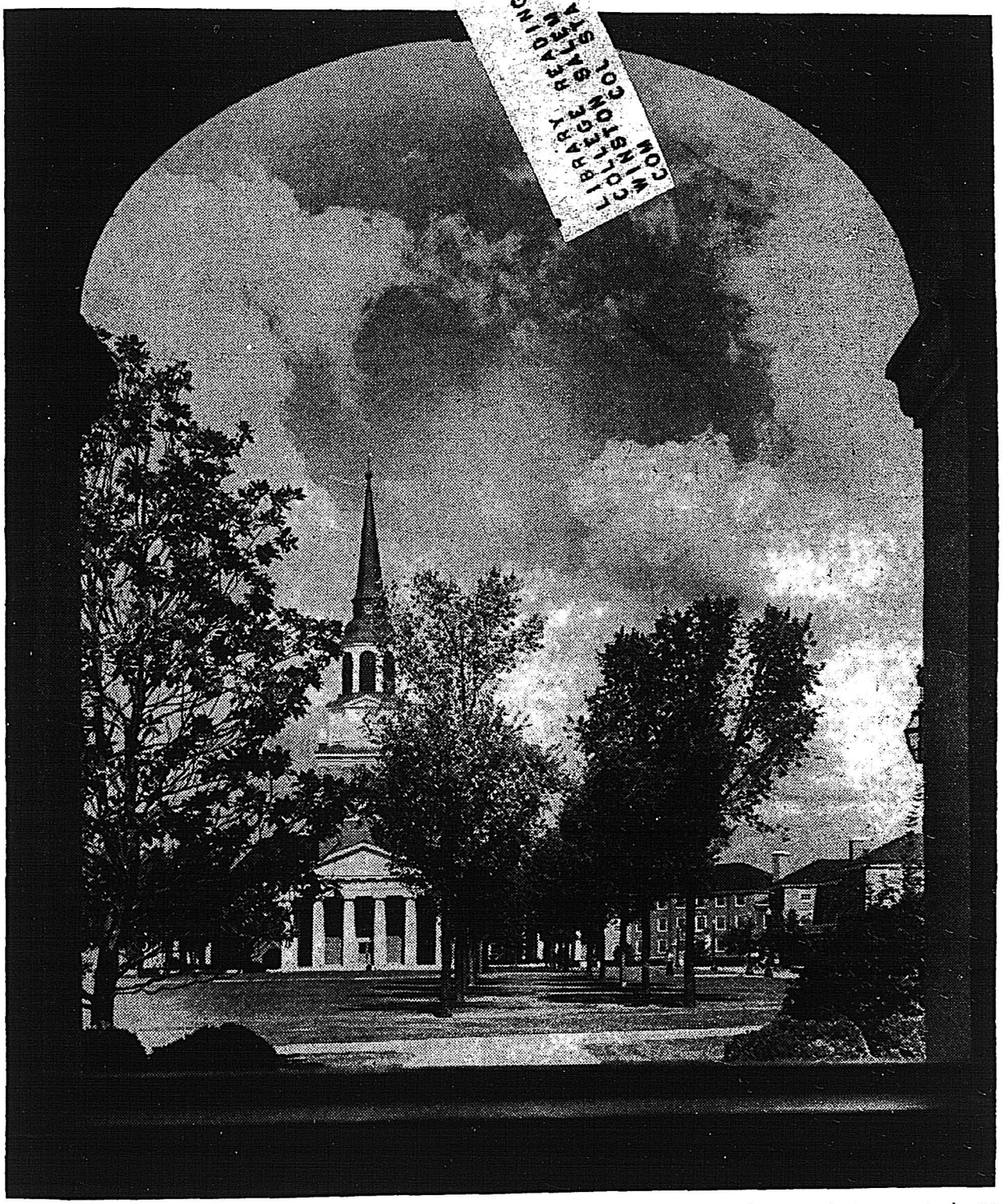
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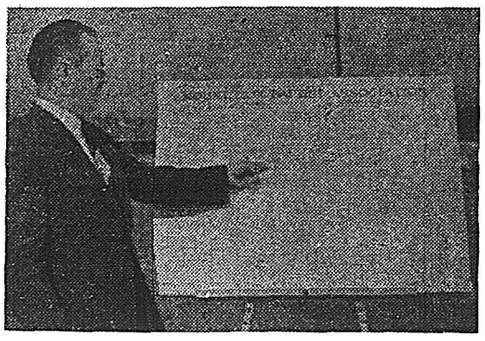


ARCH AND CHAPEL — This beautiful view of Wait Chapel is one of many that new students at Wake Forest College saw this year for the first time. (Photo by Irvin Grigg).

The Stronger Churches Using Their Associations

By R. T. "Tom" Greene

The stronger churches, all across North Carolina, are using their district associations to carry out the commands of our Lord, in Romans 15:1, "We that are strong *ought to bear the infirmities of the weak*, and not to please ourselves." Many of the stronger churches are taking the lead in establishing new missions and in promoting Simultaneous Revival efforts, Schools of Missions, and other united efforts in the association.

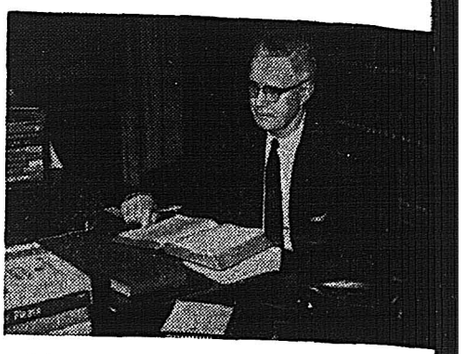


Pictured above is Rev. G. Leland Royster, missionary of the Mt. Zion Association, as he is pointing to an area where a new church needs to be started.

The First Church of Burlington, Dr. Carlton S. Prickett, pastor, of the Mt. Zion Association, is an example of the larger churches using their district association. This church has supported the Associational Mission Program from the beginning. The church has averaged about $1,800 per year contributed toward Associational Missions, in addition to contributing liberally toward the home for the associational missionary. At the present, three members of this church hold associational offices.

The First Church, Burlington, has started three new churches: Kinnett Memorial, Grove Park, and Northside. The First Church gave $5,000 to each of these churches toward their building. They have also assisted in the beginning of the Hocutt Memorial, Glen Hope, and the Calvary Baptist churches.

Rev. G. Leland Royster is the missionary of the Mt. Zion Association.



Pictured above is Dr. Carlton S. Prickett with his Bible opened to Isaiah 54:2 "Lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes." This verse is the theme for the Annual Meeting of the Mt. Zion Association. Dr. Prickett is the pastor of the First Church, Burlington, Mt. Zion Association.

The *big church* and her pastor can always challenge the smaller churches, but smaller churches have difficulty in trying to enlist the larger ones. Most of the stronger churches in North Carolina realize the truth in Paul's statement, "We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak." They are using their district associations to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord.

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Green Springs Church Celebrates Centennial

Green Springs Church, Parkton, celebrated its 100th anniversary on Sunday, October 5. The Centennial Celebration program began at 11 o'clock after the Sunday school hour. Pastor S. N. Lamb presided, gave the invocation, read a selection of Scripture, led in prayer, and pronounced the benediction. There was special music by the Children's Choir. N. A. McMillan brought a message on

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"A Century of Service" and Charles Thaggard spoke on "A Look Toward the Future."

A fellowship dinner was enjoyed after the morning service, and at 2:00 p.m. there was an afternoon service featured by congregational singing, several solos, and selections by the Children's, Young People's, and Adult choirs. There were also talks by former pastors and others.

The Centennial Celebration was a great occasion for Green Springs. A tremendous crowd attended, with about 500 people returning, including former members and visitors. The only former pastor who was able to be present was Rev. J. M. Gibbs. Two ministers, P. E. Jones and W. R. Stephens, who were ordained in Green Springs Church, were present, as well as several other former members of the church who have entered the ministry. Several people were recognized who had been members of the church more than 50 years.

Pastor Lamb says, "We had a very fine day—one to be pleasantly remembered."

Committee of 25 Reports

The scarcity of news releases in recent months has not been due to a breakdown of the work of the Committee of 25. Rather, it has come about on account of the need of receiving the report of the Management Consultants employed by the Committee in keeping with the action of General Board. You will recall that the Committee of 25 considered the possibility of advance so important that it recommended outside professional help about six months ago.

Since May 13 three full-time consultants of Booz, Allen, and Hamilton, of Chicago, with extra help from two others, have made extensive studies through interviews, correspondence, questionnaires, and visits all over the state. The reception given these workers by people of the Convention has been uniformly gracious and appreciated.

The preliminary report has been submitted to the subcommittee serving as a connecting link between the consultants and the Committee of 25. For a whole day, morning, afternoon and evening, protracted sessions were held, and discussion was given various features of this early report. In the latter part of October the Committee of 25 has been called for a similar report, based on the earlier report, with any changes thought desirable. It seems unlikely that the complete report will be released before the meeting of the State Convention, and there will be considerable discussion and probable changes made by the Committee of 25 before it is ready to make its report to the Convention.

There will be a progress report made, and it seems altogether likely that the Committee will request a special session of the Convention in the earlier part of 1959 to deal with this extensive report.

At the present time many of the associations are hearing brief reports of the work being done. We sincerely regret the need for delaying conclusions. We are deeply grateful for the patience of the Convention, and hope it may be not in vain.

E. Norfleet Gardner, *Secretary.*



CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST is observed by many Sunbeam Bands. Shown above are *Pre-School and regular Sunbeam groups of the* First Church, Henderson, who presented a program at the general meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society on August 18. The Sunbeams are pictured after they had placed gifts for the Navajo Indians of the western United States around the "Christmas Tree in August." The gifts are brought in August to allow time for packing and shipping so that the missionaries to whom they are sent will have time for proper distribution.

Mrs. Leon Frazier, pictured at left rear, and Mrs. Alma Pirie, at right rear, who have served as Sunbeam leaders at Henderson First Church for 18 years, are retiring, and Mrs. Janet W. Cole and Mrs. Jeannette F. Poythres are taking their places as leaders. Mrs. Bobby Brock is the new president of the WMU at Henderson, succeeding Mrs. Albert H. Parham, who has served as president the past two years.

State Brotherhood Convention

Durham, November 10

The Annual State Brotherhood Convention will be held in Temple Baptist Church, Durham, at 7:30, on Monday, November 10. Donald Adcox, President, and Gary Harthcock, Vice- President, announce the following program for the Convention:

Hymn	To God Be The Glory
Invocation	Julian Hopkins
Welcome	Charles Maddry
	Donald Adcox
Announcements and Business	Donald Adcox
Special Music	Temple Baptist Church Choir
Witnessing, A Work for Men	Gary Harthcock, with Lenward Wiggins, LaGrange; Bill Mitchiner, Oxford; Victor Jones, Hendersonville
Hymn	He Leadeth Me
Royal Ambassadors, A Pearl of Great Price	Bill Jackson
Special Music	Temple Baptist Church Choir
Message	Rev. John Lawrence
Hymn	'Have Thine Own Way, Lord
Benediction	

Much Progress Reported at First Church, Hickory

Annual reports of the associational year 1957-58 adopted by the conference of the First Church of Hickory, Dr. Othell Hand, pastor, reflected the following facts:

Total contributions to all causes	$176,000.00
Local Operations	72,131.97
Missions	49,438.94
Building Program	47,926.20

Jimmy Glenn, church clerk, reported that these gifts reflect an all-time high and that the increase in Missions over a year ago was $7,181.61.

All organizations reported gains over previous years and the Sunday school attendance record (951) was broken September 28 with 973 present.

The morning worship services during the past year averaged over 800 per Sunday. The evening worship was attended by an average of 500 each Sunday. These attendance figures represent an increase each Sunday of more than 400 beyond previous years.

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Editorial Brevities

A RESOLUTION UPHOLDING "THE EQUAL WORTH OF ALL individuals" and deploring racial violence was unanimously adopted by more than 600 delegates to the 22nd annual convention of the Arkansas Baptist Student Union, meeting in Arkadelphia recently.

Taking note of the "present racial tension," the resolution said, "We believe the Christian position in the matter of race relations includes (1) upholding the teachings and examples of Christ regarding the equal worth of all individuals regardless of race, color, or station in life, (2) upholding the law of the land, and (3) abstaining from and discouraging violence in the settlement of any differences."

It seems to us that most fair-minded Christian citizens will have to agree that this was a wholesome and sound statement by these college young people.

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THE ARTICLE in our issue of October 18 by Professor Garland A. Hendricks on "The Ministry of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary" was interesting and informative. In reading the article you will see something of the wide reach and importance of the work of Southeastern Seminary.

The seminary has a wide ministry to the churches of this area of the state, and even beyond. For instance, in 1958, approximately 400 students at Southeastern Seminary served as pastors, associate pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music, organists, choir directors, and directors of recreation. And the seminary is the center of learning and service for faculty and students. It is making an important contribution to the light and guidance of Southern Baptists. Let us thank God for Southeastern Seminary and its far-reaching influence and service.

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ACCORDING TO REPORTS, the Baptist State Convention Committee of 17 has made visits to all of the seven Baptist colleges. The entire committee visited Meredith and Wake Forest, but the five junior colleges were contacted by sub-committees of the group.

The last visit was to Wake Forest College, where the committee interviewed 10 student leaders and an undetermined number of college officials. They met for about half an hour with the college board of trustees. This visit was on October 10.

The committee was established at last year's convention "to study the spiritual life on the campuses of our Baptist colleges, the attitude and activities or organizations which hinder the development of the genuine spiritual atmosphere on these campuses."

The committee is scheduled to make a report of its findings to the 1958 convention meeting at Durham in November. Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone, is now chairman, having succeeded Dr. W. R. Wagoner, who resigned last spring to take a position as head of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes.



EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM SAYS he plans to speak at a rally on the statehouse grounds in Columbia, S. C., one week after the scheduled close of his crusade in Charlotte, despite opposition of Governor George Bell Timmerman, Jr., who called him a well-known integrationist.

Governor Timmerman had charged that the evangelist's appearance on state property would be "misinterpreted as approval" of Mr. Graham's "endorsement of racial mixing." The governor added that he was "shocked" that Mr. Graham had been invited to address the rally.

This shows the limits to which some people will go in their racial prejudice during these times of controversy. Mr. Graham states that he is going to Columbia only to preach the gospel of Christ.

Meanwhile, Columbia church leaders mapped final plans for the evangelist's appearance on October 26.

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ACCORDING TO "THE BAPTIST MESSAGE", Louisiana Baptist paper, with a few modifications, the total report of Booz, Allen and Hamilton, Chicago management consultant firm, has been approved by the executive board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

The report will be presented to the convention when it meets in November at Shreveport. The convention will be asked to approve a new constitution and by-laws in addition to recommendations affecting convention organization and its relationship with the executive board.

