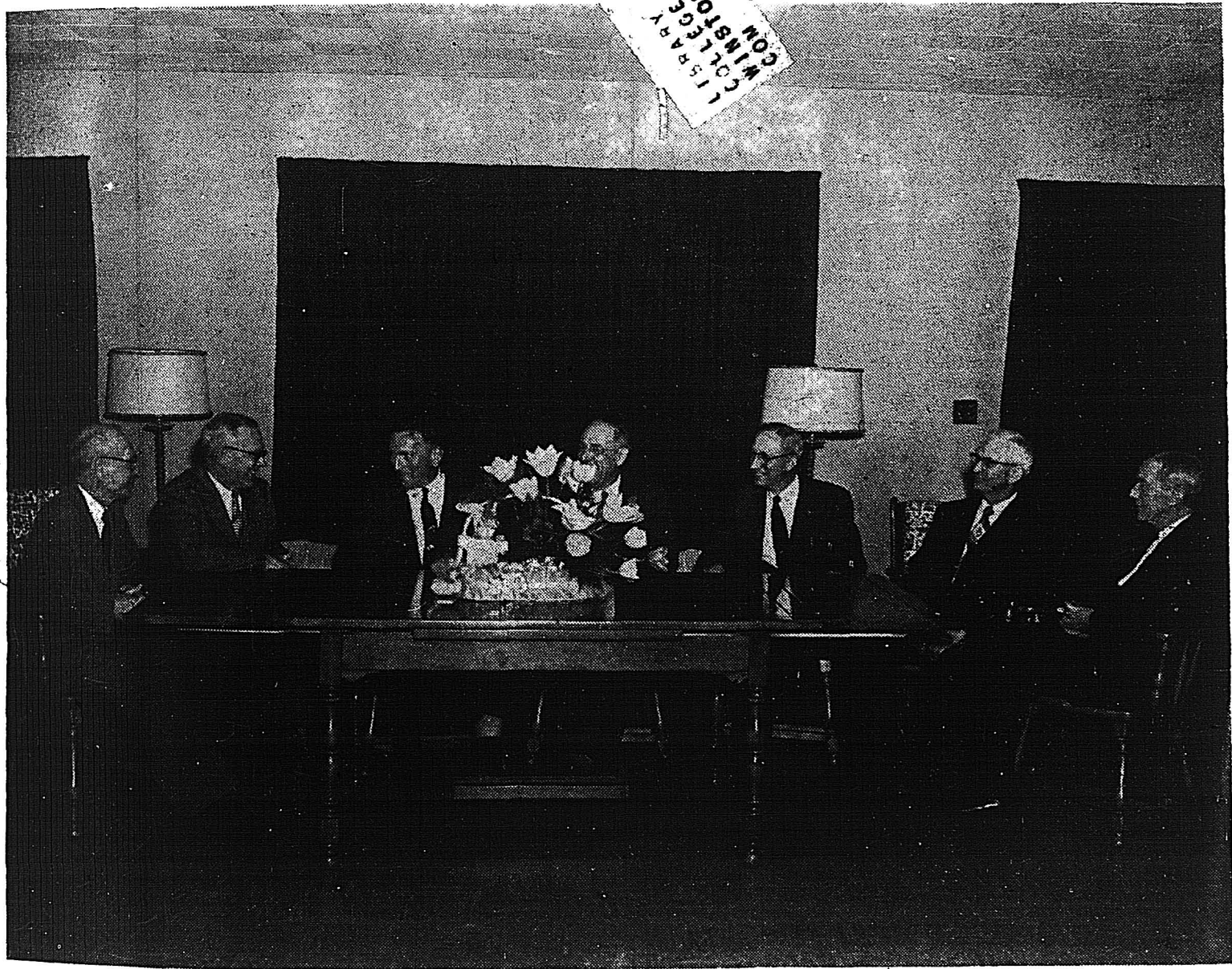


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THE PRESIDENTS OF THE SEVEN BAPTIST COLLEGES in North Carolina are shown above at Mars Hill College during one of the seven regional meetings held on the college campuses during April. One meeting was held on each campus, the series following this schedule: April 16, Wake Forest; April 17, Wingate; April 18, Gardner-Webb; April 19, Mars Hill; April 22, Meredith; April 23, Campbell; and April 24, Chowan.

From left to right the presidents are Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, Mars Hill; Dr. Leslie H. Campbell, Campbell; Dr. Budd E. Smith, Wingate; Dr. Harold W. Tribble, Wake Forest; Dr. Philip L.

Elliott, Gardner-Webb; Rev. Oscar Creech, Chowan; and Dr. Carlyle Campbell, Meredith. Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker will assume his duties as president of Chowan College on June 1. Mr. Creech, vice-president, has been acting president since the death of President F. O. Mixon.

Ministers and other church leaders were invited to the regional meetings at the colleges in the local areas to meet the presidents and to become better acquainted with the work of the colleges in preparation for Christian Education Day, which is to be observed on Father's Day, June 16.

The Task of Christian Education

By David L. Smiley, Professor
Wake Forest College

This article is a paper which was read at a meeting of Sunday school teachers at the Wake Forest Baptist Church at Winston-Salem. It was sent to the RECORDER at the request of those who heard it.—EDITOR.

Christianity is serious business, and too many in our world take it too lightly. Religious illiteracy is a tragic reality in our secular society; even among church members there is a real need for spiritual understanding, for definition of terms, and for re-evaluation which will confront the individual with a demand for deep commitment and a challenge to an exciting life of faith. We need to go deeper before we go outward; we need to explain the full implications of Christianity and its relevancy to the problems of our own day.

The church's task in this regard is twofold: evangelism and education. The two functions necessarily overlap, but there is a difference in emphasis between the two. To emphasize either at the expense of the other is to warp the full Gospel and to cheat individuals of their spiritual birthright.

It is the task of evangelism to turn men around in their tracks, convicted and compelled by the dual awareness of the reality of God and man's own spiritual inadequacy. In an age in which man is establishing control over the physical universe, this is not a simple task, for man's physical achievements blind him to his spiritual weakness. There is

evidence, however, that man's remarkable triumphs over space, time, sickness, and famine are producing an incongruous yet beneficial sense of spiritual inadequacy.

It is the task of Christian education to lead men thus reoriented into the fullness of the stature of the Christian—the New Man, manifest in Jesus as the Christ. It is the same problem Paul faced after his Damascus road experience. He had a violent conversion which shattered his old set of values and turned him directly around. He had to retire to the desert to learn the meaning of his experience; and this, in essence, is the meaning and function of Christian education.

Every person whose old outlook has been rendered valueless by conversion, or who is too young to have created a set of conditioned responses, must spend some time in consideration of the meaning of his experience with God—which evangelism and love have brought him to.

The task of Christian education is therefore clear: it is to lead already-converted people to continual reassessment of their conversion, to a continually-expanding conversion of life purposes, attitudes, and prejudices, so that the Old Man is passed away and a New Man appears, ruled by love, directed by the Holy Spirit, and dedicated to the creation on earth and among men of the Kingdom of God. His prayer is that God's will might be done on earth as in Heaven, and his life

is placed on the altar to hasten its coming. He is a creative revolutionary, a white corpuscle whose mission it is to find tense spots in the world and lose himself in an effort to save others.

All this means that he differs with the general pattern of thought around him in a world conscious only of the value of things, measuring only in quantity and defining progress in terms of gadgets. In such an environment the New Man—or the New Being, as Paul Tillich calls him—is an alien and an outcast. But he cannot presume to go to Heaven on Jesus' coattails and ignore the radical implications of His teachings.

The Christian is thus the normal person in reverse, turned around, reoriented, with a new set of values and attitudes. Where before wisdom meant self-preservation and self-indulgence, now wisdom becomes the ability to see the world and man through the eyes of God, using the spectacles of Jesus Christ.

The task of Christian education is not to take the abnormal person—the wife-beater, the drunkard, the gambler, the profane swearer—and make him normal, though this is a fine objective if religion is to be primarily used for social control. But Christian education must constantly strive to make the normal into an abnormal person in a divine sense. Too often our "good" people are merely "normal"; that is, they do not stand out in the crowd. In a pagan world that is dangerous.

Becoming abnormal in a divine sense means beginning with a basic commitment as an initiation; there is a God, he is like Jesus, and men are spiritually helpless without God's intervention through Christ. But this must be followed by further commitments until the whole man becomes abnormal when measured by the standards of the pagan world. He becomes a New Man, who has put on Christ, taken his outlook, his values, his love.

The most serious charge we can make against Christian education is that too often it fails at this point, which is its chief function. Too few Christians grow into the New Man. Somewhere in the process after the first thrill of conversion, when all the



BUFFALO CHURCH BURNS NOTE.—Climaxing the past year's work in which records were made in attendance, offerings, and organizations, Buffalo Church, Route 1, Shelby, burned the note on its new building three years after the building was entered.

Standing, left to right, are: C. H. Hoyle of the finance committee; J. J. Porter, building committee chairman; O. B. Williams, pastor; T. W. Bray, missionary of King's Mountain Association, who offered the dedicatory prayer; W. C. Vermillion, treasurer; and Buren Dedmon, one of the trustees.

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world looks new, we lose them. We fail to challenge them, inspire them, hold their interest. Somewhere in the web of meetings and classes and organization it all begins to appear dull and pointless. Either the individual pursues the truth within the secret place of his own soul, or he ceases an active association with religion at all. Church schools fail to give the challenge which makes life a thrill and which makes daring fun.

The fault is not with the Gospel we teach; it is in the antiquated methods we employ. We go blithely along, unwilling to relate Christianity to current problems. We use a peculiar language and talk of things only the initiated can understand, while the world moves at right angles, on a tangent, its needs and condition almost unrecognized by the righteous. More than anything else, we need to re-examine the truth we possess, and the needs around us, and see how one may be applied to the other.

It is perhaps too much to say, as did the abolitionist preacher Gerrit Smith in 1840, that "no man's religion is better than his politics," but that is the right idea. Unless we can apply Christianity to life, it is just another interesting Oriental philosophy. And here the danger is that the Kingdom of God must be a transcendent entity, and man is prone to forget that.

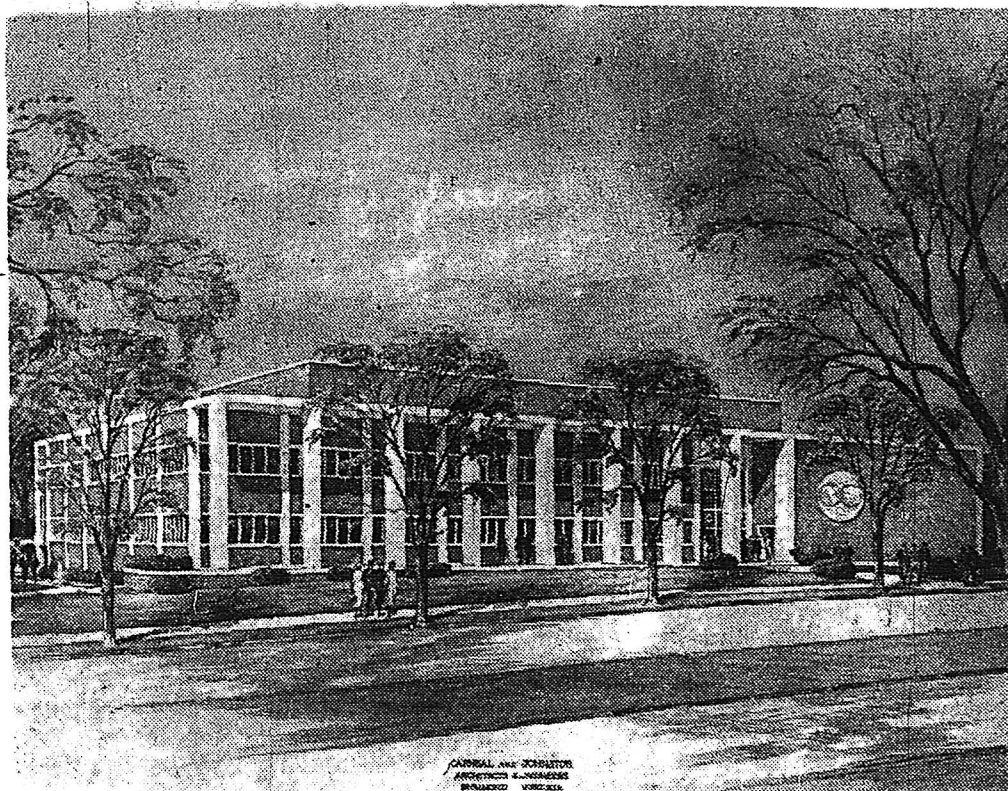
If we equate Christianity with Western Civilization, or capitalism, or Anglo-Saxon superiority, or republican political institutions, we contribute to the weakness of Christianity, and also to the decline of religious faith. God makes his rain to fall on the just and the unjust; how then can we assume that he will endow one or another of our pet projects with his blessing?

But the greatest weakness in Christian education is lack of courage. Like the cautious servant in the parable, we had rather bury our talent in the earth of conformity than to invest it in the grand adventure of abundant living. Just let us keep our buildings on the corner, we say to the world, and we will do nothing to harm you. And the gates of Hell laugh.

As the Master told his servant: "You knew the stakes were high and required daring; you knew it was a hard world, yet you failed. Even that you have will be taken away." Is that the condemnation of spiritual cowardice? Let us not fail our responsibility, lose our bright-eyed inquisitive students, because we dare not confront our world with a challenging, relevant interpretation of Christianity.

The hope of the world is Christian education, because it offers an indispensable plus; and the place to begin the transforming process is with teachers and administrators in Christian educational organizations. If these people testify to their faith that the universe is a moral one, that the home of God is a humble heart, and that the way of the cross is the way of defeat triumphant, some of it will rub off on the students.

In a program of Christian education, students should come to grips with the fact that provincialism and self-indulgence are not the ideals, and that Love—creative, unselfish altruism—is the strongest force in the universe, if for no other reason than that the Bible says that's what God is. As teachers in Christian church schools, it's up to us.



Pictured here is the architect's sketch of the new headquarters of the Foreign Mission Board to be built in Richmond, Va. For many years workers have been crowded, working in old residences converted into office buildings. North Carolina Baptists, whose work was carried on in inadequate quarters for so long, can appreciate the need of the new building for the Foreign Mission Board.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance Is Gathering Momentum

By C. C. Warren, President
Southern Baptist Convention

Ever-increasing interest is being manifested in the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

This five-year program pointing toward the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the organization of Baptist work on a national level has evangelism for its very heart-throb.

The various participating bodies will perhaps differ to some extent with respect to their approach, timing, etc., but it is most encouraging to feel the genuine spirit of co-operation in this most important phase of the task which Christ committed to us.

Truly this is God's day for Baptists. The same Holy Spirit who took up his abode in the infant church and guided it through the first century is our guide today.

It is our sincere hope that Baptists everywhere will earnestly pray, especially for those upon whom the responsibility of leadership has fallen, that they may be so unmistakably led that all may sense and follow the gleam of divine guidance toward the fulfillment of our objective.

