words of peace brought courage and assurance to their troubled minds.

A common form of salutation in the days of Jesus was "Peace be unto you." But the words of Jesus have a meaning more profound, deeper, and better than anything yet known to man. Peace is an essential element of the gospel. The angels proclaimed to the shepherds of Bethlehem God's offer of peace to man. Jesus in the Upper Room pronounced his peace to his disciples—"My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled." Now, when he appears before the assembled disciples, his first words are "Peace be unto you."

Then Jesus showed to his disciples his hands and his side. This was really the Lord. There were the scars left by those who crucified him. His suffering was real, and he had actually died. He had gone through the whole gamut of human experience—even death. Now, he stood before them alive. He had conquered death both for himself and for all who would follow in his steps. No wonder "the disciples were glad, when they saw the Lord."

We continue to weep over the sins of the world, but our tears are tears of agony because sin still rules in the hearts of man. Because Jesus arose from the dead, we do not weep as those who have no hope. Jesus has conquered death, so there can be no hopelessness in the heart of the true believer.

Like Mary Magdalene we, too, can turn from the tomb and toward Jesus. Because he conquered death, we and our loved ones are eternally secure in the provision God has made for those who love him. But let us, also, remember that there can be no real peace for us unless we accept the commission laid upon us to proclaim God's redeeming love in Christ to all the world. Even as he was sent, so are we sent. The commission, too, is fundamental to the gospel and an integral part of Christian responsibility.

Some Suggestions for Further Thought:

1. What significance do you see in the fact that the resurrected Jesus was first seen by a woman out of whom he had cast seven devils?
2. How is the resurrection related to the crucifixion of Jesus?
3. What is the message of the resurrection?
4. What is the significance of the message of the resurrection for our world?

When we dare not acknowledge some great sin, we deplore some small sin with greater emphasis. — CARL JUNG.

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EASTER GIRL IS BAPTIST — Paula Webber (left with braces on leg) is the 1961 choice for the national Easter Seal picture display, along with her twin, Patricia, who is not crippled. The National Society for Crippled Children has provided treatment for Paula. Patricia encourages her twin sister every step of the way, even taking treatments with her. The 8-year-old girls, shown here with other members of the Webber family, are being greeted at the church door by their pastor, Knox Lambert of Grace Baptist Church, Sumter, S. C. Their father, an Air Force captain, is stationed at Sumter. The twins sing in the junior choir and take part in other church activities. (BP) photo.

GOLIATH YAWNS AT OUR SLINGSHOTS . . .

It's a Serious Business We're In

By R. F. Smith, Jr.

Dr. Hugh Martin, a British minister of prominence, tells of going to a certain city in India several years ago. He stayed with a missionary who was pastor of a little Christian church that had been there for over a hundred years.

The city was the site of one of the most famous of Hindu temples. The head of the temple came to call on the missionary and Dr. Martin. When asked what he was doing in India, Dr. Martin told him he was touring India on behalf of the Christian Student Movement. The Hindu asked many questions and finally insisted, in a courteous and gracious manner, that he be allowed to send over his private carriage and driver to drive Dr. Martin over the city to see the places of interest.

When he had gone, Dr. Martin asked the missionary, "Why is he so friendly? Doesn't he know that we are here to put him out of business if we can?" "Ah,"

replied the missionary, "he knows we are not really dangerous!"

This is a sad commentary on the Christian enterprise, but perhaps it is all too true. We are no longer considered to be a threat to the evil forces of the world. It seems that no one really takes us seriously any more!

It is bad to be rebuffed at every corner, to be persecuted and plotted against, but it is ten thousand times worse to be so puny and ineffective that we are not worthy or dangerous enough to be persecuted!

Dr. Roy Eckardt, in *The Surge of Piety in America*, likens Billy Graham's New York Crusade to a field of battle on which David (Graham) and Goliath (evil forces) were to meet. Goliath could have run or girded for battle — he did neither, he merely yawned!

This is a terrible indictment — not just to Graham, but to the entire Christian enterprise. Because it shows all of us to be little "Davids," armed with the

BAPTISTS PRAISE JFK's CHURCH-STATE POSITION

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Kennedy was praised by a Baptist group here for his stand on separation of church and state.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs meeting in semi-annual session approved a resolution in which it expressed agreement with the President's interpretation that Federal aid to parochial schools is in violation of the Constitution.

Supporting the public school system of the Nation, the Baptist committee objected to Federal aid to parochial schools as "unwise, undesirable, and unfavorable to our best national interests."

"Such aid would be a disservice to freedom and justice," the Baptist statement continued. "It would start us on the road back into the tragic entanglement of church and state that has produced so much anguish and confusion in the course of human history."

"With profound gratitude we see in President Kennedy clear evidence of recognition of the basic importance of the principle of separation of church and state," the Baptists said.

MEREDITH PROFESSOR TO SERVE ON ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Quentin O. McAllister, chairman of the department of foreign languages at Meredith College, has been asked to serve on the Advisory Council on Teacher Education, serving in an advisory capacity to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Charles F. Carroll, and to the State Board of Education in all matters related to teacher education and certification.

slingshots of our creeds, and, with our pockets filled with the rocks of our well-worded resolutions and our petitions of complaints, marching bravely to the "Goliath of the World" to do battle.

But does he gird for battle? Not on your life. Neither does he run. He takes one look at us, snickers, grins, then yawns and says: "Ho-hum, why bother with you — you are not threat to my way of life. Throw your rocks — spitballs of paper may sting, but they won't harm!"

Goliath will stop yawning when we load our slingshots with live ammunition instead of spit-balls! Until then we cannot hope to be taken seriously or considered dangerous.

SBC and ABC—Why?

By Harold R. Stewart
in "The Watchman-Examiner"

The Baptists are the largest segment of Protestantism in America today. We are millions ahead of our nearest fraternal "rival"—the Methodists. Before we stick out our chest too far, however, we must also keep in mind our patchwork image of over twenty-five different Baptist groups. We are proud to be called the largest Protestant denomination but, to our shame, we are also proud of our brokenness. No more unjustifiable division exists between Baptist groups than that which exists between the Southern and American Baptist Conventions. The three things which keep these two family members apart are fears, fables, and fallacies.

The fear that no city could contain the annual meeting of such a united group is dispelled when we recognize the improving auditorium and hotel facilities in many large cities. Some people in both conventions fear the loss of an "image of identification" by which their group is known. Southern Baptists need to understand better their "true-church" complex, while American Baptists need to modify their "mother-church" complex. These should be replaced by a united Baptist expression of our Christian faith.