Commenting on the report, Executive Secretary Robert L. Lee said: "The survey of Louisiana Baptist work was comprehensive and required a period of approximately eight months. Favorable response and reactions have been reflected in comments made by laymen, pastors, and administrators."

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IT WILL BE OF INTEREST to North Carolina Baptists to know that the report of the committee to survey and study the state program of Kentucky Baptists has been published in the **Western Recorder** and that the report will be before the annual session of the General Association of the Baptists of Kentucky for discussion and action in its meeting at Harlan, Ky., November 12-14. Two full sessions of the association are to be given to study and discussion of this report.

The committee, consisting of 15 people, was authorized and constituted at the meeting of the association one year ago; and so the study has been going on for 12 months. The committee engaged the services of Booz, Allen and Hamilton, the same management consultant firm which is making a study of North Carolina Baptist agenices and institutions. We shall watch with interest what actions are taken on this matter in the meeting of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky this November.

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THE FIRST CHURCH, WILMINGTON, Randolph L. Gregory, pastor, observed the 150th anniversary of the church with week-long services, October 12-19 The pastor led off with appropriate sermons for Sunday morning and evening October 12. Theme of the morning sermon was "Voices out of the Past" and the Sunday evening sermon was on the theme, "The First Covenant of the First Baptist Church."

For Tuesday and Wednesday evenings an historical pageant, "His Truth Shall Triumph" by Mrs. Sidney Jones, was presented.

A home-coming service was observed in the church sanctuary on Friday evening. This was preceded in the afternoon with open tours for friends and members of the church with a guide who pointed out the historical features of the church. At the evening service greetings from the friends of the church were brought by J. E. L. Wade, mayor of the City of Wilmington; Dr. Sankey Lee Blanton, president of Crozer Theological Seminary; Rev. Charles A. Maddry, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Durham; Rev. A. T. Greene, Jr., moderator of the Wilmington Association; Rev. Elwood Orr, pastor of Winter Park Church; and Ben Sunofsky of Hendersonville.

"The Making of Our Future" was the theme of the pastor's sermon on Sunday morning, October 19. At 2:30 in the afternoon the opening service in the new mission building was held, with General Secretary M. A. Huggins of the Baptist State Convention as the featured speaker. At the evening service the program was centered around the Communion Service.

Several anniversary gifts were presented to the church, including the external wall fixtures on the great entrance to the church on Market Street, a memorial gift "dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of R. R. Stone, 1958." The new bulletin board is a 150th anniversary gift to the church from Mr. and Mrs. J. Carl Seymour. Copies of the "History of the Church" by Miss Helen Dobson were on sale during the anniversary celebration.

First place in the anniversary hymn winners went to Mrs. Bernadine Foyles Peders for "We Thank Thee Now Our God."

We salute this great and historic church on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. It has had a long and honored history, and at the present time is making fine progress in the work of the kingdom.

Anger, like an acid, does more harm to the vessel in which it is stored, than to anything on which it is poured.—*Ex.*

EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

Signs of Hope in American Families

THE NEWSPAPER goes to great length in publicizing murder, crime, and evils of every description. This is only a small minority of facts. When you move across the state or the nation during the summer time, spending nights in camping areas and in motels, you see how American families really live. You discover that our nation is made up of honest, God-fearing, happy, and unselfish family groups. This statement includes the bulk of the United States. When millions of American families play, work, and pray together night after night under the skies of God, I see greater homes being built upon deeper concern, the spirit of sharing, and closer unity. These are signs of hope. — CHARLES AUTEN.

Consider Well Your Church Budget

AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, harvest season comes into fulfilment, associational years are ended, and churches consider their budgets. This is a matter of very great importance. A church budget is a number of things:

A worthy church budget is a **goal.** It is looking to the future, in faith that certain things can be accomplished for the glory of God in the church's work.

It is a **plan.** A budget might be called a blueprint of the church's program.

It is a **picture,** drawn so that every member may see the financial program and goals of his church.

It is a **map,** a guide to the very best road of action in the use of our tithes and offerings.

It is a **ladder.** It challenges church members as Christian people to climb higher and walk the highways of stewardship pleasing unto God.

It is an **operation.** It does away with such detrimental things as rummage sales, chicken and cake suppers, peddling flavoring extracts and other merchandise to raise money for the church, and set things in order, so that regular systematic giving may be done by God's people to support His work.

A church budget brings **satisfaction.** Every member can see the budget, can have a part in shaping it, can add to or take away from it, and know the joy of making it his own. It becomes not just **the** church budget — it becomes OUR BUDGET — and **My Budget** to every member. It becomes personal.

It is an **opportunity.** The youngest and the very oldest member can have a share and a part in making it work. Everyone knows where his tithes and offerings go, and each one can sense the joy of knowing he is a part of all there is good in God's plan of church growth and Kingdom work at home and around the world. Consider well your forthcoming CHURCH BUDGET.

Rural Churches Provide Denominational Leadership

DR. S. F. DOWIS, Atlanta, Ga., of the Home Mission Board stated in a conference recently that most officers of the convention and most pastors of city churches had been reared in rural churches. He said that 72 per cent of the denomination's leaders had come from rural churches. Rural churches therefore have the responsibility of training "tomorrow's leadership" for the denomination, he added.

Too many rural ministers are leaving their country pastorates for city churches, delegates to the Rural Church Conference of the Southern Convention held in Memphis, Tenn., recently, were told.

Rev. Leon Crider, pastor in the small community of Fisherville, Tenn., said that a year or 18 months is too short a time for a minister in a rural church to "get to know the needs of his people or build their confidence in him." As a result of short pastorates, teaching programs of many churches suffer. "Without leadership," he added, "many churches fail to support the convention and do not take advantage of educational and promotional programs the convention offers."

These are true and important observations on short pastorates. If the average pastorate in rural and village churches could be doubled in length, the usefulness of pastors to their work would probably be multipled four-fold. Improvements are being made in this field, and times are getting better. The custom of the annual call is disappearing in many places, and should disappear. A pastor can stay too long at a church, but at least seven or eight years is not too long for the average pastorate. The pastor needs to stay with his people long enough to get acquainted with them and also long enough to plan and lead in good programs of work for the church and community.

Are You Called to Stay?

This article appeared originally in the September issue of "The Commission." The point of view expressed in this article is simple but clear cut and convincing. It should also be a challenge to many young people to study more carefully and prayerfully the work of foreign missions, and, in addition, the reading of this article should stimulate those of us who are not foreign missionaries to give more active support to world missions, including prayer for missions and generous giving.— EDITOR.

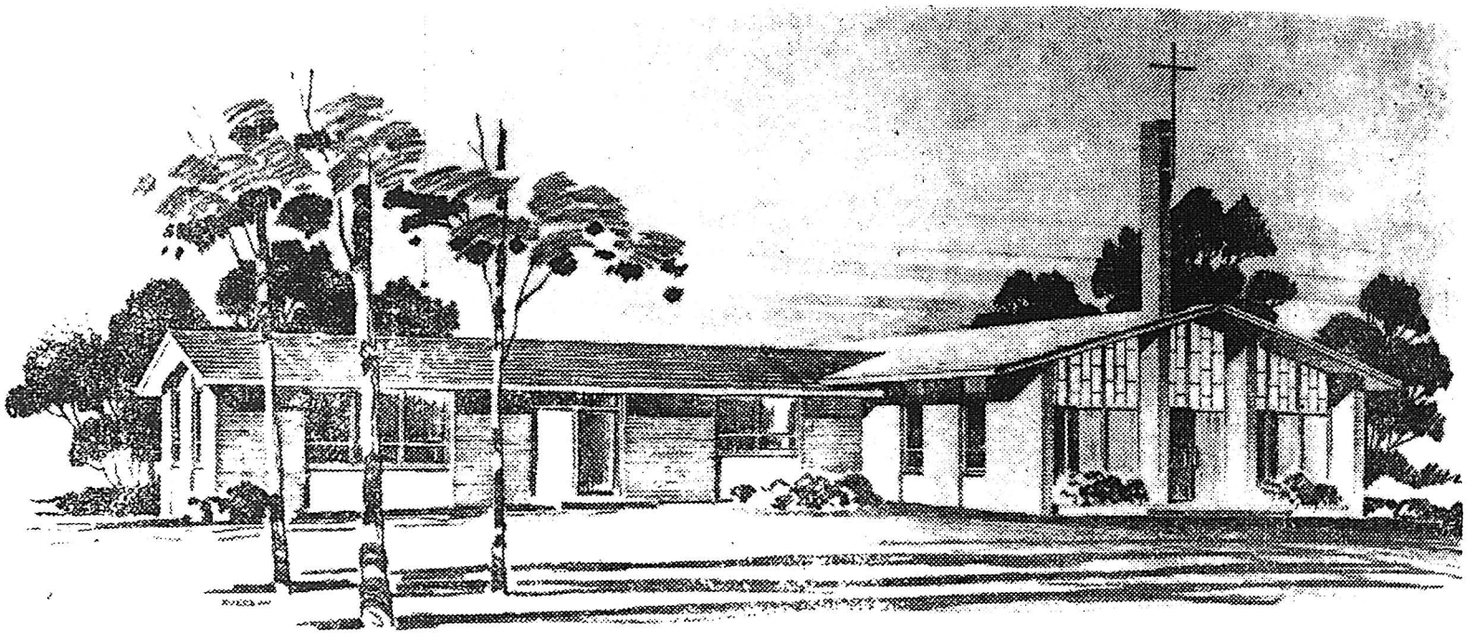
"I WOULD go to the foreign mission field if God called me!" Such a statement has been made by students in high school, college, and seminary, by young pastors, and even by men already established in the business world. Why is the call of God such a mystery?

Few persons expect or receive dramatic "calls" to work here in America. Why then should we expect the call to the foreign field to be so different? The call to a church, to a professional field, to a job, to a teaching position in Sunday school, and the like, seems to be reasonably easy to comprehend. Why should the call to a foreign mission field be so complicated?

Could it be that God *has* called and we, like the Emmaus-bound disciples, have not understood? Have we unintentionally complicated the foreign mission call? Have we made it too subjective a matter, too ethereal?

I would not, under any circumstances, minimize the spiritual and personal aspects of God's call. Yet the fact exists that God has already called! Almost two thousand years have passed since Christ's death, but two thirds of the

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New Building for New Wedgewood Church in Charlotte

On September 7 of this year the Selwyn Park Chapel, sponsored for a little more than two years by the Park Road Church of Charlotte, was organized into a church under the name "Wedgewood Baptist Church." The five-acre tract of land on which it is located is at the corner of Wedgewood Drive and Tyvola Road. The site was bought in May, 1956, by the Mecklenburg Association; and the Park Road Church, Charles O. Milford, pastor, was requested to sponsor a mission for the area to be called the Selwyn Park Baptist Chapel.

Eleven members of the Park Road Church committed themselves to the task of building a new church. On July 29, 1956, a Sunday school was organized with 51 members and the group began meeting in Pinewood School. On January 1, 1957, Ed Eckerd was called as chapel pastor and began conducting Sunday morning services and prayer meetings. In June, 1957, Bruce Dellinger was called as chapel pastor and he led well until the chapel was organized into a church.



Rev. Glenn L. Plott, pastor of new Wedgewood Church

The chapel has been self-supporting from the beginning. Some $5,000 was accumulated from regular offerings. The mother church added $10,000 and in May, 1958, received title to the church site from the association. The church then borrowed $45,000 for the construction of the Fellowship Building pictured. The new church is assuming the debt with the property, which is valued at $95,000.

The chapel had 85 resident members when the mother church asked that it be constituted into a church. Rev. Glenn L. Plott has been called as full-time pastor of the new Wedgewood Church. A native Virginian, he is a graduate of the University of Richmond and of Southern Seminary. He came to Charlotte from the pastorate of the First Church, Gordonsville, Va. He is married and has three children.

Dr. C. C. Warren, director of The 30,000 Movement for the Southern Baptist Convention, writes, "The organization of this church is one of the finest illustrations for The 30,000 Movement that we have in North Carolina."

News from Ayden First Church

The First Church of Ayden is progressing very well. Just recently the congregation adopted the Unified Budget Plan of Finance (including BIBLICAL RECORDER to every family), organized two new departments in Sunday school and added several classes, and organized Training Union for all ages.

The annual Home-coming Day services were held on October 12. A Sunday school goal of 221 present was set, the goal for the Training Union was 100. At the morning service Rev. W. H. Hollowell, pastor emeritus, recognized the charter members, non-resident members, former members, and the present membership. Rev. Bennie E. Pledger, pastor since April 1, preached the Home-coming sermon. At the evening service all elected officers of the church were installed, there was a special service for all deacons with the ordination of the newly elected deacons. The noon meal was served on the grounds.

A goal of $3,000 was set to be applied on debt retirement, and the church people were optimistic about reaching this goal.

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Oxford First Church Observes 110th Anniversary

Oxford's First Church observed its 110th Anniversary on September 28. Rev. W. B. Pittard, pastor at Taylorsville, N. C., who was ordained in the Oxford church, was the guest preacher. Three laymen spoke concerning the church's past, present and future. They were W. A. Mitchiner, deacon and former church clerk; Wills Hancock, chairman of the deacons, and T. S. Royster, immediate past chairman of the deacons. The church noted its anniversary by dedicating the Children's Building, a dwelling recently bought to house children from four through nine years of age.

Mrs. B. S. Royster and Mrs. S. H. Cannady have been continuous members for 75 years. W. T. Yancey and Miss Isabel Parham have been continuous members for 60 years. Twenty people have been members for more than 50 years.

Strange and Wonderful

Something strange and wonderful could be happening before our very eyes. Not since the Baptists of the North and the South went separate ways in 1845 with the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention have there been many evidences of any desire for cooperation in the world evangelization task of Baptists. The Baptist Jubilee Advance in which six of the leading Baptist groups of North America are cooperating to celebrate the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work on this continent could be one of the most significant movements in Christian history. This effort, which has begun this year with a year of preparation, gets in full swing next year with a year of evangelism and is to be climaxed in 1963 with a gigantic joint convention of North American Baptists in Atlantic City.

Organized Baptist work in America began in 1813 with the formation of the old Triennial Convention. As 1963 approached it occurred to a number of Baptists that the 150th anniversary of this epochal event should be fittingly observed. As early as 1947 some suggestions along this line were made but not until 1955 were definite steps taken. Representatives of various Baptist groups after a number of conferences marked by diversion, definitely felt the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the matter and in Washington, D. C., on January 20, 1955, came together with a program of definite aim and objectives.

The purpose of the Baptist Jubilee Advance is to elicit an honest effort on the part of North American Baptists to answer the call of God to rescue a dying civilization. The decadence of civilization is so evident as to leave no doubt of the crisis of our day. Whether or not Baptists will respond to the call of God is another question.