Massachusetts Pastor Would Like to Serve on North Carolina Coast in August

Rev. Jean M. Greer, pastor of The East Baptist Church in Lynn, Massachusetts, would like to exchange pastorates with some pastor on the coast during the month of

August. He would prefer Ocracoke, Hatteras, or some place south of Manteo. He has an engagement for a meeting in Georgia during one week of August, but he could be on the exchange field for the remainder of the time, and his family all the time.

It is possible that some pastor on the coast who sees this note would like to go to Massachusetts during August. If such is the case, he should contact Mr. Greer personally. Mr. Greer's home address is 396 Cedar Brook Road, Lynn, Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts pastor has several friends now serving as pastors in North Carolina.

—M. A. HUGGINS.

Licensed to Preach

Lamarr Robinson was licensed to preach by the church where he has been a member for years, Hamlet First Church, Sunday, April 7. Dr. J. B. Willis is pastor at the Hamlet church.

Golden Gate Seminary Breakfast

The annual Golden Gate Seminary breakfast will be Wednesday, May 29, 7:15 a.m., at Chicago's famous Stock Yard Inn ('about 50 yards from the International Amphitheatre' where the Southern Baptist Convention sessions will be held). Tickets are \$2.00 each.

An excellent program is being planned, with Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins as the featured speaker and Dr. Carlyle D. Bennett as leader of the music.

All friends of the seminary as well as alumni and ex-students are welcome.

Editorial Brevities

"ADDING the Dimension of Depth to Our Lives" was the striking title of one of the sermons of Dr. Monroe Swilley of Atlanta, Ga., in a series of services at the First Church, Raleigh. He emphasized the importance of Christians having religious depth to their lives. In order to have depth, one must have great convictions and great compulsions. A Christian needs to be able to say in regard to certain great fundamentals, "This I believe." Jesus said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Dr. Swilley stated that the cross is not something thrust upon you, but something you reach out and take because of your devotion to Christ and to the Christian way of life.

IF EVERY North Carolina Baptist would tithe his income, giving his tithe to and through his church, \$25,000,000 would be contributed to Baptist causes during the fourth quarter of this year, that is, October through December. The amount given through the churches during the 12-month period by North Carolina Baptists for all causes, local and world wide, amounted to \$37,000,000 last year. These figures are being emphasized by Dr. J. C. Canipe, president of our convention, who at the present time is directing the North Carolina Baptist Prove-Me Program.

Dr. Canipe is maintaining his office and working in and out of Raleigh for the five months of preparation for this program, May-September. He is as busy as a bee accepting engagements and proclaiming abroad to our people the meaning of tithing from the standpoint of Christian stewardship. He has many engagements already and is available to speak at churches, group meetings, associational meetings, conferences of any and all kinds. He was asked to take charge of this work as soon as the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute concluded its year's work in April.

IN CONSTRUCTING a church building attention should be given to the qualities of beauty and attractiveness, appropriateness for the purpose to be served, usefulness, and good taste. Such things were emphasized in a conference on church building and architecture held in the chapel of the Baptist Building in Raleigh May 14. Approximately 100 people, including pastors and other church leaders, assembled for the meeting. The program was planned and directed under the auspices of the department of church planning of the Baptist State Convention, L. L. Morgan, secretary, and the department of church architecture of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., W. A. Harrell, secretary.

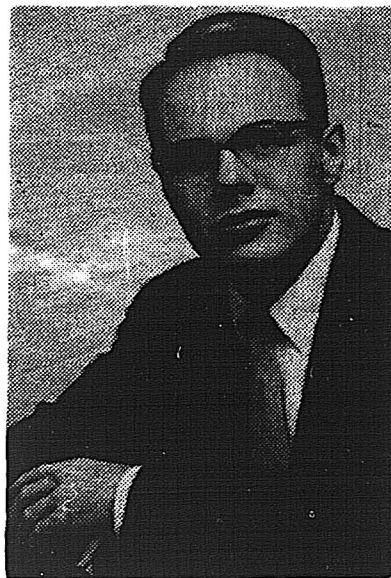
W. A. Harrell and Hardie Bass were visiting speakers from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Others appearing on the program included Dr. E. L. Spivey, D. P. Brooks, Dr. Herman Ihley, Lee Pridgen, Albert Haskins, and C. E. Baucum. Nearly all phases of church building and architecture were touched on in this important and useful conference.

DEAN AND MRS. C. C. CARPENTER returned recently from a trip to Southeast Asia and reported that during the three weeks they were in Saigon, Viet Nam's capital, that "the basic first draft plans" for a \$1,500,000 medical school had been completed. This was the second visit of Dean Carpenter to Saigon on a mission for study and planning for a medical school for South Viet Nam.

This medical school program in Southeast Asia will be "under the inspiration and leadership of Bowman Gray," Dr. Carpenter explained. "We have already planned for an exchange of professors. We will send five from the United States under the direction of Bowman Gray," said Dr. Carpenter.

Dr. Carpenter reports that he was tremendously impressed by the progress being made in South Viet Nam, especially the remarkable progress made by refugees from Communist-controlled North Viet Nam. The work of Dr. Carpenter was sponsored by the International Cooperation Administration. ICA funds, augmented by about \$300,000 in Vietnamese money, will pay for the proposed medical school development in Saigon.

Awarded Valuable Fellowship



Able Maxwell, son of Pastor and Mrs. Forest Maxwell of Erwin First Church, has been awarded the Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation Fellowship for the academic year 1957-58, it has just been announced by Duke University Department of Chemistry. The fellowship is for \$2,000 plus tuition and fees.

Mr. Maxwell has also been invited into membership of the fraternity, Sigma XI, a national honorary research society, for significant accomplishment in the field of organic fluorine chemistry. Mr. Maxwell is a graduate of Wake Forest College, took his master's degree at Duke University last year, and now has one more year to go on his Ph.D. in chemistry.

OLD GOLD AND BLACK, weekly student newspaper of Wake Forest College, has received an All-American rating, the highest award given by the Associated Collegiate Press, for the first semester of this school year.

It was the seventh time in the last eight semesters that the student newspaper has received the top rating.

We offer hearty congratulations and salute *Old Gold and Black*. It was rated high in practically every phase of its work—in its news reporting, in its pictures, in its editorial work, etc. We read *Old Gold and Black* regularly and find the paper attractive and interesting. Lloyd Preslar is editor; Bill Connelly, managing editor; and John Wagster, business manager. Our congratulations to these young people for their excellent work!

MRS. L. B. MOSELEY, wife of Dr. L. B. Moseley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., has been chosen as Pennsylvania's "Mother of the Year" for 1957. She is a native of Indiana, is a graduate of Judson College in Alabama, and married her husband, a native North Carolinian, while he was a student at Wake Forest College. Dr. Moseley has many friends in his native state who will be glad to know that his wife has been thus honored.

Mrs. Moseley is described by the newspapers as a petite and outspoken woman, as energetic, versatile, and as a good mother and a good citizen. She is an active worker in her own church and in her denomination and in the Council of Churches and the United Churchwomen of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Moseley does not claim to be an ideal mother. She has three lively and promising children, however, and she does most of the housework and all the cooking in addition to her numerous public duties.

TWENTY YEARS OF PROGRESS, leadership, and service at the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., were celebrated during the first week of May. The occasion was the 20 years of service of Dr. J. D. Grey as pastor of this great church in Louisiana. The brochure giving report on this important occasion described these two decades as being 20 years of progress at the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, 20 years of leadership in the Southern Baptist denomination, and 20 years of service to the New Orleans community.

These words describe well the significance of the ministry of J. D. Grey. He is an energetic and many-sided man and has occupied places of leadership too numerous to mention. In fact, to read over the positions he has held and his achievements almost makes one dizzy. The outstanding position which he has occupied in addition to the pastorate of his church has been the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention, where he served for two consecutive terms. He was elected to this position at the age of 44, making him the youngest man ever to be elected to this high office. We salute Dr. Grey and offer congratulations to him and to his church for the achievements and progress of these 20 years.

A man cannot get into the kingdom by confessing his neighbor's sins.—*Et.*

EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

STEVE MARYOL grew up in Greece under the teaching of the Greek Orthodox (Catholic) church. After moving to Vernon he was converted and became a Baptist. In the light of his newly found faith he one day said to his pastor, "Catholics are believers. They just believe too much." It could not have been stated more succinctly.

Believing Too Much

Millions of Catholics are good people who believe in God, but they believe so many things are necessary addenda to faith that they often come to put their confidence in the things rather than in God who alone can save. Any person who puts his faith in Christ plus something is believing too much. Not one passage in the Bible indicates that Jesus will help save a sinner. He either saves him by Himself, or He has no part in it. There are millions of Protestants who have been saved by grace, and they are going to spend eternity in Heaven; but also multitudes of them believe too much.

Campbellites believe too much in the efficacy of baptism. Methodists believe too much in the keeping power of good works. A great number of Baptists believe too much in their unique ability to understand and interpret all prophecies concerning the future. They actually do believe they have everything figured out to a perfect scale as to what will happen and when. Some of them believe it so strongly that if God does not do things exactly as they have it figured out they are going to feel that somehow God has made a mistake. They are just pretty sure they could not be wrong. Such are good people and believers. They just believe too much.

No person can believe too much of the Bible. All of it was written "in order that ye might believe." Anyone who does not believe all of it is to be pitied. Anyone who proclaims less than all of it is to be condemned. However, it could be just as fatal to believe too much as it is to believe too little.—EDITOR E. S. JAMES in *Baptist Standard*.

Billy Graham Comes to New York

AT THIS WRITING (May 16) Billy Graham has just launched his big evangelistic crusade in New York City. It was reported that a tide of humanity 18,000 strong turned out the first night, May 15, at which time the evangelist said that the crusade could be "the beginning of a spiritual fire that will sweep this nation and ignite the world." Let us hope and pray that it may be so.

This will probably be one of the biggest and most far-reaching evangelistic campaigns in the history of Christianity. Most careful preparations have been made for the crusade by the Graham staff and organization and by interested groups in Protestant churches in this country and even around the world. For weeks, and even months, groups have been praying for the success of the meeting. *The Christian Century* advances the interesting suggestion that the careful preparations which have been made guarantee the success of the campaign. This in itself may be weakness. The paper warns that the Holy Spirit may be forgotten in concentration on organization and promotion.

The crusade runs through June 30—perhaps longer if the response warrants it. Its cost has been estimated at \$900,000, much of it already pledged by contributors from all stations of life.

Dr. Graham, in brief preliminary remarks, said he felt "New York is going to have a spiritual resurrection" and the crusade would spur "a spiritual revolution."

It is estimated that 60 per cent of New York's 8,000,000

people are not affiliated with any church or synagogue. There will be large groups coming in on special trains from far distances from New York, even from North Carolina and from Texas. In fact, nearly half of the seats in Madison Square Garden, 7,500, have been earmarked for out-of-town groups.

We hope that the work of this crusade proves to be deep and thorough. The gospel will be preached with simplicity and power. Millions of people will be led to think of God and of spiritual things. Much good will be done in challenging the multitudes to give attention to Christ and to his good news. If the follow-up by the evangelistic teams and by pastors and leaders in the churches of Greater New York can do a good job in the follow-up work of enlisting those who may respond to Billy Graham's message, much good can be done. Maybe we can establish spiritual revolution in America, and maybe it can begin in New York City. Let us hope that this may be so.

Summer Opportunities

ALL OF US ENJOY "the good old summertime." A good part of the time the weather is pleasant. As a rule, it does not require so much effort to keep comfortable or to meet the ordinary demands of life in the home, in one's daily work, or to get around during these busy days. One can enjoy the wide-open spaces instead of feeling that he must stay fenced in by four walls. After all, "What is so rare as a day in June?"

Summertime is vacation time for most people, at least a small part of the summer. There are opportunities for rest, recreation, fishing, travel, and for many other delightful activities which we follow because we want to do them.

But beyond the opportunities for recreation and pleasure, we have many opportunities for recreation and learning. There are many study groups meeting, summer assemblies, conferences. It would be difficult to list the various opportunities which North Carolina Baptists have in schools, conferences, assemblies, and other places where one has good Christian fellowship and opportunity to learn many phases of Christian work and living. Just to mention our assemblies suggests many opportunities for learning—Caswell, Fruitland, Ridgecrest, Glorieta.

In addition to the assemblies, there are to be two preachers' schools of Christian study and fellowship, under the direction of Dr. E. Lowell Spivey, secretary of state missions: At Wingate July 8-12 and at Mars Hill July 15-19. Not only will preachers be interested in these schools, but laymen and their wives, and preachers' wives. "It is the chance of the year for preachers' wives to 're-fuel' spiritually for better work as help-mates to God's chosen men!" writes Mrs. R. E. Moore, president of North Carolina Ministers' Wives.

"Development of Christian charm and personality" is the theme for a study group of these preachers' wives, to be taught by Mrs. John Boyle of Louisville, Ky. This class will meet for two hours each day during these schools at Wingate and Mars Hill. We do not know that our charming preachers' wives need this course especially, but if they do, here it is for them. According to the listing, it does not include merely personal charm, but includes instruction in their work alongside the pastors in winning people to Christ, guiding people in vocational choice, courtship and pre-marital guidance, weddings, birth of a child, handicapped child, physical and mental illness.

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The Christian Life Commission

By A. C. Miller, Executive Secretary
Its Origin

The work of this Commission began in 1908 with the appointment by the Convention of a standing committee on temperance. In 1913 it was given the name "Social Service Commission" under which it served until 1953, when its name was changed to "The Christian Life Commission." In January of that year the office was moved from Louisville to Nashville and the work placed under new personnel. These recent changes have led many of our people to feel that the Commission is of recent origin and that its chief function is to deal with the racial issue.

Its Program

The fact is that when the executive office was established at Louisville in 1947, the Administrative Committee of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention gave a report after a year of study outlining the program of this Commission in six areas of work. This report is recorded on Page 33 of the Southern Baptist Convention Annual for 1947. The program and

work of this Commission, therefore, is not a development of its own, but has been committed to it by the official action of the Convention.

Its Nature and Function

This Commission is a service organization and not a promotional agency. We are given the task of keeping before our people the responsibilities of the Christian in the moral and social areas of life. This is sometimes a thankless task and ofttime an unpopular one, but nonetheless it is one that must be done.

It is quite difficult to sell this work on the basis of statistics. Our achievements are in the realm of the intangibles. For instance, salt is an important part of a biscuit. Leave that out and no one wants your bread. Yet it takes only a little salt for a batch of biscuits, and the salt used in them costs very little; but the salt by itself is a rather bitter dose.

It is even so with the work of this Commission in the program of Southern Baptists.

We are not much for size and to date we have cost very little; but leave us out or deny us the freedom and the funds with which to perform our function and our Southern Baptist program would be far less effective than it is today.

Its Distinctive Place

As our denomination grows in the awareness of its social responsibilities, our various agencies take on more and more work in social areas. This is as it should be and is exactly what our Commission is working for; but it leads some to inquire, "Just what does this Commission do that is not being done by our other agencies?"

This question emphasizes the success of the work of this Commission over the last half century. By losing ourselves and our work in the stream of our denominational life, the more we succeed the less apparent is our success.