American Baptists, on the one hand, fear the thrust of Southern Baptists, while on the other hand they bewail their own lack of thrust. Meanwhile, Southern Baptists avoid organized relations with other Christian groups like the plague, because they fear a super-church and the loss of autonomy. The strongest guarantee against these two fears becoming realities would be whole-hearted participation by all Baptists in co-operative Christianity. Baptists surrender their leadership role in the battle against ecclesiastical tyranny by non-participation in efforts toward Christian co-operation.

Some Outdated Fables

We are also kept apart by "old preachers' fables." Not the least of these fables is the one portraying American Baptist preachers as "modernists." At least one avenue should be opened to put this false tale to rest. There needs to be a "theology exchange program" between conventions. This exchange must not only be on the seminary professor and prominent pastor level but, what is even more important, on the average pastor and lay level as well.

There is also an old preacher's fable, still believed among some American Baptists, concerning their brethren in the South. To mention Southern Baptists is to give them hallucinations of ranting evangelists and sawdust trails; the jerks and the shakers. Again, an exchange between forward-looking pastors of both conventions for a period of weeks would demonstrate the obvious falsity of this fable.

There are also certain fallacies in our thinking concerning our conventions. We have too long labored under the delusion that competition is good for business, when actually, it is a sinful waste of our divine trust. While the Southern Convention sends whole divisions into the North, the American Convention sends a scouting party into the South. Why not do the job as a single army against the common enemy?

There is also the fallacy in both groups that "we have no need of thee." The mighty Southern Convention rolls on year after year, spreading itself in ever-widening circles and becoming increasingly obsessed with numbers. Growth has become an end in itself. The American Convention

speaks of the "depth of its convictions," while becoming increasingly more impotent as it contemplates its own navel. The Southern Convention needs the penetrating insights and critical self-examinations of the American Convention. The American Baptists need the consecrated zeal and organizing genius of the Southern Baptists.

What Should Be Attempted

What factors favor such a union between the two conventions? First of all, we have a common heritage. Our histories are rooted in a common origin, and until the fateful year of 1845 the mainstream of Baptist in the United States thought of themselves as a single group. Our continuing disunity perpetrates a fracture in the body of Christ.

Secondly, we have a common theology. The overwhelming majority of American Baptists are basically conservative theologically, although they disavow the use of labels. A "theology exchange" program will reveal our theological oneness.

We have a common area of labor in these United States. We need to wipe out the vestigial remains of the Fortress Monroe boundaries by common agreement, since we have already done so by competitive practice.

What are some of the results which would accrue from the creation of a single convention? First of all, I am convinced that other Baptist groups would want to be party to such a reunited group. Secondly, we would materially and spiritually increase the effectiveness of our stewardship. Thirdly, because Baptists are evangelically oriented, as a united family we would have an impact upon American life beyond anything we have ever known.

What actions ought to be taken? In the first place, the enormity of the task requires that we begin now to move close together. This does not necessarily require approval by a majority of churches in both groups, since the individual churches did not vote on the schism in the first place. It would, however, help us to know where we stand by polling every church of both conventions to determine their congregational attitudes toward a single Baptist body.

The second action would be the creation of "theological exchange" and "pastoral exchange" programs. The first exchange should be at all levels of Baptist life, including laymen, seminary students, pastors of different size churches, as well as executives, professors, and the prominent pastors. The second exchange should go beyond trading pulpits for a Sunday to a three-month period of working with the people.

A third action required is the appointment of a commission from each convention to find those areas where we can begin to move closer together. Communications between our conventions must rise above the level of "informal conversations" among our "top brass."

A fourth action is for Baptists of both groups to critically examine their attitudes toward union. In big business the railroads are going all out to merge competing lines. They are not doing it for some altruistic purpose, but for their own financial profit. Is not the unity of the body of Christ and the effectiveness of his witness worthy enough motivation for Southern and American Baptists to seek merger? At any rate, is there any sensible reason why they should not do together those wonderful ministries which must wait for want of unity?

(Rev. Harold R. Stewart is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dover, Delaware.)

Policy on Coverage of Revivals Announced

This is the season of revival. As always, the RECORDER receives a heavy volume of publicity in connection with these revivals. Because of the large number of communications received and in fairness to all churches, this policy will be followed in the future:

The RECORDER will be happy to run results of a revival meeting if this information is received within one week

after the close of the revival. This information should be accurate and specific; that is, the number of people joining the church, both by baptism and transfer of letter. The name of the preacher also should be given.

With more than 3,300 churches in the state, and many of them having revivals in the Spring, it is not possible for the RECORDER to run news stories in advance of a revival. Churches are encouraged to use their local news outlets for this publicity.

MALBERT SMITH CHAIRMAN OF DURHAM EASTER SERVICE

The Rev. Malbert Smith, pastor of the Grey Stone Church, Durham, is chairman of the planning committee responsible for the Easter Sunrise Service in Durham this year. The service will be held at the Durham County Memorial Stadium beginning at 6:00 a. m. Easter Sunday morning. The choir will be under the direction of John Laverty, minister of music at First Church, Durham.



RIDGEWAY CHURCH OF CANDLER, Buncombe Association, recently held ground-breaking services for a new building which will cost about \$200,000 when completed. The picture shows Ridgeway members and friends gathered for the service. The inscription on the banner, "We are labourers together with God," is the scriptural theme around which the members and the Rev. A. N. Hollis, Jr., pastor since June, 1955, are trying to build the church's ministry.

The deacons are standing immediately behind the banner, and the pastor is in the foreground. In the center, standing with the deacons, is Mrs. R. E. Morgan, 80, oldest living charter member of the church, who turned the first spade of dirt. She is the church's only deaconess and just recently retired as treasurer after having served in that position 15 years, ever since the church was organized. Roy A. Taylor is chair-

man of the Plans and Construction Committee.

The building fund, begun in May, 1956, has now reached approximately \$132,000, including a bond issue of \$75,000. Grading has been completed and construction of the educational unit will begin soon. The three-story educational building will take care of 588 people. It will house two Adult departments, one Married Young People's department, one Young People's, one Intermediate, one Junior, three Primary, and two Beginner departments, a suite of five Nurseries, a library, a choir room, a pastor's study, and a suite of offices. On a lower floor under the sanctuary will be a fellowship hall, a kitchen, and an Adult department. The building, when completed with the addition of the sanctuary, will be T-shaped. The completed sanctuary will have 638 permanent seats. Foy and Lee of Waynesville are the architects.

Eastern Seminary Has New President

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Bruce McDormand has been elected president of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Eastern Baptist College, St. Davids, Pa., effective September 1. He will succeed the Rev. Dr. Gilbert L. Guffin, who will become dean of religious education and

director of the religious program at Howard College, Birmingham, Ala. The Pennsylvania institutions are American Baptist-related schools.