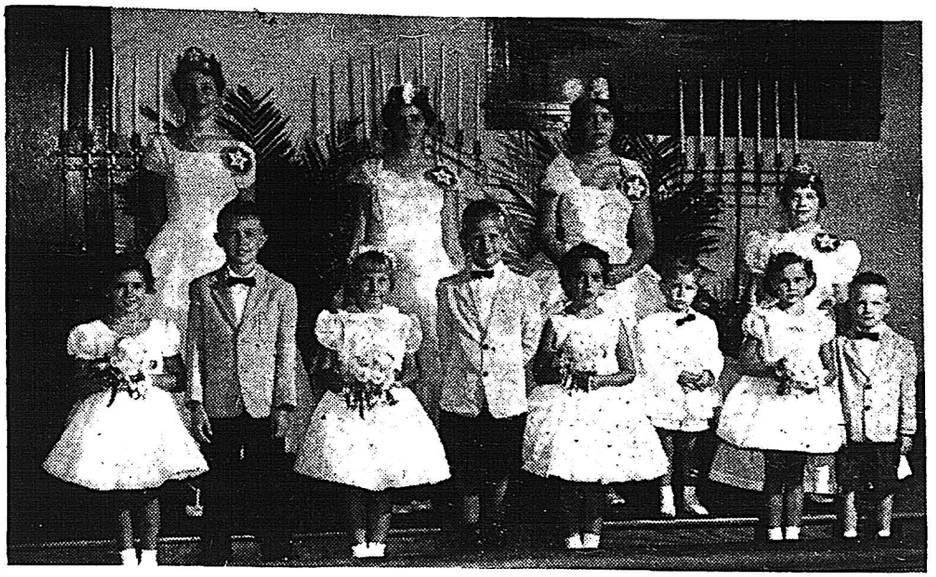
If Baptists don't, who will? Half the world's people are behind iron or bamboo curtains and under Godless, immoral governments. Who could expect any spiritual light from this source? Another large segment of the world's population worship Allah, Buddah, the Hindu gods and other pagan deities, and thus offer no hope for the true God. Many more millions have no professed religion; in fact, strange as it seems, only a relatively small fraction of all the people of the world profess to believe in any way in Christ, the true Saviour of the world. Of the professing Christians in the world great numbers are Roman Catholics for whom the gospel of the grace of God has apparently been lost amid the maze of superstition, priestcraft and formalism. Such religion is a part of the problem rather than the solution of a dying civilization. The same goes for the state churches of Europe and England which have already failed in hours of trial.

It may be unjustifiable pride and pure blindness on our part but we generally think of America as cradling the spiritual hope of our epoch. Of the 70,000,000 non-Catholics in the U.S., 20,000,000 are Baptists. Whether we are worthy or not, it looks as if we are the people. Baptists have reason to feel a sense of destiny at this juncture in history.

We have a way of accentuating the differences among Baptists and there are a number of important matters on which we differ. In the essential matters of grace we stand together, however, and there is no good reason why we cannot work together in the common task of world evangelization. What an impact upon America in 1959 with 75,000 Baptist churches conducting a revival for the lost souls of our nation! It's unbelievable what North American Baptists could see by 1963.

To lead Southern Baptists in the Baptist Jubilee Advance is Dr. C. C. Warren, who gave up the long fruitful pastorate of the First Church, Charlotte, N. C., in answer to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. A leader of more devotion and commitment is not to be found among us. May a like response be ours!

EDITOR C. R. DALEY in *Western Recorder*



FOUR QUEENS WERE CROWNED AT FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, BELMONT, in an impressive GA Coronation Service held the evening of August 24. They were Misses Linda Greene, Shelia Bennett, Ann Gardner, and Rebecca Falls. Their flower girls and crown bearers were: Stephen Bennett, Linda McGalliard, Trudy Doby, Mickey Cooke, Linda Ledford, Stephen Moody, Michael Greene, and Andrea Mull.

Honored in the ceremony were two Princesses: Sandra Haynes and Kay Gardner. There were also four Ladies-in-Waiting and eight Maidens.

Officiating in the ceremony were Mrs. Ralph Wright, WMU president; Mrs. Tracy Tallent and Mrs. Kenneth Falls, Intermediate counselors; and Miss Margaret Greene and Mrs. Watson Woods, Junior counselors. Mrs. Garland Mull, Mrs. James Greene, and Mrs. James Armstrong were on the reviewing council.

A selection of Scripture was read by the pastor, Rev. A. P. Millen. Miss Elwanda Mull was pianist and Miss Betty Hembree and Jerry Armstrong were candle bearers.

Woman's College to Give Man Honorary Degree

BELTON, Tex.—(BP)—It isn't often that Mary Hardin-Baylor College here, a Baptist woman's college, honors a man.

That makes the announcement that it will confer an honorary degree upon a member of the male sex have added significance. Trustees have voted to confer the honorary doctor of literature upon Professor William Harvey Vann, long-time faculty member.

He's just the second man in the school's 113 years to get an honorary degree from Mary Hardin-Baylor. The first was retiring College President. A. C. Gettys in 1954.

Vann is former chairman of the English department and a well-known Shakespearean scholar. The degree will be conferred in May.

Prof. Vann is a North Carolinian, son of the late Dr. R. T. Vann, who was president of Meredith College for many years. He has a sister living in Raleigh, Miss Dorothy Vann. Another sister, Dr. Elizabeth R. Vann, lives in Washington, D. C.

The only preparation for tomorrow is the right use of today.—F. W. B.

in a Pickle?

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ARE YOU CALLED TO STAY?

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world's people have never had an adequate opportunity to know how to become Christians. They have never known the meaning of salvation. God's call is plain. In Matthew 28:19 he says, "Go ye." In Acts 1:8 he says, "Unto the uttermost part of the earth." In Romans 10:14 we are asked, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" God's grace is for "Whosoever." Why is it then that two thirds of the whosoevers have not been given an opportunity to hear?

It has become a growing conviction in my heart that every Christian must sincerely face the matter of foreign missions in the light of God's call and in the light of the fact that spiritual darkness yet covers our earth. May I humbly suggest that you honestly consider the following questions:

1. Can I contribute *more* to the cause of God's kingdom here in America than on a foreign field?

2. Do I occupy such an important place that no other person could adequately carry on if I became a foreign missionary?

3. Am I in good health, mentally and physically?

4. Have I now, or could I get, adequate educational preparation?

5. Have I dared to let my church and my Foreign Mission Board know that I am interested in missions?

6. Have I made an honest effort to be appointed a missionary?

7. Do I not tempt God by asking for a dramatic sign when the Bible plainly says, "Go"?

In summary, it appears that the pertinent question is not, "Am I called to go?" but, "Am I called to stay?" How can we preach missions or teach missions to others until we have settled the matter for ourselves?

Many who read this could go, should go—yes, must go!

—PAUL D. ROWDEN, JR.

Salemburg Will Have Homecoming and Dedication

The Salemburg Church will combine its annual Homecoming Day with a dedicatory service and an Open House for its new parsonage on Sunday, October 26, with W. J. Blanchard and the Rev. Charles Howard, guest speakers.

Mr. Blanchard was the president of Pineland College and Edwards Military Institute in Salemburg and is presently the president of Frederick College in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was serving Salemburg Church as chairman of the board of deacons when he moved to Portsmouth less than a year ago. He will deliver the annual *Homecoming Address* at the morning worship hour.

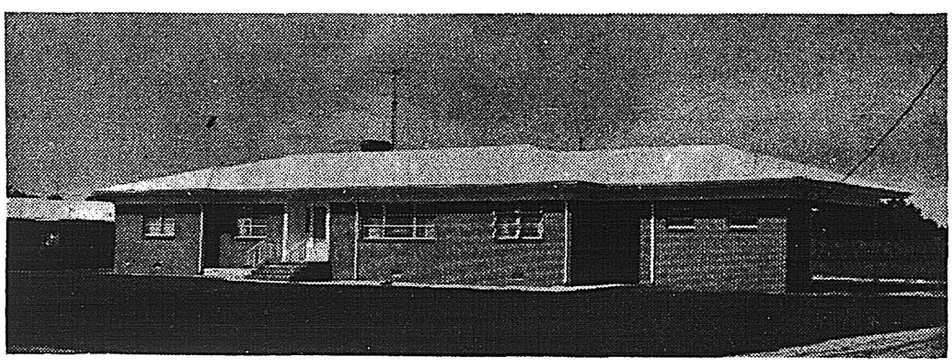
Mr. Howard, who is head of the department of religion of Campbell College, is a native of the Salemburg community and was ordained by the Salemburg Church. He is well known throughout the state for his connections with North Carolina Baptist churches, and the people of his home community are looking forward to hearing him again as he will be speaking at the afternoon Parsonage Dedication.

The Salemburg Church was founded in 1842. It went on a full-time basis in June of last year with 512 members on its roll. Rev. John H. Scalf, Jr., was called as pastor of the church at that time. Located in a progressive community noted especially for its college and resultant cultural life, the church has historically possessed a fine field of service among the many students. Its present sanctuary was constructed in 1924 with seating for 600 worshippers. Its educational wing was added in 1952.

The recently completed parsonage, valued at $30,000, is another step forward in the church's progress. A home of beauty and practicability, it is built in modern architectural style with three bedrooms, two baths, living room, dining room, kitchen, breakfast area, family room with built-in study area, carport and storage room. The kitchen is completely furnished with a built-in oven and surface unit, a refrigerator, and a deep-freeze.

Much help in interior decorating came from Mrs. Stella Cusick, a former member and presently a Raleigh interior decorator. Stewart Howard, brother of Rev. Charles Howard and owner of the local Laurel Lake Nurseries, is landscaping the grounds at his own expense. John Love Holland, Sr., was contractor for the project and also chairman of the Planning and Survey Committee. C. V. Howard and Roy Carter served as chairmen of the building committee. O. B. Tew, Jr., is chairman of the building fund finance committee. Mrs. Naomi Royal, Mrs. Roy Carter, and Mrs. John L. Cooper served as the furnishings committee. Alton Warren is the present chairman of the board of deacons. Many, many others were instrumental in assisting the church in its task.

Friends of the church are sincerely invited to attend these three events. James P. Turlington is general chairman and coordinator of activities for the day; the morning worship will begin at 10:30, a picnic lunch will be served at noon, the dedicatory services will start at 2:00, and the new parsonage will be open to the public from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock.



New Parsonage of Salemburg Church

Gardner-Webb Homecoming This Saturday

BOILING SPRINGS — Gardner-Webb College will show off two new buildings during homecoming festivities October 25.

The program begins at 3:00 p.m. when a bronze plaque will be unveiled on the new dormitory for girls, named by the trustees for Mrs. Rush Stroup and the late Mr. Stroup of Shelby. Mrs. Stroup has served the college as trustee and treasurer for 23 years.

Following ceremonies at the dormitory, visitors and students will be invited to a reception in the parlors given by the dean of women and residents of the building.

Another attraction will be open house at the college clinic, which recently completed a $70,000 addition. The new wing is expected to be ready for inspection by homecoming.

All old grads will be served barbecue supper at the gymnasium. Letters of invitation have been mailed to over 3,500 alumni, and all former students are invited to make reservations and attend.

Climaxing the day will be a football game, when the Lees McRae Bobcats face the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs on the Shelby High School field at 8:00 o'clock.

For the students, homecoming really begins a day early, as a pep rally, parade, and bonfire are planned for Friday night, October 24. Pennants and "welcome" banners will be hoisted at that time, giving the campus a carnival effect.

Earlier on Friday they will attend an assembly program in which they will hear of the founding and early history of the Baptist school. Its opening in 1907, its early customs, and its years of struggle and growth will be portrayed.

On October 8 the Park Road Church, Charlotte, held a corner-stone service of dedication for its new Children's Building. This was followed by open house, with teachers in their respective rooms to welcome parents and children.

Program of North Carolina Religious Education and Music Conference

Monday, November 10, 1958
Temple Baptist Church
Durham, N. C.

Afternoon Session

2:30	Worship	
	Soloist	Mr. James Berry
2:40	Business and Announcements	
2:50	Sectional Conferences	
	Education	Mr. Roland Leath
	Youth	Miss Jo Anne Setzer
	Elementary	Miss Marcel Ludlam
	Music	Mr. Roy Scoggins
	Secretaries	Miss Barbara Herrin
4:00	"Developing Better Staff Relationships"	Dr. Denton R. Coker
4:45	"Our Annual Staff Retreat"	Dr. Perry Crouch and Staff
5:15	Dinner (Served in the church's dining room)	

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Evening Session

7:00	Worship	
	Campbell College Choir — directed by Charles Horton	
7:20	Business	
	Report of Nominating Committee	
	Report of Resolutions Committee	
	Report of Secretary and Treasurer	
7:45	"The Family Is the Key"	Dr. Clayton Waddell
8:30	"Opportunities Unlimited"	Dr. Clifton J. Allen
9:15	Adjournment	

Wingate Trustees Review Past Year, Make Plans

The board of trustees of Wingate College held their regular fall meeting recently, with President Roy L. Holbrook of Albemarle presiding.

A review of the audit for the year which closed on August 31 revealed that the college had an operating budget of more than a half-million dollars and was able to operate within the income of the school. Capital improvements made on the campus during the year amounted to approximately a quarter of a million dollars. Improvements made include the construction of a new library to house 50,000 volumes, the building of a field house on Plyler Athletic Field, and renovation of all housing for men.

The operating budget for the current year, allowing for an increase of more than 30 per cent in enrollment, is $568,000. Also there are plans for the erection of a new gymnasium and an auditorium.

President Budd E. Smith reported that the enrollment for the current year, including students in the freshman and sophomore classes, the evening school, and a very small group in high school, is 754, an increase of 32 per cent over the 1957-58 school year. Seven more faculty members have been added since last year.

Trustees who have just completed four years of service on the board are: Dr. William Harrison Williams, Charlotte; Ed Gaskins, Monroe; Robert Crutchfield, Kannapolis; Ed Holbert, Albemarle; V. J. Griffin, Fairmont; and Bryce Parker, Winston-Salem. Officers elected for the 1958-59 year are: W. T. Harris, Charlotte, president; John L. Stickley, Charlotte, vice-president; Ed Holbert, Albemarle, secretary; W. L. Bennett, Wadesboro, treasurer.

Upon unanimous vote of the trustees, Wingate is asking the Baptist State Convention for permission to borrow from $200,000 to $400,000 in connection with its expansion program. The present indebtedness of the college is less than $225,000 against a plant valued at $2,000,000.

Plans were made to raise the remaining $100,000 needed to meet the requirements of a challenge campaign by January 1, 1959.

Following the board meeting and a tea given by Mrs. Smith for the wives of the trustees, the whole group joined the faculty and staff families for dinner in the college dining room. Approximately 100 persons enjoyed the fellowship of the evening. As a part of the entertainment, two students from Turkey and Persia, respectively, presented a short program.