While our work does not demand an ever-increasing budget, we do need sufficient funds to do the work committed to us and expected of us by our Convention. The ministry of this Commission should not be discouraged nor its services impaired at this time of the spiritual and social awakening of the masses throughout the world.



North Carolina Graduates, Southern Seminary, 1957

The students pictured above expected to receive degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at commencement exercises on May 24. Dr. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, delivered the baccalaureate sermon at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, May 23, in the Seminary Alumni Memorial Chapel.

The students, left to right, listed with home towns and degrees, are:

Top row: Vida Ruth Durham, Hickory, Master of Religious Education; Elizabeth Glenn Hutchens, Newton, M.R.E.; Elmer Pierson Carter, Marshall, Bachelor of Theology; Richard E. Hicks, Gastonia, Th.B.; Billy Francis Billingsley, Hendersonville, Bachelor of Divinity.

All the remainder of the students received Bachelor of Divinity degrees.

Middle row: Bryan Parris Edwards, Salisbury; Julian P. Griffin, Burlington; Lloyd B. Hales, Dallas; Ralph Webster Harrell, Edenton; Clyde Ray Hawkins, Greensboro.

Bottom row: Billy L. Kincaid, Gastonia; Charles Ray Kiser, Charlotte; Wayne Arthur Pennell, Lenoir; Joseph Elmer Price, Jr., Charlotte; Hoyt Mason Roberts, Belmont; Robert F. Travis, Durham.

Four-Month Receipts Run Nine Per Cent Higher

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Southern Baptist Convention total receipts through the Cooperative Program and designated gifts are 9¼ per cent higher than during the same period a year ago, Convention Treasurer Porter Routh reported here.

Receipts for the first four months of 1957 are \$10,835,356 compared to \$9,918,255 for January-April, 1956, according to Routh. The four-month Cooperative Program receipts are up \$341,404, or 7¾ per cent over 1956 and designated gifts are up \$575,696, or 10.44 per cent.

"Although the totals for the first four months of 1957 show increases over 1956, the monthly record of receipts for April show a slight decline in receipts as compared with April, 1956," Routh continued.

Totals for April, 1956, were \$1,157,504 through the Cooperative Program and \$329,365 through designated offerings. For April, 1957, the figures are \$1,108,703 through the Cooperative Program and \$751,705 through designations.

This indicates a drop of \$48,801 in Cooperative Program receipts and \$77,660 in designated receipts—making a total decline over April, 1956, of \$126,461.

The April, 1957, receipts also show a slight decline in receipts compared to the previous month's figures. March, 1957, Cooperative Program receipts were \$1,140,748 and designated receipts were \$783,833. This represents a drop of about \$32,000 in Cooperative Program and \$32,000 in designated gifts. Routh pointed out.

North Carolina forwarded total receipts of \$81,958 during April, 1957. This included \$52,736 through the Cooperative Program and \$29,222 through designations.

The Lord looks at what you have left after you have made your gift.—POWELL.

Forest City First Church Dedicates Educational Plant

FOREST CITY — Dedication services for one of the most modern Sunday school plants in the state were held recently at the First Church in Forest City.

Visiting speakers included Dr. M. A. Huggins, executive secretary for the North Carolina Baptist State Convention; Ben O. Fisher, administrative assistant to the president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, and Dr. Hansel Stembbridge, who recently left Forest City First to become pastor of the First Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va.

Presiding over the services was Dr. Stephen Morrisett, professor of Bible at Gardner-Webb College, and interim pastor. The music was directed by Pat Hester, minister of music and director of religious education.

The new Sunday school addition was completed at a cost of \$130,000. The new building was opened for use on December 23, 1956.

Features of this useful addition include a chapel, church parlor, space for four nurseries, two beginner departments, one adult department, church offices, choir robing rooms, and a special soundproof studio for radio broadcasts.

Spearheading the campaign was the building committee consisting of Yates Smith, chairman; S. Frank Smith, James Padgett, J. Worth Morgan, B. F. Collins, Wade Matheny, Toliver Davis, Alton Horn, W. H. Eagan, Mrs. C. P. McMahan, Mrs. T. R. Padgett, Mrs. T. H. Walls, Mrs. Alton Horn, and Miss Margaret Young.

On the dedication committee were Allen H. Painter, chairman; Wade B. Matheny, J. Worth Morgan, Mrs. Alton Horn, Miss Margaret Young, Mrs. T. H. Walls, and Pat Hester.



Shown here is the new \$130,000 educational plant of the First Church of Forest City. Outstanding features of the new structure include a beautiful colonial-type chapel for small worship groups and weddings, and a special soundproof studio for radio broadcasts and choir rehearsals.



Leaders taking part in the ceremonies of dedication are, left to right, Dr. M. A. Huggins, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Dr. Hansel Stembbridge, for nine years pastor of the First Church of Forest City and now pastor of the First Church of Lynchburg, Va.; Dr. Stephen S. Morrisett, professor of Bible at Gardner-Webb College and interim pastor; and Pat Hester, educational director.

Good Revival at Flint-Groves

During the week of April 21-28 Flint-Groves Church experienced a real revival. Horace Eason did the preaching, and was a blessing to everyone that heard him. He has a compassion for the lost that inspires every-

one he comes in contact with.

There were 29 additions to the church, with 23 of those on profession of faith and six by letter. Also there were many who made rededications of their life. Some of those had been out of the church many years.

On the closing Sunday of the revival there were 710 in Sunday school and 383 in Training Union. The average attendance during the month of April was 635 in Sunday school and 334 in Training Union, which is a record for our church.

We at Flint-Groves shall always be grateful for that week of revival and for Horace Eason, who so faithfully led us.

WILBURN T. HENDRIX, Pastor.

Mission Fields Are Helped by Visiting Baptist Leaders

"In recent years much blessing has come to mission fields from visits by numerous Southern Baptist leaders," Dr. Cauthen said in his May report to the Foreign Mission Board. "These visits greatly strengthen the work. It always gives pleasure to the Foreign Mission Board to help make these journeys effective through counsel and planning.

"The recent visit to mission fields by Dr. Paul M. Stevens, of the Radio and Television Commission, has been of value in many places. Numerous helpful suggestions have been made and additional doors opened. Dr. Stevens made his visit, as has been the case with many other visitors, with the good will and appreciation of the Foreign Mission Board and missionaries.

"It is helpful to keep in mind that radio

work on mission fields is a regular part of our mission labor, just as are many other ministries. Responsible Mission committees project radio work. Recommendations relative to the work are made to the Foreign Mission Board by the Missions, and necessary funds are appropriated.

"Very great assistance is given to world mission labor by many agencies, institutions, and commissions of the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as by colleges, Baptist papers, and churches. The labor of love of Woman's Missionary Union is a story of beauty and devotion. The gratitude felt by the Foreign Mission Board and missionaries for this sharing in a vast world ministry could not be overstated.

"There is much value in the fact that while these units of our Baptist life make distinctive contributions in a world task none of them undertake to launch into programs of their own on mission fields. To do so would create hopeless confusion on mission fields and at the home base. It would make almost impossible the highly complex responsibilities of the Foreign Mission Board in mission administration.

"The Foreign Mission Board is the channel through which our Southern Baptist missionary compassion and labor flow out to a needy world. We thank God for the growing determination of Southern Baptists to increase the volume of dedicated life, money, and sacrificial labor that flows through this channel so that, in the most barren and needy places of the world, life and joy may abound."

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

(Continued from page 5)

bereavement, marriage conflicts, alcoholism, etc. It seems to us that here is a big opportunity for learning.

In the month of June alone there are two important weeks, in one of our colleges and one of our seminaries: The School of Christian Studies, Meredith College, June 17-21, and a similar conference at Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, June 24-28. For the week at Meredith there will be three or four outstanding Christian scholars to set forth some of the deeper and finer things of Christian experience and living in our modern world. Likewise at Southeastern Seminary. At the Southeastern Seminary some of the topics are "The Church and the Denomination," "Missions," "Sermon Building," and "The Pattern of Christian Behavior." In the afternoon for recreation and meditation the Seminary Library will be available and there will be guided tours to such places as Duke University Chapel, the Art Museum in Raleigh, and several near-by churches which are in the process of being built or have been built recently.

Who is invited to attend these conferences, assemblies, periods of study? Almost everybody who is interested in learning and in rendering better service in and through his church, preachers and laymen.

Dr. Halford E. Luccock of Yale Divinity School writes that a man having watched an ordination service recently said to a

friend, "I think the laying on of hands is the most impressive scene I know." His friend replied, "It is impressive. But the laying on of hands that moves me most, I think, is when a man lays his hands on a job in the church which needs to be done." The learned and brilliant doctor was writing on the theme, "The Church Needs Amateurs," in *Presbyterian Life*.

The church does need amateurs, people who engage in Christian service because they love it and are devoted to it but who do not necessarily claim to be professionally trained for the work. These various opportunities for learning are just what these amateurs need. They need to enlarge their horizons, strengthen their purposes, and improve their techniques for Christian work and service.

"Learning is a lifelong possibility," writes Lee Gallman in his *Seminary Extension Bulletin*. "The limitations of adult learners are not as great as was once thought. The expression, 'You can't teach an old dog new tricks,' does not relate to human intelligence. Adults have learned new skills, adjusted to new roles, and have changed their attitudes."

One of the significant trends in our contemporary life is the increasing emphasis being placed on adult education. These summer opportunities include many chances for adults to learn many truths, arts, and skills which will help them to be better people in their homes and in their daily work and also in their service in the churches. Let us thank God for these summer opportunities and take advantage of them and also encourage every person we can to attend and share in the learning.

Items from Blackwelder Park Church

The month of April was a very busy month for Blackwelder Park Church in Kannapolis. The young people took charge of all services of the church, beginning on April 7 and continuing through April 10. Howard Davis served as pastor during these services.

On April 11 the laymen of the church, under the leadership of the North Kannapolis Brotherhood, held a week-end Laymen's Revival. Hugh Johnson, president of Blackwelder Park Brotherhood, and Troy Sloan, president of North Kannapolis Brotherhood, led in these services.

On April 28 the church held its regular spring revival with Rev. Iatt Beshears of Boger City preaching. These services con-

tinued through Sunday morning, May 5, climaxing with the annual Home-coming Day. Rev. W. C. Francis, pastor of the church, began his sixth year of work at Blackwelder Park on May 5.

A special building fund goal had been set for Home-coming Day. The goal to be raised on or before this date was \$400. The church exceeded the goal by contributing \$512 to the building fund.

An extensive visitation program had been carried on during these services. During these services the church had five additions by baptism and three additions by transfer of letters. The church has been blessed by these services and visitation and expects to see many more results in the near future from these efforts.

The Bridgewater Ashram

The Bridgewater Ashram will be held this year July 6-13. Bridgewater is seven miles west of Harrisonburg, Virginia. The rates for this meeting will be: for adults, \$24.00-\$30.00 with connecting bath, private room \$10.00 additional; children under six, half rate; children 6-12, three fourths. The first meal is served at supper on July 6. The last meal is served at lunch on July 13. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, of course, is the central figure. He speaks twice each day and holds many private conferences. Some half dozen others are on the program for each day.

I have attended two of these Ashrams and found each one to be rich beyond expression. I don't know a place where one can get as much for his money and his time.

W. R. CULOM.

Wake Forest, N. C.

Meredith Commencement Plans Announced

Meredith College commencement exercises will begin Friday evening, May 31, with the annual concert and close with the baccalaureate program beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 3, when Dr. Richard D. Weigle, president of St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., will make the address and President Carlyle Campbell will confer degrees upon the graduates. Among other events will be the annual meeting of the alumnae on Saturday, June 1, when Mrs. Elizabeth Lee Haselden of Charleston, West Va., will make the alumnae address.

Dr. Claude U. Broach, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning, June 2. Dr. Harry E. Cooper will give an organ recital Sunday afternoon. Class Day exercises will be held Saturday afternoon, June 1, and Society Night on Saturday evening, with Dr. Sarah B. Trentman of Raleigh as the speaker.



Wake Forest Magnolia Court

These 10 young ladies reigned over the Wake Forest College Magnolia Festival, a week of cultural events on the campus. The coronation program was held May 4. Queen Dee Hughes of Ahoskie stands at center. Her maid of honor, Anne Bridges of Lattimore, is seated at center. Crown bearer is Charles Hughes and the flower girl is Sheila Gatling, both of Ahoskie. Other court members are, left to right, Carol Brown of Elkin, Ann Tyner of Leaksville, Nancy Waddell of Sparta, Kitty Booth of Morganton, Carol Jennette of Westminster, Md., Jane Aycok of Winston-Salem, Marlene McLamb of Salemburg, and Llew Baucom of Monroe. (Photo by Irvin Grigg.)

Many Friends Attend "Open House"

"Open House" was held Thursday, May 16, at the new Baptist Building in Raleigh. The hours were from 3 to 5 in the afternoon, and 8 to 10 at night. Many friends came—a number estimated at between seven and eight hundred. Some came from as far away as Elizabeth City; from Asheville, and many from near-by areas. The weather was perfect; it was a good day, with excellent fellowship, exchange of greetings, and brief visits between friends who met at the new building and were shown through its four floors and others.

Refreshments were served in the spacious ground floor area. Many expressions of goodwill and sincere congratulations were heard by many who saw it for the first time the newly completed "Baptist Headquarters" building that has been needed for so many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gaddy greeted the callers at the main entrance and directed them to the receiving line. Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Huggins and Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Canipe stood at the head of the receiving line. Others included the following: Dr. and Mrs. Perry Crouch, Dr. Larry Mayo, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Kicklighter, Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, Dr. A. L. Parker, Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Greene, Dr. W. R. Wagoner, and Rev. J. M. Johnson. These represented the executive committee as members. Among those of the building committee in the reception line were Rev. Henry B. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Coggin, Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Hagler, Mrs. Gordon Maddrey, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haskins represented the architects and contractors for the building. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Maddrey of Hillsboro, Mrs. W. K. McGee of Winston-Salem, Miss Ruth Provence and Mrs. Foy J. Farmer were also in the reception line.

Young ladies from the various Baptist offices located in the building did an excellent job as "tour hostesses" to show the visitors over the building, taking them to the different departments and offices in gracious



Our Front Doors

Through these doors passed many Baptist friends, and many of other denominations, on the occasion of "Open House" Thursday, May 16, in Raleigh. About 750 or more came during the afternoon and evening periods of open house. This is a view of main entrance, on Hillsboro Street, a short distance from the State Capitol building.

hospitality. The ladies of the committee who served refreshments from the tables on the ground floor, did so with charm and grace, and everyone was welcome to visit the tables and be served.

We quote from remarks made by some of the callers of the day: "This building should last for generations." Another said, "It makes me proud to be a Baptist and know we can all share in such a building from which to carry on much of our work." Still another said, "At last, a body can find Baptist Convention workers in one building, and not have to go over half of Raleigh to the different offices here and there." And yet another: "This is a good building; we are thankful for it, and thankful we have a central headquarters where we can always feel welcome to visit."

preached in our pulpit the day before. When she left me, I knew of a truth that I had been talking with no ordinary woman.