Dr. McDormand has been executive vice-president of Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, since September, 1959, and prior to that time had served as the first full-time general secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada since January, 1956.

Missionary Force Now 1,491; Lottie Moon Offering Ahead of '60

In its March meeting the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 18 new missionaries, the first of 160 expected this year. They bring the number of active missionaries to 1,491.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, announced that the amount of money received from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering stood, as of March 9, at \$6,367,731. This is \$360,577 more than the amount of the offering on the same date last year.

"It is impossible to state the gratitude with which this money is received at the Foreign Mission Board," Dr. Cauthen said. "Without it mission work across the world would be greatly reduced. We are dependent upon this money for \$3,000,000 of the operating budget of the Foreign Mission Board for 1961. We are also dependent upon it for most of the money that will be used to construct buildings across the world — churches, missionary residences, schools, theological seminaries, hospitals, and others."

I find fresh courage for my journeying through every troubled year, because of spring. — JANE MERCHANT

Meet Your State Brotherhood Officers: W. A. Mitchiner, World Missions Leader

"We visit mission fields because we love missions, and we feel that God would have us tell our friends here at home about the great work they are doing through World Missions."



This is Bill Mitchiner's answer to any who may wonder why he and Mrs. Mitchiner have periodically taken time out from their business in Oxford to tour Home and Foreign mission fields. This motivation is the secret of power which is felt by Baptist groups who hear their message at one of their many speaking engagements across North Carolina.

Bill was born in Franklinton. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Mitchiner. After graduating from Franklinton High School, he earned the B.S. degree at North Carolina State College.

In the Oxford Church, Bill is a deacon and Sunday School teacher. He engages in a definite program of soul winning and

has helped in Layman's Revivals in North Carolina and several other states. He is past president of Oxford Rotary Club and a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Oxford. He is owner and operator of Home and Auto Supply Store.

Mrs. Mitchiner, before her marriage, was Lena Honeycutt of Raleigh. She is a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and is State Stewardship Chairman for the WMU.

IMPORTANT SUMMER MUSIC DATES

CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE AT FRUITLAND—JUNE 12-17

This is a Conference for all age groups, Juniors through Adults. Mr. Harvey Woodruff of Charlotte will be Choral Director, with Mr. Bill Leach of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville also serving on the faculty.

JUNIOR MUSIC CAMP AT CASWELL—JULY 10-15

This is only for Juniors. The Sunday School week program will be held simultaneously.

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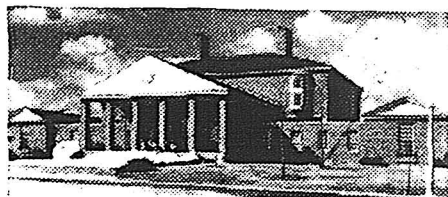
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Those interested may write S. G. Chappell, registrar.

President Ramsey Pollard Commends Circulation Goal

I heartily commend the united effort of Southern Baptists to increase the circulation of our state Baptist papers to 1,750,000 by 1964.

Our editors are free from control, and they should remain that way. They render a most significant service when they write with conviction and courage. It is good to have their condemnation, and pleasant to receive their commendation.

If we want an informed constituency, we must magnify the unparalleled ministry of our state Baptist papers. Baptists can always trust an enlightened membership. Our papers must be undergirded by our pastors and churches, and I bespeak such support in this splendid challenge to claim Baptist frontiers by putting a state Baptist paper in 1,750,000 Baptist homes by 1964.

—RAMSEY POLLARD, President
Southern Baptist Convention

DUKE TO ADMIT NEGROES STARTING NEXT FALL

DURHAM (RNS) — Duke University, a Methodist institution, has announced it will admit Negroes to its graduate and professional schools next Sept. 1.

A resolution passed by the board of trustees said "qualified applicants may be admitted to degree programs in the graduate and professional schools of the university . . . without regard to race, creed or national origin."

Duke admits no Negroes at present.

The Rev. Howard Dawkins Commended

The Rev. Howard G. Dawkins, who became pastor of the First Church, Concord, on March 1 after serving the First Church, Kinston, for 15 years, is praised in resolutions adopted jointly by the Executive Committee of the Neuse Association and the Pastor's Conference of the same association.

Mr. Dawkins served for four years as moderator of Neuse Association and as clerk for one year; he had served as chairman of the associational Mission Committee and was active in the Pastor's Conference. The resolutions cite the fact that he was active in helping establish seven churches and two preaching missions during his stay at Kinston, and all of these have full-time programs. Furthermore, in addition to promoting denominational work, he gave time and effort to many worthy causes "that would help to build and develop character in the citizenry of our country," it is stated.

The resolutions, expressing appreciation and assuring Mr. Dawkins of the prayers and good wishes of his former co-workers, are signed by W. C. Reed, moderator, and H. Arthur Dechent, clerk of the Neuse Association, and T. C. Williams, president of the Pastor's Conference.

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Associational WMU Meetings Are Scheduled

Raleigh Region Association

Beulah March 24—Lea Bethel Church, Prospect Hill
Missionary: Mrs. John Allen Moore, Switzerland
State WMU: Miss Willa Dean Freeman, GA Director

Cullom March 21—Bethlehem Church
Missionary: Miss Mattie Lou Bible, Brazil
State WMU: Miss Kathryn Bullard, WMS Director

Flat River March 21—Creedmoor Church
Missionary: Mrs. John Allen Moore, Switzerland
State WMU: Miss Willa Dean Freeman, GA Director

Johnston April 28—Selma Church
Missionary: Miss Virginia Highfill, Japan
State WMU: Miss Delois Hamrick, Sunbeam Band Director

Little River March 20—Holly Springs Church, Broadway
Missionary: Miss Mattie Lou Bible, Brazil
State WMU: Miss Kathryn Bullard, WMS Director

Mount Zion March 21—Cane Creek Church
Missionary: Mrs. John Allen Moore, Switzerland
State WMU: Miss Willa Dean Freeman, GA Director

Raleigh April 7—Wake Forest Church
Missionary: Miss Virginia Highfill, Japan
State WMU: Miss Kathryn Bullard, WMS Director

Sandhills March 23—Cameron First Church
Missionary: Miss Mattie Lou Bible, Brazil
State WMU: Miss Kathryn Bullard, WMS Director

Sandy Creek March 22—Loves Creek Church, Siler City
Missionary: Mrs. John Allen Moore, Switzerland
State WMU: Miss Willa Dean Freeman, GA Director

Savannah River March 23—Samaria Church, Middlesex
Missionary: Mrs. John Allen Moore, Switzerland
State WMU: Miss Willa Dean Freeman, GA Director

States March 23—Angier Avenue Church, Durham
Missionary: Mrs. John Allen Moore, Switzerland
State WMU: Miss Willa Dean Freeman, GA Director