STUDENT LEADERS — Newly elected officers of the freshman class at Gardner-Webb College are, left to right, Peggy Jo Puett of Rocky Mount, vice-president; Fred High of Dallas, president; and Jo Anne Brittain of Hickory, secretary-treasurer. High is a ministerial student and the third son in his family to study for the ministry at Gardner-Webb. Miss Puett plans to be a home economics teacher, and Miss Brittain is studying to become a nurse. (G. W. photo by Harmon).

New Church at Roanoke Rapids

The Roanoke Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids was organized on September 24, when 100 members presented their letters from the First Church of that town. Since then 50 other members have been added to the church roll. The new church was received into the North Roanoke Association at its recent annual meeting.

For the time being the congregation is meeting in the building formerly occupied by the Virginia Electric Power and Light Company. However, they have been given a lot, valued at approximately $10,000 and located in one of the most beautiful sections of Roanoke Rapids, as a building site. The church is now working on plans for a modern plant, the first unit to be started within a few weeks.

On September 28, the church's first Sunday, the Sunday school, Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Union were organized, with Colyal Ranhorn as superintendent of Sunday school; Julian Jenkins, director of Training Union; and Mrs. Ed George, superintendent of WMU. Leroy Morris, mayor of Roanoke Rapids, is moderator of the church; and Rev. Eph Whisenhunt, formerly pastor of the First Church, Clayton, and now retired, is serving as supply pastor.

Already the people have sent in a club of subscriptions to the BIBLICAL RECORDER, for which we thank them.

The faculty and administrative staff of

MEREDITH COLLEGE

invite you to the annual Founders' Day program on Thursday, October 30. This will include the morning address in Jones Hall at 11 a.m., by Dr. John Marsh, Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford University, and the afternoon

AT HOME

in Johnson Hall from 4:30 until 6:00 p. m., on that same day.

ROGER H. CROOK

The Galilean Ministry Begins

LESSON FOR NOV. 2, 1958

Mark 1:14-39

We observed in the study of the first lesson of this quarter that we do not have the information on which to base a biographical study of Jesus. We can account for only a relatively small portion of his life, and we cannot be certain about chronology. However, we do know that most of his ministry was conducted in Galilee. We cannot be sure that he began his ministry there; there may have been a brief earlier ministry in Judea.

Toward the end of his life he retired from Galilee and spent a brief time in Gentile territory. This ministry is recorded by both Mark and Matthew. Luke does not describe that ministry, but he does record a ministry first in Jerusalem and then in Perea during the last months of the life of Jesus. All of the gospels give a rather detailed account of the last week in the life of Jesus.

Galilee was located in northern Palestine, separated from Judea by the region of Samaria. Except for the towns on the shores of the Sea of Galilee it was almost exclusively Jewish in population. Most of the people were more influenced by the Pharisaic interpretation of Judaism than by the Saddusaic. Indeed, Jesus' own family probably leaned toward Pharisaism, and his brother James, who became a disciple and a leader in the church in Jerusalem after the death of Jesus, never entirely got away from the influence of the Pharisees.

Jesus' base of operations during his Galilean ministry was not his home town of Nazareth, but Capernaum, a center of the fishing industry located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. From that town Jesus conducted an itinerant ministry, traveling throughout the countryside for days and even weeks at a time, then returning to Capernaum. On his tours, as well as in Capernaum, his attention was focused on the masses of people who were neglected by the religious leaders of the day. These were the "sinners" who did not observe the meticulous details of the law, and thus were unclean by the standards of the Pharisees.

Preaching (Mark 1:14-15)

Mark says that Jesus began his ministry in Galilee after John was arrested. We cannot be sure whether he meant that Jesus began his ministry only after the arrest of John, or whether he meant that after the arrest of John he transferred his activities from Judea to Galilee. Neither of the synoptic gospels tells anything about the activities of Jesus between the temptations in the wilderness and the opening of the Galilean ministry. The gospel according to John does record an early Judean ministry, but we do not have the information to harmonize this properly with the synoptics.

Preaching was a large part of the work of Jesus. Not only in the first century, but ever since that time there have been persons to whom preaching seemed to be "foolishness." Indeed, because of the frailty of men we can readily understand the tendency to look with contempt upon preaching. Yet the church has been wise in following the example of Christ. It is the supreme means of bringing the living Word to bear effectively upon the lives of people.

The content of Jesus' preaching is summarized in Mark 1:14-15. This summary is similar to the summary of the message of John the Baptist (cf. Matt. 3:2). "The gospel of the kingdom of God" is the good news of the reign of God, the sovereignty of God in the hearts of men.

"The time is fulfilled," said Jesus.. This means simply that the hour has arrived. God has been at work in history, moving toward that which is now accomplished. When the time of a fruit tree is fulfilled, all of the cultivation and pruning and other necessary care reach their climax in the harvest. Thus Jesus was saying, "The hour for which God has been working among men has arrived."

The phrase, "the kingdom of God," was constantly on the lips of Jesus. Indeed, it constituted the main subject of his teaching. If we could understand entirely what Jesus meant by those words we would be at the heart of his teaching. We have seen that the phrase means "the sovereignty of God." It denotes a life of fellowship with God in a higher, spiritual order. It also refers to the manner of our life in relationship with other people. It is both sonship to God and brotherhood with men. It knows *no limitations of race, nation,* or class. It is both an ideal which is yet to be achieved and a reality experienced here and now by those who acknowledge God's sovereignty.

Like John, Jesus urged the people to repent because the kingdom was at hand. For Jesus the word "repent" meant to turn from sin and to turn to God. It is both an act of the mind and of the will. Furthermore, it manifests itself in a changed way of life. It is an urgent matter because "the kingdom of God is at hand." To say that it is at hand is to say that it has come, and since it has come, now is the time to make the decision.

An important element in this message of Jesus, not found in the preaching of John, is the exhortation, "Believe in the gospel." Repentance, in a sense, is negative, because it has primary reference to sin. Belief in the gospel is the positive acceptance of the good news. The good news was Jesus himself, the very communication of God to man. In Jesus God made known his will and provided the means for the accomplishment of that will. What God demands of us is not in itself good news; but what God does for us in the person of Jesus is the gospel. Men must repent; but men must also believe the gospel.

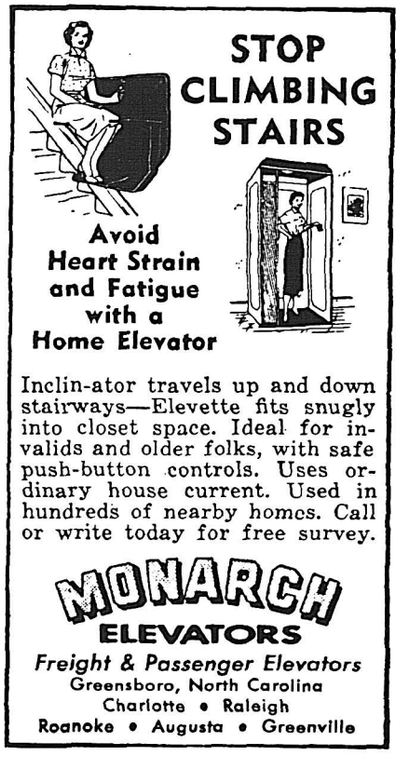
Making Disciples (Mark 1:16-20)

Mark indicates that early in his ministry Jesus called some men to be his disciples. The word "disciple" literally means "learner." A disciple is a pupil. But it is not objective studying that is implied. A disciple is a pupil who has committed himself to the master, who has accepted the way of life taught by the master.

First century Palestinian rabbis did not confine their activities to established schools. Rather, they traveled constantly and taught wherever they could get an audience. It was common for outstanding rabbis to have disciples who spent much time with them. Thus we need see nothing unusual in the fact that Jesus had disciples.

Mark describes briefly the selection of the first four of Jesus' disciples (1:16-20). It is improbable that these men were unacquainted with Jesus. The implication is that he had been teaching for some time, and the base of his operations was Capernaum. In all probability they had heard him teach and had even had individual conversation with him. Indeed, it would hardly commend them to Jesus if they were will-

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HOME CIRCLE

Autumn Leaves

About the chilly, ragged lawns they lie
  In small decaying heaps. And pausing here,
I can but mark them sadly, crushed, forlorn,
  Mute emblems of the slowly dying year.

Can they be those I saw so lately swing
  Green-robed and merry on the maple trees,
And later, clad in flaming, golden gowns,
  Joy-riding on the sweet October breeze?
Ride high and free, such little time ago
  And now they lie so low! they lie so low!

And yet why pity them? Full well they lived
  Their God-appointed plan, died joyously,
And left a golden memory! Pray who
  Could ask a fairer fate for them, or me?

MINNIE CASE HOPKINS

Hallowe'en Time

NOTE: *Friday evening of next week—October 31—is Hallowe'en time. The following article, which appeared in "The Messenger and Intelligencer," Wadesboro newspaper, several years ago, will answer the question of how the day came to be observed and explain the peculiar turn which the celebration of this religious holiday has taken.*

The reminder [that Hallowe'en is near] is hardly needed, in view of the great variety of masks, witches' brooms, pumpkin lanterns, black cats, spook and goblin costumes, and other paraphernalia of an eerie and ghostly nature on display in the five-and-ten, department, and specialty stores. We might, however, give time to a little wonder as to why and how people in general celebrate Hallowe'en.

Simply enough, Hallowe'en (shortened form of All-Hallows Evening) is merely the evening before All Hallomas (All Saints Day) which falls each November 1.

In substance, historians tell us that in the time of the primitive Christian Church much effort was given to assigning saints' days in the calendar. This was comparatively simple at first, as the accepted disciples, apostles, and later martyrs and holy men were remembered on their indicated birthdays. As the years went on, however, the number of Christians canonized naturally increased until in the course of time there were more saints than there were days of the year, resulting in some duplications even from the first (for example, June 29 is the day of Saints Peter and Paul) and, to be sure, in the discovery that days proper for some of the sanctified could not be known.

Hence, *at some of the early church councils*, it was agreed that some provision should be made to commemorate the holy ones whose birth dates could not be determined or who for some other reason might not be given a specific day as a memorial. Thus came a day for all the saints, All Hallowmas.

Since people of bygone days, with a touch of superstition, contemplated that there must be a vast swarm of these saints and likewise a horde of pestiferous demons and imps, the



idea soon developed that All Saints Day would be a good time to exorcise the evil spirits. From this came the ugly masks and such contrivances, some to frighten away the satanic "haunts," others apparently in imitation of them. Doubtless many of these things were developed in some of the "morality" stage plays that were in vogue in medieval times.

Last year [1952] we recall hearing some comment on an All Saints Day sermon delivered by Rt. Rev. Richard H. Baker, the bishop coadjutor of the North Carolina Episcopalian diocese. He remarked, to put it briefly, how much observance we see, hear, and sometimes feel of Hallowe'en and comparatively how little we are aware of any real consecrated study of the religious heroes of the faith on All Hallowmas. It is somewhat like our Christmas—some seem to think it appropriate to explode dynamite and get riproaring drunk to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ.

On the other hand, on Hallowe'en, Christmas, or any other religious feast day, it would not seem very appropriate for people not to enjoy themselves in some special way. Simply, it is a matter of keeping in due bounds. Even such little annoyances as playing "trick or treat," if it is limited to the little children, would not seem to be a thing to be roundly condemned. . . . but rather to be endured for the sake of the fun which it seems to create.

It is when the rights, safety, and property of others is endangered that Hallowe'en revelers should be curbed. It has seemed in recent years in Wadesboro, for example, that automobile owners would be almost compelled to station armed guards at their vehicles to protect them from costly vandalism. On a Hallowe'en not long ago, we were informed that a doctor here in town found his automobile with the tires deflated—if that doctor had been needed to save the life of a person in serious condition with illness or from an accident and the person had died, the death could have been blamed on the Hallowe'en prankster. Other people had lighter plugs, gloves, light bulbs, and other removable appurtenances taken from their cars. It is a violation of state criminal law to tamper with an automobile without the owner's permission, on Hallowe'en or at any other time.

Let us all enjoy these festival days, each in his own way, but let us keep within the limits of the law, order, and common respectability as we do so.—*The Messenger and Intelligencer*, Wadesboro, N. C.

Spice Box

Some people are so busy learning the tricks of the trade that they don't learn the trade.—*Ex.*

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The strong man appeared at a theatrical agent's office carrying a stone, a big hammer, and a huge suitcase. "This big stone," he explained, "is placed on my head, then my assistant takes the hammer, swings it as hard as he can, and breaks the stone."

The agent's head nearly ached just from the description but he was quite enthusiastic. "Sounds wonderful!" he shouted. "But if you need only the hammer and the big stone for the performance why did you bring that suitcase?"

The strong man replied, "It's full of aspirin."—*Ex.*

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A boy was applying for a job at a drugstore. The druggist prepared to fill in the application form.

"Your name?"

"Alexander Graham Bell."

"That's a pretty well-known name, isn't it?"

"It ought to be," the youngster replied. "I've been delivering groceries around this neighborhood for two years."—*Ex.*

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Youngsters are different nowadays — you never know how they'll react to your favorite old stories. I recently told a 12-year-old about some cousins of mine who lived seven miles out in the country back in the old days, and had to walk to school each morning and home each night. They all grew up to be successful, responsible men and women. I told all this to the 12-year-old, and added that this was something to think about.

He thought for a few minutes, and remarked, "Crazy kids. They kept missing the bus, eh?" — *Monroe County (Wis.) Democrat.*

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An elderly minister thought it advisable to marry. Calling on one of his elders, to inform him of his intention, he said: "You see, I'm an old man now, and I cannot expect to be here very long, so I feel that when the time comes, I would like to have someone to close my eyes."

"Aweel," replied the elder. "I've had two, and I can tell ye they opened mine!" — *Ex.*

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When dessert was served, young Jimmy finally reached what threatened to be his limit of expansion. He reached for his belt buckle and explained, "Guess I'll have to move the decimal point two places."—

Clipped.

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Jockey, talking to a radio announcer and expressing his joy after winning a big race: "I want to thank my trainer, all the wonderful people who came to watch, and most of all the other jockeys who made it possible." —*Ex.*

News: PERSONALITIES and EVENTS

Mt. Sinai Church has been chosen "Chowan Association Church of the Month" for October for its splendid achievement in the field of Christian endeavor. Rev. H. Edgar Harden is pastor.

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Dr. Chestor Swor, noted southwide leader of youth, concluded a revival meeting at the First Church, Asheville, on October 12. Special features of the meeting were a morning watch service and a campfire service at Blue Ridge. Dr. W. Perry Crouch is pastor.

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Englehard Church in Chowan Association is completing four large classrooms and a small room to be used as a kitchenette. Lemar Wheeler is pastor. Sladesville, also in the Chowan, has plans to construct four additional classrooms and two rest rooms.

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"A Man Called Peter," a play, was presented at Florida Street Church in Greensboro by a group of young people from West Albemarle Church on October 12. The drama was directed by Mrs. Edith Whitley. The young people of Florida Street entertained the visitors at a snack supper Sunday afternoon.