After the death of her husband, Nell took her children and went to Princeton, New Jersey, to live. They worked and carried on honestly, faithfully, and in the fear of God, just as you would expect God's children to do. In course of time, the daughter found herself filling an important position in an office in Europe. In course of time, again, she found herself married to a brilliant young man, Mr. Sikorsky, son of the man who invented the helicopter and who also was the author of several important religious books. At present Mr. and Mrs. Sikorsky are living in Hartford, Connecticut.

A few months ago Nell was taken ill at Princeton, her daughter went over to care for her, found herself compelled to return to her home, took her mother with her, and the mother passed into her eternal rest from the daughter's home in Hartford in April of this year. And so passes from us one of the most beautiful and one of the richest spirits that I have known. It is a happy fortune for the world about us that she has

left a daughter and a son to perpetuate and carry on the Stafford-Gill spirit and life which I am sure will be done in a very worthy and helpful way in and for this needy world about us.

W. R. CULLOM.

Wake Forest, N. C.

Rhode Island Church Welcomes Service People

Rev. Lewis Fred Hall, the pastor, writes that the United Baptist Church of Newport, Rhode Island, seeks to serve Christ with a church home away from home for Baptist service-connected families as well as the people of the community. Situated at the large Naval Base, where there are many service schools of the Navy as well as the famous War College, the Newport church is one of the oldest Baptist churches in America, if not the oldest.

It carries on a ministry for Christ and his Kingdom in the spirit of friendliness under the motto, "Where you were a stranger once—then only for a minute." The church's gospel ministry is Christo-centric. The sanctuary, of beautiful colonial design, is situated downtown, but an ample parking lot is free to worshippers.

The pastor was a chaplain in the Air Force during World War II. He says his interest in service people attracted his attention to the ministry of the Newport church. In recognition of the tremendous opportunity, and the physical limitations of the staff, the church, in cooperation with the Rhode Island Baptist Convention, and the American Baptist Home Mission Society, provides a Director for Service Personnel whose work is to help service families become a part of the church.

Pastor Hall seeks to serve Baptist and other evangelical young people and families who come to live in the community. He writes that if pastors will send him the names of young people, or other service people not so young, in the Newport area, he will have a caller invite such people into the church. "We will earnestly seek to minister to their lives with a Baptist witness by means of worship, fellowship, and friendly Christian interest," he says.

N. C. Minister Chosen Year's Mountain Pastor

PINEVILLE, Ky. —(BP)— Clear Creek Baptist School here will confer its "Outstanding Mountain Minister of the Year" award for 1957 on a North Carolina pastor.

Sam O'Neal is being honored for his "outstanding services and achievements" during pastorate of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Rutherfordton, N. C.

The award, second of its kind, is based on nominations made by pastors, missionaries, and denominational leaders serving in the mountain areas of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The possibility of inaugurating a school of nursing at Gardner-Webb College next fall has been discussed with administrators of hospitals in Cleveland and Rutherford counties, according to recent announcement by President P. L. Elliott. A meeting has been called for May 27 at the college to pursue the idea further.

Mrs. Nell Stafford (Fairchild) Gill

T. P. Stafford, Everette Gill, and W. R. Cullom were close friends in the Louisville Theological Seminary in the 1890's. Who would have thought then that we should ever be brought together in our little college town of Wake Forest? But such are the ways of Providence, and so are the ways of life. Dr. Stafford was not here in person, but was here in the person of his gifted and lovely daughter, Mrs. Fairchild Gill.

Those who shared the inner circle of the Gill home can never forget the tedious, long drawn-out suffering of that dear son, Fairchild, as he lay there week after week and month after month struggling with that awful disease, creeping paralysis. Nor can we forget the beautiful attention bestowed upon him by his good wife, Nell Stafford, and the other members of the Gill family.

At length the patient, loving Fairchild was taken to his eternal home, and Nell and her two children were left to make their way into and through the world as best they could. I shall never forget a Monday afternoon when Nell came in to see me and talked over with me a sermon that I had

May 25, 1957

Brothers Divided

LESSON FOR JUNE 2

Devotional Passage: I John 4:14-21.

Lesson Material: Genesis 27:30-38, 41.

Memorize: "He who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen" (I John 4:20b).

The third outstanding character in the roll call of the Hebrew fathers is Jacob. One can be glad that the later days of Jacob reveal a man of greater strength and finer character than the first view of him. At the outset one sees a man whose traits of character are those of strength, but because those characteristics were uncontrolled he was not to be admired. Indeed, God's use of him is amazing and encouraging. Surely the story of Jacob is evidence of what God can do with even an unworthy vessel.

Here was a man who was ambitious but selfish. He was shrewd and made use of questionable means to accomplish his goals. He was persevering, but for his own welfare. When such characteristics are purged of selfish interests and pure motives govern them, they can be used to make a life strong and useful. This lesson, therefore, shows how a man's life began on a low level, but through God's conditioning rose to the high level of faith. Jacob's name is recorded in Hebrew history and grouped along with Abraham and Isaac. When one gets the completed picture that will be seen in next week's lesson, he will be convinced that it is appropriate to identify Jacob with his faithful father and illustrious grandfather.

Unidentical Twins

The only likeness between Jacob and Esau, twin sons of Isaac and Rebekah, was their age. Although born only moments apart, they were as different as night and day. Esau was a lover of outdoor life, a hunter; a man ruled by his own appetites, and one who had little appreciation of the advantage that by custom should have been his because he was the first born. Jacob, on the other hand, was inclined to a quieter life sheltered by the home. He showed early his ambition, which included his desire to inherit the rights due his brother.

Contrast between the two is suggested even

before their birth when God told Rebekah: "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples, born of you, shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger" (Genesis 25:23).

Parental Partiality

The difference in the personality of these two sons served to make Esau the favorite of his father and Jacob the favorite of his mother. Perhaps the conviction that Jacob was the chosen of God led Rebekah to lean to him. How much this may be true is not indicated. Of one thing we can be sure. The means Rebekah and Jacob used to win the blessing for Jacob would never be approved by God. God will not choose deceit, jealousy, hatred and strife as a means to accomplish his will. Had Rebekah and Jacob been willing to exercise faith and wait on the Lord, a different method would have been found to bring about God's purpose.

One verse serves as an index to the home life of two growing boys. "And Isaac loved Esau . . . but Rebekah loved Jacob" (Genesis 25:28). When parents are divided in their affection for their children, favoritism is sure to result. This leads to strife between

the husband and wife, between the children, and between the parents and children.

This home reveals what a home ought not to be. Greed and selfishness were encouraged. One child was played against another. A father was deceived by his wife and son. A weak brother was subjected to unfair treatment by an unscrupulous mother and a brother who had been captured by selfish ambition. Had the virtues of love, kindness, considerateness, and understanding been present, the story of this home would have been different.

When Man Is Weak

Anytime one leads an uncontrolled life, weakness is exhibited. Jacob showed strong traits of character, but by resorting as he did to base methods, by failing to control his ambition and refusing to wait for God's guidance, he showed weakness. Esau revealed his weakness in giving expression to animal appetites. He sold his birthright for a meal (Gen. 25:27-34), and showed he had no appreciation for the finer things the future might hold. He could not see the future because the present was too much with him.

Many an uncontrolled life sacrifices respect and happiness for the sake of a moment of sensual enjoyment. A life controlled by self is far superior to an uncontrolled life, but a life controlled by God, by all that is high and holy, is the life abundant.

Having sold his birthright to Jacob and having been robbed of his father's blessing (Gen. 27:30-38), Esau hated his brother and resolved to kill him. He, like Jacob, stood in need of an inward transformation. Time and God wrought wonders in the lives of both these young men. Esau eventually became forgiving and Jacob, faced with many troubles, grew to depend upon God.

Apply the truths of this lesson to your life. Is your life loose and uncontrolled? Give it to God. Is your home filled with jealousy and strife? Let love reign. Allow God to use every experience you face to make you a bit more like what he would have you to be.

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HOME CIRCLE

Believing Is Seeing

By Alice Dawson Cheavens

An old friend paid me a call during the Christmas holidays. We talked over old times and then new times and altogether had a delightful visit. When he left he said, "It was wonderful to see you again."

What is so unusual about all that, you say? In ordinary, friendly conversation and a polite, commonplace leave-taking. Read again what my friend said: "It was wonderful to see you again."

My friend you must understand, is blind. Still he did in truth see me, the real me, the one that really counts for him. He believed in me and in what I said; therefore, he did see me truly.

The lenses through which we see are the lenses of what we believe, what we have faith in, what we are committed to.

Columbus looked at the vast reaches of the Atlantic stretching forever westward, but he saw his land.

Thomas Edison looked at an elongated globe of glass and a few copper wires, but he saw incandescent light.

David Livingstone looked on a land and a people called "Darkest Africa," but he saw a continent redeemed by the Light of the World.

These men saw because they first believed—Columbus in the theory that the world was round, Edison in the theory that electricity produced light, Livingstone in the theory that God's love was for the whole world.

Some say seeing is believing, but really it ought to be the other way: believing is seeing.—*Upward*. (Clipped from *The Watchman-Examiner*.)

What Helen Keller Sees

Helen Keller is one of the most remarkable women in the world. She is blind, but oh, how keenly she sees! She is deaf, but how accurately she hears! Some of her visions of life have been recorded in a book she has published, called "Out of the Dark."

Her views of young people getting an education and of the responsibilities awaiting them are thus beautifully described: "In college you will be brought face to face with nearly all the fundamental questions of life and you will learn how many men have tried to solve them."

"Hitch your wagon to a happy star, and you also shall help to solve them. The world needs your intellect, your scholarship, but most of all your hearts—hearts that are loving, brave, hopeful, happy."

"Happiness calls out responsive gladness in others. There is enough sadness in the world without yours. The great, enduring realities are love and service. Joy is the holy fire that keeps our purpose warm and our intelligence aglow."

"Learn from your books not only the day's lesson, but the life lesson. In all knowledge, in the classics, in science, in history and literature, and in mathematics you will see

the struggle of man to get nearer to God. Resolve, then, as you stand on the threshold of your student days, with an enlightened optimism, to consecrate your education to the service of others.

"American history is filled with heroes and martyrs who joyfully pushed aside ambition and gave their lives to the common weal. The world needs more of this spirit of service. There is still many a desert place where the sun of love and the light of truth have not shone." This is not the vision of the eyes of flesh, but of the eyes of the soul.

Helen Keller sees material facts, their relation to each other, the beauty behind them, and the God behind and underneath all, her Friend and Saviour. She gives a striking illustration of the blessedness of those of whom Christ spoke:

"Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God."—Matthew, 5:8. (Selected from *Church News*, Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.)

If We Knew

If we knew the cares and sorrows
Crowded round our neighbor's way,
If we knew the little losses,
Sorely grievous, day by day,
Would we then so often chide him
For the lack of thrift and gain,
Leaving on his heart a shadow
Leaving on our hearts a stain?

If we knew the clouds above us,
Held by gentle blessings there,
Would we turn away, all trembling,
In our blind and weak despair?
Would we shrink from little shadows
Lying on the dewy grass
While 'tis only birds of Eden
Just in mercy flying past?

Let us reach within our bosoms
For the key to other lives,
And with love to erring natures
Cherish good that still survives;
So that when our disrobed spirits
Soar to realms of light again,
We may say, "Dear Father, judge us
As we judged our fellow men."

—Author Unknown.

HAPPINESS

Joy is not in things, it is in us. Joy, happiness, is the product of right thinking and right acting, and there is no human being in the world who cannot be happy by complying with the law that produces happiness.

It is a product that comes back to us from what we send out; no one ever found happiness who did not manufacture it for himself. It is a product of our mental attitude toward others.—CHARLES MORGAN.

No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

—Ex.

Spice Box

An executive in New York had occasion to write to a Japanese friend in San Francisco. Mindful of the Oriental's appreciation of flowery language, and of his own duty to the cause of good public relations, he ended his letter with the wish: "May Heaven preserve you always."

To the delight of the executive's office staff, the Japanese responded with: "May Heaven pickle you too."—*Ex.*

The two women were seated at Maxim's in Paris. It was obviously their first visit. It was also obvious that their French was strictly of the high school variety.

"Garsong," called the more aggressive of the two, after perusing the menu. "Je voulez—no, I don't..."

"Sorry, Madame," said the waiter with elegant tact, "I am Swiss—I do not speak French."

"Well," snapped the woman. "Will you please send me someone who does?"—*Ex.*

STEWART: Don't be so down-hearted, lady. I have never heard of anyone dying of seasickness.

VICTIM: Oh, don't tell me that! It's only the hope of dying that has kept me alive so far.—*Ex.*

The bridegroom was in a poetic frenzy as he strolled along the seashore. "Roll on, thou deep and dark blue sea, roll on," he recited to his bride.

"Oh, Gerald," she exclaimed, "how wonderful you are; it's doing it!"—*Ex.*

YOUNGSTER (to movie doorman): Please, sir. I'd like to see a boy inside.

DOORMAN: Who is it?

YOUNGSTER: Me.—*Ex.*

What do you think are the most interesting years of a woman's life.

The first two or three years that she is 21.—*Ex.*

Mrs. McTavish looked out the window as the family was going in to dinner and wailed, "Och, Jon, here comes company, and I bet they haven't eaten yet."

"Quick!" ordered the Scotsman. "Everybody out on the porch with toothpicks."—*Ex.*

One day the grocer's delivery boy received a dollar too much in his pay envelope, but he didn't say a word.

During the week the grocer noticed his mistake and on the next pay day deducted the dollar.

"Excuse me, sir," the boy said, "but my pay is a dollar short this week."

"You didn't complain last week when I made a mistake," the grocer admonished.

"No, sir," replied the boy. "I figured I'd overlook one mistake, but when it happens twice, then it's time to say something."—*Ex.*

News: PERSONALITIES and EVENTS • • •

Youth Week was observed in the West End Church, Williamston, May 5 through 12. The young people did a fine job under the direction of John Earl Roberson, Training Union leader. William C. Medlin is pastor of the church.

We appreciate an invitation to the marriage of Miss Carolyn Rousseau Lowder to Mr. Wilton Otis Holliday, Jr., at Arlington Street Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, on June 2. Miss Lowder is the daughter of Rev. H. C. Lowder, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Lowder.

Miss Vella Jane Burch, Southern Baptist missionary stationed at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, has returned to the States for furlough and may be addressed at 2555 Briarcliff Road, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. Miss Burch is a native of Durham, N. C.

Mrs. Norwood Davis of Carolina Beach was among those who received honorable mention in the TV Script Contest for Southern Baptists conducted by the Radio and Television Commission. First award of \$200 in the writing contest went to Mrs. Ray Whetsell of Dallas, Texas. Her story and several others will be purchased by the Commission.

Hamlet First Church, Dr. J. B. Willis, pastor, recently voted to place the RECORDER in its budget, to send the state Baptist paper to every home in its resident membership, in the Every-Family Plan. About 400 churches in North Carolina have this plan now, whereby the RECORDER is mailed to every home in the church's local membership every week.

