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A Portion of the Second Largest Baptist Convention Crowd in All History

Not until 1902 did Southern Baptists pass the 1,000 registration mark at annual Conventions; and that year the Southern Convention met in Asheville, N. C. And not until 1952 in Miami, Florida, did the registered messengers exceed 11,000. Again in Miami in 1955, the registration exceeded 11,000, the highest in history except at Houston, Texas, in 1953.

Here we see only a portion of the inspiring spectacle at Miami a few days ago, as the Wednesday morning session was under way. Thousands of Baptists from many states and even foreign lands, all bound together in faith and practices by the great doctrines shared by all who compose this mighty host, make a spectacular picture not soon to be forgotten. Here they listen to the annual convention sermon, this year preached by Dr. Monroe Swilley, Jr., of Atlanta, Georgia.

Highways of Happiness

By Lou Rogers, Fayetteville

NOTE: *Pastor and Mrs. Louis S. Gaines and Misses Rogers and Covington of the First Church, Fayetteville, found much beauty as they journeyed to Glorieta and the Grand Canyon. Perhaps others who plan a trip to our western assembly at Glorieta, New Mexico, will find helpful suggestions in Miss Rogers' travelogue.*—EDITOR.

The trip from Fayetteville, North Carolina, to Glorieta, New Mexico, last July was a dream come true. Irene Covington and I had only asked for Glorieta, and the extended trip to Grand Canyon was simply beyond our realm of aspirations. We, the church educational director and I, had dreamed of Glorieta for more than a year and determined to go there when summer came again. June returned and we learned that our dream was initiated, but even then it seemed that, for us, Glorieta was to remain only a dream.

The Southern Baptist Convention, unaware that we even existed, made the dream a reality. It appointed our pastor, Rev. Louis S. Gaines, a member of the Home Mission Board and asked him to meet with that body in Glorieta. There just wasn't any way out. Mr. and Mrs. Gaines had Irene and me on their hands. We hugged each other at our good luck.

Irene had planned to take a group of young people to Ridgecrest, but she arranged for other counselors to take over during the last two days of that conference, and go with us from Ridgecrest.

Sunday night in the home of my pastor and his wife was a delightful experience but it seemed that I had hardly closed my eyes before he called me at 4:30 Monday morning. The spirit of adventure, helped by coffee and fruit juice, overcame my yawns and by five o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Gaines and I were on our way.

Three hours later we were at breakfast with my brother and his wife in Salisbury. In four hours more we had picked up Irene, bag and baggage, at Ridgecrest and were on our way to Asheville for lunch.

Across the Mountains

A motto from a building at Ridgecrest, "God, give me hills to climb and strength to climb them," went with us as we crossed the Blue Ridge, the Great Smokies, the Cumberlands, the Ozarks and a little of the Rockies.

Sometimes we simultaneously repeated the words of the psalmist, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

Ducktown and the Copperhills are so desolate that they are not easily forgotten. Our hearts were saddened by what copper mining had done to once beautiful hills; but not for long; we had heard that Tennessee's Department of Conservation and Development was planning to reclaim these barren hills.

High up in the mountains another sight filled us with wonder. The Flume, a wooden aqueduct, carrying its load of water to the TVA Dam, seemed to race along beside us as we traveled the mountain highway to Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Even though Glorieta had to be reached by Friday noon, Lookout Mountain was "a must." The Incline Railway, steepest railway in the world, fascinated us. Irene was immediately ready for the ride; the Gaines thought they might enjoy it; I wasn't so sure. A giddy head and a queasy body aren't fun on a dizzy ride, but neither is a spoil sport. I looked at the people commuting to work on the Incline Railway and realized that if they could take it, I could too, and took the plunge with my fellow-travelers.

It was an exciting ride down the mountain. The car with its astra-dome roof offered glorious views of the surrounding mountains. The trip back up the incline was just as breathtaking and just as beautiful. Afterwards, I thought how much of the beauty and adventure of life we sometimes miss because we fear to take the plunge.

Point Park on Lookout Mountain with its interesting monuments, delightful walks and unusual views, looking out over famous battlefields and the Moccasin Bend of the Tennessee River, would have held our interest much longer, but we just had to see Rock City, too.

Rock City with its natural loveliness, including the deer park, provided one squeal of delight after another.

Each separate little grotto in the Fairyland Caverns brought a thrill of joy but Rub-a-Dub-Dub, Three Men in a Tub, kept us chuckling several days later when crossing

Ground Breaking at Temple Church, Fayetteville

Pictured above, left to right, are M. C. Downing, W. J. Faircloth, R. E. McDaniel, M. M. Beard and L. A. Dunham (members of the building committee), Rev. Tom Walters, associational secretary, and Malbert Smith, Jr., pastor.

Ground-breaking services for the addition of an auditorium to Temple Church were observed on Sunday, May 8.

Located on South Plymouth St., Fayetteville, the church was organized in 1950 and now has a membership of 405.

On August 11, 1954, a note-burning service was held, signifying the elimination of all indebtedness on the educational unit, constructed in 1952.

Connected to the educational unit, the new structure, designed by Major Saunders and Dudley Maxwell, will cost approximately $45,000 and accommodate slightly over 500 people.

The ground-breaking service was opened with scripture reading by Malbert Smith, Jr., pastor, followed in prayer led by Rev. Tom Walters, New South River associational secretary. Each member of the building committee participated in the breaking of the ground and the service was concluded with prayer led by Malbert Smith, Sr., father of the pastor.

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the desert. Thoughtful Mrs. Gaines took along a thermos jug and plastic glasses for each one. Every time the pastor became waterboy and iced up the jug, he reminded us of Rub-a-Dub-Dub.

The second night we made it to Memphis, Tennessee. There we stopped because we wanted to cross the Mississippi in daylight. Mr. and Mrs. Gaines had traveled most of these highways before, but they didn't want Irene and me to miss anything that might afford us happiness.

West of the Mississippi

Traveling across Arkansas from the Mississippi River at Memphis to the Arkansas River at Fort Smith caused us to miss much of Arkansas's beauty, but it was necessary to take the shortest route. We ate lunch in Russellville where the thermometer stood at 115 degrees. While the heat didn't make for highway happiness, the lunch did. We sang songs, told jokes, asked riddles, played travel games and had so much fun that we almost forgot the heat. On our return trip through Arkansas, we traveled through the rice country and found it most beautiful. First impressions of states, as of people, are *not* necessarily correct.

Once the pastor let it be known in a very subtle way that he did not care for gossip. We were taking turns telling incidents about interesting people we had known. Mr. Gaines told about one of his teachers who had written a book of poems and then gave his favorite number from that book:

"Oh she had a tongue,
Like the tail of a skunk,
And whenever it swung
The whole neighborhood stunk."

That little poem isn't exactly beautiful but if scientists can take those horrible little glands from the skunk and use them in making precious perfumes, at least one person who listened can take that homely little verse and use its truth in building a lovelier character.

Soon after entering Oklahoma a strange sight met our eyes. For miles and miles black caterpillars had woven webs in the trees. Soon the leaves would be eaten and the trees spoiled. Along this highway though, there were no ugly or unhappy thoughts to weave webs, like black caterpillars, into our trip and spoil it.

On our return journey a grasshopper army in Texas had devoured the grass and was making for the corn further up the highway. For miles their bouncing bodies jumped along the road we traveled. These seemingly harmless little insects, like uncontrolled habits, had multiplied until they had caused complete destruction to fields sown with good seed.

As we traveled toward Oklahoma City the sun bade us goodnight. It seemed as if that magnificent sunset burst forth in all its glory for our special benefit. With one accord we repeated the psalmist, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

When that great ball of fire had gone down in the west its afterglow slowly diffused the clouds with rainbow colors which gradually disappeared. That sunset seemed to bestow a special blessing upon us, and around us until we entered the city.

Oklahoma City is different from any other city. The oil wells sprouting up right in the middle of town (even among the beautiful government buildings), and the pumps (like plugging old mules continually forced to work), sound like neither beauty nor happiness, but both are there. Oklahoma City is like a delightful old lady whose beautiful face is marred by the scars of life, but who wears her scars in such a way that they make her personality even more wonderful. The tapering shrubbery stands like little old ladies-in-waiting, their hair piled high on their proud heads.

Before we left we took a look at the public buildings and the huge Baptist Church. Dr. H. H. Hobbs, the pastor, was scheduled to preach at Glorieta during our stay there. Several months later, Mr. Gaines taught a study course from Dr. Hobbs' new book, "Studies in Hebrews," and we remembered with gladness that we had seen his church and heard him preach.

As we sped on our way, the highway delighted us with continuing glimpses of tapering shrubbery, and of beautiful Oberholser Lake, to which cranes and buffaloes added enchantment.

Brush arbors invited us to stop and eat cold watermelon in the shade, a new wrinkle for Irene and me. We found that preachers and preachers' wives like watermelon even better than fried chicken and our preacher even accommodated us with a preacher-watermelon joke to add to our merriment.

Texas, with its brush arbors, oil wells and pumps, grain elevators, sagebrush and mesquite shrubs, mesas and ranges, brought forth "Deep in the Heart of Texas," even though we never did get very deep in Texas. The many arroyos along the way reminded us of the frustration in lives in which the Living Water is no longer present. The cattle ranges brought to mind: "The beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills"; and the flocks of sheep brought forth, "The pastures are clothed with flocks," and "We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture"; also, the 23rd Psalm but we wondered where all the shepherds were, for these sheep seemed to have none.

Our thoughts were not always serious ones though and often the ridiculous added laughter to our journey. Once the haystacks and cattle brought forth,

"Little Boy Blue,
Come blow your horn,
The sheep are in the meadow
The cows are in the corn.

"Where is the little boy
Who looks after the sheep?
He's under the haystack
Fast asleep."

The real little boy by the haystack did not wake up, but he sent the travelers into a session of Mother Goose rhymes, and the pastor seemed to enjoy starting the next one even more than the simpler-minded passen-

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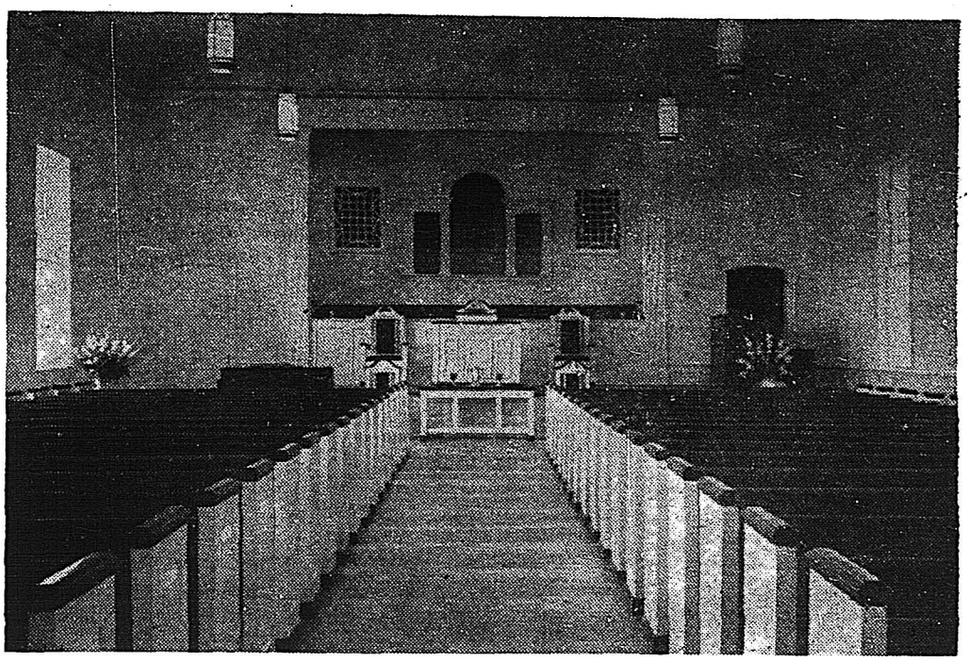

First Church, Madison, Dedicated

On Sunday, May 1, the new sanctuary of the First Church of Madison was dedicated in an impressive service. Rev. Paul E. Brunner is pastor.

The messages of the afternoon were brought by two former pastors of the church who were instrumental in the success of the building program, Rev. E. T. Parham, now pastor of the Robbins Church, and Rev. Willard Brown, presently pastor of the First Church, Callahan, Florida. The moderator of the Dan Valley Association, Rev. Paul Hardy, of Reidsville, offered the prayer.

This dedication service brought to a conclusion two phases of a building program begun in 1951 by the erection of an educational building to which was added the new sanctuary. The final phase of the program will be the construction of a children's building, necessary to meet the needs of a growing church in a rapidly growing community.

All phases of the work of this 114-year-old church have begun to grow, both in numbers and in spiritual effectiveness, meeting with a new fervor the religious needs of a new era.

Editorial Brevities

THE BULLETIN of Byne Memorial Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, Dr. C. Robert Pittard, pastor, carries the news that May 1 was the seventh anniversary of Dr. Pittard at this church. During the seven-year period there have been 1,650 members received into the church, 629 of whom were received upon profession of faith. The bulletin of May 1 carried a special message of appreciation from the church to the pastor for his able and faithful service during these seven years.

Dr. and Mrs. Pittard were formerly from North Carolina. Dr. Pittard served as pastor of Olive Chapel Church for a period several years ago.

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WE HAVE RECEIVED an attractive brochure from Winston-Salem entitled "*Invitation to Action—for Salem.*" sent out by Salem Academy and College. These two institutions were established by the Moravian Church 183 years ago, in 1772.

President Dale H. Gramley and the trustees of Salem are in the midst of a campaign to raise the necessary money for the construction of three new buildings totaling $1,200,000 in cost and at least $1,000,000 in endowment. Friends and supporters of the school are being invited to contribute to this worthy cause. This attractive brochure tells the story of the needs and opportunities.

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THE AMERICAN Baptist Convention, at its annual meeting in Atlantic City named a 90-year-old woman, the widow of a clergyman, Mrs. Sunday School Teacher of 1955.

She is Mrs. J. J. Bristow of Lincoln, Neb., who has achieved a record of 76 years in Sunday school classrooms. Mrs. Bristow is still teaching a class of women in Lincoln's Second Baptist Church. Once she taught a group of "lifers" at Nebraska State Penitentiary and organized an orchestra for them.

A telegram from President Eisenhower to Mrs. Bristow crowned the occasion. The President said:

"Spanning three-quarters of a century, your devoted service as a Sunday school teacher typifies the endeavor of all those who, without thought of personal gain, give themselves to the teaching of religious truth and to the strengthening of the moral character of our people."

We were glad to see in Religious News Service the account of this honor to Mrs. Bristow. She must be a very remarkable woman.

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"WE ARE STILL making history every time we meet," said Alvin Boone, president of the Alumni Association of Southeastern Seminary. He was making a short talk at the Seminary Alumni breakfast held at the Columbus Hotel, Miami, Florida, May 19, during the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. This was the first Convention-wide meeting of Southeastern Seminary alumni and friends, and, although the first, it was a very successful one and largely attended. This success came about through the wide-awake and alert leadership of President S. L. Stealey and his administrative assistant, Ben C. Fisher.

In addition to alumni, a good many prominent guests and friends had been invited. Although the Seminary is only four years old, it has already 161 alumni. It is expected that there will be 400 students enrolled next year. President Stealey said that the faculty in discussing the matter had tentatively decided that about 750 students each year would be perhaps an ideal number for the future. The idea is to have a good seminary rather than a very large one.

Mr. Fisher served as breakfast chairman. The editor of the RECORDER led the invocation. President S. L. Stealey gave an address of welcome and recognized the guests present. He said that he would welcome the students first of all. Dr. Perry Crouch, chairman of the Board of Trustees, made brief remarks, speaking of the beautiful and magnificent campus and able faculty which the Seminary has already. Dr. Stealey said that among the improvements planned after the move of Wake Forest College to Winston-Salem in June, 1956, will be the building of the cafeteria, and the renovation of the chapel and the library building.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Lucius Polhill, executive secretary of Virginia Baptists.

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Offering June 26

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SIX YEARS AGO Sunday, May 29, Temple Church, Raleigh, was organized in the auditorium of the Murphey School building, Raleigh, with 108 original members. Before the charter membership was closed there were 165 members. This number has steadily increased until now there is a membership of 600. From the beginning there has been a well organized Sunday school, Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Union. After about a year the Brotherhood was added, and two years ago a graded music program.