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Rev. Bryan W. Holloman, Jr., recently became pastor of Bethel Church in Chowan Association. Mr. Holloman, a native of Virginia, holds the B. A. degree from the University of Richmond and the B. D. Degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He is now engaged in graduate work leading to the Ph. D. degree at Duke University.

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Dr. Quentin O. McAllister, Dr. Susanne Freund, and William Ledford, all faculty members of the department of foreign languages at Meredith College, attended the state meetings of the Association of Teachers of French and the Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese held recently on the Davidson campus. Dr. McAllister is past president of the Spanish Division of N. C. E. A., and of the State chapter of A. T. S. P.

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Layman's Day was observed at the North Rocky Mount Church on October 12. At the morning worship service E. G. Godwin and David Lewis made talks, and testimonies by Christian laymen featured the evening service. The men's chorus rendered special music at both services.

At present the church is without a pastor. Rev. R. C. Lanier, who recently completed three years in his second pastorate at North Rocky Mount, is now pastor of North Street Church in Raleigh. A note in the bulletin reads: "During the three years that Mr. Lanier was with us there were 410 additions to the church, 182 of these by baptism. Our total contributions to missions were $25,030.50. We here at North Rocky Mount think the records speak for themselves."

Membership at North Rocky Mount is now 788. Attendance and offerings on a recent Sunday were: Sunday school, 373; Wednesday service, 80; Training Union, 105; Building Fund, $16.80; miscellaneous, $18.50; budget, $511.33; total, $546.73.

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Chaplain (Captain) Alfred J. Abernethy, who has been stationed at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, is now located at Scott AFB in Illinois. His family, consisting of his wife and children, Sherry and David, who had been living with Mrs. Abernethy's mother, are now in Illinois with Captain Abernethy. Concerning his work, the chaplain writes: "At the present time a strong spiritual program is underway in the Air Force. At Scott there are almost 600 in Sunday school on base each Sunday morning, and chapel attendance is good. As a Southern Baptist pastor serving in the Air Force, I consider this a field white unto harvest and a great missionary opportunity."

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Mrs. William Koch (Dorothy Clarke, 1947, at Meredith College) is the author of a Junior Literary Guild selection, just published by Holiday House.

"When the Cows Got Out," is Dorothy's third book, following "I Play at the Beach" and "Gone Is My Goose." All three have been enthusiastically received by critics and by the children themselves. "Her books inspire children to want to read," says one critic.

Dorothy Koch and her husband and two small daughters live in Chapel Hill. She is an elementary teacher in the Chapel Hill Schools.



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Dr. Julian S. Hopkins, state secretary of evangelism, will assist Pastor W. T. Hendrix in revival services at Flint-Groves Church in Gastonia November 16-23.

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Edwin Blanchard, of the Meredith College music faculty, was presented as speaker for the semi-annual North Carolina meeting of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, in Raleigh this month. The paper, "Pronunciation in Italian," was presented at the morning session of the all-day meeting. Blanchard is state vice-president of N. A. T. S.

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The Young People and Adult Training Union members of the Oxford First Church on a recent Sunday afternoon visited the Veterans' Hospital in Durham as a missionary project. Chaplain Klein E. Parkes, Protestant Chaplain serving under our Home Mission Board's endorsement, was most gracious in his comments concerning the appreciation of the patients. The Oxford Training Union folks visited the patients and served refreshments to them and their visitors. Any group interested in performing a needed and appreciated ministry should communicate with Chaplain Parkes.

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Rev. John E. Mills, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria and secretary of missions and evangelism for the Nigerian Baptist Convention, was the principal speaker for the morning assembly on October 14 at Campbell College. Mr. Mills, earlier in his missionary service a teacher in the Baptist Academy of Lagos, held pastorates in Texas and Tennessee before becoming a missionary. A native of Texas, Mr. Mills is a graduate of Baylor University and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Miriam (Hollis) Prichard, associate in the Department of Student Union, and Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, YWA director of Woman's Missionary Union, spoke briefly on the same program.

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The deacons of Fuquay Spring Church, R. L. Wilkins, chairman, pay the following tribute to their fellow deacon, Dan M. Spence, who passed away on July 15: "The void created by his passing is keenly felt, not only in this community but wherever he was known. . . He was most generous with his time and means in the Lord's work and was anxious to contribute to the welfare of the church and community. He was chairman of the building committee at the time the existing building was started, served as church treasurer, and was life-time deacon. In his home could be seen the happiness which can only come to those who are directed by the Holy Spirit in his devotion to each member. We pray that God's blessings may rest upon his family, and may they feel, with us, that our loss is heaven's gain."

Snyder Memorial Church in Fayetteville held its ninth annual Charter Day on October 5. Following the morning service, a fellowship picnic was held on the church lawn. Rev. James C. Cammack is pastor.

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Annual Homecoming Day will be observed on November 2 at Millbrook Church, Raleigh Association, with a picnic lunch in the school cafeteria following the morning services. Also the church is planning its fall revival for November 16-21, with Dr. J. Carroll Trotter, Jr., of Southeastern Seminary as visiting minister. Ray K. Hodge is pastor.

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The Campbell College Choir will attend performances of the Woman's College dramatic arts department production of "The King and I" November 6-8. The 115-voice group will attend the Rogers and Hammerstein musical in three sections on different evenings, since transportation will be by the college bus and all students could not be accommodated otherwise. The singers will be accompanied on the trips by Charles Horton, choir director.

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We have received some highlights from the associational letter of the Hillcrest Church, Dallas, Texas. This is of interest to us since the pastor, W. T. Furr, went to Dallas a year or two ago from the pastorate of Calvary Church, Shelby, in this state. We notice that the Hillcrest Church had 340 additions during the year and that the total membership is 2,519. Sunday school enrollment, including a mission, is 1,627, and total gifts for all purposes amounted to $131,179.44.

Mr. Furr writes that he misses the folks in North Carolina, though Texas is a great state. He sends his best regards to all his friends.

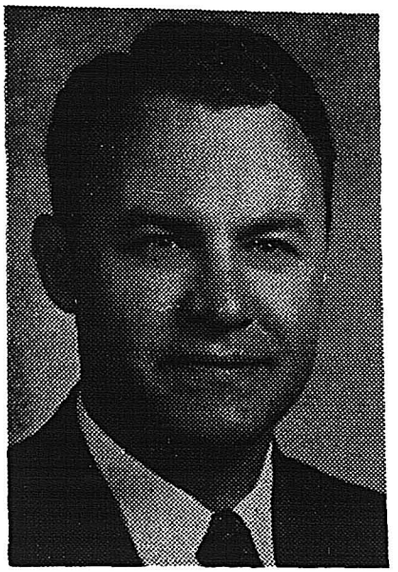
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At a recent Father-and-Son Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador Banquet held at the First Church in Mebane, 50 men and 20 boys met with B. W. Jackson, State Royal Ambassador secretary, to organize a Royal Ambassador Chapter. Mr. Jackson presented the challenge of Royal Ambassadors and spoke of the relation between Brotherhood, Royal Ambassador, and Christian Commission. After the meal Mr. Jackson met with the Brotherhood Boy's Committee and Counselors O. L. Vogler and Bill Neville to make plans for subsequent RA work in the church.

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Deaverview Church, West Asheville, recently elected four deacons for a three-year term. Two, J. V. Roberts and Earl Clontz, were already ordained deacons. An ordination service for Richmon Redmon and Bruce Jamerson was held September 21. J. C. Causby presented the candidates and Edwin McDevitt gave the charge of duties to the candidates. Rev. J. L. Wolfe, pastor of Deaverview, gave the qualifications of the deacon, basing his message on I Timothy 3:8-13 and Luke 6:1-4. The choir's special song was "Is Your All on the Altar?" After the laying on of hands, Harold Gudger offered the prayer of ordination. The congregation then welcomed the new deacons and their wives. Mr. Roberts, however, was unable to attend the service.

To Be at Student Convention



Mr. Elmer West, Jr., personnel secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be present for the two-day meeting of the annual Baptist Student Union Convention at the First Church, Asheville, October 31-November 2.

Mr. West will interview mission volunteers, and on Saturday evening he will address the convention on the subject, "A Compelling Choice."

A newly organized church, Roanoke at Roanoke Rapids in the North Roanoke Association, has sent a RECORDER club of six subscriptions. Rev. Eph Whisenhunt is the supply pastor.

An Every-Family Plan Club has been received from the Alexis Church, Gaston Association, with 102 subscriptions. Rev. Ernest A. Mehaffey is pastor.

Both these clubs begin with this issue of the RECORDER.

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News of the churches gleaned from "The Anson Baptist": Deep Springs is building Sunday school rooms and is going to organize a Training Union; Morven is planning to build a pastorium; Wadesboro put on the Forward Program of Church Finance and has adopted a budget of $57,000; Wade has purchased a beautiful Conn organ.

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Cameron Church of South Sandy Creek Association observed its annual homecoming day Sunday, October 12. Dr. John Steely, assistant professor of historical theology at Southeastern Seminary, was guest speaker for the day. Taking his text from 1 Timothy 3:15, he spoke on the nature of the church. Following the morning service dinner was served on the grounds to the many friends and former members who returned for the day. The day's program was concluded with an informal song service.

Cameron had other reason to be especially happy this homecoming. Starting October 1, Cameron has elected to go to full-time services. Rev. Charles T. Dorman, graduate of Southeastern Seminary, has been called to lead them.

Dr. E. Gibson Davis, pastor of the First Church, Kingsport, Tenn., preached in revival services at the First Church, Fayetteville, this week—October 19-24. Dr. Davis formerly served in North Carolina as pastor of Tabernacle Church, Raleigh, and First Church, Asheville. Dr. Louis S. Gaines is the pastor at Fayetteville First.

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Changes of address requested: Rev. Dennis T. Wright from Autryville, N. C., to P. O. Box 833, Spring Lake, N. C.; Rev. Charles T. Dorman from Wake Forest, N. C., to Box 1890, Cameron, N. C.; Rev. I. A. Rhinehart from E. Flat Rock, N. C., to Box 614, Canton, N. C.; Chaplain Alfred J. Abernethy from Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, to Office of the Wing Chaplain, Box 795, Scott AFB, Illinois; Rev. Carl J. Milton from Rte. 1, Rocky Mount, N. C., to Springfield, Ga.; Rev. Wade H. Lippard from Rte. 1, Mocksville, N. C., to Rte. 4, Statesville, N. C.; Rev. George H. Cooke from Wadeville, N. C., to 112 N. White St., Concord, N. C.

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Dr. Dennis P. Harris, 87, a retired Baptist minister, died at his home in Raleigh October 14. A native of Pasquotank County and a graduate of Wake Forest College (1897), Dr. Harris became the first superintendent of public schools of Pamlico County. During his long service in the ministry he was pastor of churches in Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. He was twice pastor of his mother church, Berea, near Elizabeth City, where funeral services were held on October 15. A relative, Rev. Daniel Morgan of New Jersey, officiated, assisted by Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., of Hayes Barton Church in Raleigh and the pastor of Berea, Rev. W. C. Presson. Dr. Harris' first wife, Susan Elizabeth Morgan, died in 1927. He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Minnie Caldwell Harris, and three children: Mrs. Leona Stephenson and Mrs. Leslie L. Jones of Richmond, Va., and Herbert Morgan Harris of Grantsboro; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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Dr. James M. Davis, beloved and distinguished physician of Wadesboro, passed away on October 12 while returning from a visit to relatives at Winston-Salem. He had been a leader in Wadesboro for nearly 40 years. From the daily paper we quote: "Returning to Wadesboro about 33 years ago, Dr. Davis became an intergral part of the advancement of this community. He held a number of positions of honor professionally and in the civic, educational, and social well-being of this section. . . . He was a conscientious member and stalwart supporter of the Baptist Church. . . . He was a man of sincere and impeccable virtue, gifted with superior ability, and above all, one who was invariably guided by charity and compassion in his dealings with others."

Dr. Davis is survived by his widow, the former Mary Kennedy Little, and five children: Mrs. Fred M. Mills, Jr., Wadesboro; Mrs. James W. Reid, Raleigh; James M., Jr., and Robert Lee Davis, III, Winston-Salem; and Lt. Frank Little Davis, U. S. Army in Germany.

Funeral services were conducted from the home, and burial was in the family mausoleum in Winston-Salem on October 15.

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TRAINING UNION

CALVARY CHURCH, Yates Association, reported a Training Union enrollment of 121 on October 5 with 117 members and three visitors present. This is really quite a record. We extend our congratulations and best wishes. This church has every deacon enrolled in Training Union and all but one serves either as a leader or director in some department. The Adult Training Union Department in this church has an enrollment of 54. Rev. Ralph Ferguson is the pastor and Mrs. Shelton Barbour is the Training Union director.

MIDWOOD CHURCH, Charlotte, has formed an NRA (No Reading Allowed) Club in Training Union. C. O. Dellinger, director, reports that certificates were presented recently to all members, Juniors up, who were on the program for three consecutive times without reading their parts.

ATTENTION, DIRECTORS! Please be sure to mail your Quarterly Reports and be especially sure to list your officers on the reverse side of the blank. We need this information to keep our mailing list current. If you are not the present director, please tell us who is!



Pictured above are the officers of the State BSU Council who met in Raleigh to project plans for the organization for the coming year. They are (from left to right): George Brown, North Carolina State College; Henry Irvin, Duke University; Sam Harvey, Wake Forest College; Charles Webb, Appalachian College; Jobie Jackson, Rex Hospital; Carolyn Tripp, East Carolina College; Janie Dale Poole, Wake Forest College; Kathryn Batten, Duke University.

Executive Council of BSU Plans for Year's Work

Members of the Executive Council of the North Carolina Baptist Student Union met in Raleigh October 3-4 to make plans for state-wide BSU activities during 1958-59. The group includes local presidents and the state officers. These are divided into five committees with student chairmen.

The recent meeting included an evening session of committee meetings with the following morning devoted to committee reports and miscellaneous business. The council will meet again at the Fall Convention in November.

Sam Harvey, chairman of the Fall Convention committee, reported that the First Baptist Church of Asheville will be host to the group when it convenes October 31-November 2. Speakers for the meeting will be Dr. Wayne Oates, Dr. Stewart Newman, Dr. Elmer West, Mr. Doyle Baird, and Rev. W. W. Lancaster. Twentieth-Century Horizons For Twentieth-Century Christians — "Disciplined for Today's Demands" is the theme for the conference. Attended by BSU'ers throughout the state, there will be messages, discussion groups, and Bible study relevant to the conference theme.

The Church Relations Committee emphasized the importance of Operation Outreach in informing local churches about the work of the Baptist Student Union. It was noted that these Operation Outreach groups from local colleges are eager to present the "BSU Story" to the churches in the surrounding area. The committee also suggested planning early for Student Night at Christmas, summer work in home churches, study of the nature and mission of the Church. The Council passed a motion to ask associational missionaries to study the possibilities of having Off-to-College programs in each association next fall, if possible. The group also approved a recommendation to present a display concerning BSU at both the BSU Fall Convention and at the Baptist State Convention.