Rev. and Mrs. Ronald C. Hill, Southern Baptist missionaries to Thailand, are returning to the States for furlough and may be addressed at Box 684, Spindale, N. C. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hill are natives of North Carolina, he of Spindale and she, formerly Evelyn Pittman, of Battleboro. They make their permanent American home in Spindale.

Among the honor students in Raleigh who were inducted recently into the National Junior Honor Society were the Bazemore twins, Billy and Bernice, son and daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Bazemore. A few days later, Billy was named president of the Society at Josephus Daniels Junior High School, and Bernice was named as vice-president.

Rev. J. Lucy Basham, pastor First Baptist Church, High Springs, Fla., writes that Rev. Homer O. Baker of Charlotte recently led the High Springs church in a splendid revival. Fifteen persons accepted Christ as Saviour, many rededicated their lives, and five young people surrendered for full-time Christian service. Mr. Baker, former pastor of Second Church, Shelby, recently entered the evangelistic field.

Dr. Billy Graham, Cliff Barrows, and Crusade Director Willis Haymaker met recently with members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Christian Ministers Association in regard to the coming Charlotte campaign. It is now set for September 28-October 26, 1958, in the Charlotte Coliseum and Auditorium.

Rev. H. L. Ferguson led a Deacons School at the Huntersville Church, May 13, 14, and 15. The churches in that area, Independence Hill, Cornelius, Hopewell, Union Grove, Rockwell, Davidson, and perhaps others sent their deacons and laymen. Mr. Ferguson is the pastor of the Thomasboro Church, Charlotte.

Mrs. Edwin McNeely, professor of piano, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, died April 16 following a long illness. Mrs. McNeely, wife of Dr. Edwin McNeely, professor of ministry of music at the Seminary, had been teaching at Southwestern since 1920. The McNeelys' daughter, Marilyn, is now a senior at Baylor University.

N. C. Evangelist Holds Revival in Louisiana



Evangelist Roy Thomas

The Bridge City Baptist Church of Westwego, Louisiana, has just concluded a very successful one-week revival with Rev. Roy Thomas of Charlotte, N. C., as guest evangelist.

Despite the fact that the community is 80 per cent Roman Catholic, there were 14 professions of faith. This is one for each seven members of the church.

Mr. Thomas is a graduate of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has a fervent concern for the lost, and has recently entered the field of full-time evangelism. Any church wishing to use him in a revival meeting may contact him at Route 4, Box 170, Charlotte.—AUBREY BROWN, Pastor, Bridge City Church, Westwego, La.

Pastor E. W. Pate of Centerview Church, Kannapolis, writes that he and his people were fortunate recently to have Dr. M. A. Huggins in the church for two services in the interest of emphasizing missions. There was an association-wide Mission Emphasis in the Cabarrus Association.

Miss Faye Tunmire on May 6 moved to Cotobato, Cotobato, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, where she will begin language study in June. She writes, "Our work here is a challenge and is growing. Three years ago our Cotobato Association was organized with five churches. At a recent associational meeting we had 15 churches and several mission points."

We appreciate an invitation to the wedding of Miss Margaret Hodge of Raleigh and Rev. Ray Earl Belcher of Illinois on Thursday, May 30, at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Poole Road, Raleigh. Miss Hodge worked on the staff of the BIBLICAL RECORDER one summer. She is a graduate of Carson-Newman College in Tennessee and holds the M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Seminary in Texas. Mr. Belcher is a graduate of Southwestern and has studied at Southern Seminary.

Arch McMillan, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. McMillan of Wagram, has resigned as director of publicity for Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and has begun work as director of publicity for TANE (Texas Alcohol-Narcotic Education, Inc.) in Dallas, Texas. He will be doing editorial work on various publications of the organization, and is responsible for publicity releases. He will also be speaking for the organization in Texas churches. David K. Morris is succeeding Mr. McMillan at Southwestern.

The Inspirational session of the New South River Association will be held Friday, June 28, with the Mill Creek Church, Wade Bunce, pastor. J. V. Baggett of Salemburg, moderator, will preside, and W. A. West of Roseboro will serve as chorister. The central theme will be "Citizenship," and the following ministers of the association will have part on the program: Charles Allen, Jr., Deon Butler, Paul Curry, Norwood Davis, E. D. Flowers, Luther V. High, Jr., and John H. Scaif, Jr.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the educational building of Florence Church, Forest City, were held on April 14, the 35th anniversary of the church. The new building provides for Nursery through Intermediate Departments. The pastor, Fred A. Mauney, led in the prayer of dedication. Those who turned the first shovels of earth were Pastor Mauney; Max Padgett, chairman of the building committee and deacons; M. C. Ervin, oldest church member present; Mrs. Graham Lynch; Mrs. Charlie Jackson, oldest charter member present; and Morris Huntley, youngest member of the church.

We appreciate an invitation to Home-Coming at Eureka Church, Route 6, Fayetteville, on Sunday, June 2. This is the first such event the church has held. J. B. Hewett is pastor.

Campbell College has given a lot situated near Lake Small at Buie's Creek, on which it is hoped a home for the associational missionary for the Little River Association may be built.

Baptist Hour sermon topics for the five Sundays in June are, respectively, "God's Time," "The Wages of the Reaper," "Boldness in Following Jesus," "The Night Cometh," and "Seeing the Glory of God."

Progress continues at West End Church, Henderson, R. W. Jenkins, pastor. The bond sale for the new educational building totals \$40,000, and construction will begin soon. This church had a good revival recently with Rev. E. T. Vinson of Oxford doing the preaching.

Second Church of Fayetteville, J. P. Johnson, pastor, recently had a fine Youth Week. Martin Stubbs was pastor for the week; and other young people served in the other church offices. The new program being projected by the Pastor's Cabinet and deacons of this church is filled with enthusiasm as the church, Sunday school, and all organizations are at work toward the high goals set for reaching the lost and unenlisted people of the community.

Rev. Thomas Tobey, pastor of Clarkton Church, resigned after 21 months as pastor there and accepted a call to a church in Ocala, Fla. The Bladen Baptist Pastors' Conference adopted resolutions in appreciation of the contribution he made to the church he served and to the Bladen Association. At the time he left he was associate Training Union director, chorister, president of the Pastors' Conference, as well as moderator of the association.

Rev. Alvin Walker, missionary of the South Fork Association, recently wrote of a revival held in the First Church, Maiden, with Pastor J. D. Hillman doing the preaching. He adds this paragraph: "Dr. and Mrs. Hillman have greatly endeared themselves to the church and to all the people of Maiden. With perhaps one exception, every fellow pastor of Maiden has heard Brother Hillman preach. His pastorate began the first of January, since which time 45 members have been added to the church, 28 coming by baptism. Needless to say, the church is enjoying a most excellent fellowship."

Jerry James of Elkin has been elected president of the student body of Gardner-Webb College for the coming year. Judy Hughey of Spindale is the new vice-president, and Winifred Benfield of Casar is secretary. B. B. "Buzz" Biggerstaff of Cliffside was elected president of the day students council. Frieda Stanley of Wilmington will be editor of the student newspaper, with George Warner of Charlotte as news editor. Betty Jo Hamrick of Shelby was chosen editor of the student yearbook, and Daniel Byrd of Charlotte, business manager.

Franklinton Girls Win Attendance Awards



Donald K. Hicks, Jr., superintendent of the Franklinton Sunday School, presents perfect attendance pins to Helen Faulkner (left) and Cynthia Dickerson. Both girls are members of the primary class taught by Miss Peggy Wynne.

Helen, age nine, was presented a seven-year pin; Cynthia, eight, received a five-year pin. Helen's parents: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Faulkner. Cynthia's parents: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dickerson.

The 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning services of the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill, with Dr. Samuel Tilden Habel preaching, are being televised over a state-wide network during the months of April, May, June and July, 1957. The music is being provided by the choirs of the church under the direction of John H. Crabtree and Melvin Hipps.

The programs are originated by WUNC-TV (Chapel Hill) and carried by WRAL-TV (Raleigh), WFMY-TV (Greensboro), and WSJS-TV (Winston-Salem). Letters and comments received have indicated a wide interest in this public service of the cooperating stations.

This Is the Season of Revivals

News of successful revival meetings is coming to us from all parts of the state. Lack of space allows us to give only a few lines about each.

Edgemont Church, Durham. B. R. Bruner, pastor; Dr. J. Carroll Trotter, of the faculty of Southeastern Seminary, guest minister. Additions, 13, more than half of which were by baptism.

West End Church, Williamston. William C. Medlin, pastor; Rev. Thurman Griffin of Williamston, guest minister. Good revival.

Oak City Church, Oak City. William C. Medlin, pastor; Rev. Stanley K. Howard, pastor of Trinity Church, Tarboro, guest speaker. Good services.

First Church, Lewisville. H. A. Byers, pastor; Rev. Elvin Jones of Clemmons Church, revival preacher. There were 10 professions of faith, two additions by letter, and one by statement. Sunday school attendance jumped from 228 the day revival began to 241 the next Sunday when it ended.

First Church, Maiden. Pastor J. D. Hillman did the preaching. There were 33 additions, 27 of whom were baptized Sunday evening, May 5. After early morning services, coffee and doughnuts were served. Attendance records were set in Sunday school and Training Union.

First Church, Cherryville. William Lamb, pastor; W. F. Woodall, pastor of Spencer Church at Spindale, guest minister; Jimmie Mize, director of music. There were 78 decisions: three by letter, 30 on profession of faith, three by statement, and 42 rededications.

First Church, Mount Olive. T. W. Williams, pastor; Dr. Eugene Poston of Wallace Church, visiting minister. New members, 30, of whom 26 came for baptism. More than 100 rededications.

First Church, Graham. Bill Poole, pastor; James Cammack, pastor of First Church, Rock Hill, S. C., visiting preacher, April 1-7. Preceding, during and following revival there have been 33 additions to the church family.

Centerview Church, Kannapolis. E. W. Pate, pastor; Baxter Walker of Fayetteville, evangelist, April 29-May 5. Twenty-five professions of faith and many rededications.

Everetts Church, at Everetts. John Tullock, pastor; Stanley Howard, evangelist. Revival began Monday, May 20, to continue with services each night through week at 8:00 o'clock. Mr. Howard has a chalk talk picture each night.

Ministers Make Changes

Calvin S. Knight, pastor of Providence Church, Roxboro, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Weldon Church, and will begin his new work the third week in June.

Jarvis W. Teague has resigned as pastor of Meherrin and Creekville churches in the West Chowan Association and is now pastor of the Littleton and Enterprise churches in the Tar River Association. He is living at Littleton.

Drs. Cauthen, Harrelson to Be Commencement Speakers at Mars Hill College

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., will be the preacher for the baccalaureate services at Mars Hill College on Sunday, June 2, at 11 a.m. On Monday, June 3, graduation exercises will be held at 9:45 a.m., with Dr. Walter Harrelson, dean of the Divinity School, the University of Chicago, making the baccalaureate address.

Commencement events at Mars Hill begin on Friday, May 31, with an art exhibit at 4:00 p.m. and the presentation of *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* at 8:00 p.m. by the Dramateers.

On Saturday morning the trustees will meet; a luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m.; the business meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m., followed by meetings of classes of alumni. At 5:30 p.m. the alumni banquet will be held, with Hayes Brown of Erwin, Tenn., as speaker. At 8:00 p.m. there will be an Intersociety Debate, followed by awarding of Society Honors.

Other commencement events include a concert by the college band at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, and concert by the college choir at 8:00 p.m. on the same day.

Christian Education

IN THE CHURCHES

HERMAN IHLEY, Sunday School Sec'y
L. L. MORGAN, Church Planning Secretary
J. P. MORGAN, Training Union Secretary
BRUCE E. WHITAKER, BSU Secretary
JOSEPH O. STROUD, Music Secretary

The Ministries of These Departments Are Phases of State Missions

SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK-END CONFERENCES

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST ASSEMBLY (Caswell), June 21-23, 1957

FRUITLAND BAPTIST CAMP, July 12-14, 1957

*"JESUS ONLY—His Purpose, His Compassion, His Methods, His Work, His Urgency,
Shall Be the Measure of Our Sunday School Work."*

Departmental Conference Leaders:

Adult—D. P. Brooks; **Young People**—Jack R. Bagwell; **Intermediate**—Mrs. E. W. Holmes;
Junior—Mrs. L. L. Morgan; **Primary**—Mrs. C. R. Hinton, Mrs. David Lee; **Beginner**—
Mrs. O. J. Hagler; **Nursery-Cradle Roll**—Mrs. J. O. Stroud; **Extension**—Mrs. L. L.
Carpenter; **Music**—Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Straughn.

PROGRAM

Friday Evening:

7:00-7:15—Worship—"Jesus Only—His Purpose"
7:15-7:45—Our Sunday School Program.....D. P. Brooks
7:45-8:00—Let's Get Acquainted
8:00-8:30—Moving Up the Pattern.....Jack R. Bagwell
8:30-9:00—Inspirational Message.....Douglas Aldrich (Caswell)
D. M. Nelson, Jr. (Fruitland)

Saturday Morning:

9:00-9:15—Worship—"Jesus Only—His Compassion"
9:15-9:45—Providing Adequate Buildings.....L. L. Morgan
9:45-10:15—What Accurate Records Will Do.....Cliff Elkins (Caswell)
Alden Angline (Fruitland)
10:15-10:30—Recess
10:30-11:00—What Following the Standards Will Do.....Mrs. Myra S. Motley (Caswell)
Keener Pharr (Fruitland)
11:00-12:00—Departmental Conferences
12:00-12:30—Inspirational Message.....Douglas Aldrich (Caswell)
D. M. Nelson, Jr. (Fruitland)

Saturday Afternoon: Recreation, Athletics—Softball, Fishing

Saturday Evening:

7:00-7:15—Worship—"Jesus Only—His Methods"
7:15-8:15—Departmental Conferences
8:15-8:30—Group Singing
8:30-9:00—Special Feature

Sunday Morning:

9:30—Sunday School (Demonstration)
Worship Period.....Mrs. Fred Smith
Classes
11:00—Morning Worship Service.....Herman Ihley

"Sunday School—A Ministry of State Missions"

TRAINING UNION

FROM THE MAILBAG . . . We note from *The Monthly Review* of the First Church of Jacksonville, Rev. R. M. Haire, pastor, that Training Union attendance in March of 1957 averaged 181 as compared to 62 in March, 1952. The years in between have shown a consistent and steady growth as follows: 1953—69; 1954—133; 1955—140; 1956—150. Note the steady growth—the kind

that counts in the long pull. Congratulations, Jacksonville!

What makes associational Training Union work go and grow? A part of the answer can be well given by a copy of the Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 1957, by J. Carl Bell, associational director, Piedmont Association. It follows:

Meetings participated in.....80
Mass Meetings attended.....15
Group Meetings attended.....35
Executive Committee.....9

Officers' Council.....2
Churches visited.....18
Study Courses taught.....2
Miles traveled.....577
Letters written.....665
Phone calls.....316
New Unions Organized.....3
Secured teachers for churches.....17
Free literature distributed.....3,000 pieces
Attended Workshop in Charlotte
Manuals given away.....40
Alcohol Series books given away.....50
Planned Training Union Retreats for August at Lakewood
Sent for Training Union Study Course Awards for five churches
Helped one church not in Piedmont Association.