Elizabeth City Region

Chowan March 21—Shiloh Church
Missionary: Miss Merna Jean Hocum, Brazil
State WMU: Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, YWA Director

West Chowan March 23—Colerain Church
Missionary: Miss Merna Jean Hocum, Brazil
State WMU: Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, YWA Director

Rocky Mount Region

Atlantic April 6—Morehead City First Church
Missionary: Miss Virginia Highfill, Japan
State WMU: Miss Delois Hamrick, Sunbeam Band Director

Beuse April 7—Emmaus Church
Missionary: Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby, Brazil
State WMU: Mrs. A. L. Parker, Greensboro

North Roanoke April 6—Edgemont Church, Rocky Mount (day meeting); Nashville Church, Nashville (night meeting)
Missionary: Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby, Brazil
State WMU: Mrs. A. L. Parker, Greensboro

Association South Roanoke

April 4—Stantonsburg Church
Missionary: Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby, Brazil
State WMU: Mrs. A. L. Parker, Greensboro

Charlotte Region

Anson April 18—Mount Beulah Church, Wadesboro
Missionary: Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, New Orleans
State WMU: Miss Willa Dean Freeman, GA Director

Cabarrus April 21—McGill Street Church, Concord
Missionary: Miss Vivian Wilson, Granite City, Illinois
State WMU: Miss Miriam Robinson, Executive Secretary

Mecklenburg April 18—Pritchard Memorial Church, Charlotte
Missionary: Miss Lorene Telford, Taiwan
State WMU: Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, YWA Director

Montgomery April 20—Forks of Little River Church
Missionary: Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, New Orleans
State WMU: Miss Willa Dean Freeman, GA Director

Pee Dee April 19—Hamlet First Church
Missionary: Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, New Orleans
State WMU: Miss Willa Dean Freeman, GA Director

Stanly April 18—Pleasant Grove Church, Oakboro
Missionary: Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, New Orleans
State WMU: Miss Willa Dean Freeman, GA Director

Union April 21—Philadelphia Church, Marshville
Missionary: Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, New Orleans
State WMU: Miss Willa Dean Freeman, GA Director

Greensboro Region

Central April 20—place to be announced
Missionary: Miss Vivian Wilson, Granite City, Illinois
State WMU: Miss Miriam Robinson, Executive Secretary

Dan Valley April 18—Spray Church
Missionary: Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Fair, home missionaries
State WMU: Miss Kathryn Bullard, WMS Director

Liberty April 20—Summerville Church
Missionary: Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Fair, home missionaries
State WMU: Miss Kathryn Bullard, WMS Director

Piedmont April 18—College Park Church, Greensboro
Missionary: Miss Vivian Wilson, Granite City, Illinois
State WMU: Miss Miriam Robinson, Executive Secretary

Pilot Mountain April 18—College Park Church, Winston-Salem
Missionary: Miss Vivian Wilson, Granite City, Illinois
State WMU: Miss Miriam Robinson, Executive Secretary

Randolph April 21—Balfour Church, Asheboro
Missionary: Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Fair, home missionaries
State WMU: Miss Kathryn Bullard, WMS Director

Rowan April 20—Rowan Mills Church, Salisbury
Missionary: Miss Vivian Wilson, Granite City, Illinois
State WMU: Miss Miriam Robinson, Executive Secretary

First Church, Greensboro, Leads in Gifts

The following information was compiled by the First Church, Greensboro, and published in its church paper. The list includes the 10 churches in North Carolina contributing the largest amounts to the Cooperative Program, along with the amounts of their special missions offerings. This information was gleaned from the February 18 issue of the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Church	Coop. Prog.	Designated Offerings	Total
First Church, Greensboro	\$107,305	\$63,758	\$171,063
First Church, Shelby	56,378	48,031	104,409
First Church, Charlotte	50,643	11,130	61,773
First Church, Winston-Salem	44,822	20,205	65,028
First Church, Hickory	43,953	10,623	54,577
First Church, Asheville	35,077	11,810	46,887
Patchard Mem., Charlotte	32,857	3,969	36,827
First Church, Raleigh	32,092	24,442	56,534
West Asheville	31,112	13,017	44,129
First Church, High Point	30,969	9,515	40,485

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Customer: "No, it's for my uncle."

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AUTOMOBILE SALESMAN BILL TORRANCE, himself a tither, commends the practice to John and Martha Nichols in a scene from "What First?", new Broadman film specially suited for promotion of this year's stewardship emphasis. The Nichols delay purchase of a new car so they can start tithing also. Twelve minutes in length and in black and white, "What First?" is available through Baptist book stores. (Photo by Broadman Films.)

TEXAS DENTIST . . .

Appointee Pleads for "A Mark in Our Favor" On Integration Issue

DALLAS (BP) — A Baptist foreign mission appointee who is leaving a lucrative dental practice to go to Nigeria urged the Texas Baptist executive board to desegregate eight Texas Baptist colleges, but the board took no action on the appeal.

Dr. W. E. Wyatt of Hurst, Tex., (near Fort Worth) told the 192-member executive board that desegregation must be met in a Christian way and that the executive board was the place to start.

He urged the board to take some positive action as "a mark in our favor." He added, "If we wait until this thing is pushed down our throats, then it is going to be a mark against us."

Dr. Wyatt said that he did not have the answer to the problem, but added that there must be a change in men's hearts in order to overcome racial prejudice. "The Bible teaches that in God's sight there is no difference between Jew and Greek, between the slave and the free, and there is no difference in these people and in us," he said.

"I for one would be in favor of actually integrating our schools of higher education," he said.

Dr. Wyatt made the statements dur-

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. . . on which side of the ocean M.K.'s (missionary kids) get homesick?

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. . . how national independence has affected mission work in Nigeria?

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. . . what difficulties Baptists in Spain face as they seek to worship Christ?

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ing an impromptu testimony before the board in reflecting on the problems he would face as a missionary to Nigeria. He had been asked to give his testimony about his personal surrender to the missionary role.

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They can conquer who believe they can. — VIRGIL.

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Mrs. Parker Is New WMU President

Mrs. A. Leroy Parker of Greensboro, elected as president of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union, is a natural for the job.

She is familiar with every phase of the many-faceted program carried on by the Baptist women of North Carolina. For the past five years, she has served as first vice-president, a position that has permitted her to be a part of all important decisions. If there were a "Who's Who in WMU," the list of offices by her name would take considerable space.

Being a president runs in the Parker family. From 1957-59, Dr. Parker, pastor at Asheboro St. Church, Greensboro, was president of the Baptist State Convention. Sandra, attractive 16-year-old daughter of the Parkers, was president of the student body at her school. At the

same time, Billy, 13, was in the same post at the school he attended.