This sixth anniversary was observed May 29 with the recognition of all charter members present, and also the recognition of those who have come into the fellowship of the church since the anniversary service a year ago. More than 100 people have been added during the past year.

Since it was the sixth anniversary, in setting goals for May 29, the church played on the figure six, with 626 as the number set for Sunday school attendance on that date. Two hundred six was the goal for Training Union attendance, and $2,600 plus the offering goal. This special offering will provide money for improvement of physical properties and the completion of work on a new building. Special plans have been made for the improvement of parking facilities.

We extend greetings and congratulations to Pastor G. W. Bullard, the church staff, and the entire membership of the church for the unusual growth and progress of the church during the past six years. It is expected that Temple will be one of the largest churches in the City of Raleigh in a few years.

In addition to Mr. Bullard, the church staff and officers consist of Miss Isabelle Knott, minister of music and church secretary; Mrs. W. A. Keith, elementary supervisor and director of the day school; Bert H. Montague, chairman of the deacons; Mrs. J. L. Stough, organist; Rex. L. Hayes, Sunday school superintendent; G. A. Tannery, Training Union director; Mrs. George H. Newsome, W.M.U. president; and C. H. Denning, Brotherhood president.

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ATTENDANCE at the Alumni Luncheon of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary held in the Municipal Auditorium, Miami, Florida, during the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the largest in history. There were approximately 1,200 alumni and friends present.

Dr. H. Guy Moore, Fort Worth, Texas, president of the Alumni Association, presided. The blessing was by Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon. Dr. H. I. Hester of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, new President of the Board of Trustees, brought greetings.

He spoke of the progress and development of the Seminary and the high quality of the faculty. Dr. Dotson Nelson, Jr., gave a humorous and effective presentation of the Living Endowment program. The class of 1905 was recognized. This included our own Dr. J. Clyde Turner of North Carolina. Special music was presented by a quartet under the direction of Dean Forrest Heeren of the School of Music of the Seminary.

President Duke McCall was given an ovation by the large assembly as he arose to speak. He spoke of the desire to have the Southern Baptist Convention meet in Louisville, Kentucky, during the Centennial Year of the Seminary in 1959 and stated that the Centennial project of the Seminary will be the building of a new library building. He stated that the library is the center-piece in the new pattern of theological education. He said that the present faculty of the Seminary is the best in all its history. An emphasis is being placed first of all on loyalty to Christ, then to Truth, and then to the Seminary. He urged that we learn to stand off objectively and let God speak to us through his Word and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Seminary must seek to form a bridge between the faith and devotion of the masses of our Baptist people and true scholarship.

New officers elected at the meeting are: Dotson Nelson, Jr., president; Robert E. Lee, Eureka man; W. E. Denham, Jr., vice-president; and Chas. Harmon, secretary-treasurer.

The benediction was pronounced by Professor Ernest Loessner.

Dr. Robert N. Elliott, professor of history at Gardner-Webb College, has written a book entitled "The Raleigh Register 1799-1863," published in May by the University of North Carolina Press. The book is a study of this influential ante-bellum newspaper published in Raleigh by the Gales family. Dr. Elliott, a native of Charlotte, has been a member of the Gardner-Webb faculty for two years.

'Tis easier to scatter than to gather.—*Gaelic Proverb.*

EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

Miami Greets Great Religion Gathering

GREATER MIAMI welcomes the Southern Baptist Convention which opened yesterday at Dinner Key auditorium.

An estimated 15,000 persons are here for the four-day meeting. We hope that they will not be perturbed by the rains which greeted their arrival. We are confident they will be glad with us that a long drought was broken.

Miami is happy that one of the nation's great religion groups has elected to meet here.

There are some 700,000 persons who live here the year-round within sight of our courthouse.

They are God-fearing, industrious, home-loving, church-building people.

The presence here of the Southern Baptist Convention attests to that phase of our community living, too frequently obscured elsewhere by the recreation appeals of our unparalleled subtropic attractions.

The meeting now in session is a sort of benediction for this youthful, vigorous, rapidly growing community. We hope the convention remembers us kindly and comes back again.

—Editorial in *The Miami Herald,* May 19, 1955.

Salute to the New President

ALL WHO READ the daily papers must know by this time that Casper Carl Warren, pastor of the First Church, Charlotte, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention in its recent meeting in Miami. His election was no surprise to most of the people who have kept a close eye on the Convention during the past two or three years. Dr. Warren has been growing rather rapidly in popularity and in usefulness to the Convention during the past several years. He has held many positions of honor and responsibility in our state work and in the Southern Convention.

Dr. Warren is a former president of our Baptist State Convention (1946-47), a former vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is president of the Convention's Executive Committee.

We do not need to give information about Dr. Warren. All that is necessary is for us to salute him as he takes on this wide and important place of leadership and wish him Godspeed. We can safely predict that he will make an able and successful president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Warren is a man full of energy and strong in his convictions. He is richly endowed with many gifts and is well educated. He holds both a law degree and A.B. from Wake Forest College and he is a graduate of the Southern Seminary, having received the degrees of Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology. Ouachita College, in Arkansas, and Wake Forest College later added the Doctor of Divinity degree.

Dr. Warren is pictured as being a man who will scrap for his convictions, yet he is no fanatic. His record as pastor of the First Church, Charlotte, for twelve years proves him an able and constructive minister. He has always been an evangelistic pastor. He baptized 226 persons last year. His church has been the major factor in an associational program that has organized 17 churches in these 12 years. It now sponsors six chapels of its own. The church also has sent out 68 of its young people into full-time Christian service or to educate themselves for such service. Of this number, two are on mission fields and 14 are in pastorates.

The church budget has gone from $30,000 to $246,000—and the budget is usually raised in one day and never requires more than one week.

The membership is 3,665. This is an accurate record, too, which is not always true of churches. In fact, 1,200 names were dropped early in Dr. Warren's pastorate.

But this is enough talk about Dr. Warren at the present time. Let us salute him and wish him Godspeed. We shall hear much more about him during the next two years as he takes the central place of leadership in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"How Was the Convention This Time?

VERY FEW Southern Baptist church members ever attend an annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and yet the attendance every year is large. In fact, one of the biggest problems which we face is the size of the convention. This was clearly evident during the recent meeting of the convention in Miami, Florida.

There are 8,169,491 Southern Baptist church members. This means that at least 8,154,491 of these members did not attend the recent Miami convention. A usual question which a messenger hears when he returns home from the convention is, "Well, how was the convention this time?" We are glad to give a few comments and interpretations.

As we have just indicated, the attendance, as usual, was very large this year. The total of registered messengers and visitors was 11,046. It was estimated that Dinner Key Auditorium would seat approximately 12,000 people, but many thought that it would not seat over 10,000. This auditorium was some five miles from downtown Miami. The cost of the auditorium was said to be $2,000,000, but it didn't look as if it cost $2,000,000. It looked more like a temporary tabernacle. There was very little space for the meetings of committees and other groups. The space used by the book store and the long rows of other exhibits was a long hall just outside the main auditorium and with practically nothing to keep out the noise, even the view of the crowds milling through this exhibit room.

In a public address Dr. L. E. Barton said very frankly that Miami was the worst city in the United States in which to hold the Southern Baptist Convention. He stated later that he didn't mean any particular disparagement of Miami, but he did feel that the Convention should meet in a city with a better auditorium and one more convenient to get to from other points of the city. This statement did good to stir up "the city fathers" and business leaders to do something about it. They took the statement apparently in good spirit and began to take action at once to provide a better auditorium. In fact, the MIAMI DAILY NEWS on Thursday morning of Convention week came out with a big headline, "BIG CONVENTION HALL FOR AREA IS PUSHED—a three-pronged campaign to provide a centrally-located 25,000-capacity convention hall swung into motion today." Miami has numerous hotels, and with an adequate auditorium it would be equipped to take care of a convention in a highly satisfactory way. The other big handicap would still remain—the fact that Miami is situated far out on the corner of Southern Convention territory.

The Convention in Miami was a very good one, but there was

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Counselor's Corner

By R. Lofton Hudson

Plagued by Doubts

QUESTION: I have recurring doubts about my salvation. There are times when I feel the Lord's love and presence, but the times when I doubt, usually after reading something explaining salvation in detail, are a horror. It even causes physical nausea and almost paralyzes me.

How can I know for certain that I am saved?

ANSWER: Individuals who have never been plagued by such doubts will never understand you. They will insert a coin Scripture into the slot of your mind and expect you to hit the jackpot of assurance.

Assurance, which is your need, is hard for some people. I have three suggestions.

First, realize that your salvation rests upon a Person. As Martin Luther said, "Let Him who died for my soul see to the saving of it." God is love. He does not change just because you have mood swings. Drop a rock into a clear pool which reflects the moon and it will appear that the moon is shattered. But it hasn't been. The moon, like God, stays the same. Read I John 3:20.

Second, rely upon the promises of God. They are *plain, concerning salvation.* If you trust God to do what he has promised to do, the best you know how, God does the rest. Read John 1:12, 3:16 and Romans 10:9, 10, and I John 5:10-13.

Finally, obedience brings assurance. Read John 7:17 and I John 2:3, 3:24. If you have an unreasonable conscience, your inner demands will be absurd. No one can feel secure with a tyrannical conscience. But prompt obedience, action instead of dreams and hopes, will bring about assurance as spring rains bring up the flowers.

God understands your doubts, and does not blame you.

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

Five Years of Growth in the Biltmore Church, June, 1950—June, 1955

Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Fisher began their sixth year with the Biltmore Church, Asheville, on the first of June.

According to the records there have been about 300 new members received during this period, making the present membership 600, with 30 of these members coming in the last revival, April 10-24, when the pastor did the preaching. The spiritual life of the church has been strengthened as well as numbers added.

Many repairs and improvements have been made in the physical property of the church during the five-year period. The total cost of all repairs and alterations and new equipment has amounted to $20,000.

Contributions received for all purposes amount to $50,000. The giving to all mission causes has been increased greatly. It is hoped that construction of a much needed educational building will begin in the near future. The people feel that God has blessed them during these years, and they pray for his leading and blessing in the future.

Youth Revival Teams of Gardner-Webb College

Shown in the photo are, left to right:

First row: Diana Beam, Jo Ann Mask, Faye Wilson, Charlotte Carroll, Clara Nix, Virginia Singleton.

Second row: Mazelene Carter, Gay Fisher, Joyce Stephenson, Barbara Wall, Marie Brittain, Vera Rose, Bob Ledford.

Third row: Miss Starnes, Sue Hutchins, Ruth York, Betty Barker, Shelia Mayberry, Ruth Whitesides, Jack Drye.

Fourth row: Jo Ann Rollins, Mary McSwain, Nancy Barnes, Mary Calloway, Janet Walker, Peggie Harmon, Mildred Peterson, Cynthia Covington, Boyce Freeman.

Fifth row: Thad Dowdle, Charles Moseley, Paul Sorrells, Bill Jones, Jim Sides, Larry Jones.

The Youth Revival Teams of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, directed by Miss Mabel Starnes under the auspices of the Church-Community development department, gave 62 programs in 29 churches during the school year, according to a statistical report submitted this week.

The teams gave 45 Sunday school department programs, 14 Training Union programs, and conducted three forums. A total of 58 students participated in the programs.

The report lists 21 conversions to Christ and 430 commitments to Christian service in churches visited during the year.

That Overweight of Yours

By S. L. Morgan, Sr.
Wake Forest

I've seldom read anything at once so pleasing and so significant as the two three-page articles on overweight, one "The Facts About Your Weight" in April *Reader's Digest;* the other, "Overweight Clinic—Cumberland County Health Department" in the April *North Carolina Health Bulletin.* They are so "pleasing" and so "significant" precisely because they show that health authorities both nationally and locally are undertaking definitely to head off one of the most fruitful causes of disease and premature decay and death; namely, overweight. That's both economy and statesmanship.

Doctors and life insurance companies have proved beyond all doubt that overweight is a major cause of sickness and disease and death. The *Reader's Digest* article carries this warning to millions from a leading Harvard specialist. *The North Carolina Health Bulletin* tells the intriguing story of how one county successfully is attracting patients to an "overweight clinic" to take off the weight that endangers health and life.

And actually the remedy is found to be easy. I dare to testify. My own brother, a minister normally almost the same height and weight as myself, took on in late middle life 50 pounds too much weight—and died many years before his time. It became a danger signal to me. Lately I found myself 25 pounds overweight. All my life I had heard the proverb about "digging our graves with our teeth." And now health authorities were definitely proposing to help us stop the practice.

I was visiting. My hostess was "reducing." She called up her fine doctor for me. He said to me, "I think the same diet schedule I gave her will fit you." Her secretary made me a copy: eat certain things, omit certain things. I found it easy, with no sense of self-denial, much less of suffering. In three months the 25 pounds of excess baggage I had carried around was all gone. I have felt much better and fitter, and my self-esteem and my morale are improved. And I know how to *stay put*—if I am willing to seem a bit odd about my eating. And I think I am—willing to be a good example. And an eminent doctor tells me, "Don't let anyone tell you it is dangerous to do as you have; it's perfectly normal."

It is better to follow even the shadow of the best than to remain content with the worst.—*Copied.*

"HOW WAS THE CONVENTION THIS TIME?"

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a sense of handicap and frustration because of the auditorium and the distance which people had to travel to get to it. One pastor who honestly tried to get all he could from the program stated that he "didn't get much from the platform but he did get a great deal from fellowship with the brethren."

Miami gave a cordial reception to the Convention. The editorial which we publish in this issue is proof of this. The papers and the press services gave good coverage of the convention.

The convention this year was a constructive one. There were no great controversies or upheavals in the work. There was a rather strong discussion on the question of theological education, and a difference of opinion arose between those who believe that the Southern Convention should only support Southwide seminaries, whereas another group advocated the support of a few Baptist Bible institutes on the convention level. These institutes at present are supported by the states in which they are located, and they are set up for the training of ministers who have not had an opportunity to get a college education.

As usual the music at this convention was good. Again there was some handicap because a great number of people were not able to hear it well. Forrest H. Heeren, dean of the School of Music at Southern Seminary, was director of the music, and he did a good job. He had the assistance of many other musicians and college and seminary choirs. One of our North Carolina musicians, Paul Langston of St. John's Church, Charlotte, served as organist, assisted by Mrs. Heeren of Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Storer did a good job as president of the convention. Dr. Storer is an able and wise leader and has made an unusually good president during the past two years.

There were many outstanding addresses and sermons. President Storer's address was one of the best. The convention sermon by Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., of Atlanta, Georgia, was unusually good, showing vision and keenness of spiritual insight. We published most of this sermon in our issue of May 21.

It would be difficult to list all the great addresses. One of the best was by Winston Crawley of the Foreign Mission Board, Secretary for the Orient, who spoke on the subject, "Declaring His Glory in the Orient."

Other outstanding messages were "The Primacy of the Church in Missionary Advance" by Courts Redford; "Christian Education and Southern Baptists," by Senator Robert S. Kerr, Oklahoma; an address by Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, Kentucky, on the work of the Christian Life Commission; an address on seminary education by J. Howard Williams, Texas; "The House of the Righteous Shall Stand," by Dr. Perry F. Webb, Sr., Texas, during the Christian Home Hour; "Glorifying God Through the Church," by T. D. Price, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; and the message by Howard Butt, Texas, at the last session during the youth program on Saturday night.

Southern Baptist Convention Meets in Miami, Florida

General Theme: Giving God the Glory
"Let the Lord be glorified" (Isaiah 66:5).

By C. W. Bazemore

(Continued from last week)

DINNER KEY AUDITORIUM in Miami was well filled by opening time Thursday night, May 19, as Dr. Forrest Heeren led the assembled thousands in spirited singing of "Standing on the Promises," and "This Is My Story," followed by the excellent special music by the Oklahoma Baptist University male chorus. J. G. Miller of Tennessee read Scripture and led in prayer, using the passages from Isaiah 60:1-6 and 19-21.

L. S. Sedberry of Tennessee presented the report of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, and then presented the Seminary quartet for special music. President Ralph Riley addressed the Convention on the work and progress of this institution, and Miss Primrose Funches brought greetings from the National Baptist Convention and its president, Joseph Jackson.