Carl Bell has been associational Training Union director in the Piedmont for almost 20 years! Quite obviously he works at the job! May his tribe increase!

A thrilling report from the Avery! Rev. W. W. Abernathy, pastor of the Newland Church, and associational Training Union director in the Avery, writes that they have just had a most successful study of the books in the Alcohol series. This study was promoted by the Associational Training Union organization and three group schools were held at Cranberry, Pleasant Hill, and Crossnore. A total of 241 people were enrolled in this study and 191 awards were requested. Mr. Abernathy writes that a Mass Meeting will be held on June 16 and these awards will be presented at that time. This is a splendid report and we are most grateful for it and for the fine work of Brother Abernathy and his co-workers.

Youth Week Reports are coming in slowly. We believe we have four times as many churches observing Youth Week as report one. Please drop us a card saying you had one—nothing else—if you do not wish to fill out the form which is in the Youth Week pamphlet. Of course, we'd rather have the completed form—but send in something, please!

Alcohol Studies are being reported daily. It appears that these studies are among the most popular we have ever had. If you have not sent in your request for awards, please do so immediately. We are anxious to know how many churches held this week of study. The Allied Church League has requested some information from us about this.

Evangelism must be the constant pulse beat of the church—not a fever followed by a chill.—G. S. DOBBINS.

Woman's Missionary Union

301 Hillsboro St., Raleigh, N. C.

W. K. McGee, President

Miss Miriam Robinson, Executive Secretary

RIDGECREST YWA WEEK

June 13-19

In this YWA Anniversary Year, every MISSIONARY SOCIETY should make it possible for one or more girls of YWA age from your church to attend. If you do not have a YWA organization, send one of your girls between the ages of 16 and 25 to Ridgecrest. She will come home and help to start a Young Woman's Auxiliary in your church.

INSPIRATION — INFORMATION — RECREATION — MISSIONARIES — FELLOWSHIP

Registration Fee: \$2.50

Must be sent to Miss Janet Wilson, State WMU Office (address above)

COST depends upon where you stay—ranges from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per person per day, including linens and meals. Write to State WMU Office for further information and reservation blanks.

Each delegation will arrange its own transportation plans—by train, bus or car. Plan to arrive by 6:00 p.m. on June 13 and remain until the afternoon of June 19.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

DEPARTMENTAL INSTITUTE

WINGATE COLLEGE

JUNE 20—noon to JUNE 21—noon

North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union will pay transportation, room and board for:

Regional Superintendents and Youth Leaders

Associational Missionaries

State WMU Executive Committee

Regional Chairmen of Prayer, Mission Study, Stewardship, Community Missions, Directors of Missionary Fundamentals

Associational Superintendents and Youth Leaders (only one Youth Leader from each association)

Associations are urged to pay expenses of Associational Chairmen of Prayer, Mission Study, Stewardship and Community Missions, and Directors of Missionary Fundamentals. Cost per person is \$3.00, including linens and four meals. Bring your own pillow.

A Period of Planning and Intensive Study Open Only to Those Listed Above

Register through the State WMU Office

May 25, 1957

Wingate College Elects Bible Teacher



William L. Stover

Dr. Budd E. Smith, president of Wingate College, has announced the election of William L. Stover to the faculty. Mr. Stover will teach in the Bible department and will assume his duties in September.

Mr. Stover is a native of Newport News, Virginia. He received his B.A. from Wake Forest and his B.D. and Th.M. degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has taught in the public schools of Hampton, Virginia, and in Hargrave Military Academy. He was in the Army Air Force from 1943 to 1946.

Mr. Stover is married to the former Miss Anne Spivey, and they have one child. Both are very active in the various organizations of the church and will be a real addition to the Wingate College faculty.

Gaston Pastors Express Disapproval of Dancing

Judge Hubert E. Olive, Chairman
Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College
Lexington, North Carolina

DEAR BROTHER OLIVE:

The Gaston Baptist Ministers Conference, meeting in regular session, May 13, unanimously expressed disapproval of and deep regret for the action reportedly taken by the trustees of Wake Forest College in sanctioning "supervised" dancing on the college campus. It is the expressed general consensus of the members of this conference:

FIRST—That this action is not in keeping with the conviction or desire of the overwhelming majority of our North Carolina Baptist constituency and will therefore bring about unnecessary dissension and confusion.

SECOND—That, in view of the present dire financial need and the urgent appeal now being made for a liberal offering in behalf of our colleges on Christian Education Day to be observed by our churches in June, it is extremely unfortunate that such a divisive issue has been injected into our educational program which will, no doubt, affect all of our colleges.

THIRD—That this action is not in keeping with what should be the policy and effort of all our Baptist colleges in seeking to transform rather than conform to worldly standards.

FOURTH—That this action is extremely embarrassing to churches, pastors and parents who are faithfully endeavoring to warn and fortify their young people against worldly conformity.

FIFTH—That this action will necessitate a great number of loyal, cooperative churches and individuals violating their deep and sincere conviction by being forced to support such a program or else designate their offerings, resulting in incalculable injury to our Cooperative Program.

We therefore respectfully, but urgently, request that the trustees of Wake Forest College, for the sake of harmony among our great Baptist constituency and in the interest of our entire program for Christian Education, reconsider and rescind their action at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully,
GASTON BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE
T. L. Cashwell, Chairman
Frank A. Malone
O. B. Reel
Committee.

Copy to:

Dr. Harold W. Tribble
Dr. M. A. Huggins
Dr. J. C. Canipe
Dr. Perry Crouch
BIBLICAL RECORDER
Charity and Children

NOTE: We are publishing the above letter because it is probably representative of the views of other groups and individuals. We may not be able to publish all the communications we receive in regard to this matter, but we shall try to give representation to various viewpoints, and list those who send communications.—EDITOR.

OPEN FORUM

Letters to the Editor

On Dancing

In part do I agree with the Cullom Ministerial Conference at Wake Forest College, in that dancing is a personal matter. But to allow dancing in a Christian institution is another matter altogether. Those who choose to go to a church-supported school should do so with their eyes open, knowing what to expect. They should expect, at least, that it would be conducted according to Christian principles and practices.

Dancing, drinking, gambling are not Chris-

We can never be the better for our religion if our neighbor is the worse for it.—Clipped.

BAPTISTRY PAINTINGS

JORDAN RIVER SCENES

WALTER KEUL, Church Artist

809 Ridgeview Dr. (P. O. Box 484)
SHELBY, N. C.

(No agent, contact directly.)

For free demonstration to churches give size of baptistry backwall and opening

It'll Soon Be Time for Student Week at Ridgecrest



Scenes such as this will be repeated many times over as North Carolina Baptist students have the opportunity to meet outstanding Christian leaders from all parts of the nation at Ridgecrest, June 6-12, during Student Week. The program outlined is exceptional. Students are urged to avail themselves of the opportunities for Christian growth and fellowship which Ridgecrest offers. Reservations should be sent to the Student Department, 301 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh. (Shown above are two student leaders from Western Carolina College who conferred with Dr. William Hall Preston, Associate in the Department of Student Work of the Baptist Sunday School Board, at the recent BSU Leadership Conference in Sanford.)

tian practices. Putting it mildly, they are worldly, therefore are the antithesis of Christianity. "... Whosoever therefore would be a friend of this world (world system) is the enemy of God." Both the Board of Trustees and the Cullom Ministerial Conference have done the Baptist denomination a disfavor by their actions.

Our North Carolina Baptist pastors wonder why their church members do not support wholeheartedly the Cooperative Program. One reason, to be sure, is that we know you cannot support the program at all without supporting the above-mentioned institution.

EVAN W. NORWOOD

Alumnus, Wake Forest College

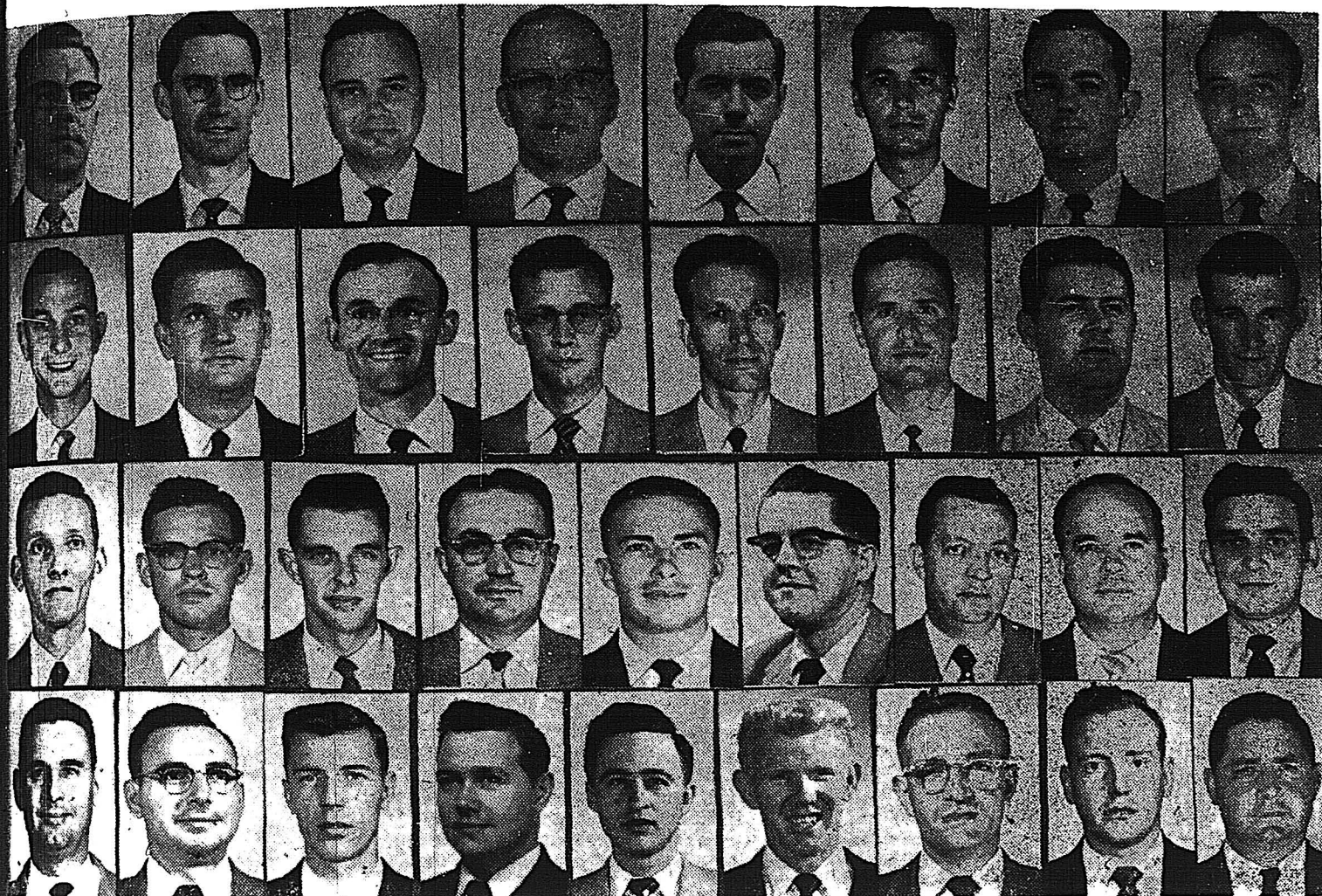
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Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dancing in Baptist Colleges

In an issue of *Old Gold and Black* dated Monday, April 29, 1957, there appeared a news item under the caption "Trustees Okay Dancing," which action I as many, many others deplore. On another page of the same issue there appeared another article, namely, "Dancing was fought by BIBLICAL RECORDER." For this article I am grateful and I trust that you, our present editor, will through the RECORDER take the same position as your predecessors with matched courage and conviction. I truly believe our Baptist state paper is in a position to lead in an effort to turn the tide in favor of a deeper spiritual life on our college campuses.

If we must allow and supervise dancing because it is here, by the same token must we not attempt to supervise drinking, gambling, etc.? They, too, are here.

To prohibit dancing on the campus is not to impose our opinions or convictions on



North Carolina Ministers Receive Degrees at Southeastern Seminary

WAKE FOREST—Thirty-four North Carolina ministers will receive degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, May 24.

Maynard H. Mangum (1), Hickory; Hubert K. Middleton (2), Yadkin, and William Harvey Vinson, Jr. (3), Wendell, will be awarded master of theology degrees.

Candidates for the bachelor of divinity degree are Thurman Wheeler Alfred (4), Greensboro; Don C. Austin (5), Greensboro; W. C. Barham, Jr. (6), Franklinton; Charles Worth Braswell (7), Princeton; Jack Earl Casey (8), New Bern; Corbin L. Cooper (9), Leaksville; D. C. Craig (10), Rougemont; Harvey Yates Criminger, Jr. (11), Charlotte.

William H. Edwards (12), Mt. Airy; Thomas Wade Estes (13), Mt.

Airy; Earl Davis Farthing (14), Dunn; Edgar E. Ferrell, Jr. (15), Durham; J. Allison Fogleman (16), Henderson; William O. Goble, Jr. (17), Hiddenite; Anthony Zack Gurganus (18), Jacksonville; James Young Greene (19), Arden; Glenn D. Greenway (20), Avondale.

Edwin H. Hedgpeth (21), Fairmont; Malcolm M. Hutton (22), Norlina; Lawrence Harding Knott (23), Durham; Thomas Max Linnens (24), Graham; Robert Alfred Melvin (25), St. Pauls; Gilbert G. Mister (26), Henderson; Manly E. Murphy (27), Marshallburg; Tommy Joe Payne (28), Cherokee; Clyde P. Pearson (29), Shelby.

Paul B. Scott, Jr. (30), Burlington; Lee A. Smith (31), Fayetteville; Charles A. Stevens (32), Reidsville; J. Lemar Wheeler (33), Louisburg, and Henry Samuel Yarborough (34), Roxboro.

others. If it is clearly understood, as it should be, that these evils are prohibited, then the student may choose to come or not to come just as one joins our Baptist churches accepting our faith and practices. None are coerced to attend any of our colleges just as they are not to join our churches.

I am aware that Baptist colleges in other states where dancing is prohibited are not lacking for students.

It no doubt is to be expected that others of our churches may follow the action of the Patton Avenue Baptist Church of Asheville as reported by the Associated Press May 9, 1957. This could conceivably weaken our total Cooperative Program work.

J. BRYAN DOSHER, Pastor
Oak Grove Baptist Church
Route 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Speaker Gives God Credit for Success in Business

"Working with God as a partner" has been the secret of his success in business, Fred A. Long, owner of the Oakboro Lumber Company, told Lenoir Optimists.

The local businessman and church lay leader recalled buying a mill some 12 years ago, a fire which burned it to the ground six weeks later, the difficult task of rebuilding during World War II and the subsequent success of the undertaking. Credit should not go to him, however, Mr. Long said, but rather to God.