Mrs. Parker, while accepting congratulations of many friends when she was elected, said she wasn't sure she would be able to preside satisfactorily, "especially if we get involved in some complicated parliamentary procedure." A bystander assured her that "the WMU will never get into anything that you husband didn't experience a dozen times as president of the Baptist State Convention." The WMU ladies are almost as well known for their tame sessions as the "brethren" are for their lively sessions. An executive board handles most of the WMU business, leaving the annual conventions virtually free for inspiration.

Endowed with limitless energy when it comes to church work, Mrs. Parker

ON THE COVER

Mrs. A. Leroy Parker of Greensboro was elected president of the state WMU last week in Winston-Salem. On this week's cover, Hannah Vaughan of Woodland who served as one of the convention pages, pins camellias on the new first lady of WMU in North Carolina.

will be one of the busiest women in North Carolina for the next five years (the normal term for a WMU president). This means the Parker household will soon adjust to a new routine — one in which mother will be going to even more Baptist meetings than heretofore. In addition to her speaking engagements, the WMU president is an ex-officio member of several Baptist boards and committees. Appearing before groups won't be a new experience. Mrs. Parker is recognized as a strong and effective speaker.

The former Sarah Kanoy, the new women's leader is a native of Greensboro. She met her husband-to-be when both were students in Louisville, Ky., she at Carver School of Missions and Social Work, he at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His first pastorate out of seminary was at Honea Path, S. C., and in March, 1950, Dr. Parker was called to Asheboro Street. In less than a month, Mrs. Parker was named to her first WMU job — mission study chairman in the Piedmont Association. That was the beginning. Last week she was elevated to the organization's highest office. Her friends are sure she will be equal to every demand made on her.

"No secondhand transaction can take the place of a man's personal communion with God; no minister or church can manipulate this for him; he must meet God for himself." — Dr. Wayne E. Ward, "The Bible in Contemporary Theology," *Baptist Student*.



AT MEREDITH COLLEGE FOR VISITATION DAY—Friends of Meredith College came to hear messages of great challenge, asked questions about the college advance program, and were entertained at a barbecue lunch at noon, March 9. Among those on program for the Visitation Day were the four well-known Baptists in above photo, caught at intermission time: (left to right) Pastor Roy Beals of Madison Avenue Church, Goldsboro; President Carlyle Campbell of Meredith; Robert N. Simms of Raleigh, chairman of the General Board committee on Christian Education; and Pastor James Cammack of Snyder Memorial Church, Fayetteville.

Two Points of Conflict

(Continued from page 3)

churches could still belong. At the present time the financial report of the American Convention to the National Council of Churches is done by designations from individual churches. There are enough funds received by designations so that the contribution to the National Council does not come from the Unified Budget.

Perhaps, also, if Southern Baptists wanted to continue the work of establishing churches in the northern states, some guidance as to where the church would be located might be

given by the Baptists who are already at work in the state and who would know where new churches are needed. If the Baptist leaders who have for a long time been at work in these northern states could feel that new churches would be established in cooperation with not in competition to the churches that are already there, then this certainly would heal some wounds and establish a better spirit.

We do not take the position of asking the American Convention to withdraw from the National Council or that of asking Southern Baptists to discontinue their work in the northern states. We simply state that both of these are and will be points of conflict in any negotiation.—JAMES O. DUNCAN in *The Capital Baptist*.



WELL ATTENDED WORKSHOP DRAWS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND MUSIC LEADERS FROM ALL OVER NORTH CAROLINA—Part of the religious education group is shown with RE workshop

leader R. H. Falwell, Jr., curriculum consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board (front row, second from left), and (third from left) Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board.



MUSIC WORKSHOP OUTSTANDING—A part of the music workshop group is shown with Mrs. Helen Hubbert Kemp, associate minister of music, First Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City (front row, left),

who conducted the workshop. Beside her are Jim Berry, minister of music at Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, and Verl Capps, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Greensboro.

Religious Education and Music Workshop At Southeastern Seminary Was a Success

WAKE FOREST—The Religious Education and Music Workshop held recently at Southeastern Seminary was so successful that the group voted to repeat it next year.

Denton R. Coker, professor of Religious Education, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, was named chairman of the workshop planning committee for 1962. Named on the committee with him were Frank Stilwell, minister of music, First Church, Marion, and Ed Kissiah, minister of religious education, Green Street Church, High Point.

Permanent planning committee members are Hal Shoemaker, president of N. C. Religious Education and Music Association; Herman Ihley, state Sunday school secretary; Jimmy Morgan, state

Training Union secretary; Joe Stroud, state music secretary; and Ben Fisher, assistant to the president, Southeastern Seminary.

Homecoming for Miss Provence

WINSTON-SALEM — The 70th annual WMU Convention here was something of a homecoming for Miss Ruth Provence — and her friends flocked around her after every session and in between.

Until January, 1955, she was executive secretary in North Carolina, a post she now holds in South Carolina. Her devotional messages were based on stewardship.

Pastor's Wives in Carolina Association Organize "The Minnie Belle Club"

The wives of the pastors in the Carolina Association have organized into a conference which will be called "The Minnie Belle Club." They were motivated by the feeling that there was need for greater fellowship among the churches of the association, and they believe their organization can contribute to more co-operation in the work of the churches. Mrs. James Buchanan of the First Church, Saluda, is president of the new club, and Mrs. John Rhymer of Etowah Church at Etowah, secretary.

Truth is the highest thing a man may keep. — CHAUCER.

OUR READERS WRITE . . .

Urges Baptists to Write Their Congressmen In Support of Federal Aid to Education Bill

TO THE EDITOR:

The *Louisville Times* of March 2, 1961, carried a dispatch by John D. Morris of the *New York Times*, dated New York March 2, concerning a conference held in Washington by Cardinal Spellman and others of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. I quote from the dispatch: "Officials of the Catholic conference declined to discuss any aspect of the boards meeting. A spokesman would not even confirm reports that the prelates had convened."

The indicated intention of the Catholic hierarchy is to fight any school-aid legislation that does not help meet the educational expenses of Catholics with children in parochial schools.

"Indications were that the prelates had drafted a 'Catholic position' on the issue, to be set forth in church publications, sermons, speeches and testimony at Congressional hearings."

It's high time that Southern Baptist leaders besides Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, were speaking out publicly in no uncertain terms as to our position, if we have one, on the Constitution of the United States, especially the Separation of Church and State, and Religious Freedom. Some one should have courage enough to tell Cardinal Spellman, in no uncertain terms, that if the Roman Catholic Hierarchy has any idea of destroying the Constitution and forcing its will upon the people of our country, they will find millions of us non-Catholics who are ready to fight in order to preserve our Constitution. This may sound radical, but if we do not act now it will happen. The RCH, like the Communists, never stops working to accomplish their aims. Why should we?