Secretary Porter Routh presented Dr. Albert McClellan, director of publications, and Dr. Merrill Moore, secretary of promotion, of the Executive Committee. Dr. Moore presented the Promotion Report of the Executive Committee, which included also the report of the committee on world evangelization. Important recommendations were then adopted to include many far-flung emphases of Baptist work at home and abroad, such as the stewardship revivals of 1955, plans for the Church and Denomination Night in 1955, the new program of newspaper advertising, and reaffirmation of support and promotion of the entire Cooperative Program.

Dr. Moore' message was timely, vital, and inclusive. We quote: "Vast segments of American people are seeking and finding a new way of life. The slogan, 'Christ Is the Answer,' is fine, but the slogan alone is not the answer—the answer is in his life and teachings. Out of the pages of our Book of Reports we translate these aims and recommendations into the lives of his people—the Baptists."

He spoke on Church and Denomination Night; he touched vividly on the scope of service and glorious opportunities for Baptists as they support the Lord's great work through the Cooperative Program. The new film, "Together We Build," was shown, to the great interest of all present. It was an excellent film on stewardship and its fruits.

Work of the Home Mission Board

Dr. Courts Redford of the Home Mission Board led in prayer and introduced G. Frank Garrison, assistant secretary, who brought the report of that Board, and cited the great gains made since last year, and the many existing challenges. Hugh R. Bumpas of Oklahoma, vice-president of the Board, presided over the next feature of the program. Mrs. Ernest Geer of Arizona spoke on "What My Church Means to Me." Mrs. Geer, a converted Mormon, cited the vast Baptist opportunities in Western states, the aching needs for more mission work, and sang with deep feeling the solo, "How Long?" Robert W. Fields of Junction City, Kansas, spoke on "What a Church Means to My Family." Billy Osceola, Indian preacher of Okeechobee, Florida, spoke on "What Churches Mean to My People," emphasizing the great help Indian churches have received from the Home Mission Board.

Ray Roberts, general secretary of Southern Baptist work in Ohio, addressed the Convention on "What Churches Mean to Our Convention." He pointed out the fact of very heavy population in states like Ohio, where so many unchurched people wait for the Baptist message, and advised much greater Baptist mission work "out there where the fields are ready for harvest."

Dr. Courts Redford's splendid message on "The Primacy of the Church in Mission Advance" closed the inspiring Thursday night session with a high note of challenge and optimism for Baptist growth through its widely projected mission expansion.

We quote from his message: "The local church has always been at the center of the growth and expansion of Christianity. The church is primal in evangelism; it is primal in projecting missions, in establishing new churches in needy areas. The church is the most potent force in checking today's evil influences. Education, reformation, legislation, are not enough; only Christianity will suffice. We have at least 15,000 communities in the Southern Baptist territory that have no Baptist church of any kind. We must plant many new churches in many places.

"We must also seek to strengthen and reclaim churches that are dead or lost to the causes of our Baptist denomination. We

have about 2,000 churches that give nothing to missions of any kind; and about 5,000 churches reporting no baptisms. The local church must remain steadfast to the Word of God; it must lead in our enlistment, and it must be the mother of new churches and missions. The church must open the avenues of effective discipleship and Christian advance in all our great Kingdom work."

Dr. Redford spoke with great force and earnestness as he outlined the marvelous growth of Baptist work in its ever-expanding areas in the homeland.

Christian Education and Seminaries

Despite the continued heavy showers a large attendance was present for Friday morning's session. After the messengers sang "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Oh How I Love Jesus," Charles Standridge of Virginia read John 17:1-10 and led in prayer. A special telegram to the convention from President Dwight Eisenhower was read and President Storer sent a prompt reply of appreciation. Norman W. Cox of Tennessee presented the report of the Historical Commission, which was discussed by Harold E. Ingraham and Clifton J. Allen of Tennessee. These men cited interesting facts about the valuable materials now collected and available and the progress being made on the compiling of the Southern Baptist Encyclopedia.

Dr. Alfred Carpenter of the Chaplain's Commission was prevented by illness from being present. O. M. Seigler of Georgia brought the report of that commission and presented three chaplains—one each from the Army, Navy and Air Corps, who brought brief messages on their work. The Louisiana College Choir rendered two fine special numbers.

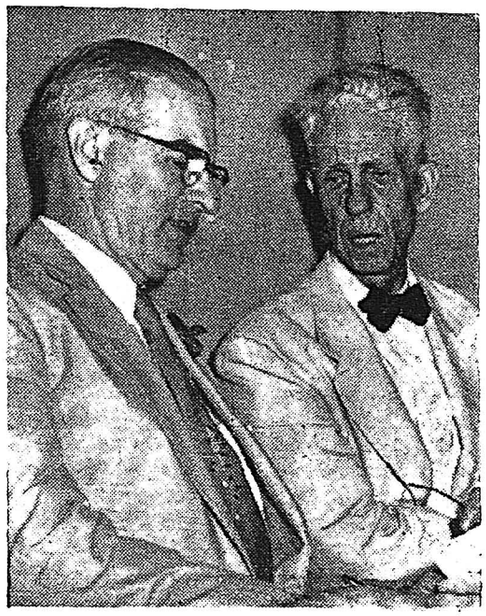
R. Orin Cornett of Tennessee, executive secretary of the Education Commission, brought the report of that commission, after which Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma brought a stirring message on "Christian Education and Southern Baptists." Combining wit, humor and reminiscence, the well-known Baptist senator spoke of his great love for Christian education, and for Baptist democracy. We quote briefly, "Germany, under Hitler, educated and trained scholars and scientists. Russia today is graduating over 50,000 a year as engineers and technicians and scholars, but remember they can have all knowledge, and if they have not love, they are nothing. Our democratic way of Baptist life demands educated, trained Christian leaders."

In view of the recent decision of the Argentine House of Deputies to separate church and state in that nation, L. E. Barton of Alabama introduced a resolution that the Convention heartily approve this "forward step toward religious freedom in Argentina," and that the secretary send a copy to President Peron. After some discussion from platform and floor, the matter was deferred for more study. It was pointed out that while all Baptists present generally approved, that the sending of such formal sentiments at the moment might hinder the relations and work of foreign missionaries in Latin America.

The report of the Southern Baptist seminaries, with Dr. Duke McCall presiding, reflected very encouraging gains from each one in physical plants, equipment, staff, and enrollments. Dr. McCall presented Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins of Louisville, Ky., who concluded his timely words about the Southern Seminary with announcement that Dr. Allen W. Graves of Oklahoma had been chosen as dean-elect of the Seminary's School of Religious Education. The five seminary reports were well presented by the following: Dr. Duke McCall, for Southern Seminary; President Roland Q. Leavell, for New Orleans Seminary; President S. L. Stealey for Southeastern Seminary; Robert A. Baker, faculty member, for Southwestern Seminary; President Harold K. Graves for Golden Gate Seminary.

At this point, the convention was led in the hearty singing of "Amazing Grace" by Dr. Heeren; and President J. Howard Williams of Southwestern Seminary brought a great message on "Seminaries and Spiritual Leadership." He spoke on behalf of all the Southern Baptist seminaries, and expressed deep gratitude for the students, the faculties, the trustees, and the Southern Baptists out in the local churches who teach and send their sons and daughters for training in special service, as ministers, missionaries, and other workers for Kingdom advance. He said that our seminaries must send forth men trained as administrators, some as scholars, many as preachers, evangelists—all having the central message of Christ and his redemptive power for the world.

"We now have more than 10,000 young ministers in training in our colleges and seminaries, and the needs and the numbers volunteering are increasing. What marvelous things God has done through preachers! A man of God, with conviction in his soul, the love of God in his heart, and the message of the Lord saturating his mind, can become literally the mouthpiece of the Lord," Dr. Williams declared.



"Time Out" for Congratulations Between Sessions

Even if the names were omitted, most Baptists of North Carolina would instantly recognize these two veteran Convention-goers, widely known and beloved across the length and breadth of this state. Dr. Casper Warren of Charlotte chats with General Secretary M. A. Huggins, often called the "Mr. Baptist" of North Carolina.

Dr. Warren was named as new president of the Convention at the recent sessions in Miami. Secretary Huggins, evidently pleased at the balloting of the Convention messengers, as were a host of other North Carolinians, offers a word of felicitation and congratulation to the Charlotte pastor and leader.

The Brotherhood and Christian Home Hour

The fine report and messages concerning the expanding work of the Brotherhood and the Christian Home Hour featured the Friday night session. The session opened with Scripture and prayer by Marion Perry of Mississippi. We quote a few outstanding facts revealed: 956 new Brotherhoods were organized in 1954. There are now 274,348 men enrolled in Brotherhoods in the 8,732 churches that have the organization. Great gains have been made, interest is mounting over the South in the Brotherhood movement.

Donald Adcock of Hendersonville brought a fine message in personal testimony as to "What the Brotherhood of My Church Has Meant to Me." Randy Dean Royal Ambassador on duty as page at the Convention, gave a fine testimony on the influence of the R.A. work in his life thus far, as he declared that the fellowship with other boys and the increased understanding in his mind of all Baptist work were some of the benefits from his R.A. experience.

Joe W. Burton, editor of *Home Life*, presided for the Christian Home Hour. The youngest couple present in point of marriage, and the oldest married couple were given special platform recognition. The oldest couple were Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Hobson of St. Petersburg, Florida, married 68 years. Brother Hobson was for 20 years pastor of Jacksonville, Fla., First Church, and was the first city misisonary of Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Whatley, married for eight days, were the couple most recently married. Each couple received a hearty round of applause by the Convention. Editor Burton read the special telegram of greetings sent for this hour by President Eisenhower from Washington, in which he expressed the appreciation and interest of the White House for the Baptists in session to emphasize Christian homes.

After the Stetson University choir sang "God Give Us Christian Homes," Dr. Perry Webb brought a superb message entitled "The House of the Righteous Shall Stand." We quote from his rich message: "Every Christian has three homes, his physical dwelling place or house, his church home, and his heavenly home. The purpose of the home is three-fold: (1) theological, God's supreme institution, a depository of faith; (2) biological, a place where families may grow, and leave others to carry on in the faith; and (3) educational, where the lessons of life are taught and caught." Dr. Webb spoke forcefully of the power of the home as our first line of defense; of the protection of the home, where discipline and love and order must rule in shaping the course of lives strong in the Lord.

Dr. Webb paid high tribute to Christian fathers and mothers who train up children in the way they should go, saying: "How shall we train up a child in the way he should go?

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Sunday School Lesson • • •

MRS. FOY J. FARMER

Young King Josiah

LESSON FOR JUNE 12

Scripture: II Chronicles 34.

Memory Selection: Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.—Psalm 119:9.

(The Revised Standard Version of the memory selection is clear and beautiful: "How can a young man keep his way clear? By guarding it according to thy word.")

Manasseh was succeeded by his son, Amon, named for an Egyptian god. Amon followed his father in his evil ways, but not in his repentance. He reigned only two years, and was murdered in his own house by his servants.

Amon's son, Josiah, was only eight years old when he came to the throne. His father having died when his son was still young, according to Jewish custom he was brought up by his mother, Jedidah (II Kings 22:1), whose name means "Beloved." In all probability Hilkiah and the prophet Zephaniah had a part in molding the character of the young king.

The history of Josiah is a refreshing change from the two preceding reigns. "In the reign and person of Josiah, once more and for the last time in the now numbered years of the Kingdom of Judah, the light of piety and goodness flickered up in the sockets" (Pulpit Commentary).

No higher praise is given by the writer of the Chronicles to any of the kings of Judah than is given to Josiah. Throughout the 31 years of his reign "he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and walked in the ways of David his father, and he did not turn aside to the right or to the left" (II Chron. 34:2). "In all his days they [his subjects] did not turn away from following the Lord God of his fathers" (II Chron. 34:33).

When the King Was Sixteen

When Josiah was 16 years old, and had been reigning eight years, he "began to seek after the God of David his father." Already he had been true to the teachings he had received, but now he had made a personal acquaintance with Jehovah, and the "God of David his father" became his God, too.

When the King Was Twenty

In the 12th year of his reign, when he was 20, Josiah began to purge Jerusalem and Judah of idolatrous objects of worship. II Kings 23:4-20 gives a detailed account of the violence with which idols, images, groves, heathen altars were destroyed. These "he brake in small pieces and made dust of them and strowed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them."

Dr. Maclaren, in describing the manner in which the young king "flames and consumes" in his clean-up campaign, says: "A dash of ferocity mingled with contempt appears in Josiah's scattering the dust of the images on the graves of their worshipers, as if he said: 'There you lie together, pounded idols and dead worshipers, neither able to help the other.'"

Not only did Josiah have the priests of the heathen religion killed, but he dug up the bones of those who had died and been buried, and burned them. A thorough-going job the young king did as he endeavored to turn his people away from idolatry back to the worship of the God of his father David, who was their God, though they had not honored him.

When the King Was Twenty-Six

The cleansing of Jerusalem and Judah being completed, when he was 26 years old Josiah wisely turned to the important task of repairing the temple. Had he rested after the gigantic effort of getting rid of every vestige of heathenism, the last state would have been worse than the first (Matthew 12:43-45).

It had been about 200 years since Joash repaired the temple, long neglected, and 100 years since Hezekiah had had it cleaned and refurbished. The young king, guided and aided by Hilkiah, as Joash had been guided and aided by Johoiada, went about his tremendous task systematically and wisely. A committee of laymen (Shaphan, the king's secretary; Maaseiah, the governor of the city; and Joah, the historian) was given oversight of the work. To these men was entrusted the money that had been collected by the Levites for temple use; they used it for buying needed materials and employing workmen.

A beautiful tribute is paid the workmen: "And the men did the work faithfully" (34:12). "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Corinthians 4:2).

It is interesting to read that "the Levites, all who were skilful with instruments of music, were over the burden bearers and directed all who did work in every kind of service." It seems that the use of music to increase efficiency in labor isn't so modern after all.

Finding the Book

While the work on the Temple was in progress, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the Lord, given through Moses. This Book was known to have been kept "in the side of the Ark of the Covenant" (see Deut. 31:26), but during the long years of apostasy it had been neglected and lost. Shaphan, the secretary, brought it to the king and read it in his presence.

Dr. Maclaren made this interesting comment on the discovery of the Book of the Law: "We may see in it a striking instance of the indestructibleness of God's Word. His law is imperishable, and its written embodiment seems as if it, too, had a charmed life. When we consider the perils attending the transmission of ancient manuscripts, the necessary scarcity of copies before the invention of printing, the scattering of the Jewish people, it does appear as if a divine hand had guarded the venerable book. . . . The permanence of the written Word, the providence that has watched over it, the romantic history of its preservation through ages of neglect, and the imperishable gift to the world of an objective standard of duty, remaining the same from age to age, are all suggested by this reappearance of the forgotten law."

Another serious thought should be considered. To many people today the Bible is a lost book. Though elegantly bound copies may be in their possession, if the Word is not hid in the heart, if the Bible is not read and followed, it is as truly lost as was the Book of the Law in the debris of the Temple.

Seeking an Interpretation

Josiah, hearing the words of the Book of the Law, read by Shaphan, was greatly moved, and "rent his clothes." He bade Hilkiah and others, "Go, inquire of the Lord for me, and for those that are left in Israel and Judah, concerning the words of the book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the Lord that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord, to do according to all that is written in this book."

Obedient to the king's command, his messengers went in search of an interpreter, and they came to Huldah, a prophetess. From the Lord she brought a message of tragic import to the people of Judah saying, "Behold, I will bring evil upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book which was read before the king of Judah." This was the result of having forsaken Jehovah, and having burned incense to other gods. Startling indeed are the words: "Therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place and upon its inhabitants, and will not be quenched."

But there are words of comfort for Josiah: "Wrath was to be poured out on Judah, but Josiah was to be treated mercifully, because he had acted rightly. Whatever penalties are due to our country, however we may suffer as members of a guilty race, we may be quite sure that God has regard to the life *we* are living, to the choice *we* are making. If our heart is tender, and if our will is obedient and submissive, we also shall find mercy of the Lord.

"God has his dealings with communities and with churches, but his most constant relation is with men, with individual souls. 'The Lord looketh upon *me*;' 'Christ died for *me*;' 'What wilt thou have *me* to do?' And according to our individual choices will be our destiny" (Pulpit Commentary).

HOME CIRCLE

Even Though a Cripple

Who makes the better progress,
Or sings the sweeter song—
The crippled on the right road
Or the racer on the wrong?

The way of one seems lonely,
But Christ is at his side
The other's way is crowded
With pleasure, pomp, and pride.