"His Imperative—Our Response" was selected as the theme of the Leadership Training Conference by that committee. It was announced that this meeting would be at the First Baptist Church, Forest City, April 17-19, 1959.

The Missions Committee emphasized the importance of LISTEN (L-ove I-mpels S-acrifice T-oward E-very N-eed), the missionary concern of the North Carolina BSU. A $4,500.00 goal was adopted for 1958-59 and the 1957-58 funds were given specific designations. The total amount collected for 1957-58 was $3,733.38. This is collected on the basis of "A-Penny-A-Day" or "A-Meal-A-Month" and is an "over and above" missions offering, not interfering with regular church-giving.

The Reveille, official publication of the North Carolina Baptist Student Union, will emphasize stimulating articles for Christian student thinking throughout the year. The Publicity Committee will also prepare the display about BSU work for the Fall Convention and the Baptist State Convention.

Presiding at the meeting was Charles Webb, Appalachian State Teacher's College. Other officers of the group are: Sam Harvey, Wake Forest, President Pro-tem; Margie Edwards, Wingate, Secretary; Kathryn Batten, Duke, Publicity; Janie Dale Poole, Wake Forest, YWA Representative; and Jobie Jackson, Rex Hospital Nurses' Representative. Committee Chairmen are: Carolyn Tripp, ECC, Church Relations; Sam Harvey, Wake Forest, Fall Convention; George Brown, N. C. State, Missions; Henry Irvin, Duke Leadership Training Conference; and Kathryn Batten, Duke, Publicity.

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Miss Miriam Robinson, Executive Secretary

Sowing the Seeds of Faith

"Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves."

In the fall of the year how conscious one of the bountiful harvest. In it we see the ve of God for his children and the power God working through nature and man. ften as we stand rejoicing before the ight gold and orange harvest, we forget l that has gone before the time of reapg.

In the past few months and weeks we ve rejoiced in the spiritual growth and rvest seen in our churches. The results sowing seeds of faith in the lives of boys d girls and young people have been in mmitments made in summer assemblies d camps. Growth has been recognized as ndreds have been promoted from one oup to another. Yes, the time of bringg in the sheaves is here, but there is uch to remember, and now is the time to epare for the coming harvest.

Before this rich harvest there were cerin things the farmer knew and with hich he dealt. First of all, he knew himelf, his capabilities, his shortcomings, his lans, his dreams, and what he must do to ave a time of harvest. Like the farmer, he Christian leader must know herself, er capabilities, and shortcomings. She ould be one who respects tradition and ll that it means, but is always alert to ew methods and ways of thinking. As she ands and looks at the children before er, she should be aware of each individual, nd of his family.

Never should a leader try to make her llowers into small replicas of herself. ust as the farmer rotates his crops and es new methods, the leaders should teach fferently each year because her students e different, and their needs are different. he farmer must be aware of all that goes n around him, which affects his crops. he leader must also develop a strong wareness of what is going on, how it afects her and thus the students. The Chrisan leader most certainly should know er Maker and have a real belief in what he is teaching.

While planning for the harvest, the rmer knew his resources and equipment. nce again like the farmer, the Christian ader must know her resources and the se of equipment. In the particular field of Sunbeam Band work the main resources are SUNBEAM ACTIVITIES, the quarterly magazine for all Sunbeam leaders and assistants; the BEGINNER SUNBEAM BAND MANUAL FOR LEADERS or the PRIMARY SUNBEAM BAND MANUAL FOR LEADERS; WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION 1958-1959 YEAR BOOK. SUNBEAM ACTIVITIES gives lesson plans for four meetings a month, and suggested activities in carrying out the plans. The manuals are the "how to" books on all phases of Sunbeam Band work. The WMU YEAR BOOK gives the plan of work for the current year. This year the Sunbeam Band section is found in pages 122-132.

Knowing how to use available materials and equipment is just as important as knowing what is available. One month of the first quarter is almost gone. How have the Sunbeam Band leaders of North Carolina used SUNBEAM ACTIVITIES? You who are a Christian leader, a leader of missionary education, you who are sowing the most important seed in the world, have you used your resources to their very best?

Have you followed the plans for giving out the mission banks? Have you started the plans concerning the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and the Week of Prayer? Have you found when to take your offering with the children? In preparing for the future have you found where you start in this quarter preparing the boys and girls for the Home Missions unit next quarter? Have you found the community mission ideas? To find all of these ideas the leader must read every lesson plan given, and not just the first two in each month. Do you really know your materials?

The farmer, to have a successful crop and a rich harvest, must know his land and how to prepare it. So the leader must know her children and how to give them the seeds of the spirit. To do this it is necessary to know the characteristics of the age group she leads; to know there will be individual differences and to be able to recognize them. The more one can observe children, the more one will know them. It is good if the Christian leader can observe them away from the church.

Observe children wherever you are: the grocery store, on the street, on the playground, in their homes. Each leader should make a point of visiting in the home of every child she leads. With a knowledge of each child comes understanding. Then carefully the seeds can be sown. The leader needs to know that never is this a fast process, but that slowly and with much repetition are truths taught.

Once the land was prepared, the farmer went out and sowed the seeds. He knew the seeds, their value, and what could be expected of them, if all was right. The Christian leader must know the seeds she is sowing. This means that she will know her Lord, she will know the truths of the Bible, she will know the peoples of the world, their needs, she will know how to show forth the love of God for all people, and how to plant it in the lives of boys and girls.

Yes, there are many seeds to be sown. We need to sow them all. Some of the seeds of truth are for the child to feel that God loves him and cares for him; that God loves everybody; that God has told us some ways to be happy. We want the children to associate God's name with a safe, happy, secure feeling; to wonder about the ysteries of the universe; to know that Jesus shows us what God is like; to be able to cooperate with others; to feel responsible for the good times and happiness of others; to increase in ability to choose between right and wrong; to grow in awareness of responsibility to others; to know and like the Bible stories; to anticipate the time when he can give himself to Jesus.

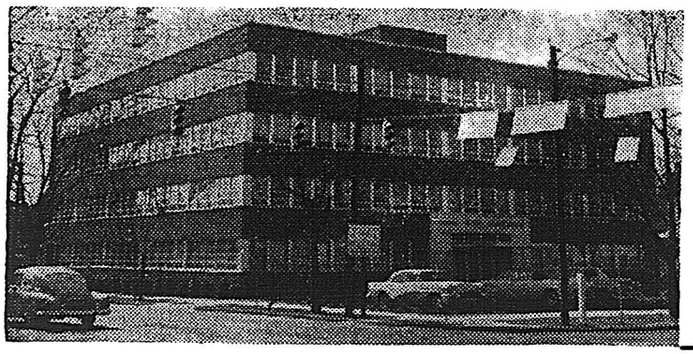
Yes, the fields are now white unto harvest, but there is another one to prepare. The year is before you as a leader. The seeds you sow in the lives of small boys and girls will not always bear bountiful fruit immediately. You sow that others might water and reap. Will the harvest in the years to come be bountiful? Much rests with you.

"Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadow,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves."

This page prepared by Beverly Neilson, State Sunbeam Band Director.

Additional pictures to use in your mission study: Baptist Training Union Picture Series For Primaries

1. Vol. 2, No. 2 Picture 10: April, May, June, 1957
"A Filipino Family Reads the Bible"
2. Vol 3, No. 1 Picture 9: January, February, March, 1958
"Filipino Friends"



CONVENTION BRIEFS

M. A. Huggins, General Secretary

Looking for a good way to begin 1959? The answer is *January Bible Study Week.* Make sure that the calendar is clear for this important event in your church, January 5-9, 1959. *A Study of the Gospel of Mark* by Hugh R. Peterson, dean of students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, is the textbook for this emphasis.

Dr. Peterson has outlined *A Study of the Gospel of Mark* as follows: Chapter 1, "Insights into the First of the Gospels"; chapter 2, "The Beginning of the Gospel"; chapter 3, "The Great Galilean Ministry"; chapter 4, "Jesus Withdrawing from Galilee"; chapter 5, "Moving Towards Jerusalem"; chapter 6, "The Last Public Ministry in Jerusalem"; chapter 7, "Final Hours with the Disciples"; chapter 8, "The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of Jesus"; and chapter 9, "The Risen Lord."

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Four mission churches, Glorieta, Four Lane, Pennsylvania Avenue and Faith, in the Cabarrus Association have recently participated in the Church Community Survey led by Rev. Ernest Upchurch of the Church Development Department.

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From the Department of Evangelism—commitments from 62 associations saying they will support and participate in the 1959 Evangelistic Crusade.

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A repeat performance! The BSU Department will again sponsor the International Retreat to be held in Williamsburg, Va., November 27-30. Seventy-five international students from thirty countries along with ten American students will join Mr. Harold Cole, state BSU leader, and his associates in participating in this significant event.

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"The Mission Tour" will touch seventeen college campuses. Sponsored by the State BSU., the State Woman's Missionary Union, and the Foreign Mission Board, this tour will reach about 5,000 students.

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Vacation Bible School reports—the Sunday School Department reports 300 more than were on file at this time last year. With a total of 2,553 reports, Mrs. Myra S. Motley, associate in charge of this work, has a note of praise for the excellent reporting. As a part of this teaching ministry, more than $136,000 has been contributed to the Cooperative Program in 1958.

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Congratulations to the North Newton Church for a record year in training. A very attractive banquet was held at the Community Center in Conover, and, of course, the distinctive feature was the large number of people who had earned training awards—certain of them had received the Worker's Diploma. Mrs. James Helvey is Superintendent of Training.

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The Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina and the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention will hold an Interracial Institute at the Ardmore Church in Winston-Salem on November 5. Pastors and missionary leaders are invited to attend this conference. Leading the conference for pastors will be Rev. W. R. Grigg, secretary of the Department of Interracial Cooperation.

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Wingate College began its current night school program with the opening of classes on September 29. Sixty-five students are enrolled in these evening classes.

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"The Listen Fund," a plan of mission giving from students on our college campuses, is sponsored by the BSU Department. These offerings are over and above church pledges and special mission offerings. Started in 1953, this project has reached "the uttermost parts of the earth."

Mrs. Miriam H. Prichard, associate in the BSU Department, says: "In the initial stages of the plan, more emphasis was placed on sending food to the billions of hungry people throughout the world. As time went on, the students began thinking more comprehensively. It is good to send food, they said, but this is primarily a stopgap measure. Tools and equipment should be sent so that people will be able to produce their own foodstuff; in this way, foodstuffs and the dignity of work will be provided. Later, the students thought of the thousands of deserving young people who are deprived of education through lack of funds, so they voted to include aid for scholarships in the "Listen" allocations. Next, they were reminded of the high incidence of disease and they felt that if people are too sick to study and work, the sit ation is hopeless, so the program began include allocations of money for drugs a medical supplies. At all times, the st dents remembered the deep religious hu ger of people through the world and th have sent spiritual aid in the form of fello students who minister in the United Stat and other countries during the summ months each year.

"Since the beginning of LISTEN, whi is the abbreviation for **Love Impels Sacr fice Toward Every Need,** at Ridgecrest 1953, a total of twenty-one countries a territories have received aid through t program. It has grown from a rather limi ed program into a carefully balanced o which includes technical, educationa medical and spiritual aid."

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For a very helpful pamphlet in Vocatio al Guidance, write to the Sunday School D partment for "Needed Overseas." This pu lication is made up by the Department Missionary Education and Promotion of th Foreign Mission Board.

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First Church, Fairmont, Has Done Again!

I think I have had occasion heretofore t refer to the fine example that this mission ary-minded church has been setting fo years. This church depends largely on a agricultural background for its suppor Accordingly, the church budgets an amou month by month to be sent through th Cooperative Program. Then on or abou October 1 of this year, as has been true o other years, the church sent an offering fo the Cooperative Program. And this yea that special offering amounts to $10,302.

I place this note here not to praise tha church, because I do not think they desir it. Rather, I give it here in the hope tha it will be a stimulation to other churche particularly those in the areas of the stat that are predominantly agricultural. Thi year in particular I could wish that score of churches would follow the fine exampl of the First Baptist Church of Fairmon and send an extra amount through the Co operative Program. I say this because a the moment our increase through the Co operative Program is only four per cen over 1957. Incidentally, that's the smalles increase we have had, with possibly one ex ception, in twenty years. Our Conventio is less than six weeks away, and I earnestl wish that many churches would respond s that we may come up to the Conventio and report at least a seven or eight per cent increase over last year.—M. A. H.

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BSU Convention to Meet in Asheville

"Disciplined For Today's Demands" will e the theme for the annual fall convenon of the Baptist Student Union of North arolina, meeting October 31 - November at the First Church of Asheville. It is e first time in the history of the organiation that the group has convened at such western point. Leaders expect the outtanding program personnel and special rogram features to attract a record crowd. here are usually 1,000 students from orth Carolina colleges and universities t this meeting.

Dr. Wayne E. Oates, Professor of Psyhology of Religion at the Southern Bapst Theological Seminary in Louisville, entucky, will deliver three main addresson the theme. Other featured speakers ill be Mr. Doyle Baird from the Baptist nday School Board's Department of Stunt Work in Nashville, Tennessee; Mr. mer West, Personnel Secretary of the uthern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, ichmond, Virginia; and Reverend W. W. ancaster, Pastor of the First Baptist hurch of Orangeburg, South Carolina.

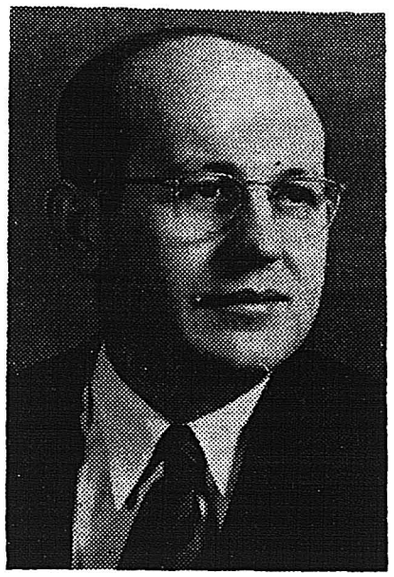
Dr. Stewart A. Newman, Professor of heology and Philosophy of Religion at utheastern Baptist Theological Semiary, Wake Forest, will deliver two Bible ctures to the group. Following his presntation, the entire convention delegation ill divide into 30 small groups to discuss hat has been said.

Miss Ruth Durham, Educational Director f the First Baptist Church of Beaufort, *ill have charge of a fellowship period on* riday night, and Mr. John Dyer, Minister f Music at the First Church of Kinston, ill lead the 50-voice BSU Choir in preenting special music for the two-day eeting.

On Friday evening, the University of orth Carolina Baptist Student Union will pen the convention with a theme interretation which is an original drama enitled, "The Mould." The Wake Forest roup will present a special drama on world issions Saturday evening.