Should Write Congressmen

Every Baptist of voting age should be urged to write his Senators and Congressman to support the Kennedy Aid to Education Bill. This is no longer an administration bill. It is a bill which will determine whether or not we Americans will permit the RCH to destroy our Constitution and force its will upon us.

When it comes down to a question of loyalty to the Constitution or loyalty to their Church, the majority of Roman Catholics in the Congress will yield to the commands of their church. House leader John McCormack, a Roman Catholic, has already yielded to the commands of his Church by opposing the Kennedy bill and suggesting one providing for long-term low interest rates (which will never be paid) to Roman Catholic schools. This is just another move of the RCH to get its foot in the door with the aim of eventually getting grants and forcing its will upon the people. They hope to catch us non-Catholics asleep on the job (which is quite possible).

The Southern Baptists along with other non-

Catholic Church groups should have a strong militant lobby in Washington to fight for the Kennedy aid to education bill and against any bill providing grants or loans to Catholic schools. Defeat of or amendments to the Kennedy bill will be a victory for the RCH, and will only serve to encourage them all the more to destroy Religious Freedom and Separation of Church and State, and to impose their will upon the people.

—LEO W. REIGEL
Lyndon, Ky.

"TRY THIS WITH THE NON-RESIDENT MEMBER PROBLEM!"

TO THE EDITOR:

At the present time we are hearing a lot about non-resident members and what to do about them. Temporary and last-minute measures to rid our church rolls of the names of non-resident and/or inactive members can be unwise and even harmful at times. Invariably a church weeding out names of those who have died, joined other churches, etc., will go too far and hastily eliminate other names also. (Incidentally this procedure plays havoc with statistical tables, attempts to determine growth, etc.)

We all agree that church rolls should be brought or kept up to date, but would it not be better to establish a system by which members "eliminate THEMSELVES"? This would be a corollary with the policy being adopted by more and more churches in insisting on several weeks of instruction before a candidate is baptized and brought into full fellowship. A member would need to prove himself to get in and meet definite conditions to stay in.

In initiating a system by which members "eliminate themselves," three dangers should be avoided: (1) the danger of launching the system without enough advance notice; (2) the danger of emphasizing "getting rid of" rather than challenging members; (3) the danger of making it unnecessarily difficult to stay in. Proper motives will eliminate all three dangers.

One of Three Responses

A sample system could state that a member must do at least one of three things in the course of each calendar year to remain in good standing—make a contribution, attend a service, or write a letter to the church stating his desire

Note to Rotarians (Baptist)

The Rotary International Convention will be held in Tokyo, Japan, the latter part of May. Rotarians from North Carolina who are Baptists and plan to attend may be interested in seeing some of the Southern Baptist mission work being carried on there. Baptists missionaries in Tokyo, especially those from North Carolina, will be happy to arrange tours in Tokyo and other places in Japan if they plan to travel about the country. Interested Rotarians may write to the Rev. Worth C. Grant, Associate Secretary, Jordan Press, 11, Kamiyama - cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan. Communications should be sent via air mail.

Farthings in Tokyo

The Rev. and Mrs. Earl Davis Farthing sailed March 14 for Tokyo, Japan, where they will begin studying the language and preparing for their work as missionaries to that country. Anyone interested in hearing from the Farthings through their form letters is invited to contact the Rev. Corbin Cooper, First Baptist Church, Morehead City, N. C. Their new address will be: 352-2 chome, Nishiokubo, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

to keep his membership there. This sounds too simple, but it is far superior to the system found in 99.44 per cent of our churches and is an easy first step in the right direction.

Coupled with this understanding, the local church could and should maintain a weekly, monthly or quarterly letter or bulletin to all resident and non-resident members (and prospective members). With "Form 3547 Requested" put on all mail, the addresses would be kept up to date. This would make the relationship of the church and the non-resident member a "two-way street." When the church shows an interest in the non-resident member, he is more apt to show an interest in the church.

Then enclose with the letter or bulletin once each quarter a self-addressed, postage paid envelope and a blank to be filled in, as below.

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—HUBERT S. MUMFORD
Durham

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Buncombe Association Names V. Plemmons Missionary

The Rev. Erskine V. Plemmons began work as missionary of the Buncombe Association on March 1. He came to the work from the pastorate of the Weaver-Hill Church. A graduate of Mars Hill College and of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., he had previously served as pastor of Mt. Carmel, Macedonia, and Marshall churches in the Asheville area, as associational missionary in the Gaston Association, and as pastor of Ranlo Church in Gastonia. He is a native of Buncombe County.

There's No Need for Sideline Christians

Like thousands of other boys, there was a time in my life when one of my secret ambitions was to become a great athlete. Even as a lad, not yet out of knee pants, I used to imagine myself as the star of some championship team.

Inspirational

I could see myself rolling to the plate to knock a homerun, or racing to the wild acclaims of the spectators into the end zone of the gridiron for the winning touchdown.

I can recall sitting in the stands at the high school stadium, watching my classmates as they performed in some athletic contest. And I can remember doing so with mixed emotions. I wanted so badly to be a member of the team. And, yet, I knew that because of a small stature, that even if I were a member of the team, I would always be looking on from the sidelines, never really taking part in the game, and never really doing anything to help the team.

How grateful I am that no person is ever barred from God's great team because of smallness of stature. No man must watch from the sidelines. Everyone can be actively engaged in the wonderful labor of love. And every team member can be an important one through his church membership, through prayer, through Bible study, through witnessing to the lost. No, there is no need for "sideline" Christians. God has a place of active service for every one.

RICHARD E. HICKS, *Pastor*
Rowland Baptist Church.



OFFICIAL COLONEL MEMPHIS—Designated as the official greeter to the Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men at Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 13-15, is Paul Cates, Tennessee Brotherhood secretary. Still in the beard-growing stage, Cates' likeness to Colonel Memphis is compared by Mrs. Sandra Lee Trammell, secretary at the Brotherhood Commission which sponsors the men's conference. More than 10,000 men are expected to attend the event.

TO ORIGINATE IN FIVE DIFFERENT CITIES . . .

Buses Will be Chartered for Laymen's Conference in Memphis Next September

Five bus loads of N. C. Baptist men are expecting to attend the second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men in Memphis, Tenn., September 13-15. Rocky Mount, Wilmington, Durham, High Point, and Charlotte are the five cities that will be "take-off" points of origin for these special buses, which will leave Tuesday morning, September 12, and return Sunday afternoon, September 17. Total attendance is expected to reach 12,000 men, and 800 of these will be the goal from North Carolina.