The one is daily striving
To reach the goal above—
The other is unmindful
Of God's redeeming love.

But better be a cripple,
And walk with God each day,
Than hasten blindly onward
And miss the heavenly way.

—W. M. EZMANSKE,
in *The Evangel.*

Seeing Things

Outside it was raining heavily. Inside—well, inside the weather was threatening, to say the least. One of the nurses, going to the linen room with an armful of fresh towels, shook her head.

"I pity ourselves today," she said.

"I know—it will be so hard to keep the children bright," the other answered. A nurse was taking the temperatures and marking the charts that hung at the head of each white bed. She stopped a moment, and looked at the especially listless face.

"Don't you want some of the scrapbooks to look over, Jennie?" she asked.

Jennie's weak voice was utterly uninterested. "No," she answered. The nurse's voice kept its brightness in spite of her discouragement. "Then don't you want me to bring you one of the puzzles? You could play with it nicely there."

"No, I don't want any," Jennie answered, wearily.

A hand pulled at the nurse's skirt, and she turned quickly. The thin, pain-sharpened face of the girl in the next bed smiled at her cheerfully.

"Don't bother about Jennie. I guess I can make her do something," she said, in a low voice. The nurse bent over her with a swift, caressing touch. "Thank you, little assistant," she said, tenderly.

Maggie lay thinking for a few minutes. In the room outside, where the patients' clothes were kept in a case full of pigeon holes, was one bundle shabbier than the others; this was Maggie's. In one of the beds some queer, cruel-looking weights that meant suffering far greater than most of the little invalids there could imagine and they were Maggie's too. Perhaps, in all the long roomful, she had the fewest things to make her glad; but what of that? God teaches us how to make our happiness, if we will; God and Maggie together made hers.

She opened her eyes when the sharpest pain had passed, and called across to the next bed, "Jennie!"

"*What is it?*" Jennie asked, listlessly.

"Jennie, let's 'see things'; we haven't for ever so long. You wanted to the other day, you know."

"Well," Jennie answered, doubtfully, "you'll have to begin, though."

"Oh, yes, I'll begin. Well, then, I see some great red roses, just as soft and dark as velvet; and they feel all cool when you touch them, and they smell—my, don't they smell sweet?"

"I know something prettier than that," Jennie answered. "It's vi-lets—a lady gave me some once. They ain't anything like 'em, velvet nor nothin' else. I 'most cried when they withered. That's prettier than yours, Maggie Dolin!"

"But see something else," Maggie went on. "It's a great green place, and the grass is all nice and thick under your feet, and it's full of the beautifulest flowers—yellow and white and all colors, and there ain't no sign to keep off the grass—you kin jest lay and roll in it all day long. And there's birds in the trees, and you never heard nothin' sing like them; and you kin see the sky, jest miles of it, and you kin 'most taste the air, it's so sweet."

Round the ward word sped quickly, "Maggie's seein' things!" Children who could walk went over to her corner; wheelchairs rolled there; from some of the cots eager patients sent messages to her, and waited for hers back again. The dull day was forgotten, and the long room was crowded with visions. Flowers bloomed there, and birds sang, and happy girls went to parties or cherished wonderful dolls. The gladness of the world was theirs, as God meant it to be; and all because one girl knew how to keep fresh in her life every bit of beauty she had seen.

The doctor smiled as he went his rounds. "She's as good medicine as the sunshine," he said.

"Poor little thing!" the nurse answered, with a loving glance toward the corner.

The doctor corrected her. "It's the heart that makes one rich or poor—rich little thing!" he said.—*Woman's Journal.*

O child of God, wait patiently
When dark thy path may be;
And let thy faith lean trustingly
On Him who cares for thee.
And though the clouds hang drearily
Upon the brow of night,
Yet in the morning joy will come
And fill thy soul with light.

O child of God, He loveth thee,
And thou art all His own;
With gentle hand he leadeth thee,
Thou dost not walk alone.
And though thou walkest wearily
The long and stormy night,
Yet in the morning joy will come
And fill thy soul with light.

—*Author Unknown.*
(Clipped from *The Baptist Visitor*, St. Pauls, N. C.)

Spice Box

When the lady who was making out the application came to the little square headed "Age," she did not hesitate. She simply wrote: "Atomic."—*Ex.*

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Why is that little shoe crying?
Because his mother is a sneaker and his father is a loafer.—*Ex.*

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GOLFER (dubbing a shot): I'm certainly not playing the game I usually play.
CADDY: What game is that, sir?—*Ex.*

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The naturalist was lecturing informally at a social gathering.

"The caterpillar," he said, "is the most voracious of all creatures. Why, in a month it will eat about six hundred times its own weight!"

A somewhat deaf old lady had been following along as best she could, and at that point interrupted with: "Whose boy did you say that was, Professor?"—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

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I had three specialists and every one of them found something different wrong with me.
Didn't they agree on anything?
Yes, each charged me fifty dollars.—*Ex.*

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Mummy, you bought sister a piano, so buy me a bicycle.
What for?
So that I can go riding while she practices.
—*Ex.*

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"Oh, John," exclaimed the young mother happily, "the baby can walk."
"Good for him," returned the father. "Now he can walk the floor with himself at night."
—*Ex.*

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Actor Albert Decker, reminiscing about the trying experiences of a 1930 cast touring with the play, "Lysistrata," said that the last straw was when "in Philadelphia two policemen came backstage with a warrant for the arrest of the author!"

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"Ye's worked hard and willing for me, Pat," said the farmer to his old employee. "and I'm going to give ye that fat pig."
"May heaven bless ye, sorr," said Pat; "it's just like ye."—*Ex.*

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At a party several young couples were discussing the difficulties of family budgets.
"I really don't want an awful lot of money," said one young matron. "I just wish we could afford to live the way we are living now."—*Ex.*

News: PERSONALITIES and EVENTS . . .

A service of dedication was held at Beulah Church, Randolph Association, the third Sunday in May, dedicating a Baldwin Organ with Chimes, given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Powers in memory of their son, Corporal Carl Powers, who died in Japan last December.

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Rev. Carlton T. Mitchell, who has been studying at Union Seminary in New York since he returned from a tour of duty as a chaplain, has moved with his family to Ridgefield Park, New Jersey. He is continuing his work at the seminary but has accepted a small pastorate in New Jersey.

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Mrs. Evelyn Garris, formerly Miss Evelyn Straughan who has served as educational director in the First Church, Dunn, for more than five years, retired from the work May 31. The church has secured Miss Alice Reavis, a 1955 graduate of Wake Forest College, to fill the position, and she began work the first of June.

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The Protestant Motion Picture Council has chosen the Paramount picture, "Strategic Air Command," as the June picture of the month. "This thrilling drama of the U. S. Air Force's Strategic Air Command has a valid story with good ethical and patriotic implications" the review states. James Stewart and June Allyson play leading roles.

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The First Church, Dunn, is sending its pastor, Ernest P. Russell, on a tour of the Holy Land and Europe and to the Baptist World Alliance. He is making the trip with Southeastern Travel Seminar, and left New York on May 28. During the pastor's absence Dr. J. Allen Easley, chairman of the department of religion of Wake Forest College, will supply for him.

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During the week of March 27-April 3 the First Church, Dunn, Ernest P. Russell, pastor, participated in the simultaneous revival crusade, with Horace Easom of Shelby as guest speaker. During that week 18 persons were received into the membership by letter and statement, and 32 by baptism. From March 27 through April 10 a total of 67 persons united with the church.

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The Mike Ray Chapter of the Intermediate R.A. of First Church, Kinston, held its first Recognition Service Sunday evening, May 22. The service was led by Counselors Larry R. Stox, Sr., and W. P. Bass with the pastor, Howard G. Dawkins, presenting the awards. The fathers of those advancing joined their sons in line and presented the pins. This chapter was recently organized and each member received a rank, making the chapter 100% in advancement. The chapter will reach its Standard of Excellence goal also. Those advancing were: pages: John Capps, Mark Smith, Maurice Partin, Victor Potter, Corkey Williams; knight: Howard Dawkins, Jr.; ambassador: Larry Stox, Jr.

The editor appreciates an invitation from Doctor and Mrs. Clarence Robert Pittard to the marriage of their daughter, Katie Jo, to Mr. Davey Lee Ward on Friday, the twenty-fourth of June, at eight o'clock in the evening at Byne Memorial Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Southern Baptist missionaries to Indonesia, have returned to the States on emergency leave due to the illness of Mr. Johnson. They may be addressed temporarily c/o Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. Mr. Johnson is a native of Harnett County.

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T. G. Phillips of Mooresville was awarded the J. D. Huggins Citizenship Medal in commencement exercises May 23 at Gardner-Webb College. Phillips was president of the student body this year. He left an enviable scholastic record, and was an outstanding athlete. The citizenship award is given each year by L. R. Harrill of Raleigh, state 4-H Club director.

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South Fork Church, Winston-Salem, cooperated with the Pilot Mountain Association in all the plans for the simultaneous revival effort. A visitation program was carried out and a series of cottage prayer meetings was held. Rev. Earle Bradley of Raleigh, secretary of promotion for the Baptist State Convention, assisted Pastor Paul M. Reese in the revival services.

Mr. Bradley could not come until May 1 and the church was already in revival when he arrived. He preached through May 8. A total of 50 people united with the church, 2 as candidates for baptism, 21 by letter, and four by statement. "The people of South Fork thank God for Brother Bradley and the fine leader he is to our state," writes Mr. Reese.

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Commencement exercises at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, were held Friday, May 13, in Truett Auditorium for the spring class of 239 graduates, with President J. Howard Williams presiding. Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of First Church, New Orleans, La., delivered the baccalaureate address. This class brings the total of graduates for the year to 471, including the July, 1954, and January, 1955, classes. Dr. John M. Price, director of the School of Religious Education, New Orleans Seminary, gave the address to the religious education graduates Thursday evening, May 12.

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Mrs. W. M. Perry of Wingate, who was honored on her 85th birthday by her step-grandchildren in the spring, is still a very active member of the Wingate Church. She attends regularly Sunday school, Training Union, all worship services, including the prayer meeting and missionary society meetings. She is a trustee of Wingate College. Mrs. Perry was the first graduate nurse to do private duty nursing in Charlotte. She is the only surviving member of the Spanish-American War Nurses Corps of North Carolina. Last fall she went to the reunion in San Antonio, Texas, by bus. We congratulate this noble woman and wish her continued usefulness in her church and community.

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The Woman's Missionary Society of the Roxboro Church recently adopted resolutions concerning Mrs. Melvin Clayton, deceased. The resolutions, entitled "A Tribute of Love," were submitted by Janie B. Oakley, Bess W. Wilburn, and Iris O. Long.

Mrs. R. L. Wilburn is quoted as follows: "During the 15 years I was superintendent of the Beulah Baptist Association, Mrs. Clayton was leader of the Sunbeam Band, an auxiliary of the union for our youngest boys and girls. She led this band in a wonderful way for more than 25 years at Mill Creek Church. Boys and girls who were influenced by her consecrated Christian life are now grandfathers and grandmothers leading useful Christian lives in their own communities and churches."

Further tribute is paid to Mrs. Clayton's genuine Christian life.

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Mrs. Emma Pleasant Cheek, who died February 22, 1955, was paid a tribute in resolutions adopted by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Roxboro Church, where she had been a member since moving to Roxboro in 1891. Born in Person County in 1860,

Pastor and Portrait

Shown standing beside his portrait is Rev. T. C. Keaton, pastor of Temple Church, Winston-Salem, during all its 27 years of existence. Members recently presented the portrait to him, and after accepting it, he presented it to the church.

The portrait was painted by Mrs. G. A. Knight of Winston-Salem and was unveiled by the minister's grandson, Phil Keaton. An account of the presentation service was published in the RECORDER of May 21, on page 23.

he had joined Clement Baptist Church as a young girl.

The resolutions, prepared by Janie B. Oakley, Iris O. Long, and Bess W. Wilburn, characterize Mrs. Cheek as "a true Christian woman. . . . a good neighbor, always ready to help in time of sickness and sorrow." Her Lord and her church came first in her thoughts, then her home and family. Although confined to her home several years, she kept her keen interest in the young people of the church and town. The resolutions urge that "we who touched her life, and knew its consecration, continue more faithfully in service for our Master in building for eternity."

Fayetteville Church Regrets Losing Pastor

Rev. Troy C. Bennett resigned as pastor of Immanuel Church, Fayetteville, effective May 1, in order to return with his family to Wake Forest, where he hopes to complete his work at Southeastern Seminary by June, 1956. Then the Bennetts plan to go to the foreign mission field as soon as possible.

Mr. Bennett was called to Immanuel in October, 1952, after several weeks of supply there. During his stay the church has shown marked progress with an average attendance increase from 116 to over 200 in Sunday school and corresponding growth in the Training Union work.

The worship services have shown evidence of great interest on the part of members and visitors, and many decisions have been made for the Lord, including many grown couples giving their homes to His service. This church has direct contact with the constituency of Fort Bragg, and its ministry here has been very fruitful.

A six-room brick parsonage in Fayetteville was purchased by the church in March, 1954. Giving has increased from $7,000 in 1952 to around $16,000 last year. The debt on the present building is almost paid, and plans are being made for a new educational plant to be built in the near future. The people are now searching for a pastor who will be on the field full time to lead them.

Mr. Bennett, a native of Winston-Salem, graduated from Wake Forest in 1951 and is now completing two and one-half years of work at Southeastern Seminary. Mrs. Bennett, the former Marjorie Trippeer, is a native of Roanoke, Va., and a graduate of Meredith College. The Bennetts have two children, Steve, two and a half, and Rebecca, two months.

The people of Immanuel Church regret losing their pastor; they appreciate the work the Bennetts have done during their stay in Fayetteville; and their prayers go with these friends as they leave for other fields of service.

Prospects Good for Entry Into Pakistan

Dr. J. Winston Crawley, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for the Orient now in the States for a two months' visit, reported on a recent investigation of possibilities for the opening of Southern Baptist mission work in India and Pakistan. He spent 10 days in the two countries while en route to the United States in March.

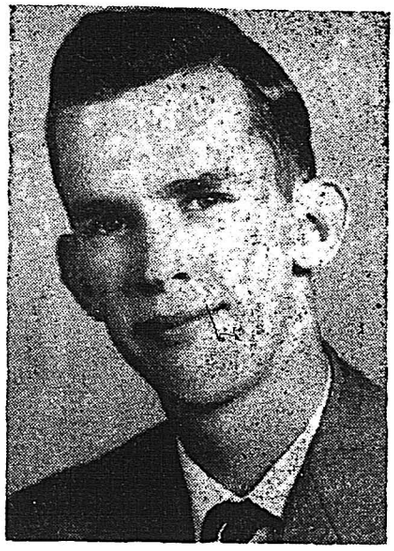
"India shares with Japan the industrial leadership of Asia," Dr. Crawley said. "It has made some headway in gaining the political allegiance of the new countries of Southeast Asia for its doctrine of neutralism. It ranks as probably the most religious country in the world, and its dominant religion of Hinduism is the world's oldest historic religion."

He said prospects for beginning Southern Baptist mission work in India do not seem "particularly favorable" at this time. "As a newly independent nation, India is intent on consolidating her position and stabilizing internal conditions," he continued. "Therefore, she has placed limitations on the entry of aliens. Mission groups which have not previously operated in India find it difficult to secure visas for entry of missionaries at this time."

He said Pakistan offers a much greater possibility of undertaking a well-rounded mission program at present. "And Pakistan is welcoming aid of every sort from America, so that the door is open to Christian mission undertakings. The proportion of Christians is smaller than in any of our present Orient mission fields except Thailand."

At its April meeting, the Foreign Mission Board approved a resolution that investigation of prospects of entry into India and Pakistan be continued. "If prospects continue to look encouraging, it is my plan to make another trip to Pakistan in the early fall, with the hope of having something more definite to report to the October meeting of the Board," Dr. Crawley said.

Young Man Ordained at Wallace



Johnny Durham was ordained at the Wallace Church on Sunday, March 20, during the regular morning service. Dr. J. Allen Easley, professor at Wake Forest College, gave the charge to the candidate; Dr. George Griffin, also a professor at Wake Forest, preached the ordination sermon; Dr. Eugene Poston, pastor of the Wallace Church, presented the Bible to Mr. Durham. Dr. Easley led the ordination prayer, and the deacons of the Wallace Church participated in the laying on of hands.