Mr. Charles Webb, a senior at Appalaian State Teachers College, is president f the group and Mr. Harold Cole, Raleigh, orth Carolina, is State BSU Secretary.

Usually the people who have the most ouble keeping up with the Joneses are the oneses' creditors. — *Changing Times.*



Dr. Wayne E. Oates, professor of psychology of religion at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., will be one of the main speakers for the annual Baptist Student Union Convention which meets October 31-November 2 at the First Church, Asheville.

Dr. Oates will deliver a series of addresses based on the theme, "Disciplined for Today's Demands." The titles of his talks are: Friday evening, "The Meaning of Christian Discipline"; Saturday morning, "The 'How' of Christian Discipline"; and Sunday morning, "Maturity Through Discipline."

Thanksgiving Church Will Have Homecoming

Annual Homecoming date for Thanksgiving Church, Johnston Association, has been set for Sunday, October 26. At 11 a.m. Pastor Aubrey McLellan will deliver the homecoming message. After the service lunch will be served.

The homecoming offering will be applied on the building fund debt. There are hopes that the debt on the educational wing of the building, $5,600, may be paid.

The homecoming chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Woodard, and through them the church issues a cordial invitation to all its friends to be present.

YWA Members Present Chapel Programs at Meredith

Young Women's Auxiliary members on the Meredith College campus presented the chapel services last week. Under the chairmanship of the president, Barbara Sue Johnson, of Danville, Va., two speakers were presented, and a play was given.

Dr. John Mills, head of the department of evangelism of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, now on furlough in the United States, spoke on Monday; Mrs. Elmo Scoggins, former missionary to Israel, now living in Wake Forest, spoke on Wednesday; and "Pearls of Great Price," by Sybil Leon-Armes, was presented on Friday.

Special music presented by student musicians for the week featured Margaret Hurst and Janice Morgan, both of Wilmington, and Anne Sharpe of Cherryville. Carole Hamrick of Shelby served as play moderator, and roles were taken by Jeanette Worthington, Ayden; Anne Britton, Dunn; Helen Parker, Monroe; Louise Waters, Charlotte; and Dean Brigman Icard, Kannapolis. The play dramatizes the ideals of YWA through the lives of these five great women, Lottie Moon, Ann Hasseltine Judson, Ann Luther Bagby, Rachel Sims, and Everly Hayes.

The 1958 Minutes of Transylvania Association, which held its annual meeting August 5-6, *have come from the press. We appreciate* the copy sent to us. Rev. W. Harold Killian is moderator and Rev. Marvin Murphree is clerk.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON: THE GALILEAN MINISTRY BEGINS

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ing to abandon their work and leave their families and follow an utter stranger. Furthermore, it is not in keeping with what we know of the character of Jesus to expect him to call to be his disciples men whom he had never seen before. The gospel according to John (1:40-42) indicates that Peter and Andrew had been disciples of John, and through him had come to know Jesus.

We know little about those four first disciples. They were all fishermen. They were certainly not rich men, but neither were they poverty-stricken. The father of James and John employed workers to assist them and thus must have owned his own boat. Of the four, three (Peter, Jam and John) became Jesus' most intim friends, and shared in such experience the transfiguration and the prayer in Garden of Gethsemane.

Teaching (Mark 1:21-22)

Another aspect of Jesus' ministry was teaching, for which he became famo quite early. One of the most common casions for teaching in his day was synagogue service. The service norma was conducted by the ruler of the syn gogue, a member selected for that purpo If there were a visiting rabbi he wou likely be invited to read the scripture less and teach. Jesus customarily attended services (Luke 4:16), and doubtless w called upon often to teach. We can be sur therefore, that while verses 21-22 refer a specific instance, it was recorded becau it was typical rather than because it w unusual.

The reaction to the teaching of Jesus this instance likewise was typical. The ma ner in which he taught was most unusua The other rabbis constantly cited author ties to support their doctrines. Indeed, o rabbi of the period said, "I never taug anything new. I taught only what my rab taught me." Jesus, however, was not thu bound by tradition. He spoke as if he ha direct, immediate contact with the Sour of truth. He even dared set himself in o position not only to cherished tradition interpretations, but upon occasion even the law of Moses (cf. Matt. 5). Little won der that "they were astonished at his teach ing."

For Further Thought

What is the difference between preach ing and teaching? In what sense has th kingdom of God already come? In wha sense is it yet to be realized? What qual ties of character did those first four di ciples have which commended them t Jesus?

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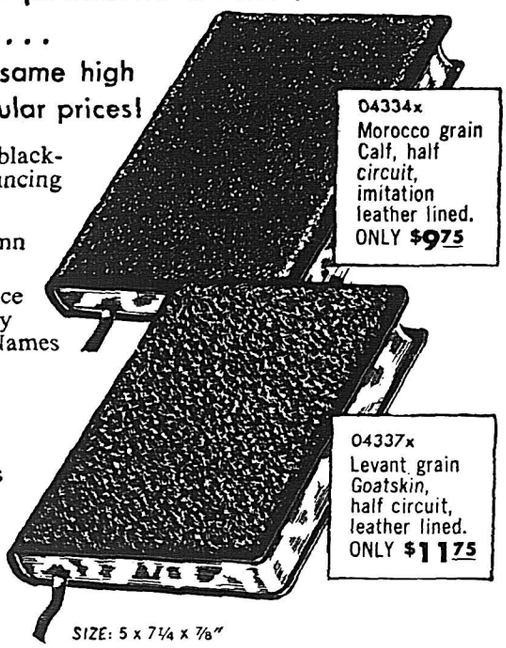
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Books in Review

HE FREE CHURCH THROUGH THE AGES. By Gunnar Westin. Translated by Virgil A. Olson. Broadman Press. 1958. 380 pp. $4.75.

This study by the distinguished Baptist rofessor emeritus of the University of ppsala in Sweden answers a real need in very satisfactory manner. Broadman ress is to be congratulated upon undertaking the publication of such a volume. It is to be hoped that the response of the reading public will be such as to encourage Broadman to increase its production of other solid, scholarly works such as this one.

Though this book, previously published in Swedish and German, has already gained in those editions favorable comment from many competent scholars (Dr. K. S. Latourette has written the foreword to the present edition), it is neither dull reading nor is it beyond the understanding of the general reader. It is rather a fascinating story in which the specialist as well as the non-specialist will find help.

Dr. Westin has written a comprehensive history of the free church movement from New Testament times to the present. Two short chapters bring the story down to the Reformation period. The major portion of the book is devoted to the era from 1525 to the present. One of the most significant contributions of the work is a rather detailed study of the Anabaptist movement in the period of the Reformation. The author reveals a real sympathy for the Anabaptists, but he is not unaware of their weaknesses. Two long chapters deal with the years since 1600. In these, Baptists, both in Europe and in America, are treated rather fully along with the other free churches of the modern era. Of especial value is the discussion of the free church movement on the continent of Europe with which Dr. Westin is personally related.

The first two chapters are the least satisfying to this reviewer. The definition of "free church" is not clearly and unambiguously stated. Furthermore, the treatment of such movements as Marcionism, Donatism, and Paulicianism is sketchy and open to serious questions of interpretation at several points.

As in almost any book of such scope and size, the specialist finds some errors of fact and various interpretations which he would question; however, these are not so numerous as to appreciably dull the luster of this very fine book.

P. A. DUNCAN, *Professor of Church History*, Southeastern Seminary.

Books Received

AMERICAN FREEDOM AND CATHOLIC POWER, 1958. By Paul Blanshard. Second edition, revised and enlarged. Beacon Press. $3.95.

MOSES' MIGHTY MEN. By Herschel H. Hobbs. Broadman Press. $2.50.

PREACHING FROM ECCLESIASTES. By G. Avery Lee. Broadman Press.

THE LITTLE OLD LADY. By Robbie Trent. Pictures by Katherine Evans. Broadman Press.

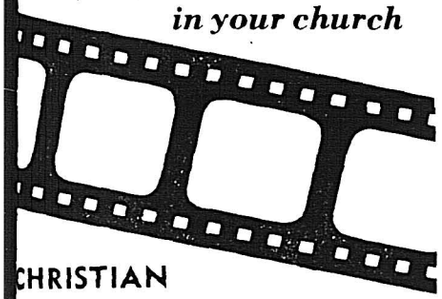
PETER AND THE RAIN. By Polly Hargis Dillard. Pictures by Beatrice Derwinski. Broadman Press.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF ALL POSSIBLE REVELATION. Greenwich Book Pub. $2.50.

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Dr. William Harrison Williams to Retire from Active Pastorate

On Sunday, October 5, Dr. William Harrison Williams tendered his resignation to the congregation of Pritchard Memorial Church, Charlotte, which he has served for more than 30 years. His statement to the congregation follows:

"My Beloved People:

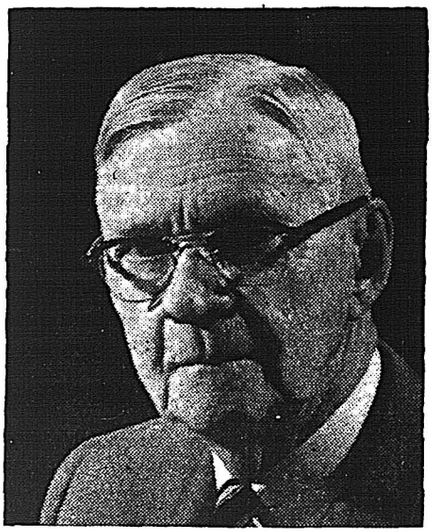
"On April 1, 1928, I assumed the duties of the pastorate of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church. As I look through the years my heart is filled with gratitude. The going has not always been smooth; but through it all I have been sustained by your love, and courtesy and prayers. A spirit of perfect harmony has prevailed, as we together have had in mind the words, 'giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.'

"The action which I now take, after much thought and prayer, is not caused by any opposition within the membership but with the great program of advancement which is before us, I am convinced that you should have younger and stronger leadership, therefore with the greatest reluctance I tender my resignation. This is to become effective on December 28, 1958, or at any earlier time when you secure the services of my successor.

"Few men have had the privilege of being in the pastorate for fifty-four years. I am deeply conscious of my many failures and weaknesses, but I praise God that he has allowed me to preach the glorious gospel of Christ for so many years.

"As in the past, my chief interest in life has been progress and well being of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church. I shall ever love you and do all in my power to make the work go forward triumphantly."

Dr. Williams came to the pastorate of Pritchard Memorial from St. Joseph, Mo., where he had been pastor of the First Baptist Church. On April 6 of this year Pritchard Memorial celebrated Dr. Williams' 30th anniversary with the church. Mayor James S. Smith presented the minister with a certificate at that time and remarked, "If Baptists had a bishop, Dr. Williams would certainly be it." In June of this year Wake Forest College honored him by conferring on him the honorary degree of doctor of divinity.



Dr. Williams

When Dr. Williams became pastor of Pritchard Memorial in 1928, the church had a membership of 840, Sunday school enrollment of 982, a budget of $12,597, and property valued at $235,000. He is leaving a church with 1,872 members, a Sunday school enrollment of 2,148, a budget of $192,951, and property valued at more than $680,000.

Dr. Williams has served as president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, as a trustee of Meredith and Wingate colleges and of the N. C. Baptist Hospital, and as a member of the General Board. At present he is a member of the Committee of 25. He has also served as vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, as a member of the Foreign Mission Board, of the Home Mission Board, and the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A native of Charlottesville, Va., he was born in a Baptist parsonage. He received the A.B. degree from William Jewell College, Missouri, in 1901 and was given a doctor of divinity degree by William Jewell in 1920. He was graduated from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in 1904 and was ordained to the ministry in Louisville the same year.

Mrs. Williams died two years ago. Dr. Williams has two sons, Dr. McChord Williams of Charlotte and Dr. Harry Williams of Rock Hill, S. C., both physicians.

(Most of these facts came from an article in *The Charlotte Observer*, Oct. 6, 1958.)

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Woman's Dormitory at Chowan to Be Dedicated

MURFREESBORO—Formal dedicatory services for the new $300,000 woman's dormitory at Chowan College will be held Saturday, October 25, at 2:30 p.m.

The dedicatory ceremony is one of several activities scheduled for the day: the annual Founder's Day program is set for 11 o'clock Saturday morning; a Homecoming Parade is slated to leave the mall campus at 6:45 p.m.; and 8:00 p.m. is kick-off time at the High School Field, where Chowan's Football Braves will meet their Homecoming opponent, Wingate Junior College.

A further highlight of the day's activities will be the reception which is to follow the formal dedication of the building. Sponsored by the Chowan College Alumni Association, the reception will be held in the beautiful new dormitory.

Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker and the college trustees are extending a cordial invitation to all the friends of Chowan College to be present for the various activities which are planned for October 25.

School of Missions Shows Fine Results in Oak Grove Church

Pastor James Holder of Oak Grove Church, King's Mountain, reports that the recent school of missions was "one of the finest things that ever took place in our church; it was in cooperation with the associational missions school." His communication further stated:

"One of the highlights of the week came when Mrs. Sadie Shoaf spoke at our church and four of our fine young people dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service. They were: Donald Horn who felt that he was called to the ministry, Miss Judy Watterson, Miss Nancy Hamrick, Miss Jan Fisher who all feel that they are called to full-time service but are not yet ready to choose their field of work. We had a very heart-warming service on Sunday morning when three more of our young people came: Miss Juanita Lovelace, Miss Emily Hamrick and Mickey Bell, all of whom are willing to do whatever the Lord shall lead them to do in their lives. We are overjoyed at the prospect of having this many of our young people preparing themselves for the work of the Lord."

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WHEREAS, Mars Hill College now has on hand to apply thereon the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, and the Trustees and Officials of said College have perfected a plan whereby an additional TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS can be raised to apply thereon; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary in order to construct and equip said building that Mars Hill College borrow an additional amount of money, not exceeding the sum of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, which said sum can be borrowed by said College when the same is needed for the construction and furnishing of said building.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA in session in its annual meeting in November 1958:

1. That the Board of Trustees of Mars Hill College be empowered to borrow an amount, the principal sum not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, this together with interest to be repaid over a period not to exceed seven years.

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

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

Adopted by the Board of Trustees at a called meeting on the 16th day of October, 1958.

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Court Upholds Order Restraining Church Move

RALEIGH, N. C. (RNS) — The North Carolina Supreme Court upheld an order of a lower court here restraining the First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, N. C., from moving to a new site.

The Supreme Court held that since the church had no written constitution or by-laws, a majority of the members ordinarily controls the right to use and title to the church property.

Defendants in the action were the pastor, the Rev. Aubrey T. Quakenbush, and the church trustees and deacons. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., who brought the action, contended that the pastor "coerced" the congregation into voting for the move of the church from its present downtown location to Highway 74.

Mr. McDaniel claimed that a majority of the members of the church have since indicated they were opposed to the move. The case will be returned to Superior Court for a final hearing on whether the restraining order should be made permanent.