The total cost per man for this significant Baptist gathering will be about \$55.00 for round trip fares, tips, and hotel rooms. Meals are in addition to this. Many will go by car, some by plane and by train. However, the five chartered or special buses will leave the cities named and pick up other passengers in towns along certain main highways as they move westward, and on out of North Carolina. Every man applying for a seat on one of the buses will be informed by return mail when and where to meet the bus.

All Baptist men in this state who expect to go should not delay in making reservation with the Brotherhood Department, Clyde L. Davis, Secretary, Baptist Bldg., Raleigh. The deposit of \$20 with each reservation is refundable up to August 1, if plans change or cancel, and the \$3.00 registration fee included in this is transferable up to the date of departure. A program of high spiritual tide, superb fellowship and inspiration is in store at the Memphis Conference for all who attend.

Three Tar Heels Will Attend Nashville Conference

Three North Carolinians — Miss Katy Ruth Grayson, Training Union Department, Baptist State Convention, Raleigh; Mrs. Murray Eisenhower, youth director, First Church, Asheville; and M. O. Owens, Jr., pastor, East Church, Gastonia — will attend a conference at the Baptist Sunday School Board Apr. 10-13.

Dr. Poston Will Become President Of Gardner-Webb College in August

BOILING SPRINGS—Dr. E. Eugene Poston, head of the department of religion and alumnus of the College, on March 13 was unanimously named by the board of trustees to succeed Dr. Phil L. Elliott as president of the Baptist junior college.

Dr. Elliott announced at Founders' Day celebration last November his intention to retire August 1, 1961, one year ahead of mandatory retirement date, provided a successor could be found.

Dr. Poston, 42, a Cleveland County native, joined the Gardner-Webb teaching staff in 1959 as head of the department of religion. He resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, Ga., to accept the appointment. He is a graduate of Gardner-Webb, class of 1943. He graduated *cum laude* from Wake Forest College in 1944, and went on to Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he earned the B.D., Th.M., and Th.D. degrees.

Dr. Poston expressed his appreciation to the board of trustees for the confidence they had placed in him by their vote.

In his acceptance remarks, he said, "as a member of the committee, I felt we had been looking for God's man; I never dreamed the task would fall on me."

He indicated that he had spent a whole night in prayer before he permitted the committee to recommend him for the administrative post.

The president-elect said that he was aware of the tremendous task that had fallen on his shoulders. "It's the greatest challenge I've ever faced," he told the trustees, "but with unity among trustees and faculty, I see the greatest future for Gardner-Webb of any college."

He stated that Dr. Elliott had laid a great foundation for the future.

"Because of these things, I have no fear of the task, though it is great," he said.

Prior to his accepting the department leadership at Gardner-Webb Poston had been at Jonesboro. He served as pastor of the Wallace Baptist Church, Wallace, for seven years. The church added a half million dollar sanctuary and education building during his pastorate.

The president-elect served in numerous capacities in Southern Baptist work. He was president in 1956 of the N. C. Baptist Pastors' Conference, and for two



DR. E. EUGENE POSTON was named March 13 by a unanimous vote by the board of trustees as successor to Dr. Phil L. Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb College. Dr. Elliott gave notice last November that he would retire August 1, 1961, and Dr. Poston will assume his new position at that time. An alumnus of Gardner-Webb, Dr. Poston is now head of the department of religion there.

years previously had served as moderator of the Wilmington Association.

He served on the general board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for two years in 1956-57. He re-resigned a four-year term to accept the Jonesboro pastorate.

Poston is married to the former Dorothy Jenkins, also a Cleveland County native. They were married in 1939 and have three children: Steve, 14; Gloria, 12; and Beth, 9. Mrs. Poston is a graduate of Gardner-Webb, Wake Forest, and has done graduate work at Emory University and Appalachian State Teachers College. She is a sixth grade teacher in Marion School, Shelby.

Poston's mother is Mrs. Minnie Poston of 223 Suttle St., Shelby.

FLORIDA TO GET FIRST AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. (RNS) — St. Petersburg will be the first place in Florida to have an American Baptist Convention church.

Steps are being taken to organize a church here in the near future with several local American Baptists invited to discuss organizational plans, according to William B. Hill, church extension pastor for American Baptist Mission Societies.

St. Petersburg is one of several cities in Florida where the American Baptist Convention plans to organize churches. Headquarters of the denomination are in New York City.

DR. CAUTHEN PRAISES N. C. CONTRIBUTIONS

WINSTON-SALEM—Dr. Baker James Cauthen praised North Carolina as a "tremendous base of Baptist growth and influence" as he brought the closing message to the WMU Convention Wednesday night, March 15.

He said that Southern Baptists would never be deterred in their work "as long as WMU marches on in the way of God." The FMB secretary brought an encouraging report on the Lottie Moon Offering. Latest figures show that \$6,367,731 had come in, \$360,000 ahead of the same time a year ago. As of February 21, 1953 North Carolina's total was \$751,953 which is \$20,000 more than the final figure in 1960. This means a record offering for the state.

Dr. Cauthen, who had spoken earlier to the Georgia WMU meeting, reminded the ladies that today's foreign mission work is as dangerous as ever. He praised those who have been willing to take the risks and urged that more young people of ability consider the mission field.

Joe Stroud Will Lead Choir For Tour of Scotland

North Carolina's Joe Stroud will head up a group of about 22 ministers of music who will compose a special choir to sing in churches in Scotland and England in April. Among the cities on their itinerary will be Edinburgh, Glasgow, Sterling, Kirk, Dundee, Aberdeen and Inverness. They will also give a concert in London at the famous Spurgeon Tabernacle. Then they will go to Paris for three days.

The tour will be in connection with the two-week Evangelistic Crusade in which Southern Baptist ministers will hold revivals in churches of Scotland. In addition to Mr. Stroud, Donald Hinshaw of Wilson and Carl Perry of Asheville will go from North Carolina, along with ministers of music from other states. Church music conferences will be held in the morning hours of each day, and the 22 member choir will sing at night in the churches. The group will leave by jet plane from New York on Easter Sunday and will return April 22.

God's children are our brothers, and we cannot be said to love God if we do not love his children. We are loved undeservedly and we can love even the undeserving. — FRED H. LINDEMANN in *The Sermon and the Propers*.

LIFE IN THE CHURCHES...

Laurinburg First Receives Gift of Organ

The First Church, Laurinburg, is the recipient of a gift of a three-manual Austin organ, with echo effects for the balcony, given by W. H. Weatherspoon of Raleigh as a memorial to his late wife, Mrs. Maud Lee Weatherspoon of Raleigh and Laurinburg. The organ, it is estimated, will be about a \$42,000 installation when completed and placed in the church. The congregation voted unanimously to accept the generous gift and voted to proceed with its three-fold program of a new organ, a new educational building, and a new pastor's home, with air-conditioning of the present plant. Contract for the pastor's home has been let, and bids have been received for the educational building, but the contract has not been let as yet.