Mr. Durham, who is from Wallace, graduated from Wake Forest College during the past week. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic society. He plans to enter Southeastern Seminary next fall. This young man, 22 years of age, has been supplying pulpits for a number of years. He is now available for pulpit supply or pastoral duties.

East Side Is New Church in Statesville; Pastor Ordained

On Sunday afternoon, May 8, the East Side Mission in Statesville was organized into a regular Baptist church. The mission previously had been operating unofficially as a church. When the pastor desired that it be admitted into the South Yadkin Association, it was pointed out to him that no Articles of Faith or Church Covenant had been adopted. In response to the pastor's challenge, the group voted unanimously to become organized as a regular Baptist church.

As a result, a council composed of the pastors and deacons of five churches in Statesville—Western Avenue, Statesville First, Diamond Hill, Front Street, and South River—met at the East Side Mission on May 8 for the purpose of helping organize the church. Rev. Wendell G. Davis was elected moderator of the council, and Rev. Lewis W. Williams was elected clerk pro tempore. C. C. Fox of the First Church read selections of Scripture and Dr. C. W. Applewhite of the First Church led in prayer.

After explanation of the purpose of the meeting by the moderator, the council's long resolution was read by Rev. Elmer Thomas, associational missionary, who had prepared it. The resolution included Articles of Faith, Church Covenant, and a pledge to cooperate with the South Yadkin Association, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the Southern Baptist Convention in the whole program of preaching, teaching, and healing. It also stated that those who brought their letters or came by statement from other churches of like faith and order would constitute the nucleus of the new church.

The 12 persons who had come in this way adopted the resolution and the church was declared set in order. Fellowship was extended the church by the members of the council, after which Rev. Clyde M. Settle was called as pastor. A clerk and a treasurer were elected, Thomas Taylor and Paul Current, respectively. An invitation was given for others to unite with the church by baptism, and about 25 persons came forward on profession of faith.

The church, in accord with a resolution read by Rev. Boyce G. Coates, secretary of evangelism, voted to ordain Rev. Clyde M. Settle. Among those who took part in the service of ordination were Mr. Coates, Rev. James S. Potter, and Thomas Taylor, a member of East Side Church.

The first collection taken by the new church was for the Cooperative Program, the pastor stating he wanted the church to be missionary in practice as well as in theory.

Missionary Elmer Thomas asks North Carolina Baptists to remember in prayer this new church of the South Yadkin Association.

The world has not moved perceptibly nearer to unity and to peace, nor have we as a nation acquired an incontestable title to Utopia . . . individuals must be changed before society is changed.—J. W. Storer.

In the past five years, Southern Baptists have baptized an average of 1,000 persons a day, added 1,200 persons a day by letter, contributed $5,000,000 a week to all Baptist work, and started 11 new churches a week.

—Dr. Courts Redford.

Christian Education IN THE CHURCHES

L. L. MORGAN, Sunday School Secretary
J. P. MORGAN, Training Union Secretary
BRUCE E. WHITAKER, B.S.U. Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendents' Conference—1955

Fruitland, August 5-7

Friday Night:
Song and Praise.....Horace Easom
Obey the Sunday School Laws.....Jack Bagwell
Lead Workers to Plan Their Work.....D. P. Brooks

Saturday Morning:
Song and Praise.....Horace Easom
Move Up the Pattern.....C. O. Greene
Grow Through Training.....Fritz Hemphill

Saturday Afternoon:
Build a Visitation Program.....James Ivey
Lead Workers to Plan Their Work.....Alden Angline

Sunday Morning:
Opening Assembly
Program.....Mrs. Tillie G. Mayberry
Sunday School Lesson (Three Classes)
Message.....James Potter

TRAINING UNION

GOOD NEWS FROM SHELBY, FIRST: A copy of the Training Union Director's report to the church for the month of April indicates some very fine results. The enrollment in April, 1954, was 436 as against an enrollment for April, 1955, of 660—a gain of 124. The average attendance for April, 1954, was 298 as against 409 for this year—a gain of 111. Congratulations to Pastor John Lawrence, Educational Director Roland Leath, and Training Union Director L. T. Hamrick!

HATS OFF TO MARS HILL! As far as can be determined, Mars Hill Baptist Church has the largest College Training Union Department in the Southern Baptist Convention with over 500 students enrolled. Recently a Study Course was conducted on the campus during the Chapel Hour and to date we have received requests for 406 awards. This is the largest number of requests for awards ever received from a single church at one time. Miss Irene Olive is Educational Director and Paul Gillespie is Director of the College Department.

ANOTHER RECORD BROKEN! Training Union interest in North Carolina continues to grow so rapidly that we are constantly breaking records. In fact, these announcements are almost sounding like a broken record, thanks to the interest, hard work, and growing conviction on the part of our Training Union friends. But now we have another record broken in a report from the Sunday School Board concerning Training Union awards for the month of April, 1955. North Carolina requested 10,902 Training Union awards during April, second only to Texas. The record broken, however, is that this is the largest number of awards ever requested in a single month.

STUDENT UNION

Dr. Stewart A. Newman, professor at Southeastern Seminary, will give two addresses at the annual State Student Nurses' Conference when it convenes at Crabtree State Park, June 16-18. The theme for the two-day conference is "For We Have This Ministry" and Dr. Newman will speak on the topics "To Give an Account of Our Faith" and "To Walk in Fellowship." Every interested student nurse or nursing faculty member in the state is urged to make an effort to attend the sessions. Pastors and church people are urged to give encouragement to the nurses and help make it possible for them to attend.

Seniors and Their Life Work

By Rev. James V. De Foe,
Pastor of Rocky Mount Church,
Rocky Mount, Va.

No one admits that it is easy to find what it is that God wants you to do as your life work. But boys and girls who are graduating from high school must decide or drift. Unfortunately, most people drift into their life work. These people seldom do the work for which they were given talents and abilities.

Of course it is difficult to choose and decide. But the lasting rewards that come from entering a vocation for which you are fitted by temperament, by talent, and by training make it important for seniors to choose their work in life, and not simply drift into something.

If seniors will answer the following four questions they will find it easier to discover their life's vocation.

1. What Do You Like?

God is not likely to call you into something which is distasteful to you. You will never do well a work which you do not like. A famous career expert who counsels people with regard to their careers lists as a first requirement the fact that one should like, desire, want to do the job which he is considering.

The parents of Robert Louis Stevenson wanted him to be an engineer; he liked writing. Joseph Haydn's parents felt he should become a wheelright, but Haydn chose music, for he had music within him.

As a first step, then, in choosing your life work consider your likes and dislikes.

2. What Can You Do?

God enables us to choose our work in life by our talents as well as by our desires. Sometimes we like to do things that we are poorly fitted by temperament and ability to do well. Any observing parent with more than one child knows that from early childhood the children manifest differing talents. One child may have mechanical ability which can be seen at an early age; the other child may be more at home when among other people. There are some things that each person can do—and do well.

Phillips Brooks failed miserably as a teacher, but was wonderfully successful as a pastor and preacher. Moses could lead and inspire; Aaron could speak. Recently Bob Feller of baseball fame suggested that young people interested in baseball find the position they are best fitted for and work hard on that position.

3. What Are Your Opportunities?

God calls seniors into their vocations by means of doors that are opened or shut.

Albert Schweitzer became a missionary partly because of what seemed a chance occurrence. He read one day of the great need for missionaries in a certain area of the world. He said that instantly he knew this was the place for him.

But behind Schweitzer's choice were years of dedication and preparation. As a poet once said about his poetry: "The character of the inspiration depends upon the character of the aspiration." The mother of Alvin Dark, captain of the New York Giants, said recently that her boy was always interested in sports and kept himself in condition and in practice. When his "open door" came, he was close beside it. Wasn't it Jesus who said, "Seek and ye shall find." The "open door" and the "shut door" are not just by chance.

4. Are You Willing to Do God's Will?

This question is more basic than any of the others. If you are willing to do God's will if you can find out what it is, then divine guidance will be yours.

F. W. Robertson, a great preacher of another generation, preached a sermon entitled "Obedience the Organ of Spiritual Knowledge." He used as his text John 7:17: "If any man's will is to do His will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority" (RSV).

Paul, the great disciple, said "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" (Acts 9:6). In moments of stress even Jesus said, "Not my will, but thine be done" (Luke 22:42).

In matters of vocation this saying is true, "A man convinced against his will is unconvinced still."

Seniors now stand at the threshold of boundless opportunities. They may choose and decide and find God's will for their lives, or they may drift from now on. They may know the joy of being in the right work, the blessedness of doing God's will, or they may spend the remainder of life making the best of work for which they were not meant and for which they did not come into the world.

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"Prayer, the Missionary Imperative"

THEME OF ANNUAL SESSION WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, S.B.C.

Meeting in its sixty-seventh year, Woman's ssionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Bap- Convention, held its Annual Session in Biscayne Bay Auditorium, Miami, Flor- May 15-17. Some 3,340 delegates and tors registered for the session, which ed on Sunday afternoon and adjourned h the close of the Tuesday evening meet-

orth Carolina and Texas were entitled to largest number of delegates: 113 each. s represented a considerable increase over previous quota of 60. Many more than of our women were present and wanted egister for the session. However, priority s given to those who had written previ- y and asked to be delegates. Ten of these led to register, and so North Carolina was recognized as one of the states having full quota of delegates.

orth Carolina delegation included: Mrs. rdon Maddrey, Mrs. A. R. Brasher, Miss et Wilson and Miss Beverly Neilson; Mrs. K. McGee, stewardship chairman, and s. Henry W. Stough, community missions airman; Mesdames J. R. Morgan, Carl wis and Harry Wood, members of the Ex- utive Committee; Mrs. Douglas Branch, fe of the president of the Baptist State nvention; Mrs. M. A. Huggins, wife of the neral secretary-treasurer of the Baptist ate Convention; and Mrs. C. C. Warren, fe of the president of the Southern Baptist nvention.

Upon nomination of our W.M.U. Executive mmittee, Mrs. J. R. Morgan, Waynesville, and Mrs. Carl Lewis, Rockingham, were elected member and alternate, respectively, of the nominating committee of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C.

The Biscayne Bay Auditorium was adequate for the number in attendance, and proved a proper setting for the deeply spiritual program planned. The theme, "Prayer the Missionary Imperative," was displayed in brilliant letters across the top of the platform. The Call to Worship, with which each of the eight services was opened, and the Benedictions were particularly impressive as they were presented against a backdrop of a lighted cross in the center of a large world.

Many expressed appreciation for the special music, brought by Mrs. George Wilcox of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Mrs. H. H. Grooms of Birmingham, Alabama. During the memorial service on Sunday afternoon, a portrait of Miss Kathleen Mallory, for 36 years executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C., and who died early last summer, was unveiled. This portrait will hang in W.M.U. Headquarters in Birmingham. Mrs. Frank Burney, Waynesboro, Georgia, conducted the memorial service.

An outstanding contribution to the program was made by Dr. John L. Hill, Nashville, Tennessee. At the opening service on Sunday afternoon, he spoke on "Christ's Beautiful Volunteer"—Miss Fannie E. S. Heck of North Carolina—first President of North Carolina W.M.U. and for 15 years president of W.M.U., S.B.C. He referred to Miss Heck as "Beautiful in Endowment, Beautiful in Dedication, Beautiful in Service, Beautiful in her City, Beautiful in her State, Beautiful as an Author, Beautiful in Death."

On Monday evening he spoke on "Light from Home Base"—Miss Annie Armstrong of Maryland—who served for 18 years, without salary, as the first executive secretary of W.M.U., S.B.C. On Tuesday evening he paid tribute to Miss Lottie Moon of Virginia—"A Great Woman Missionary"—who initiated the Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, now called the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. As Dr. Hill expressed it, "For us mature people, these three, with Miss Kathleen Mallory, *are* the W.M.U.!"

Dr. Roy Angell, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Miami, and well-known author, brought the keynote address on Sunday evening as he spoke on the convention theme. Dr. Walter Judd of Washington, D. C., Congressman from Minnesota and former medical missionary to China, was superb in his address which followed Dr. Angell. Congressman Judd spoke to what was probably the nearest to our overflow house, and his 50-minute message on the power of the Christian message to change and regenerate this "hour of dark portent and make it into one of hope and promise" was worth the trip to Miami.

Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, S.B.C., was excellent in his message on Monday morning on the subject: "Prayers, People and Things." He said, "Stewardship is summed up in these three." From the force of his message and delivery, his audience never suspected that mechanical difficulties on two planes had necessitated his being up all the night before and arriving in Miami only a short while before he spoke! Mrs. Clarence T. Nelson of Washington, D. C., was perhaps the most captivating of the speakers in her messages on "The Family Fortress" and "Wings."

Dr. Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, brought the closing message of the annual session.

Scattered throughout the program were nationals such as Mrs. Asano Hoshizaki of Japan and Misses Juana Garcia of Havana, Cuba, and Itsuko Saito of Hawaii. Among the missionaries who spoke were: Miss Rosa Lee Franks, Good Will Center, Miami. Our readers will recall that North Carolina's Mrs. Minnell Graves is director there. Mrs. Maddrey and Miss Neilson had opportunity to see the station wagon which North Carolina gave to the Center from the 1954 Heck-Jones Memorial Offering. Rev. Mike Lopez, Albuquerque, New Mexico, spoke and Mrs. Lopez sang. Our Royal Ambassadors will remember Mr. and Mrs. Lopez from Caswell and Fruitland camps.

Mrs. Anne Sowell Margrett, Argentina, third-generation missionary, Miss Eva Sand-

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Laura Frances Snow Appointed for Chile

North Carolina Baptists, and members of oman's Missionary Union in particular, felt deep sense of praise and gratitude to the avenly Father, as they learned of the ap- intment, at the May meeting of the For- n Mission Board, of Laura Frances Snow mission work in Chile.

Laura Frances is a North Carolinian, the ughter of the late Rev. J. A. Snow and s. Snow. Mr. Snow held pastorates at rehville, in Union Association, and in Gas- n Association, among other places in the te, and for a number of years he was cher of Bible at Wingate College. Mrs. ow now makes her home in Asheville.

Laura Frances is a graduate of Meredith llege and of Carver School of Missions and cial Work, Louisville, Kentucky. For sev- al years she was connected with North rolina Woman's Missionary Union, serving st as summer youth worker and then as ld representative. For the past three years she has been youth secretary for Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union.

She will enter language school in Costa Rica in early summer. After a year of study there, she will go to serve in Chile. The interest and prayers of North Carolina Baptists will be with this beloved friend, as she enters upon a larger field of service.

Rev. and Mrs. Ben Eller in Automobile Accident

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. Ben Eller of Coats, formerly of Asheboro Street Church in Greensboro, will be distressed to learn that they were in an automobile accident in Sylvania, Georgia, en route to Miami for the Convention. We are grateful that they have recovered from their injuries sufficiently to leave the hospital, and are now back in North Carolina.

W.M.U. members remember with deep appreciation the five years of outstanding service which Mrs. Eller rendered as state W.M.U. stewardship chairman.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

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By going that way ourselves." His thrilling message was closed by a dramatic word picture from the Old Testament describing the last days and death of Joshua and his charge to the people of God, to choose whom they would serve. Dr. Webb appealed to his hearers to choose also to fully serve the Lord and to keep their hearts and homes dedicated and committed to the will and purpose of God, in these days.

The Last Day Begins

Although some of the messengers and visitors had left Miami and the rains had perhaps kept others away, many were present for the Saturday morning session. After the song service at 9:00 o'clock led by Dr. Herren, Miss Marjorie Jones of Louisiana read from John 13:18-32 and led in prayer. The committee on time, place and preacher reported that Houston, Texas, was recommended for the 1958 Convention city, the dates being May 20-23. In previous action, the convention had voted to meet in Kansas City, Mo., in 1956, and in Chicago, Ill., in 19[illegible].

Miscellaneous business was in order, both new and unfinished from previous sessions; and the committee on resolutions made its report. The messengers approved the work and ministry of the American Bible Society; reaffirmed the stand of Baptists against use and sale of beverage alcohol, and paid high tribute to Miami city officials, local Baptists, and all others who had wrought so well in making the detailed arrangements for taking care of so great a body of people. The chairmen of the Miami committees were accorded special recognition, and Dr. Roy Angell of Central Baptist Church of the city spoke warm words of special appreciation to the many who had contributed to the success of the 1955 sessions there.