New Pastor and Wife Honored



Rev. James L. Pharr, new minister at College Avenue Church, Lenoir, and Mrs. Pharr were honored at a reception sponsored by the church Sunday evening, Sept. 28, following the worship period. Approximately 250 people, including several ministers in the surrounding community, called to greet Mr. and Mrs. Pharr. The event was held in the educational building of the church.

Mr. Pharr recently took up his duties as minister at Collge Avenue, succeeding Dr. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., who resigned last February to accept a call to the First Church of Albemarle. Dr. R. K. Redwine, retired, of Winston-Salem, had filled the pulpit as interim pastor much of the time since then.

The new minister at College Avenue came to Lenoir from Phenix City, Ala., where he served as pastor of Central Baptist Church. He also served successfully at other churches in Alabama and Texas.

Educated in Alabama secondary schools, Mr. Pharr attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala., better known in sports circles as simply Auburn. He was captain of the football team there for two years and was named an All-American. He is considered one of Auburn's all-time greats in football. He served for three years in the U. S. Army, being commissioned a first lieutenant.

Mr. Pharr received his Master of Religious Education and Master of Theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex.

Mrs. Pharr is a native Texan and also attended Southwestern Seminary. She and Mr. Pharr have six children, three boys and three girls. Mr. Pharr has a brother in Charlotte, Rev. Keener Pharr, minister of education at First Baptist Church there.

The church will hold revival services this month with Mr. Pharr, pastor, doing the preaching.

Ministers Make Changes

R. C. Lanier became pastor of North Street Church in Raleigh on October 6. He comes from the North Rocky Mount Church and succeeds John L. Coley, who is retiring after serving the church 19 years.

Thad Robert Dowdle has been called by the Ridgecrest Church, Macon Association, to serve as pastor on a half-time basis.

Arvil Swafford, who was pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Macon Association, has accepted a call to Marble Church, Cherokee County, in Western North Carolina Association.

Zeno Wall is serving as supply pastor of Eastside Church, Shelby.

Aubrey McLellan is the new pastor of Thanksgiving Church, Johnston Association, beginning his work there September 28. He came from Durant, Mississippi.

Bryan W. Holloman, Jr., recently became pastor of Bethel Church in Chowan Association.

Richard B. Day, pastor of East Bend Church in Yadkin Association for the past year, resigned this fall in order to further his education at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

"The Anson Baptist" for October lists the following pastors in the association as having resigned: **E. C. Pittman,** Deep Creek; **W. H. Stogner,** Pleasant Grove; **M. L. Haywood,** New Home; **Earl Henry,** Rocky Mount; **Clegg Allen,** Cedar Grove; and **Charles Randall,** Rocky River.

Charles T. Dorman, a graduate of Southeastern Seminary, on October 1 became pastor of Cameron Church, South Sandy Creek Association.

Mary Gamble (Mrs J. E.) Davis, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary, died October 10 following a heart attack. She made her home with a son, J. E. Davis, Jr., in El Paso, Texas. Mrs. Davis and her husband were appointed missionaries to Mexico in 1904. At first they set up a printing press in the kitchen of their home in Toluca, Mexico. The next year they moved to Leon, Mexico, and established a print shop there. Because of continued revolution in Mexico this printing concern was moved to El Paso, Texas, in 1916, and there it has grown into the present-day All Spanish Baptist Publishing House which distributes Christian literature to book stores, churches, and individuals in approximately 40 countries.



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By John Bunn, Pastor
Braggtown Church, Durham

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They said it could not be done; but God did it! They said a revival had never been a success in attendance, but the spirit of God led enough to each hour of worship to fill the main auditorium and several nights the balcony. They said services would pass by without decisions, but God said otherwise. They said no member of the church would drive 200 miles just to be in his place in the revival choir, but one did.

They said business men would not close their places of business on Friday night in order to attend services, but one did. They said 110 public decisions would never be made in revival services, but God said they would. They said there would never be the time when three fathers and three sons would come to Christ together and be baptized together, but God's spirit said they would. They said these things couldn't be done, but God never said they couldn't be done if his people followed the leadership of his spirit.

Where does the Forward Program of Church Finance come into the picture? Essentially the program which God used to bring these results was the Forward Program of Church Finance adapted to an evangelistic effort. Rather than having budget promotion newspapers, newspapers on evangelism were mailed out. A Prospect Dinner was substituted for the Loyalty Dinner, which filled the Fellowship Hall of the church with male prospects and male church members. Evangelistic lessons were taught in every Sunday school class, Junior through Adult Departments, the Sunday before Decision Day. A Decision Day replaced the Pledge Day. Evangelistic teams were used rather than canvass teams. Item for item in the Forward Program of Church Finance was replaced by an evangelistic item.

The 29-day evangelistic effort was climaxed by Decision Day which initiated the revival services with Earle Bradley, secretary of promotion, Baptist State Convention, as guest speaker. At the conclusion of the service on the morning of Decision Day, 14 made professions of faith. Not one single service was concluded without one or more decisions for Christ.

We are deeply grateful for what God has done for us and through us. We as a church have a feeling of humility which we have never before felt. We know this was not a revival which was "got up, but one sent down" from God. We know that God's spirit sent this revival to us and sent to us Earle Bradley who preached under a burden of feeling I have seldom seen since I have been in the ministry.

All we can say is: "Thank God for the *Forward Program*, which has been a double blessing to our church."

Indian Missionary Wilson Dies

George Wilson, home missionary to the Indians, Albuquerque, New Mexico, died on September 28 after an extended illness. Mr. Wilson had served under the Home Mission Board for more than 25 years. A Sioux Indian and formerly a concert singer, he started the Indian Center at Albuquerque, New Mexico, in his home.

Funeral services were held October 1. Mrs. Wilson can be addressed at: 1817 Carol St., N. E., Albuquerque, New Mexico.



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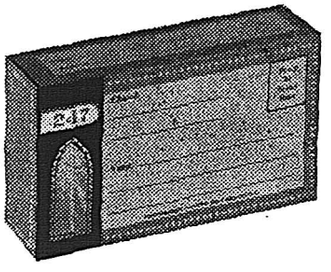
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RESOLUTION CONCERNING BORROWING OF MONEY

Notice is hereby given that Chowan College proposes to borrow a sum not in excess of THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND ($375,000.00) DOLLARS to be used for the purpose of erecting additional dormitory facilities and a cafeteria at said institution, subject, however, to the approval of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

RESOLUTION of CHOWAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Taken from Minutes of Meeting Held September 22, 1958

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Chowan College finds it advisable and necessary, in order for such institution to best carry on its work, to

(a) borrow the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND ($125,000.00) DOLLARS to be used for the purpose of constructing a cafeteria for said college, and

(b) to borrow the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND *($250,000.00) DOLLARS to be used* for the purpose of constructing a boy's dormitory for said college, and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of said Board of Trustees that it will have funds coming to it for capital purposes which will be sufficient to liquidate said loan over a period not in excess of forty (40) years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Chowan College:

1. That Chowan College borrow a sum not in excess of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE ($125,000.00) DOLLARS to be used for the purpose of constructing a cafeteria at said institution.

2. That Chowan College borrow a sum not in excess of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND ($250,000.00) DOLLARS to be used for the purpose of constructing a boy's dormitory at said institution.

3. That the sums actually borrowed, together with interest thereon, shall be repaid over a period not in excess of forty (40) years, the payment of principal and interest to be made in annual, quarterly or monthly installments.

4. That the proper officers of Chowan College be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute, or cause to be executed, in the name of Chowan College, and on its behalf, notes or bonds of the college evidencing the indebtedness incurred under the authority of this resolution, and also to execute, or cause to be executed, in the name of Chowan College, Incorporated, and on its behalf a mortgage or mortgages upon the land upon which said cafeteria and dormitory shall be erected, together with the approaches thereto; provided, however, that such mortgage shall not in any way encumber any other property owned by Chowan College.

5. That no part of the indebtedness which may be incurred by Chowan College under the authority of this resolution shall in any respect be deemed or held to be an indebtedness or obligation of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and neither the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina nor its General Board shall assume any responsibility whatever for the repayment of such loan or any interest thereon.

6. That the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at its next regular session be requested to authorize Chowan College to borrow not in excess of the sums above mentioned upon the terms and for the purposes herein set out.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING BORROWING OF MONEY BY MEREDITH COLLEGE

WHEREAS, Meredith College, on the authority of its Board of Trustees, is now preparing to launch an eight-year Expansion Program, 1958-66, with a financial goal of $5,600,000.00;

WHEREAS, this program, as officially adopted, provides for added endowment, the construction of new buildings, and extended renovation of the existing plant;

WHEREAS, Meredith College finds it necessary to reject a steadily increasing number of qualified applicants because of inadequate facilities and should plan now for the increased enrollment projected in the Expansion Program;

WHEREAS, emergency needs may develop before the next annual session of the Baptist State Convention or before gifts adequate to meet such needs may be received;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, in session in the city of Durham, North Carolina, on November 11-13, 1958:

1. That Meredith College be and is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow an amount or amounts, the total not to exceed $500,000.00, as may be authorized by its Board of Trustees, to carry out the purposes set forth in its Expansion Program, and that the sum or sums borrowed, together with interest, shall be repaid from gifts or current revenue, including endowment income, during the eight-year period;
2. That said College is hereby authorized and empowered to execute or cause to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its authorized officers a note or notes and any renewal or renewals thereof evidencing the indebtedness authorized by these resolutions, provided that any security for such loan or loans as may be required shall not encumber any of the properties currently owned by the College;
3. That the indebtedness incurred by Meredith College by reason of these resolutions shall not be deemed or held to be in any respect as an indebtedness or obligation of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

RESOLUTION IN RE BORROWING BY WINGATE COLLEGE

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Wingate College find it wise, expedient and necessary, in order for such institution to properly carry on its work, to borrow up to $400,000 to be used for the purpose of constructing a physical education plant and an auditorium, and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, in session in the city of Durham, North Carolina, November 11-13, 1958:

1. That the Board of Trustees of Wingate College be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow an amount not to exceed $400,000 to be used for the purpose of constructing a physical education plant and an auditorium, at such institution;
2. That the sum so borrowed, together with the interest thereon, shall be repaid over a period not in excess of twenty years, the payments of principal and interest to be made in approximately equal annual installments;
3. That said Board of Trustees be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to execute, or cause to be executed in the name of Wingate College and on its behalf by its authorized officers, a mortgage upon the land upon which such physical education plant and auditorium shall be erected, together with the approaches thereto; provided, however, that such mortgages shall not in anyway encumber any other property presently owned by Wingate College;
4. That no part of the indebtedness incurred by Wingate College by reason of this resolution shall be deemed or held to be in any respect an indebtedness or obligation of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, nor shall its General Board assume any responsibility whatever for the repayment of such loan or any interest thereon.

Between the great things that we can't do *and the little thing that we won't do,* the danger is that we shall do nothing at all.—*E.r.*

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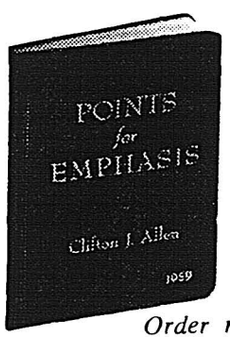
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At Liberty Association, September 30

The above RECORDER photos show typical groups of well-known associational leaders at two of the recent annual sessions: Left, a group in the Liberty Association at Southside Church, Thomasville, September 30: Dr. F. M. Powell, who preached the annual sermon; Pastor Fred Jurney of the host church (in pulpit); J. Wade Jarrett, clerk; Rev. T. W. Williams, associational missionary; and Moderator W. N. Brookshire.

At Sandy Creek Association, October 3

Right, some of the Sandy Creek associational leaders a Love's Creek, for the Bi-Centennial session, October 3: Pasto Wilbur Hutchins of Sanford First Church, vice-moderator of th association: C. A. Teague, historian of the association; Georg M. Graham, moderator; host pastor, Edward C. Elliott; and Cler Eugene Andrew. The history-writing committee was shown i the RECORDER dated October 11.

Southern Enrollment Exceeds Expectations

Louisville, Ky. — Enrollment at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this year is 1,308, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, president.

Last year's first semester enrollment was 1,396.

"Southern's enrollment this year," President McCall said, "has exceeded our expectations."

Dr. McCall also reported that pledges and cash for the James P. Boyce Centennial Library campaign total $440,500. The goal is $500,000.

Minister's Wife Visits Chaplain Son in Germany

Mrs. Victor L. Andrews of Newton had some interesting experiences this past summer when she visited her son, Chaplain Edwin R. Andrews, and his wife in Nurnburg, Germany, where several thousand American troops and their families are located.

In August Mrs. Andrews had her first experience in vacation Bible school in a foreign country. She was superintendent of the Junior Department. The majority of teachers in the school, which enrolled 528, were Baptists and the majority of pupils from Baptist homes. The children of the soldiers are having opportunities to get religious training in the Sunday school and in vacation Bible school.

One of the most capable teachers in the Junior Department was the wife of a Negro officer. There were several Negro children in the school, but no white teacher or pupil seemed to notice the difference in color.

Mrs. Andrews tells of two trips planned for her by Chaplain and Mrs. Andrews.

"The first was to the majestic mountains of southern Germany, through Austria, to points of interest in Italy and returning through Switzerland," she writes. "You can easily understand that the greatest point of interest on this tour was not the gondola rides in Venice nor the historic St. Mark's Cathedral in Verona nor any other famous Italian center. The highest point of interest on this tour was the Baptist Seminary of Zurich. The seminary building is beautiful. It is a veritable light house on the top of the Alps.

"The second tour was to the World Fair in Brussels and to Antwerp. Of course the American exhibit in a very large circular building was of greatest interest in the Fair."

Midwestern Follows Tradition

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Kansas City, Missouri, will follow what has become a well-established tradition with Southern Baptists, namely, the periodic observance of *Missionary Day*.

It was my unusual privilege, October 8, to attend the very first such observance in the life of the institution. Dr. Baker Jame Cauthen of the Foreign Mission Board an Miss Mary Evelyn Fredenburg, missionar nurse to Nigeria, were guest speakers.

The seminary is guest of Calvary Baptis Church during its first session. Some month ago the church purchased from the Disciple of Christ a lovely building which adjoins th property of Calvary. This provides the semi nary with a lovely chapel, class rooms an administrative offices, all on Baltimore Ave nue, near two good hotels and a busy shoppin center.

President Millard A. Berquist has done good work in promoting the seminary. En rollment for the first quarter will reach 15 students. The difficulty of finding suitabl housing in the price range of ministeria students will necessarily keep attendanc down a little. The administration hopes to b able to move the institution next autumn t its new and lovely grounds on the highwa leading to Liberty, Missouri, the seat o William Jewell College, Missouri's senio Baptist school.—JOHN D. FREEMAN, Nash ville 12, Tenn.

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