The speaker, who entitled his talk, "How God Built a Business," said he began tithing a number of years ago following his conversion in eastern Tennessee. But after

starting his own business and "taking God as a partner," he became convinced that the tithe was not enough. As a result, he has regularly given "God's share" of the profits to causes which seemed to merit assistance, he continued.

However, all of this was not done without a continuous inward struggle involved in the process of "learning to trust God," Mr. Long declared. Looking back, he said, he still marveled at how his business had prospered despite setbacks and obstacles which at times seemed insurmountable. — (Clipping from Lenoir News Topic.

Our greatest enemies are not wild beasts or deadly germs but fears that paralyze thought, poison the mind, and destroy character. Our only protection against fear is faith.—
—Copied.

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

14 New Missionaries Bring Total to 1,154

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 14 young people for overseas mission service at its May meeting, bringing the total number of active foreign missionaries to 1,154.

New appointees and their fields are: Martha Bell, Mississippi, for Indonesia; James E. Giles and Mary Nell Morrison Giles, Texas, for Colombia; Jerry Hobbs and Darline Anderson Hobbs, Oklahoma, for Thailand; Robert L. Lambright, Kentucky, and Ann (Pat) Lambright, Mississippi, for Indonesia.

Also, Gerald A. McNeely and June Hall McNeely, Kentucky, for Spain; W. Harold Matthews and Clara Lee Matthews, Kentucky, for the Philippines; Nan Owens, Arkansas, for Nigeria; and Elbert H. Walker, Colorado, and Dorothy Mathews Walker, Georgia, for the Philippines.

Appointments to Be Made at Ridgecrest

The June meeting of the Foreign Mission Board will be held in connection with the Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly. The full Board will meet in two-day session just as it does for its semiannual meetings in Richmond, Va., in April and October. (The local members meet monthly, except August.)

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, says: "The Convention-wide meeting of the Foreign Mission Board at Ridgecrest will be of very great significance. Experience has already proved that the appointment services conducted in April and October to which the public is invited have been highly appreciated throughout Virginia and surrounding areas. Joy comes into the hearts of all who hear the testimonies of those being appointed for missionary service.

"The appointment service at Ridgecrest will give hundreds of Southern Baptists from all over the country the opportunity to experience the same joy in the appointment of missionaries that we have in Richmond."

The public sessions of the Board meeting will begin on Thursday evening in the Ridgecrest auditorium with the appointment of missionary candidates. The Board will continue in session throughout Friday with reports from the secretaries and committees.

The regular Foreign Mission Conference program will begin on Friday night and continue until Wednesday noon, June 26.

Board's 1956 Income Totaled \$12,806,720

In his May report to the Board, Dr. Cauthen summarized the figures given in the audit of the Board's 1956 income and expenditures: The Board's total income in 1956 was \$12,806,720.34; and its total 1956 expenditures were \$12,060,267.07. The amount spent on foreign fields in 1956 was \$11,080,773.14, or 91.88 per cent of the total expenditures.

"Behind these figures there stands a vast array of love, prayer, devotion, and effort on the part of God's people throughout the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention making possible this missionary outreach," Dr. Cauthen said. "The upsurge in missionary determination on the part of Southern Baptists is one of the most encouraging aspects of our present denominational life."

Results of Evangelism Are Spectacular in Some Areas

The reports of the three area secretaries of the Board dealt with evangelism on the mission fields and indicated that results are encouraging in all areas and even spectacular in some.

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said that one of the four Baptist hospitals in Nigeria ministered to more than 7,000 outpatients and 1,400 inpatients during 1956. Two hundred and ten of the inpatients professed faith in Christ. He also reported that refugees from Hungary who are now living in a Baptist camp in Austria are experiencing a revival. There were eight professions of faith and four rededications of lives during the Easter season.

Following a stewardship revival in Ajloun, Jordan, eight young people remained for spiritual guidance, Dr. Sadler said.

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, said there was a total of 976 professions of faith at the end of an evangelistic campaign conducted in 24 churches and preaching points in the tri-city area of Torreon, Gomez Palacio, and Lerdo, Mexico, in

April. The plan of evangelism employed in this campaign emphasized personal soul-winning by means of house-to-house visitation. Newspaper publicity and daily 30-minute radio programs were also used to good advantage.

Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, reported on progress in evangelism in the area for which he has responsibility calling attention to current and recent evangelistic crusades using international teams of evangelists.

Simultaneous evangelistic services began in the Baptist churches of Taiwan on May 5, and a cable reports 700 professions in the first four days.

Racial Tensions

From the 49th Annual Report of the
Christian Life Commission

By A. C. Miller, Executive Secretary

Some of our people feel that we should avoid any discussion of this issue because of its controversial nature. This is a strange note to inject into the affairs of Baptists. Religious controversy led to the stoning of the prophets, the crucifixion of Christ, the beheading of Paul, and the death of unnumbered martyrs through the ages. The churches of Christ have made progress and have changed the course of history by the introduction of discordant ideas. A conformist church never changes anything.

In this our day of world mission advance we cannot avoid this issue. The problem is rooted deeply in our history and is the product of a series of tragic social experiences that have left their marks on both the Negro and white citizens of our country. The people of both groups must gird themselves with patience, the white man fighting the pride of his old mastery and the Negro the pride of his new achievements.

We must remember that in this controversy we are dealing with individuals and persons. We cannot depend upon automatic social processes to produce harmony as if all people of any one race are alike in quality of character or capacity. Nor can we depend on laws that fix the status and define the rights of individuals in one race in relation to those in another. Legal and social patterns that doom all Negroes to a servile "place" in American society regardless of their cultural progress can only make for increasing conflict. Laws are futile solutions. They cannot make peace. The Christian cannot stop at the point of law. He is motivated by love and grace.

We must realize that the racial issue is basically a moral and religious question. We do not mean by this that the churches should seek to implement court decisions, although any church, church body, or individual should be left free to express himself on the question. We do mean that the Christian is obligated to accept and follow the teachings of Christ with respect to the dignity and worth of every individual, irrespective of his race or position in human society. Any more

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ment, system, or law that denies this truth by statement, implication, or social practice is not in accord with the teachings of Jesus nor the principles of our Christian faith.

In accordance with these teachings, this Commission protests the violence in all its forms that is used against Negro people in the current segregation issue or at any other time. In recognition of the Negro's rights as a citizen, the law enforcement agencies of local, state, and national governments should protect him, irrespective of his position or culture, from lawless attacks on his person or property.

We believe that our nation cannot long endure these lawless attacks made upon the person and property of free citizens in contempt of the law and the courts of justice. The perpetrators of these crimes, regardless of their position or influence in the community, should be brought to legal justice.

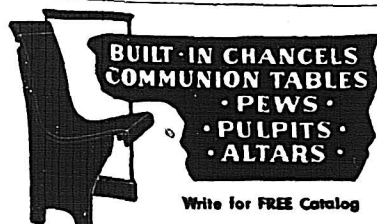
Furthermore, in keeping with our historic Baptist position on the freedom of conscience and expression in religion under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we call to the attention of the people in our churches and other citizens of our country the fact that any suppression of these freedoms, whether it be by the laws of state or by economic, civic, social, or church pressures, denies the voluntary principle in religion and imperils both religious and political freedom at its source.

We are witnessing today the betrayal of these freedoms by vocal minorities in some communities and churches who are able to arouse sufficient opposition to force the resignation of pastors and to incite retaliation against peaceful citizens who speak or act according to their convictions on racial justice and interracial goodwill. The people of our nation should be reminded that both the voice of God and the verdict of history warns us that those who deny these freedoms to others do not long retain them for themselves.

Goes to Hudson Church

L. Deck Taylor has joined the staff of the First Church of Hudson, as music and educational director. Mr. Taylor is well known throughout the state in the field of music, having served in the music department of the First Church of Charlotte for 12 years, as music director of the Calvary Church and the Crescent Hill Church, Columbia, South Carolina, and the Spencer Church of Spindale, North Carolina.

Mr. Taylor has been of great service in associational work, serving the Sandy Run Association as pianist for the Pastor's Conference, as Adult leader of Associational Training Union, director of congregational activities in the associational music organizations. George G. Westmoreland is pastor at Hudson.



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Counselor's Corner

By R. Lofton Hudson

Women in the Church

QUESTION: Do you think it is wrong for women to work in the church? If they did not, sometimes we could not have a Sunday school, as there are very few men who will lead in our church.

Some of our members quote I Tim. 2:12-15 and I Cor. 14:34-35. Does this apply today?

ANSWER: The principle applies today but there is a general opinion that the status of women was very different in New Testament days, from our day. The principle is stated in I Tim. 2:10, that women are to dress and behave as "becometh women professing godliness." In other words, Paul was not trying to lay down rules for all women of all time, but for those in that particular culture.

In Galatians (3:28) Paul stated that there is "neither male nor female; for all are one in Christ Jesus." Apparently he meant that there was no discrimination in the church.

This old question of feminism has been kicked around for the last hundred years, especially as women have grown in their freedom. Surely the church does not wish to be the last to accept women on equal level and status with men.

On the other hand, men are the natural leaders, and both men and women are usually happiest when men assume their rightful place. Women can probably do their best service by pushing the men forward in

church work. But to quote a verse here and there in the New Testament is a poor way to arrive at Christian procedures.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

The Late G. P. Irvin Memorialized by Zion Church

The deacons and other members of Zion Church, Route 5, Shelby, on May 5 adopted a memorial statement expressing "our love and appreciation for the unselfish and unassuming life and service of Bro. G. P. Irvin, who for more than half a century was treasurer of this church and for more than a quarter of a century was a deacon."

The memorial, signed by W. V. Tarlton, pastor, and G. Turner Cabiness, clerk, contained the following statement: "Brother Irvin was a good man, a good neighbor, a devoted husband and father and a loyal and respected member of our church. He constantly promoted the peace and financial health of the church and was greatly interested in the welfare of the whole community."

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To North Carolina Baptists

The "Prove Me" Program

We stated in the last article on the "Baptist Prove Me" program that prayer was the first item on our agenda. Now we want every North Carolina Baptist to face up to his relationship to material things. There are three adjustments every man has to make or not make. First is his adjustment to God in Jesus Christ. Second, his adjustment to his fellow man, and third, his adjustment to things.

Jesus had a great deal to say about men's adjustment to things. In fact, he recognized that money was God's greatest rival. Tithing is not your total stewardship, but it certainly is a key point in that stewardship.

As God leads us, we want to bring North Carolina Baptists to face up to this stewardship of our money. To this end during the months of May, June, July, August, and September, we will be in the process of preparing our people to tithe their income for

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the last three months of this year. No matter is settled until it is settled right. This is the reason we asked you first of all to pray. Now we are asking you to think and to reason and to analyze yourself in your relationship to God on money matters and material things. More later.

Your leader in this tithing effort,
J. C. CANIPE.

N. C. Baptists Will Be "Up in the Air" Next Week

Some 150 North Carolina Baptists will be "up in the air" May 27, the day before the Southern Baptist Convention opens in Chicago.

They will be on their way to Chicago in two chartered planes, each carrying 72 passengers. One will originate at the Raleigh-Durham Airport and the other at the Municipal Airport in Charlotte. Both will fly non-stop to Chicago where chartered buses will take the passengers directly to their hotels. They will return Saturday, June 1.

This is believed to be the largest group going to Chicago on chartered planes. Editor Marse Grant of *Charity and Children* has arranged for and is directing the chartered flights.

Honesty is not only the best policy, but it is the foundation of civilization.—*Ex.*

North Carolina's Tomorrow

By S. L. Morgan, Sr.

A week end just spent in Burlington leave me both dazzled and frightened, wondering how we are to meet the challenge of our rapid growth and secularization. It was 47½ years ago when I took my wife a bride to Burlington as pastor of the First Baptist Church. It was then a sprawling town of 6,000 with wide open spaces. It is now a city of some 30,000, compact and growing at a dizzy pace, one of the most progressive young cities of the South, with vast industries and great schools and churches.

The great plant of First Baptist Church, its capacity doubled a few years ago under the leadership of Dr. Prickett, is now proving inadequate, with serious talk of more building. Grove Park Church, an infant eight years ago when I served it as interim pastor, is about to occupy an \$85,000 educational unit; and City Lake Church, also an infant when I served it more recently, is expanding rapidly in its congregation and building. Bobby Baxter, its able pastor, lives in its parsonage and commutes to Southeastern Seminary. Grove Park is ably served by Travis Styles, a recent graduate. The efficiency of each is increased greatly by an admirable wife-assistant.

Dazzled by such growth, I had to feel alarmed at signs that the forces of evil are aggressive and defiant and deadly. I had to grieve that homes I had known were broken by strong drink, and that children of some great churchmen I had known were being sucked down in the maelstrom of a growing city's business and pleasure. Had the great churches and schools and service clubs done their utmost in stemming the tides of evil? That is a crucial question for each of us to face.

A Pilgrimage

My return with my wife after some 40 years was much like a sacred pilgrimage. We were shown over the house that was our first parsonage, into the room where our first child, now a pastor in Washington, D. C., was born. His son had just preached his first sermon and been Youth Pastor a week in one of the Washington churches. The bride and able pastor's helper of 47 years ago was doomed by sclerosis of the brain never to be herself again, but to be only a sweetly-dependent care, driving me to a complete dependence on God, a mighty force for self-discipline.

I register this last fact as the deepest impression of this return to the scene of an early pastorate. What stands out is that the saints who were my helpers long ago, the successes and failures I knew, the joys and sorrows I met, all were God's means for

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June 17-22	Training Union
June 24-29	Junior R.A. State Camp
June 28-30	Brotherhood Week End
July 1-6	Hickory Division R.A. Camp
July 1-6	Christian Deaf Foundation Camp
July 8-13	Intermediate R.A. State Camp
July 12-14	Sunday School Week End
July 15-20	Junior and Intermediate R.A. State Camps
July 19-21	Y.W.A. Week End
July 22-27	Junior G.A. State Camp
July 29-August 3	Intermediate G.A. State Camp
August 5-10	Music Week
August 10-11	Fruitland Alumni Week End
August 12-17	Junior and Intermediate R.A. State Camps

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working out his purpose in me, helping me to meet bravely and triumphantly both the trials and the tasks before me to the end. I record this main impression for the possible encouragement and incitement of others who face tasks beset with trials. Alike through my pen and a character chastened by trial, I aspire and dream of a few years till of my most fruitful ministry.

Commencement Schedule in Baptist Colleges—Spring, 1957

Campbell

May 26—Commencement Sermon
May 30—Class Day Exercises
May 31—Literary Address and Graduation Exercises

Chowan

May 26—Baccalaureate Sermon
May 31—Graduation Exercises

Gardner-Webb

May 26—Baccalaureate Sermon at 8:00 p.m.
May 27—Graduation Exercises

Mars Hill

June 2—Baccalaureate Sermon
June 3—Graduation Exercises

Meredith

June 2—Baccalaureate Sermon
June 3—Graduation Exercises

Wake Forest

June 2—Baccalaureate Sermon
June 3—Alumni Day and Graduation

Wingate

May 24—Alumni Banquet
May 25—Class Day Exercises
May 26—Baccalaureate Sermon
May 27—Graduation Exercises

Weldon to Have New Pastor

Rev. Calvin S. Knight, pastor of Providence Church, Roxboro, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Weldon Church. He will begin his new work the third week in June, preaching his first sermon in Weldon Sunday, June 23.