Dr. Albert McClellan gave special recognition to the newspaper reporters from many states who had come to cover the convention; to the local city papers, radio stations, and others who helped in the fine job of publicizing the sessions.

The memorial service Saturday morning was conducted by Dr. Leon Latimer of South Carolina. Fitting tributes were paid especially to the memory of the late Dr. Walter R. Alexander, Dr. J. Dean Crain, and Miss Kathleen Mallory, and in general to the many other faithful Baptist leaders who have passed on since the 1954 convention.

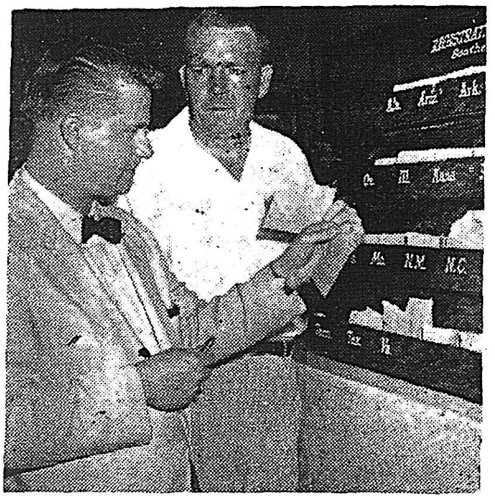
Baptist State Papers

Editor B. J. Murrie of *The Illinois Baptist* reported for the Committee on Baptist State Papers, and for the Baptist papers' circulation campaign. It was pointed out that total circulation now of the Southern Baptist papers exceeds 1,160,000, and all the state papers have shown gains recently in reaching more people. Editor Murrie brought a message of vivid power and food for thought, as he paid tribute to the Southern Baptist editors and associates who gather in Baptist news and current thought and publish it for the people week after week.

He spoke from the Gospel of John, and stated that the great themes of grace, salvation, regeneration, and all the ties that bind the hearts of Baptists together are the things that the editors believe in and write about as they publish and interpret the news. "Baptist papers promote the whole word and work of the Lord; they feed the flock of God; they unify and inspire the readers to greater accomplishments and higher stewardship," he said. His message evoked special comment and praise from President Storer, who expressed his deep personal appreciation for the sustained efforts and noble aims of the Baptist state papers and those who are responsible for their publication over the Southland.

Dr. T. D. Price of Louisville, Ky., closed the Saturday morning session with his splendid inspirational message, "Glorifying God Through the Church," adhering closely to the theme of all the sessions.

Space will allow only a few condensed quotes from his superb message: "The church is God's reconstituted Israel, to carry on his Kingdom work on earth in these days. It is made up of those who have believed; for a covenant relationship with God is the very essence of the church. The church is the body of Christ, and we become members of his body by his own gracious work of the corporation; he receives us on our faith and repentance. The church is a fellowship of believers who came in by baptism. The church at work is a place of mutual aid, respect, loyalty, and, always, deep love for God. No one congregation has more access to God and his power and grace than any other congregation; thus, no local church can coerce or dominate another one. The church is composed of men, but it is not composed *by* men."



Messengers, Please Register!

Registration at annual Convention time is in itself quite a task, since hundreds and thousands must fill in the cards provided, get their badges and the set of "literature" given to each one, which includes the programs and other material for reference. In above close-up, the camera caught Pastor Parks Harris and Pastor Bennie Pledger, both of the Raleigh Association near the registration card racks at opening time. North Carolina was well represented at the Convention by the large number of pastors who attended from all sections of the state. Many of them brought their wives as messengers or visitors, and a goodly number brought along their children as well, the latter enjoying the trip and Convention as only children can.

Youth Night

The closing session on Saturday night featured the great work of Baptist young people of the South. The incoming Convention officers were presented amid fitting ceremonies and gracious words of felicitation as they accepted the posts of leadership the messengers had bestowed on them by the balloting in previous sessions.

The final session attracted many local Miami and South Florida visitors, whose presence offset the absence of many messengers from more distant points who had left for their homes, so that the attendance was comparatively large. Many young people were present. As always, the featured special music for Youth Night was excellent. The congregational singing and the numbers from the Stetson University Choir were well received. Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan presided, and the session moved along at high tide of interest and inspiration.

The message by J. P. Allen of Virginia directed straight to the challenging opportunities of Baptists today for young and old was of high order, and stirring in its presentation. After more special music, the session was climaxed by the vital message of Howard Butt of Texas, speaking on "Strategy for Conquest." He drew from Exodus 15:3, "The Lord is a man of war," and he gripped his hearers with the unfolding of a message that called to action and challenged to high service for the Lord. He spoke of the glory of courage, of the power of Bible preaching and of Christianity on the march. He sounded high notes of Baptist advances, of gains made, of still greater conquests waiting for brave soldiers of the Cross to win.

"Our strategy for conquest," he said, embodies the use of great weapons: (1) The mysteriously modern message of the Word of God; (2) the magnetism of the messenger; and (3) the mobilized army of those ready and willing to fight the battles unto glorious victory. Conquering faith can batter down the walls of unbelief, storm through fortresses of sin and immorality, and march in triumph over mountains of difficulty and opposition. The message of the Book is forever new. It is never obsolescent. God's method of presenting the Gospel is through men. The New Testament secret was Christians on fire; the world could not resist the flame. The fire of God produces the magnetism.

"The mobilized army is essential. In the spiritual offensive, laymen and preachers must march and fight together. The temptation for all of us who are laymen is to sit

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the top of our voices, 'Onward Christian
ldiers,' and then send the preachers out
fight the war. We have too many spectator
ristians. Fall in line! There is fighting
be done for the Lord! Share your ex-
rience of Christ with others or it will
rivel within you.

"Christian soldiers, we must advance. Mod-
warfare is a combination of frontal as-
ult and infiltration, and Christian warfare
much the same. The worship service and
evangelistic crusade are frontal assaults,
our carrying Jesus Christ into every
a of life is the method of infiltration.
hen Jesus said, 'Go ye into all the world
d preach my Gospel,' he meant it geo-
aphically, yes, and also vocationally. Go
then into the world of business and preach
e Gospel. Go ye into the world of medi-
e and preach the Gospel. Go ye into the
lds of education, law, the arts, science,
d preach the Gospel . . . go ye into all
e world, wherever you are, and preach
e Gospel of Jesus Christ!

"Tragedy of tragedies, guilt of all guilts,
t one soldier who names the name of
sus should shirk his responsibility, should
dge his duty; should be found absent with-
t leave. You say you will decide for God?
y well then, begin now. Lift the flag;
ld it high; set the standard flying in your
e, beginning now!"

With high notes of optimism, enthusiasm,
d inspiration that could be felt throughout
e vast assembly hall, the 98th session of
e Southern Baptist Convention adjourned
prayer. Many messengers remained in
iami and near-by areas for worship in the
urches Sunday. It was a great session of
portant business transacted in harmony,
wonderful fellowship, and amid the set-
g of America's "Magic City" of the tropics,
city with 48 Baptist churches and 18 Bap-
t missions and more than 38,000 fellow-
ptists who joined minds and hearts in
lcome to all who came.

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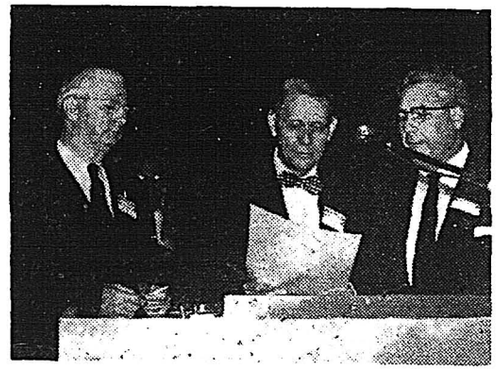
CONVENTION SIDELIGHTS

By C.W.B.

The sheer size of the multitude who de-
ended upon Miami, and the several thou-
nd automobiles with license plates from
o dozen states made even metropolitan
miamians sit up and take notice. Star re-
orters from the South Florida dailies have
t about "seen everything," but nothing
e the hosts of Baptists in and around the
uditorium and just about all over the
agic City," they confessed. "Miami is
prepared in some respects to handle a
nvention of such magnitude; we have seen
thing quite like this," said the *Miami*
ily News editorially.

The Convention was well reported. Miami
wspapers and other Florida papers covered
well. Big dailies from several U. S. cities
so sent top-flight reporters all the way to
iami to cover the event that had brought
ptists there from as far away as Alaska,
e West Coast, and even from China. Ten
ecial press tables up front were taken
ably by Baptist editors and reporters. The



This picture shows three participants in a happy occasion during the first session of the recent Southern Convention in Miami, Florida. J. D. Grey, for the Executive Committee of the Convention, had just presented to Louie D. Newton a beautifully inscribed scroll of resolutions in recognition of his 25 years of service as a member of the Executive Committee. Under the rotating system Dr. Newton's term of service expired at this meeting of the convention. Each of these men is a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Reading left to right, J. W. Storer, Louie D. Newton, and J. D. Grey.

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press box had other tables and seats for about 50 reporters also. The press room was like a beehive through all the sessions. Many messengers took notes from their seats in the auditorium. When eight million Baptists send representatives and visitors to assemble in one place to transact business that reaches to ends of the earth, that makes news.

The exhibits were of high order and interest. Much new material was on hand; more use was made of high class charts and pictures, and a vast amount of informative literature was taken home by the thousands who lingered to look and read. The entire west wing of the vast hall was taken by the Baptist Book Stores and the dozens of Baptist agencies, schools, and institutions that had set up the most attractive displays and exhibits seen in many years.

Miami liquor stores enjoyed no extra business, even with 15,000 extra people in town for nearly a week. "The driest crowd that ever hit Florida," one disgusted gent said. Another said, "Let 'em come, they brought the rains; we needed rain. Baptists love water, they ought to be happy here this week. . . ." The Southern Baptists brought no joy to the liquor stores that infest Miami and all its suburbs, but no man can number the gallons of orange juice, the thousands of bottles of soft drinks, and the countless cups of coffee consumed by the good-natured throngs that brought brisk business to the plentiful eating places and refreshment stands.

Many children came with their parents, perhaps more than ever seen before at a Baptist convention. The trip to tropical Florida is one to stir the fancy of young and old, and many messengers loaded the family car and brought the youngsters along for the trip. They loved it. Palm trees, tropical fruits, exotic scenery, Spanish architecture, plus the Miami skyscrapers, made up a big package to thrill the eyes and hearts of children. Many were there, for a trip they will never forget. It was good to see the wonder in the eyes of youngsters in the Convention hall, as they caught something of the significance and magnitude of Baptists assembled in such great numbers.

There was very little discussion from the floor. The tremendous amount of essential business, the many reports and speeches, and the tight time limits, make it almost out of the question. The presiding officers must move things on schedule. Never have we observed thousands of Baptists listening more closely, and voting more earnestly on the great matters presented. There is much unity and strength as great aims, high goals, basic doctrines, heart-warming gains parade before the multitudes as speaker after speaker unfolds the Baptist panorama of progress. A deep feeling of unified purpose and high resolve seemed evident. The messengers were in good humor; all sessions moved along without hitch or dissension.

Two Catholic priests walked around the vast auditorium and parking lots Friday evening as the sessions began. They were not jubilant. The morning papers that day had announced that Argentina had voted to separate the Catholic Church from the State in that nation. Baptists in Miami had received the news, and had noted that it marked another step toward religious liberty. It may well mean that Baptists can get more missionaries into Argentina now. That is wonderful Baptist news, but our Catholic friends did not seem happy about it as they cast distant glances at the freedom-loving Baptists in such great numbers assembled to review past missionary gains and to set up higher goals for more missionaries and churches in countries where Catholics have held sway so long.

News Notes

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McRae, Southern Baptist missionaries to Gaza, have returned to the States on furlough and may be addressed at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

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Sixty-five Gardner-Webb College students expected to graduate within the week were breakfast guests of the faculty on Monday morning, May 23. The farewell breakfast was sponsored by Miss Mabel Starnes, dean of women, and J. Y. Hamrick, dean of men.

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(Continued from page 15)

ers, Nigeria, and Miss Mary Etheridge, veteran Chinese-American missionary, were among the missionary guests. Miss Virginia Wingo, director of Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome and whom many heard at the North Carolina W.M.U. Convention in Asheville, contributed largely to the program, as did Miss Vena Aguillard, field representative of the Home Mission Board, who is scheduled for our W.M.U. Convention in Winston-Salem next March. The North Carolina delegation agreed that Mrs. W. W. Lawton, of Charlotte and Baguio City, P. I., was "tops" in her lovely Filipino dress and in her stirring message!

The high hour of the three-day session came on Tuesday evening when Elmer West, personnel secretary, *Foreign Mission Board*, presented the 1955 women appointees. Fifteen were present, three of whom were from North Carolina (though not all are native Carolinians). A fourth, Mrs. P. A. Cline, Jr., whose husband is pastor in the Flat River Association, and who has been appointed for Thailand, could not be present. Mrs. Luther Hawkins, Belmont, appointee for Equatorial Brazil, Mrs. Judson Lennon, Albemarle, appointee for Thailand and Miss Laura Frances Snow, Asheville, appointee for Chile, were presented. Laura Frances Snow spoke for the group of appointees.

A proposed amendment to the By-Laws, which would elect the president for a term of four years and limit her service to eight years, was defeated overwhelmingly with only 26 supporting votes.

Mrs. George Martin is a wonderful presiding officer, and any program which she plans and executes is outstanding. We are glad that she was elected to lead the Baptist women of the Southern Baptist Convention for another year. Other officers elected included: Mrs. W. C. Tyler, recording secretary; Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary; and Miss LaVenia Neal, treasurer.

Glencoe Church Honors Memory of Pastor R. A. Wilson

Glencoe Church, Burlington, recently adopted resolutions honoring the pastor, Rev. R. A. Wilson, who died April 25, 1955. The committee preparing the resolutions consisted of William B. Rollins, H. R. Montgomery, O. M. Oliver, James Brown, D. K. Burton. Paul Montgomery, church clerk, also signed the resolutions.

Mr. Wilson spent the entire period of his ministry, twenty-one and a half years, as pastor of Glencoe Church, and "he was greatly loved by the people of his church and community because of his interest in their religious and civic welfare." The resolutions are "a public record of our statement of appreciation for his leadership through trying times and years of prosperity."

The church uses the resolutions as a means "to publicly thank God for lending unto us the services of Rev. R. A. Wilson" and to "extend to the family our thanks for working so patiently with him and for their support of our church through the years." Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family, with prayers for God's blessing during the period of loss which is also a loss to the church.

Third Annual Meredith School, June 13-17

The program for the third annual Meredith School of Christian Studies has been announced. The school will be held on the campus of Meredith College, Raleigh, June 13-17. The first session will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday evening, June 13, and the last session will end at 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 17.

The three lecturers for this year are Seldon Whale, English theologian; C Marney, pastor of the First Baptist Ch Austin, Texas; and James Muilenburg, enport Professor of Hebrew and the Co Languages, Union Theological Seminary, York. Each one of them will give four tures.

Awarded degrees by both Oxford and bridge universities, Dr. Whale has an usual record as lecturer in the one and p dent in the other. He was elected to Mackennal Chair of Ecclesiastical Histor Mansfield College, Oxford; and to the p dency of Cheshunt College, Cambridge 1933, where he taught Systematic Theo for eleven years. An ordained ministe the Churches of the Congregational Or Dr. Whale has constantly been the gues other churches and theological semina both in England and America. His b have been widely studied throughout the lish-speaking world. His most recent vol *The Protestant Tradition*, is to be rele from the press this month.

The theme of Dr. Whale's lectures at Meredith School of Christian Studies wil "Ancient Problems in the Modern Wor and the four lectures will be titled: " Problem of Evil," "The Problem of Ti "The Problem of Death," and "The Prob of Freedom."

Dr. Marney, whose church annually g *in excess of $100,000 for missions*, has Master of Theology and the Doctor of Th ogy degrees from Southern Baptist Theol cal Seminary. He was Graduate Fellow Church History there before going to An in 1948. Dr. Marney spent three month 1954 in preaching missions in Korea Japan at the invitation of the U. S. Air Fo

Dr. Marney's lectures will be on the the "Structures of Prejudice," and the individ lectures will be on "Materialism—Pre-Ju ment of Reality;" "Provincialism—Pre-Ju ment of Community;" "Institutionalism— Judgment of Value;" and "Solipsism— Judgment of Personality."