In Fall Branch Church, Lilesville, R. C. Melton, pastor, a Woman's Missionary Society has been organized and is making much progress. Mrs. R. C. Melton, Miss Janice Jenkins, and Herman Williams gave an interesting mission program on Friday evening, March 10, at which time a special offering for Home Missions was taken. Mrs. Melton, a music teacher, has organized a men's chorus, and they sang for this special occasion.

News from Temple Church, Wilmington: A former pastor, the Rev. W. J.

Smith Is Speaker for Region 10 TU Convention



Regional Director.

DR. ROGERS SMITH, administrative associate to Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., will bring the closing message to the Region 10 Training Union Convention which meets in the First Church, Murphy, on Friday, April 7. Carl Corbin of Sylva

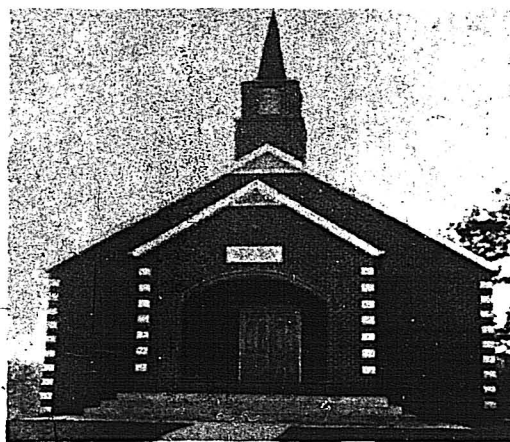
Other regional conventions are:

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| April 6 | Region 8 Calvary, Morganton |
| April 10 | Region 1 Winton Church, Winton |
| | Region 2 Rocky Mount, First |
| | Region 3 Winter Park, Wilmington |
| April 11 | Region 4 Lowe's Grove, Durham |
| | Region 5 High Point, First |
| | Region 6 Enderly Park, Charlotte |
| April 13 | Region 7 Boone, First |
| April 14 | Region 9 Brevard, First |

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Stephenson, of Salisbury, led a successful revival with Eddie Guy of Temple Church, Raleigh, leading the music. . . . The Rev. Colin S. Jackson, pastor at Sunset Park, spoke at the annual Brotherhood Sweetheart Banquet. . . . The adult choir will present an Easter Cantata, "Behold Your King," Sunday evening, April 2. . . . Miss Sarah Hunnicutt participated in the associational Better Speakers' Tournament March 21 at Calvary Church.

Sandy Run Church at Roxobel, N. J. McManus, pastor, recently added an Extension Department to its Sunday school to take the services of the school to those who are unable to attend.



THE SURPHUR SPRINGS CHURCH of Pilot Mountain will dedicate its building on Sunday, March 26. The Rev. Oren Bradley, missionary of the Surry Association, will bring the morning message, and in the afternoon the Rev. R. L. Kizer will bring a message. Other events will include special music by the choir in the morning and by the Pilot Mountain High School Glee Club in the afternoon. Picnic lunch will be served at noon.

The building above, partly completed in 1959, has been fully completed now. Valued at \$45,000, it contains a sanctuary, 40 by 80, and 10 Sunday school rooms. Part of the material was donated, and the building was erected by free labor. The church was organized in 1872, and a log building was its first home. A frame building, erected in 1910, served until the present building was ready for use. The Rev. Tom Cook is present pastor.

Wise Church, at Wise, recently has taken two forward steps by organizing a Brotherhood and instituting a graded choir program. Pastor A. T. Ayscue, commenting on the recent action of the church in subscribing to the RECORDER on the Every-Family Plan, writes: "Since that time, numerous people have made it a point to contact me and thank the

CHANGES IN THE CHURCHES...

Young at Erwin; Fallow Goes To Norlina; Upton and Stewart Go to New Fields



graduate of Blue Mountain College.

First Church, Erwin, recently called **H. EDWIN YOUNG** as pastor. A native of Laurel, Mississippi, he attended the University of Alabama and is a graduate of Mississippi College. He expects to receive the B.D. degree from Southeastern Seminary in July. Mrs. Young, the former Jo Beth Landrum of Laurel, Miss., is a

BILLY FALLOW of Wake Forest has accepted a call to the Norlina Church, effective April 5, succeeding Malcolm Hutton, who recently resigned. Mr. Fallow, a native of Greenville, S. C., expects to receive his B.D. degree from Southeastern Seminary this spring.

C. R. UPTON is new pastor of Mt. Pleasant (C) Church in Sandy Run Association, having gone to this work from Green Hill Church in the Green River Association. His co-workers in the Green River Pastors' Conference sent a letter of appreciation and high commendation of Mr. Upton for his work among them.

H. LEROY STEWART, pastor of Gardner's and Vaughan churches in the Cullom Association, has resigned, effective March 27, to accept a call to New Sandy Creek Church, near Henderson, in the same association. Mr. Stewart has served the two churches he is leaving the past two and a half years, and prior to that was pastor of a church in Marietta, S. C. A native of Six Mile, S. C., he attended Darlington School for Boys in Rome, Ga., and has the B.A. degree from Furman University. Presently he is attending Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest. Mrs. Stewart is the former Lillian Murphree of Pickens, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and their son, Michael, will make their home in Henderson.

church for their subscription. Comments about the RECORDER have been without exception complimentary. Our people find it very readable. This is most encouraging and I believe that it will result in more abundant fruit in the lives of our members."

Dr. Archie Ellis, pastor of First Church, Columbia, S. C., is preaching this week, March 19-26, in the Spring revival at **Hayes-Barton Church, Raleigh**. He is remembered by many of this state as former Convention president, and as former pastor of Wadesboro and Salisbury First churches.

An Important Announcement
from
CAMPBELL COLLEGE
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BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Through this official organ of the Baptist State Convention Campbell College announces the launching of its new program as a Baptist coeducational senior college, with the third year beginning on September 11, 1961.

Curricula leading to the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science, and the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degrees will be offered.

Departmental majors will be available in:

Art

Education

Modern languages

Physical education

Mathematics

Music

English

Natural sciences

Social studies

Religion

Teacher-training courses meeting certification requirements in elementary and secondary education are planned. Preparation of choir directors, religious education directors, and church secretaries is provided for in the new curricula.

In addition, two-year and one-year pre-vocational courses are still provided in such fields as agriculture, engineering, industrial arts, home economics, nursing and business education.

The College invites inquiry by students or others desiring more detailed information regarding its program.

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