A native Virginian, Mr. Knight was reared in Leaksville. He was graduated from Blue Ridge Mission School, Buffalo Ridge, Va.; Campbell College, Wake Forest College, and Wake Divinity School.

He served as associate pastor of Watts Street Church in Durham, and from 1946 to 1951 was pastor of Berea Church in Durham. Since 1951 he has been pastor of Providence Church.

Mr. Knight is married to the former Miss Mary Eva Flake of Charlotte. They have three sons, Ronald Calvin, David Thomas, and Kenneth Bradsher. Mrs. Knight is a graduate of the Nursing School of Duke University.

Young People of Mingo Church Observe Youth Week

The young people of Mingo Church of Christ, I. Dunn, observed Youth Week April 8 through May 5. Al Compton, student at

May 25, 1957



YOUTH WEEK LEADERS in Pleasant Hope Church, Fairmont, were, left to right: Carolyn Caulk, Brenda Jenkins, Virginia Hayes, Jean Snipes, Aubrey Wester, Kenneth Hedgpeth, Billy Wester, Juanita Turner, Brooks Baxley, Bobby Lovette, Sally Atkinson, Martha Lee, Bertie Lee, Cecil Baxley, Jean Baxley, Knox Jenkins.

Training Union Director Maxie Turner writes that the young people realize now, more than ever before, their Christian responsibility. Pleasant Hope Church, located in a rural section, has a Sunday school enrollment of 132. On Youth Sunday there were 106 in attendance in Sunday school. Training Union, organized one year, has an enrollment of 78, and on Youth Sunday there were 67 persons present. The young people are looking forward to Youth Week next year.

Southeastern Seminary, was week-end revival speaker. Landon Norris was youth pastor; Gene Carr, educational director. All other places of service in the church were filled by young people.

On Monday night Alton Jackson, Jr., youth chairman of deacons, led in the deacons' meeting. Tuesday night the church conference was presided over by Youth Pastor Landon Norris. Choir practice followed. On Wednesday Mrs. Carolyn Jackson presided over the WMS meeting with other young people leading the other organizations. Thursday evening, the group enjoyed a hamburger supper with all the trimmings.

Following the services on Friday and Saturday evenings, refreshments were enjoyed in the basement. Sunday at 8:00 a.m. breakfast was served to the young people. At the Sunday school hour Bobby Carr presided as superintendent, and other young people taught the classes and filled other responsible places. On Sunday night the service included talks by some of the young people on what the Youth Week had meant to them.

Earl Davis Farthing is pastor of Mingo Church. The news about Youth Week was sent by Mrs. Miriam Dale Barefoot.

Memorial Building Planned for Roy Parker by Chowan College

MURFREESBORO — "Chowan College is grateful to the newspaper publishers and others who have sent contributions in memory of Roy Parker, for whom the Roy Parker School of Printing was named." Acting President Oscar Creech said May 15.

Mr. Creech stated that all money so contributed would be placed in a building fund to add an additional wing to the school of printing and that a bronze plaque would be placed in the wing in recognition of the contributions to the memory of Roy Parker, through whose efforts the school of printing was established in 1952.

The acting president, who had known Parker for some 32 years, said the school of printing was one of the late newspaper publisher's greatest interests and that he knew of no better way to perpetuate the memory of the man for whom the school was named.

The school of printing has grown so rapidly in both students and equipment that even with the recent addition to the building, a crowded situation already exists, Creech said. He added that the school's present enrollment for the 1957-58 term indicates a much larger student body than ever before.

Construction on the new wing, Creech said, would begin as soon as sufficient funds were made available. The cost is estimated at \$8,000.

Carver School Commencement Held This Week

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the 1957 graduating class at Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville on Thursday morning, May 23. This fiftieth commencement for the school was held in the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel.

Seven students from North Carolina are in the graduating class. They are Miss Willa Dean Freeman, Belmont; Miss Joan Glover, Asheville; Miss Melba Hicks, Old Fort; Miss Blanche Hodge, Raleigh; Miss Sara McIntyre, Lumberton; Miss Betty Joyce Sanderlin, Windsor; and Miss Aileen Taylor, Hickory. All will receive the Master of Religious Education degree.

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Baptist Discussion Group Meets in Raleigh

A group of 40 Baptist laymen and ministers gathered at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, Monday and Tuesday, May 6 and 7, for fellowship and study. Worship was led by W. W. Hutchins and A. S. Tomlinson with Peyton Royal at the piano. Curtis Fitzgerald, N. C. State professor of philosophy and religion; Warren Carr, pastor of the Watts Street Baptist Church, Durham; Stewart Newman, professor of theology of Southeastern Theological Seminary; James T. Cleland, professor of preaching and dean of the Chapel, Duke University, and Robert E. Seymour, pastor of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, read papers and led discussion hours.

"Theological Implications of Existentialism" was a paper by Dr. Fitzgerald in which he reviewed the development of this philosophy of the modern mood and pointed out how Christian theologians have sought to make use of it toward a further understanding of Scripture. Mr. Carr read a paper in which he sought to discover true Christian bases for our church life and for Christian stewardship.

Monday night Dr. Newman opened up the discussion of "The Nature of the Church" as the form of faith as he graphically described the Apostolic Church movements indicated in the New Testament. Dr. Cleland concluded the evening with his discussion of "Biblical Preaching and the Contemporary Mood." He especially treated the high interest in New Testament Apocalyptic evident today.

The concluding paper was read Tuesday morning by Dr. Seymour on "The Art and Technique of Public Worship." All worship should be to the glory of God. It does not have to be in the same form or order but every medium of worship should be used "decently and in order." He treated the importance of the Ordinances of Baptism and The Lord's Supper in the worship of a church.

Following each paper, an hour of discussion brought out vital questions regarding the area of study in which the entire group took active part.

Moderators of the various sessions were W. W. Finlator, Ben S. Lynes and A. S. Tomlinson. John C. Gill was program chairman.

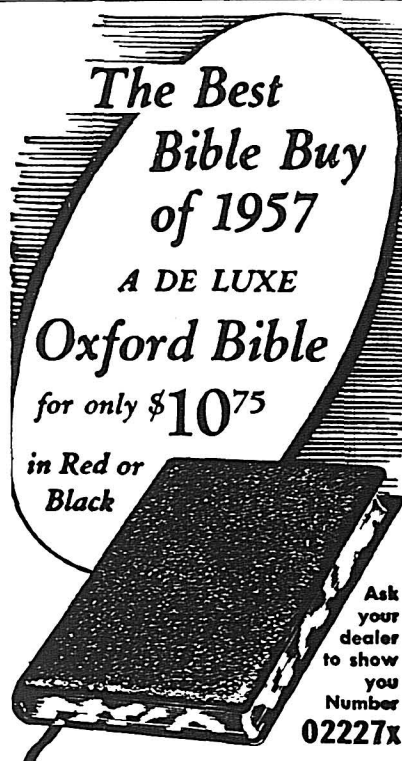
The Baptist Discussion Group has no formal membership. Anyone interested in the areas under discussion is invited. From the group attending committees are chosen to prepare for the next meeting. The costs of the meetings are borne by those attending. Tentative plans indicate next October 14 and 15 as the dates of the next sessions.

Two areas of contemporary concern will be among the papers presented, "Christianity and the Segregation-Integration of the Races"

and "Effective Means for Reaching Marginal Economic and Cultural Groups of Our People." Time and place and program personnel will be announced and everyone interested is invited to participate.

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Briefs from Beyond Our Borders

By K.M.

"By My Spirit" is the title of a new color motion picture which takes the audience on a tour of Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. The viewer visits the three schools of the seminary— theology, religious education, music—and sees student activities while in school as well as the field of service entered after graduation. The film is sponsored by the office of Promotion and Endowment, L. B. Reavis, director. A nominal service fee of \$1.00 is charged for its use. The film may be ordered from L. B. Reavis, Box 6837, Fort Worth, Texas.

The American Bible Society reports from its New York headquarters that the Southern Baptists are second in giving financial support to the Society. During 1956 Southern Baptists contributed \$120,732 to the work of translating, publishing, and distributing Bibles and portions of Scriptures carried on by the Society. The Methodist Church was the only denomination giving more than Southern Baptists—\$174,447. Northern Presbyterians (U.S.A.) followed Southern Baptists with gifts amounting to \$73,583.

The American Bible Society works independently, but receives support from about 50 denominations in addition to contributions from private donors. Southern Baptist Convention support comes from local churches. The Convention itself does not appropriate any funds from its budget. But a report of the work of the Society is given by one of its representatives at the meeting of the Convention each year.

Texas Baptists are planning to honor Dr. John L. Hill by constructing an amphitheater at their Palacios Assembly Ground and naming it for him. Dr. Hill, retired book editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., was vesper service speaker at the Palacios Assembly for many years.

Southern Baptists in Michigan are planning to organize a state Baptist convention in October or November, we learn from Baptist Press. Fred Hubbs, superintendent of missions for Motor Cities Baptist Association in Detroit, says it seems certain that there will be more than 50 churches when the convention is organized. Most of the churches in Michigan which cooperate with Southern Baptists are located in the metropolitan Detroit area.



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roit area, which has a population of 4,000,000. At present the Arkansas Convention is sponsoring work in Michigan.

None of the churches which are to form the convention in Michigan withdrew from another Baptist group, but all were formed by Southern Baptist people who have moved into Michigan.

Southern Baptists in New York City—Baptist Press reports that the first regularly-scheduled preaching services ever conducted by a group of Southern Baptists in New York City were held May 5. Ray Roberts, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, preached at the first service. Worship services are being held in rented chapel of the Y.M.C.A. in downtown Manhattan.

Plans have been made to organize a Sunday school. Prayer services have been held in homes of Southern Baptists since February. A church in Niagara Falls, N. Y., which was organized from a mission begun by Alabama Baptists, has cooperated with the Ohio state convention since June, 1955.

Dr. J. W. MacGorman, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, has been invited by the presidents of five Baptist seminaries in South America to deliver lectureships this summer. The project, sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, during the period between May 20 and June 28 will take Dr. MacGorman to Recife and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Santiago, Chile, and Cali, Colombia. He will also spend several days at Bible Institute in Montevideo, Uruguay, and visit mission stations in Venezuela, Peru, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Mexico before returning to the United States.

K. D. Ellis Gets Citation

Hamlet First Church. Dr. J. B. Willis, pastor, conferred the special honor of a citation for service upon K. D. Ellis, at the morning service Sunday, April 7. Mr. Ellis, who retired about two years ago from his regular work, has devoted such time and energy to his church in so many channels of service that the pastor and congregation saw fit to confer upon him the citation for outstanding service.

Kinnett Memorial Dedicates Library

One of the features of the 13th annual home-coming of Kinnett Memorial Church in Burlington, May 5, was the dedication of the new Webster Memorial Library. It is named in honor of W. B. Webster, a lifetime deacon of the church, one of whose dreams had been a church library. After his death his children made a substantial gift and requested their pastor to do what seemed practical towards the establishment of a library. The church accepted the recommendation to add the ministry of the library and secured the services of Miss Addie Mae Cook, church librarian with the Baptist Book Store. She brought the message on April 28, and spent the 29th training workers for the library. Fifty books were processed on that day, representing a well-rounded initial church library.

John H. Waugh, Jr., is pastor.

Minister Ordained



Emmett Stepp was ordained to the Gospel ministry on February 24, 1957, at Pleasant Ridge Church of Swainsville. Rev. W. G. Camp gave the charge, Rev. R. P. Hamby preached the ordination sermon, Rev. A. R. Hastings presented the Bible, and Rev. A. A. Walker, missionary of the South Fork Association, led the prayer of ordination.

Mr. Stepp, a graduate of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, is now pastor of the Leonard's Fork Church at Crouse in the South Fork Association.

Good News from Mt. Beulah Church

Rev. H. B. Alexander of Gaffney, S. C., was visiting preacher in a successful revival which began April 21 and closed April 28 at Mt. Beulah Church, Route 1, Bessemer City, writes Pastor E. Ray Scism. There were several additions to the membership and a number of rededications on the part of church members. Attendance in Sunday school on April 28 broke all records since 1916.

Easter Sunday marked the fourth anniversary of Mr. Scism's pastorate at Mt. Beulah. During the four years the church has gone

from one service a week to a full-time program, a Training Union has been organized, the rotating system of deacons initiated, and a unified church budget adopted. Physical improvements include the laying of a beautiful carpet on the floor of the church auditorium and the building of a beautiful brick parsonage. "All of these steps forward could not have been accomplished without the faithfulness of the good people of the church, and their dedication to the Master's work," writes the pastor.

Altamahaw Church Observes Youth Week

Altamahaw Church observed its first Youth Week, April 7 through April 14, with young people filling all the important official positions in the church. In the morning service on April 7 Youth Week was officially opened by the presentation of large keys to the following:

Bobby Goodman, youth pastor; Henry Jones, Jr., Sunday school superintendent; Rhonnie Smith, Training Union director; Junior Ward, David Smith, Buddy Smith, Billy Phillips, Leon Simmons, and Richard Smith, deacons; Patricia Younger, WMU president; Frieda Setzer, clerk; Roy Wallace, chorister; Iris Wallace and Kay Goodman, pianists; Bobby Younger, Rufus Fargis, Joe Walters, Norman Fargis, Bobby Truett, ushers.

During the week the young people served as leaders in the church with the youth pastor, Bobby Goodman, speaking at the Wednesday night service. All the youth filled the choir each service with Pastor Howard Smith bringing the messages. The Primary and Junior boys and girls had reserved seats at each service.

On Sunday, April 14, the youth still held the places of leadership in the Sunday school, Training Union, and other organizations. At the conclusion of the Sunday night service the youth pastor and youth leaders returned the symbols of leadership to the pastor and adult leaders, after which Pastor Howard Smith expressed his thanks and appreciation to all those who had helped to make this a successful week at Altamahaw.

Phi Theta Kappa Initiates Outstanding Students at Wingate College

The Phi Theta Kappa Chapter of Wingate College has just held its spring initiation, and the following members were initiated into the fraternity: C. J. Browne, Jr., Asheboro; Carl Thomas Jarrell, Wadesboro; Patricia Littleton, Lilesville; Edwin L. Lowery, Jr., Wingate; Herbert Donald Maynard, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Gayle Melton, Monroe; Jeanette McDonald, Rockingham; Carolyn Susan Taylor, Lancaster, S. C.; James Floyd Turner, Jr., Wadesboro; Grace Yvonne Underwood, Wingate; and Wade Wright, Gastonia. Phi Theta Kappa is a national honorary scholastic fraternity for junior colleges, comparable to Phi Beta Kappa in senior colleges.

Following the initiation, the group went to the Albert Restaurant of Charlotte and enjoyed a very fine dinner. The students were accompanied by Doctor and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Sam Gaddy, and Edwin Cheek, faculty sponsors.

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