Dr. Muilenburg is an eminent scholar the field of Old Testament scholarship. is author of the *History of the Religion Israel* in Volume I of the *Interpreter's B* and was a member of the company of scholars who worked on the Revised Stand Version of the Bible.

He taught at Yale University and Holyoke College and was for nine years P fessor of Old Testament Literature at Pacific School of Religion before going Union Seminary in 1945. In 1953-54 he resident director of the American School Oriental Research at Jerusalem.

The theme of Dr. Muilenburg's lectures be "The Prophet Jeremiah and His Time The four lectures will be, respectively, "The Prophet in a Broken World;" "Out the Depths: the Prophet's Confessions;" " Perils and Tragedies of War;" and "The and New Covenant."

The daily schedule of the school calls two lectures in the morning, with time for refreshments between them, Tues through Friday; and a lecture each eveni Monday through Thursday. The afterno will be used for informal discussions, rec ation, and rest. Breakfast will be ser

Assistant to Royal Ambassador Secretary

By James M. Sapp

Frank Black has been named assistant Royal Ambassador secretary. This announcement was made in Memphis recently by Dr. George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission. The election of Black as assistant to Eddie Hurt, Royal Ambassador secretary, was the result of action by the Brotherhood Commission upon a recommendation of the Southern Baptist Convention's joint committee on the promotion of Royal Ambassador work.

"We are convinced that Frank Black has been led under God's spirit to this important post in Southern Baptist life," Dr. Schroeder stated in making the announcement. "Our seeking for such a man has been prayerful and diligent. Mr. Black feels that the Royal Ambassador endeavor is where he should plant his life. We feel certain that we have been led very definitely to find him."

Black, a native Mississippian, is a member of the First Baptist Church, Brookhaven. He is a deacon and a man of varied experience in his church. Service in churches across the years includes leadership in Brotherhood, Royal Ambassadors, Sunday school and Training Union.

At the time of his election, Mr. Black, 36, was a field scout executive for the Boy Scouts of America. His professional training includes extensive courses in the Scout Leaders School at Mendham, New Jersey. He served as a captain in the Air Corps during World War II and was recalled to active service during the Korean conflict. During his military service he was awarded the Bronze Star and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Black assumed his new duties with the Brotherhood Commission office in Memphis on May 1.

8:00; lunch, 1:00-1:45; and dinner, 6:00-

e evening lectures will be given by Dr. le on Monday and Thursday; by Dr. ney on Tuesday; and by Dr. Mullenburg Wednesday.

e program committee is composed of b E. McLain, head of the department of ion, Meredith College, chairman; Carlyle obell, president, Meredith College, Harold udley, executive secretary, N. C. Pres- rian Synod; Claude F. Gaddy, executive etary, N. C. Baptist Council on Christian cation; E. McNeill Poteat, pastor of Pul- Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh; and ton S. Prickett, pastor of the First Bap- Church, Burlington.

hrough the contribution of interested nds there will be no fee for the lecture rses. Room and meals per person for the re session will be $15.00; single meals, ents; and room for one night, $2.00. One ion of the Meredith dormitories will be nged for men, and another section for men. Persons desiring to make reservation o secure further information should write Meredith School of Christian Studies, redith College, Raleigh, N. C.

dio-Television Commission Clarifies Advertisement

he Radio and Television Commission ad- tisement which appeared in the May 14, issue of the BIBLICAL RECORDER may have the erroneous impression that this South- Baptist agency has not received its al- ed share of Cooperative Program receipts. is was not intended.

he Radio and Television Commission has 955 allotment of 2.33% of undesignated eipts to the Cooperative Program. The ure mentioned in the ad was not the un- signated portion of the Cooperative Pro- m—instead it was the total receipts in- ding Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, etc.

he Commission received the amount of 536.56 as stated, which was 2.33% of all designated Cooperative Program receipts 2,896,847.44 for January, February, and rch of 1955.

tudent Retreat Speakers and Guests Announced

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Bible ur speakers for the 29th annual Baptist dent Retreat at Ridgecrest, N. C., June 6, have been announced by Dr. G. Kearnie egan, secretary, Student Department, Bap- Sunday School Board, Nashville. They e: Dr. E. L. Ackiss, Dr. J. J. Burt, Dr. rence W. Cranford, Dr. Clyde T. Fran- n, Dr. Edgar Hallock, Dr. W. C. Hultgren, r. Frank Leavell, Miss Lorene Tilford, rs. Sibyl Townsend, Mrs. J. O. Williams, ss Virginia Wingo, and Dr. Olin T. Binkley.

Special guests will be Alexander Beerwish, ent seminary graduate from Belgrade, Yu- slavia, and Dr. J. J. Burt, director of Bap- t Youth Work in New Zealand, now tour- g this country and doing special study at uthern Baptist Theological Seminary, isville.

Students selected by *The Baptist Student* agazine during this school year as "Baptist udent of the Month" will be given special cognition at the Retreat.

Our sorrow is the inverted image of our bleness.—CARLYLE.

Pastor of Victory Church Ordained

Wray Graham Barrett of Kings Mountain was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry by authority and order of the Pleasant Hill Church, Shelby, on April 24, 1955.

Those participating in the ordination service were: Rev. Ernest A. Mehaffey, pastor, and Revs. Kenneth Hollifield, Lawrence Roberts, J. J. Hicks, and J. D. Wyatt.

Mr. Barrett is pastor of the Victory Church near Kings Mountain.

Forks of Little River to Hold Home-Coming

Forks of Little River Baptist Church, located near Troy, and organized before the Declaration of Independence of our country from England, will have its annual Home-Coming, Sunday, June 12.

All former pastors and members, as well as present members and friends, are cordially invited to attend this occasion.

The week of revival at the church will also begin on June 12 with Pastor Manly Murphey bringing the messages each evening at 8 p.m.

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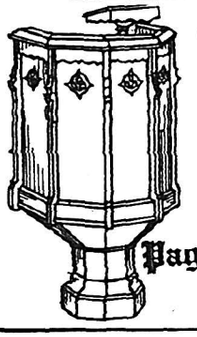

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Wake Forest to Move in Early Summer of 1956

WINSTON-SALEM — A timetable for completing work on the various buildings on the new Wake Forest College campus has been announced.

Otis M. Mull of Shelby, chairman of the college's Planning and Building Committee, released a report which noted that the first campus building—the heating plant—probably will be completed in June and three more in August, although furnishings and equipment for the last three will not be installed until later. The date set for completion of the last building to be erected before the move to Winston-Salem is March, 1956.

All told, the report lists completion dates for 14 primary buildings, utilities, roads, athletic fields, and landscaping.

"We are particularly pleased with our building progress," Mull declared. "I think we are going to be in fine shape when we move to Winston-Salem in the spring of 1956."

Adopting a curtailed schedule for next year, Wake Forest plans to move during late May and early June of 1956. The move will allow operation of summer school on the new campus with formal dedication ceremonies slated that fall.

Under the schedule adopted by the Planning and Building Committee, the power plant will be completed in June. Wait Chapel, the Z. Smith Reynolds Library, and the science building are to be completed in August and Reynolda Hall in November. Furnishings for the library and science building are to be installed in February, 1956, and in the Chapel in March, 1956. Cafeteria furnishings for Reynolda Hall are to be put in during January, 1956, and other furnishings in March, 1956.

The timetable sets the following dates for the other buildings (actual building date listed first and date for furnishings second): Physical education building, February, 1956, and April, 1956; four men's dormitories, November, 1955, and March, 1956; two women's dormitories, November, 1955, and February, 1956; law building, March, 1956, and May, 1956; faculty apartments, all by February, 1956.

Football, track and baseball fields are to be finished this fall; the tennis courts in January, 1956, and other fields in May, 1956.

The two major entrances to the college are to be completed in November with the completion date for installing large trees and shrubbery set in April, 1956. Roads are to be finished in September and parking areas in October.

Certain utilities, such as water lines, sanitary and storm sewers, and steam tunnels and lines are complete. Electric distribution is to be complete in June and full telephone distribution in April, 1956.

"Stand behind your lover, false woman," thundered the Scotsman, "I'm going to shoot you both."—*Ex.*

It is good for us to think that no grace or blessing is truly ours till we are aware that God has blessed someone else with it through us.—PHILLIPS BROOKS.

Big Pastors' Conference

One of the major meetings preceding the Southern Baptist Convention each year is the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference. The Conference this year was big in almost every way. The attendance was large; 3,000 people crowded into Central Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, for four full sessions, beginning Monday evening and continuing all day Tuesday, May 16-17.

Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, chairman of the conference, presided and presented the speakers. Elmer F. Bailey served as the director of music.

In addition to music, words of welcome and response, presentation of the program, and the election of officers, 18 major addresses or sermons were delivered during the four sessions. The speakers were some of the best which Southern Baptists can furnish, including at least one layman, James W. Merritt of Georgia, who spoke on "Mr. Pastor, Your Laymen Are Looking."

We would like to publish some of these messages, or at least summaries of them, in the RECORDER, but space forbids. Only one man from North Carolina was on the program. Pastor Douglas M. Branch, of the First Church, Rocky Mount, who is also president of our State Convention. His subject was "The God-Side of Salvation." Many hearers referred to his as one of the very best messages delivered at the conference. We are giving below the outline and some excerpts from this address by Mr. Branch:

THE GOD-SIDE OF SALVATION

There is an element of audacity in the very title of this message, "The God-Side of Salvation." A mortal man with his finite mind would be presumptuous beyond measure in attempting to speak the mind of God about anything except God had first spoken. Fortunately for the human race God has both spoken and caused to be recorded his will and purpose concerning the salvation of man. Where the Bible speaks we may speak and where the Bible is silent we must be silent.

I am not one of those who believe that we can know God without the Bible. God has revealed himself in many ways, but the only record of that revelation so far as the human race is concerned is the Bible. His supreme revelation is the Living Word. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God, the same was in the beginning with God . . . and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." But the only record the world has of the LIVING WORD is the written word.

Opinions of men and women are fine, but concerning "The God-Side of Salvation" let the Bible speak, for "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

I. Salvation Was in God's Eternal Plan.

In the perfect infintie wisdom of God man's disobedience, sin, and need for salvation were fully known from all eternity. The New Testament writers agree on the proposition that the coming of Jesus Christ—begotten of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, living a sinless, perfect life, dying for sinners, risen for their justification—was all part of God's "eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus." That purpose Paul sometimes referred to as a "mystery," or as "hidden wisdom." In I Corinthians 2:7 he speaks of that "hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory."

John 3:16 has been called the "Miniature Bible." The finest comment on John 3:16 is 2 Timothy 1:9 where Paul speaks of God's grace as having been "given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," and again in Titus 1:2 he states that God, who cannot lie, that is, who by His very nature cannot promise something without fulfilling his promise, promised us eternal life in Jesus Christ "before the world began."

II. The Initiative in Salvation Was and Is with God.

The New Testament sets forth the proposition that becoming a Christian involves a tremendous upheaval, a breaking up and a remaking, a new birth. "If any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature." Our Lord indicated that God's work of redemption proceeds as the Holy Spirit performs his ministry. "And when he is come, he will convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment—of sin because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."

Now look at these three things which only the Holy Spirit can do. Conviction of sin. Man doesn't want to talk about his sins. He will tell you all about his virtues. Man likes to dote on his self-righteousness, not on his need for the covering of God's righteousness in Jesus Christ. To most people, as to Felix, the very thought of judgment is repugnant. They are certain that a g God could not possibly send such good pe as they are to hell regardless of what t do with Jesus Christ, and we cannot c vince them otherwise—but the Holy Sp can and does. He still can make the sin cry out, "What must I do to be saved?"

In initiating his redemptive work for individual, God opens wide the door to comers. Divine election is not a narrow but a widening of the door into life. It like the merchant who builds his store, sto his shelves, and opens his doors. He "elected" every individual in the world a customer of his, but he can only do busin with those who pass through the open do

III. Salvation Is Wholly of Divine Grac

In redemption God acts independently man's moral and religious achievements. does not act independently of man's w for the heart's "yes" is essential to salvati But God saves all men alike and with same degree of finality. It is as easy God to save the harlot as it is for him save the woman of virtue. It is as easy God to save a thief as it is for him to sa an honest man.

Jesus Christ has made *complete* atoneme for sin and we get into the Kingdom of G wholly upon the merits of Jesus Christ. M doesn't enter there walking upon one leg morality or self-righteousness, and upon leg of grace; rather he must do as Paul d heap together all imagined moral and sp itual attainments and throw them upon t trash heap of a dead past, walking fo into the sunlight a new man in Christ Jes by grace through faith.

Conclusion

The God-Side of salvation is the reverse human dereliction and sin. Where we a weak, God gives divine strength. Where are sinful, God gives divine righteousnes Where we deserve hell, God provides heavenly home. Where we now live in frail tent which within a few years will tattered and useless, we shall then have house "eternal in the heavens." "For th corruption *must* put on incorruption and th mortal *must* put on immortality." "Thank be to God for his indescribable gift." God work must at last be perfected, for "H who has begun a good work in us will bri it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ —L.L.C.

Church and Denomination Night

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Southwestern Seminary Grants Firs Degrees to Negro Students

Southwestern Baptist Theological Sem nary, Fort Worth, Texas, has granted its fir degrees to Negroes. Leon Fernandez Hard received the B.D. degree and Marvin C. Gri fith received the M.R.E. degree at the spri commencement, May 13. Both are pastors Waco, Texas.

Mr. Hardee, a graduate of Bishop Colleg Marshall, Texas, also holds the honora D.D. degree from Paul Quinn College, Wac Texas. He has served as pastor of the Fir Baptist Church (Negro), Waco, Texas, sinc 1947. Mr. Griffin holds the B.A. degree fro Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, and the B.D degree from Oberlin Graduate School of Th ology, Oberlin, Ohio. He is pastor of the Ne Hope Baptist Church, Waco.

North Carolinians Elected to Boards and Committees, SBC

New committee and board members elected at the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami include the following from North Carolina: V. Ward Barr, Gastonia, Foreign Mission Board; J. Larry Mayo, Smithfield, Relief and Annuity Board; Casper C. Warren, Charlotte, Southern Baptist Foundation; E. W. Price, Jr., Asheboro, Radio and Television Commission; Casper C. Warren, Charlotte, Public Affairs Committee; and John E. Lawrence, Shelby, Committee on Order of Business.

Members re-elected are: Douglas M. Branch, Rocky Mount, Executive Committee; Boyce Brooks, Albemarle, Home Mission Board; M. O. Owens, Jr., Lenoir, Sunday School Board; W. Perry Crouch, Asheville, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Broadus E. Jones, Raleigh, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

B.S.U. Officers Elected at Western Carolina College

The following students have been elected as the new officers for 1955-56 at Western Carolina College, Cullowhee:

President, Genevieve Johnson, Bakersville; 1st vice-president, Jim Ingram, Cliffside; 2nd vice-presidents, Sara M. Morris, Glenwood, and John Monteith, Pineville; 3rd vice-president, Betty Moody, Rosman; secretary, Ella Rhea Hooper, Robbinsville; treasurer, Horris DeWitt, Ellerbe; publicity chairman, Duane Oliver, Hazelwood; music chairman, Arnold Penland, Arden; Sunday school chairman, Sherrill Spears, Kings Mountain; Training Union representative, Naomi Coxe, Sanford; Y.W.A. representative, Freida Dean Morgan, Leicester; choir representative, Jerry Smith, Murphy; literature chairman, Catherine Dalton, Hendersonville. Faculty adviser is Mr. C. A. Hoyle and B.S.U. director and pastor is Rowland S. Pruette.

Gardner-Webb Is Expanding Adult Education Classes

Gardner-Webb College of Boiling Springs will offer adult education courses in Shelby next fall, according to an announcement recently by W. Lawson Allen, director of the sponsoring church-community program.

College-level classes will be taught in literature, history, philosophy, Bible, music appreciation, and psychology and others. Gardner-Webb faculty members teaching the courses will be Dr. Philip Elliott, president, Dr. Robert A. Dyer, Dr. Robert N. Elliott, Prof. Robert G. Carr, and others.

Classes will also be offered on the Gardner-Webb campus, and in other towns if the demand is sufficient.

The night school has been in existence for 11 years. It began as a school for ministers and has grown to include courses in music, business, typing, shorthand, sociology, and several other subjects. In the past two years 2,200 students have been served by the adult education schools in a dozen counties throughout Piedmont and western North Carolina.

Classes usually offered in the past have been in the fields of church music, Bible, Christian sociology, and church organization. The higher education classes began last winter when Dr. Robert Elliott taught a philosophy class in "The History of Ideas."

North Carolina Missionary Appointees

Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Cline, Jr., and Miss Laura Frances Snow

Three North Carolinians were among 20 young people appointed to overseas service by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its May meeting. They are Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Cline, Jr., of Oxford, and Miss Laura Frances Snow, native of Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline will go to Thailand and Miss Snow to Chile.

Mr. Cline is pastor of the Providence and Knott's Grove churches, Oxford. A native of Gaston County, he received the bachelor of arts degree from Wake Forest College and the bachelor of divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and since the fall of 1952 has done graduate work in church history at Duke University, Durham.

He served 39 months in the U. S. Army with overseas duty in Germany, France, and Austria. Nine months of his military service were spent in studying basic engineering in the University of San Francisco.

Mrs. Cline, formerly Georgia Smith, is a native of Birmingham, Ala. She received the bachelor of arts degree from Howard College, Birmingham, and the master of religious education degree from Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now Carver School of Missions and Social Work).

Her working experience includes that of being secretary at First Baptist Church, Fairfield, Ala.; assistant professor of psychology, assistant to the student secretary, and then student secretary at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex.; teacher of a class in psychology, Fort Hood, Tex.; and youth director and church secretary, First Church, Gatesville, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline have a son, Malcolm Augustus, 10 months.

Miss Snow now lives in Nashville, where she serves as young people's secretary for the Woman's Missionary Union of Tennessee.

She received the bachelor of arts degree from Meredith College, Raleigh, and the master of religious education degree from the Woman's Missionary Union Training School.

She spent two summers doing field work for the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union, taught for a year in the public school of Stanley, and then, upon graduation from the Training School in 1948, she became full-time field representative for the W.M.U. of North Carolina, a position which she held until she took up the work in Tennessee in September, 1950.

Books Received

GOD'S GOOD NEWS. The Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale. By Gerald Kennedy. Harper & Brothers. $2.50.

FIRE ON A DRUMHEAD. A Year of Sermons for Girls and Boys. By Carl S. West. Harper & Brothers. $2.00.

THE STORY OF SAMUEL. Unit 1, Primary Leadership Material Training Union Series. Compiled by Doris Monroe and LaVerne Ashby. Broadman.

BIBLE WORDS THAT HAVE CHANGED IN MEANING. A List Edited by Luther A. Weigle. Thomas Nelson & Sons. 35c.

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE. The Most Exciting Book in the World. By Francis Carr Stifler.

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Highways of Happiness

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gers. We even made up some rhymes of our own and, creative ability running wild on those long highway stretches, shortened the distances between the mile posts.

Glorieta

Evening found us in Tucumcari, New Mexico, and the moon rising above "The Circle S" filled our hearts with happiness and a promise that before midday we should see Glorieta.

Glorieta! Dreams come true! There it lay in a peaceful little valley surrounded by mountains, even more beautiful than we had dreamed it would be. Modern and comfortable buildings, and inspiring programs awaited us there. After seeing so many flocks of sheep and wondering where the shepherds were, we could appreciate to the depths of our souls, "The Ninety and Nine" as it was so wonderfully sung by Dr. Allen W. Graves, on our first night at Glorieta.

That first afternoon at Glorieta, Irene and I found a new highway of happiness. A guided tour of Santa Fe was provided by the Assembly. Mr. Gaines was in his Board meeting and Mrs. Gaines, having seen Santa Fe on a previous trip, decided to omit this one. Irene and I, as if we hadn't just been riding the highways for days, set off on this new adventure. It was worth every penny of our $3.50 for it proved to be one of the most interesting highways of our entire trip.

Vic Malone, tour conductor for Glorieta in the summer and public school math teacher in Santa Fe during the winter, kept us in a merry mood as he guided this expedition. We were carried right by the old stagecoach stop of the famous Santa Fe Trail and had the mountain peaks pointed out to us and heard stories about them. In Santa Fe we went first to see our denomination's beautiful Spanish Mission and the new Indian Mission, visiting with our missionaries there before touring the city.

Santa Fe has much to offer in distinctive museums, ancient buildings, numerous schools, interesting homes, exciting shops, quaint streets, and sidewalk markets. Our guide was full of patience, good humor and thoughtfulness. He even took us to a drugstore and entertained us with jokes while we quenched our thirst. He didn't miss a trick. As we left Santa Fe on the return trip, Irene and I who had the back seat of the long station wagon, slipped off our shoes. (We had already discovered that resting our feet completely between stops kept them fit for any amount of walking or climbing, which of course greatly added to our pleasure.) Vic paused in his guide story long enough to say,

"I'll bet those two busy ladies on the back seat are taking off their shoes," and we joined in the good-natured laughter of the other passengers.

Glorieta was all we had dreamed that it would be, but our pastor had promised to show us Grand Canyon and we were holding him to his promise and so it was necessary to leave Glorieta as soon as his Board meetings were over. Some day we will go back.

We had seen mesas before reaching Glorieta but as we left the mountain peaks behind us we came into even more beautiful mesa lands. Gazing at those flat-topped mountains, we felt somewhat as Peter Marshall must have felt when he wrote from Scotland, "We have been in the heart of the Grampians and thought it to be the frontier of another world . . . something like the mountains of the moon . . . with range after range fretting the sky with their varied lines and heights . . . mountain piled upon mountain like frozen thunder."

The highways through New Mexico and Arizona were lined with sunflowers and other blooming plants which seemed to bid us welcome. Tumbleweeds were everywhere, holding down the arid soil and furnishing food for desert animals.

Although most of the Indians live on reservations, we saw many of them in their colorful costumes along the highway. They knew that most tourists would give a silver coin to make their pictures. Many hogans are built close to the road and these tiny homes filled us with amazement. We passed through several pueblo villages but lacked time to go into any of the Indian reservation or up to see the cliff dwellers. It would have been interesting to stop and see them do their native dances.

At Gallup we could only wonder at Indians squatting at basement jail windows as they talked with members of their own race, and feel shame that our forefathers had taken so much from the Indians and given them many evils in return. These bedraggled humans seemed a far cry from the mighty warriors who once roamed these great plains and claimed these hills as their homes.

Seeing a tree was becoming a rare sight and missing our own beautiful Carolina trees our hearts leaped at sight of a lone forest giant as with one voice we began Joyce Kilmer's

"I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree . . .
A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray . . ."

The Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest

The Painted Desert proved unexpectedly beautiful and unreal. The rock formations, the varigated colors, and the desert flowers were enchanting. Not being poets we could only exclaim in simple ecstasy as we tried to capture some of the exquisite beauty with our cameras.

The Petrified Forest proved not less wonderful. Whole trees petrified and then thrown upon the surface of the earth baring their intricate rings and colors to the gaze of strangers, yet never telling their secrets. It seemed almost as if we were intruding into the private bedroom of some ancient race and vainly requesting that their mystery be explained. The Agate House, a pre-historic Indian dwelling partially restored, is steeped in mystery, as is Newspaper Rock with its ancient Indian writings which have never been interpreted. These and many other forest wonders in petrified rock silenced us. Dryden might well have said of this place, "Orpheus (did) lead the savage race, and trees uprooted left their place."

Our Highway of Happiness led out of the Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest and on to 89 which offers the most glorious views imaginable. Miles and miles of straight road up hill and down, entice the traveler onward to where it seems that the road will lead right up into the mountain peaks and fleecy clouds. Our group of happy travelers found joy in a game of fancy in which we drew forms and figures from the bluest sky and the softest, whitest clouds we had ever seen.

One of the most beautiful pictures of the whole journey was seen along this same high-

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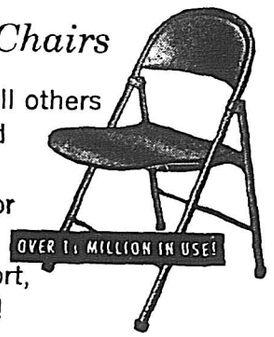

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ay and the exclamations of delight from all us almost forced us to go back in order at we might view again its loveliness.

On a *beautiful* green hillside meadow a epherd was leading his flock and he was aiting for some of the hundreds of sheep to atch up with the flock. The setting sun lent halo to the whole picture as its rays spread mellow glow through a few tall trees under hich part of the flock had stopped to drink om a quiet brook. This time the shepherd as leading his flock "beside the still waters" nd into "green pastures," and in his arms he eld a baby lamb as he waited for the lagging nes to catch up with him. Nature had pro-ided us with an absolutely perfect and living icture of the Twenty-third Psalm."

The Grand Canyon

The approach to Grand Canyon is very eep and dangerous on this highway. Above, igh cliffs overshadow most of the sky; below, eep gorges spell disaster for any who get too ear the edge; ahead, the hairpin curves ob-truct the vision; yet, we were not afraid. Climbing those huge cliffs was a glorious ad-venture because we had explicit faith in our river.

What a great adventure all of life could be if instead of looking at the seemingly im-possible heights above, the deep and danger-ous valleys below, and the sharp curves around which we cannot see the road ahead, we could just leave it to the Greatest Guide of all to take the wheel and carry us on to the glorious end of the trail.

Kaibab Forest is beautiful when entered at dusk. We first saw it just as the day was turning down the covers for the night. It was easy to think with Bryon, "The groves were God's first temples," as we viewed them standing "tall and dark" and find in them a "fit shrine for humble worshipper to hold Communion with his Maker." Like Longfel-low's "forest primeval" the "murmuring pines and the hemlocks . . . stand like Druids of old . . . indistinct in the twilight." Even the deer feel no evil and walk along the highway, confident that man-made machines will do them no harm.

By day the forest is extremely interesting and intensely beautiful. As Irene exclaimed so many times on our trip, "If it were any prettier, I just couldn't stand it." The tow-ering trees, the numerous wild animals, the many birds, and the variety of flowers make Kaibab Forest a place to linger and feel and think.

All the way through the beautiful forest and into the town of Grand Canyon, the high-way affords one delight upon another with many glimpses of the Grand Canyon itself. Grand Canyon—whether it is seen from the *Plaza of Bright Angel Lodge, the Government* station at Yavapai Point, the Desert View Ob-servation Tower, or from any of the other numerous viewpoints—whether at sunrise, at sunset, or in the middle of the day—is still so awe-inspiring that one can only stare and wonder at those vast rock temples firmly rest-ing on their deep bed between the gorges, yet towering like great canopies up into the clouds.

At the Government Observatory are numer-ous telescopes through which one may get "close-up" views of the Canyon, can see great-er heights, deeper depths, more distant hori-zons, and more minute details. Each telescope gives a different view of that one great phe-nomenon of nature. To get these varied views, the searcher must close one eye to the people and things near by and focus entirely through the telescope that reveals some par-ticular glory of the Canyon.

Like the Grand Canyon, God's observatory has many telescopes which focus on his great Kingdom. By closing one eye on the things that are out of harmony with his over-all plan, and concentrating on the telescope that affords the searcher the grandest view of God, the searcher will find himself lifted out of his own selfish little world into something more wonderful than anything he has ever dreamed, and life will have a clearer meaning running through it. Just as the Colorado River, rushing through the Canyon to Lake Mead and on to the Gulf of California, gives sense of direction in those great piles of rock; just so, does the human mind, trying to focus between those immense gorges, derive a sense of direction in any Almighty Power.

Not far from Grand Canyon is another highway leading to the Meteor Crater, largest crater in the world. The meteorite, which fell centuries ago, lies buried beneath a hole 570 feet deep and three miles around. The shafts of engineers and scientists had to be abandoned and the crater remains such a com-pelling mystery that we could only gape at it, subdued at what mighty thing had hap-pened here.

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot?" De-cidedly not when their fellowship has meant much to a church's life. Lunch in Lawton, Oklahoma, with Major Scarbrough's family and brief visits with other friends along the way added pleasure to our trip, only the time was not long enough to include visits with all the friendly folks who had gone out from our small Carolina town to find new homes along these distant highways.

Sometimes we discussed whether anticipa-tion, realization, or retrospect contributes most to one's happiness. We still don't know. We do know that our land is lined with beau-tiful highways that lead to places of inspira-tion and joy, and that along these same high-ways, happiness lies in wait for all those who have eyes to see, hearts to feel, and minds to appreciate.

The North wind bringeth rain and sleet,
The South wind bringeth rain and heat,
The West wind surely bringeth rain,
The East wind blows it back again.
—*Weather Lore of a Pessimist.*

I know that with consecration on the part of believers, separation from the world, dis-entanglement from enslaving sins, and a mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit, the church would become a conquering power in the world, not by its constructed theology, not by its Sabbath services, not by its arguments to convince the intellect, but by its simple story of Jesus' love, by the Cross, the Cross—God's hammer, God's fire.—A. E. KITTREDGE.

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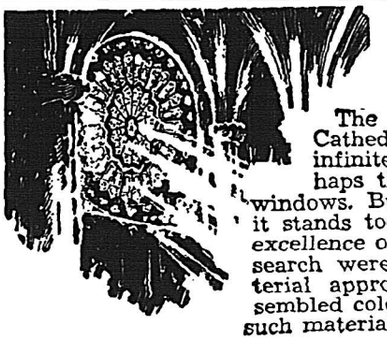

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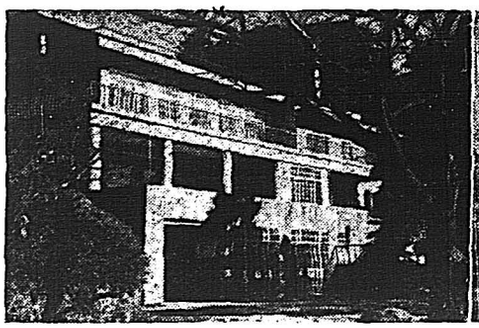
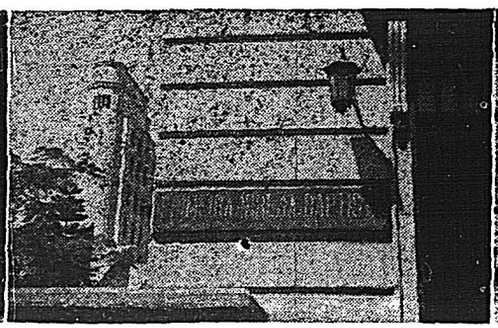
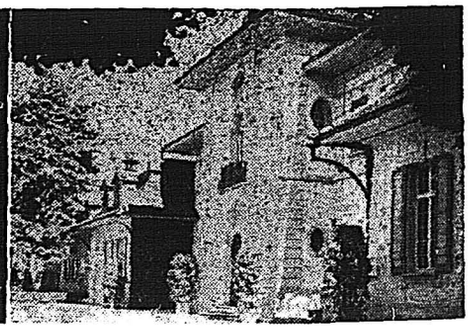


The Orient, where more than half of the world's people live, affords unlimited opportunities for Christian witness. The Baptist hospital in Kyoto, Japan, represents one phase of a many-sided testimony in Christ's name in Asia.



Latin America has been the scene of Southern Baptist missionary work for 75 years. The First Baptist Church in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, typifies this gospel ministry in 20 Latin American countries.



In Africa, Europe and the Near East, missionaries work in metropolitan centers and small communities to share the gospel. The international Baptist seminary at Ruschlikon/Zurich, Switzerland, symbolizes this ever-expanding Christian witness.

Southern Baptists are committed to world missions. Today approximately 950 missionaries are serving in 35 countries and territories overseas. The Foreign Mission Board hopes to have 1,000 missionaries under appointment by the end of 1955, and 1,750 missionaries at the earliest possible date.

God's call to foreign mission service is coming to many young Southern Baptists—it may be coming to YOU. If so, it may be your privilege to serve overseas as a witness to the Christian gospel. Your mission home might be in Lebanon or Argentina or Korea. Your work may be that of preacher, teacher, doctor, nurse, homemaker or some specialized-and-needed profession. Your co-workers will be fellow missionaries and national Christians. Your main job — no matter where you live or what your vocation—will be to represent the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

If YOU are a mission volunteer or need assistance as you consider the matter prayerfully, the Foreign Mission Board's personnel secretary, Elmer S. West, Jr., and his associates will be glad to discuss missionary service with you. You may write to the Department of Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia.