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Associational Missionaries

Key Positions in Promotional Work



For five days, July 8-12, missionaries from all associations convened at North Carolina Baptist Assembly, Southport, for their annual meeting. The accompanying pictures were taken at that time.

These men and women are vital links between the local churches and all Baptist institutions, agencies, and all the mission work from the association to the ends of the earth. The program of the annual meeting reflected the many and varied jobs an associational missionary has to do. For example, there was a panel on the subject, "Diplomacy, Fact, and Ethics of the Associational Missionary." Other panels were entitled: "The Associational Budget," "Building the Associational Program," "Our Ministry to the Churches," and "The Association and the Long Look to 1964."

Rev. Earle Bradley spoke on "The New Set-up of Schools of Missions"; Rev. Ottis Hagler spoke on "The Southern Baptist Alliance Program"; the subject used by Mrs. Lake Pylant of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, was "Church Recreation and the Association." While Rev. W. R. Grigg spoke on "The North Carolina Baptist Ministry to Negroes."

Many other topics were discussed during

the week, but these show the wide range of responsibilities the associational missionaries have. The missionary works through the various associational organizations, such as Sunday school, Training Union, Brotherhood, WMU, and others. His publicity ministry is of vital importance to all Baptist missions, educational and benevolent work. In fact, promotion of all denominational work is a part of his job. He helps to organize missions and new churches, and among other things he works with the churches on their invitation and as his time permits.

To accomplish these tasks, missionaries drive thousands of miles each year. They wear out cars as fast as or faster than most preachers.

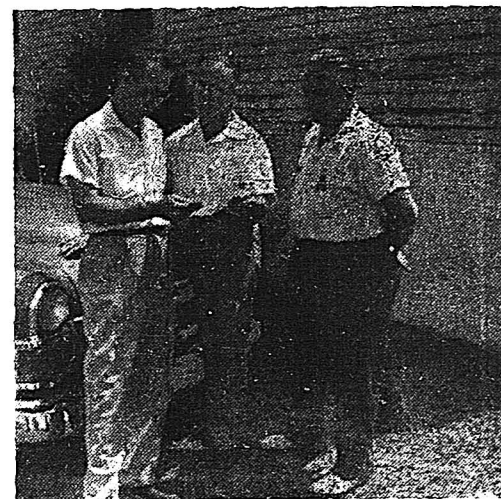
In the past 10 to 15 years the missionaries have emerged as key leaders in our total Baptist program. At present, 62 of the 75 associations in the state employ an associational missionary or missionaries, and eventually the other 13 associations will probably do likewise. In the meantime, the State Convention has two general missionaries to work in these 13 associations. They are Rev. Guy Cain of Boone and Rev. E. C. Wilkie of Waynesville.

The following officers were elected at the

recent annual meeting: Rev. E. J. Jenkins, Brushy Mountain Association, president; Rev. Henry Stough, West Chowan, Area 1 vice-president; Arch Cree, Stanly, Area 2 vice-president; Rev. Henry Powell, Green River, Area 3 vice-president; Mrs. Winfrey Luffman, Stone Mountain, secretary-treasurer; Rev. V. E. Duncan, Tar River, chorister; R. T. Greene, Cabarrus, public relations director.

Upper left: Dr. M. A. Huggins, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and Rev. Earle Bradley, secretary of promotion, talk with the missionaries who have come into the associational mission program since last year. The new missionaries are, left to right: Rev. Tommy Johnson, Elkin Association; Rev. U. A. McManus, Jr., Eastern Association; Rev. Thomas C. Faircloth, Anson Association; Miss Mertle Booker, Flat River Association; Rev. R. T. Willis, Jr., Pee Dee Association; Rev. John A. Moore, South Roanoke Association; Rev. Paul Nix, Johnston Association. Dr. Huggins and Mr. Bradley are standing at the right.

Lower right: Three missionaries are making last-minute preparation for their part on the program, a panel on "The Association and the Long Look to 1964." Left to right, they are: E. R. Echerd, Mecklenburg Association; Rev. J. H. Mauney, Wilmington Association; and Rev. Hubert S. Mumford, Yates Association.



Editorial Brevities

BOULEVARD CHURCH, established in southwest Raleigh in 1953, has a membership of 165. Sunday school enrollment is 187. The church also has a good Training Union.

We had the privilege of preaching at this church, July 21. Charles Marcom is chairman of deacons; Lewis Bowers, superintendent of Sunday School; Mrs. Charles Marcom, president Woman's Missionary Union; A. A. Howell, president of Brotherhood; and L. F. Gower, director, Training Union. Paul Nix, now missionary of Johnston Association, was the former pastor. Aubrey Q. Patterson was called as the new pastor on July 21.

ONE ENTIRE FAMILY of six people from Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, has participated in the Caswell Assembly for a period of eight years since its founding in 1949. This is the Dr. Owen F. Herring family. Dr. Herring himself has led the Bible study for adults during the Training Union Weeks. Mrs. Herring, who is "the power behind the throne," has been the inspirational and vigorous leader in many good works at the Assembly. She has taught classes, led conferences, such as the personal interests conference on "Growing in Leadership," and each evening she has led the vesper service entitled "With the Saviour by the Sea."

The three sons and one daughter have served as follows: Owen, Jr., now in the Navy but back on furlough at Caswell for 10 days, has specialized in poster making; Robert Herring, bugler; Ann Herring, music and junior handwork; Richard Herring, just 13 years of age, is a junior recreation leader. We don't know how the Training Union people could get along at the Assembly without the Herring family!

IN A NEWS RELEASE from the Baptist World Alliance, we read: "Church schools for all ages were included in recommendations for 'creative ways of reaching modern youth with the word of God.'" This suggestion came from a conference of 67 representatives from 14 nations which was held for an eight-day period at our Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, recently. The topic for discussion during the eight days was "Re-thinking Evangelism."

From observations which we made on two trips to Europe in recent years and also from observation and experiences in this country, we would say by all means church schools for all ages are indispensable if one wants to promote Bible study and evangelism among young people. It would seem that this kind of work should be promoted in Europe. European Baptists do not know the modern Sunday school as we know it in America, but human nature is about the same everywhere. It would seem that vigorous and effective Sunday schools could be organized in Baptist churches in Europe, and these Sunday schools could be very effective in reaching the multitudes for Bible study and for Christian evangelism.

We hope that great good comes out of this European Baptist Youth Leaders Conference held in Zurich.



NEW STAFF MEMBERS of the First Church, Charlotte, Miss Betty Heifner, left, and Miss Elizabeth Hutchens are greeted by the pastor, Dr. C. C. Warren. Both are recent graduates of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Miss Hutchens, who served in the Charlotte church some two and a half years before entering the seminary, has returned as director of children's work. Miss Heifner, who has had experience as director of student activities at Southwest Baptist Junior College and on the staff of Crescent Hills Church in Louisville, is now director of youth activities at First Church, Charlotte.

PRESBYTERIAN LIFE, official bi-weekly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., has reached a circulation of 1,000,000, according to announcement made in July 20 issue of the paper. As far as it is known, *Presbyterian Life* is the first religious journal in the world to have more than a million subscribers.

The nearest paper to this record which we know is the *Baptist Standard* of Texas, which has a circulation of approximately one-third million.

These large circulations are made possible by the united interest and support of the denomination which sponsors the paper. Both of these papers follow vigorously the Every-Family Plan, and the convention and denomination owning the paper in each case gives strong moral and financial support toward

reaching the goal of putting a copy of the paper into every home. The leadership of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., is wise, and so is the leadership of Texas Baptists in supporting enthusiastically such a program.

ONE OF OUR READERS writes that he thinks that our people should know that the vote of the General Board on the question of dancing on the campuses of our Baptist colleges was not unanimous. We are glad to pass on what information we have.

The recommendation by the Education Committee passed with a 4-2 vote, with four committee members abstaining. There were only 10 members of the committee present during the discussion and at the time of voting.

This recommendation by the Education Committee was adopted by the General Board with a vote of about 60% to 70% for the motion and the others against it. The motion was to the effect that the Board regretted the action of Meredith and Wake Forest colleges in approving on-campus dancing but appreciated the decision on the part of Wake Forest to re-study the matter, and requested that the trustees "as soon as possible change their position on dancing." There was a decided difference of opinion among the members of the Board on the question, expressed frankly in the discussion and also in the voting.

Dr. Feezor in Jersey Revival

Dr. Forrest Feezor, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of Texas, will be the visiting minister at the annual revival at Jersey Church near Lexington in Liberty Association, beginning August 11 and continuing through August 18. Dr. Feezor was converted, licensed to preach, and was later pastor at Jersey Church, years ago.

Pastor Roy J. Smith states that an outdoor meeting is planned if weather permits. Seats will be placed in the spacious grove on the church grounds. A cordial welcome to all friends and visitors goes from pastor and congregation as the date of these special services draws near.

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EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

WHAT ABOUT THE PREACHER, your preacher? He carries many responsibilities of which you know; he carries many of which you do not know. No man, alone, is equal to the task.

Pray for him, as he stands in the pulpit to break the Bread of Life.

Pray for Your Preacher

Pray for him, as he seeks to fulfill the multitude of duties that you know about and expect him to do.

Pray for him, as he shoulders the heart-load of intimate, personal crises revealed to him in tears and dealt with by him in strict confidence.

Pray for him, as he seeks to bring Christ and His way into the home that threatens to break, the marriage that is on the verge of crumbling, the life that balances on the edge of destruction.

Pray for him, as he shares with someone heart-tearing concern and urgency for an unsaved friend or relative.

Pray for him as he prays for you, that all may grow in the loyalty to Christ that is without shadow of turning, in that predisposition to allegiance that is the fertile soil of continuing Christian development, of growth in grace.—*The Messenger*, Boone First Church.

"Caswell by the Sea"

IN COMPANY with General Secretary M. A. Huggins, we had a peep at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly at "Caswell by the Sea," on July 19. This was in the midst of the first of three Training Union Weeks with Secretary James P. Morgan of the state Training Union Department in charge. There were more than 1,000 people in attendance, coming all the way across the state from Murphy to Manteo, and the age groups extended from the little tots and nursery children clear through the adults.

During this particular week at Caswell there were hundreds of people scattered out across the Assembly grounds. In the afternoon, the 240 acres of land were spotted with many groups of people engaged in play and recreation. The Assembly this year has approximately 85 people on the staff, and we take it that their hands were full during this particular week looking after the interests and needs of more than a thousand people.

It seemed that the entire Assembly property had been greatly improved and beautified this year and that Manager Fred J. Smith had things well in hand. Responding to a question of the *RECORDER* reporter, Jimmie Morgan said, "Fred J. Smith is doing a magnificent job as manager of the Assembly."

The four words used to characterize the Assembly program are: Recreation, education, integration, and Christian fellowship. These four words aptly describe the Training Union Weeks as well as other weeks at the Assembly. A day's program kept everybody busy. It consisted of worship, methods conferences, special interest conferences, morning assembly for worship, and a major address, afternoons free for recreation, vesper service in the evening "with the Saviour by the sea," led by Mrs. Owen F. Herring of Winston-Salem; evening worship with music led by J. O. Stroud and with Mrs. A. C. Ferrell, Mrs. Lloyd Garner, and Mrs. Neill Armstrong assisting at the instruments. Dr. E. W. Price, Jr., of High Point was the pastor for the week and brought the message at the evening hour. The concluding evening features consisted of "Under the Stars," family altars, and finally, at 11 p.m., good night!

Someone said the people were having "mountaintop experiences down by the sea."

Dr. M. A. Huggins brought the main address at the morning assembly, July 19, in which he gave a keen and uplifting interpretation of six great New Testament words: Worship, discipleship, stewardship, fellowship, partnership, and lordship. He pointed out the richer meanings in Christian experiences indicated by these words and challenged the people to go back to their churches to lead their people in an effective way in preparing for and in carrying out the North Carolina Baptist program this fall in the "Prove Me" Tithing Campaign.

General Board Faces Problems and a Forward Program

THE GENERAL BOARD of the Baptist State Convention in its semiannual meeting, held in Raleigh July 22-23, dealt with two serious problems which North Carolina Baptists are facing these days: the question of the acceptance of Federal funds for research at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine and the actions of Meredith College and Wake Forest College in permitting on-campus dancing by the students of these two institutions. These two matters have been discussed both publicly and privately during the last three or four months, so they occupied places of central interest and importance on the agenda of the General Board.

I.

The question concerning the acceptance of Federal funds came up at the first session, Tuesday evening. After considerable discussion as to whether the General Board itself through one of its standing committees should study the question or authorize the study to be made by the Baptist State Convention Committee of 25, a motion was made referring this matter to the Christian Education Committee of the Board. This committee was to consider the question of which group should make the study, and report the next day. When the matter came up Tuesday, the Education Committee recommended that the Committee of 25 of the Convention itself be requested to make a thorough and long-range study of the question, but that it make a report at the meeting of the Convention next November, if possible.

On the question of on-campus dancing at Meredith and Wake Forest, the General Board passed a motion to the effect that the Board regretted the action of the two colleges, that the trustees be requested to reconsider this matter and that they "change their position." There was lengthy discussion concerning both the evils and the values in dancing, and especially in regard to supervised on-campus dancing. The especial responsibility of the administration and trustees to help meet the social and recreational needs of students was recognized. The colleges were commended for steps already taken for a re-study of this matter and it was hoped that this would be continued and that the previous action would be rescinded.

On the whole, the discussions on these two controversial matters were apparently frank, sincere, and wholesome. President Crouch of the General Board urged that the spirit of brotherhood be maintained and that it be recognized that every Baptist has a right to his own opinion and yet all should work

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together in a spirit of brotherhood. "Let's stay in good fellowship," he said.

II.

Controller Leon Spencer gave a report on the income and expenses of the Convention for the first six months of 1957. According to his report, receipts for the Cooperative Program are five per cent higher than for the same period of 1956. Total income for this program was \$1,399,111.73.

The Cooperative Program goal for 1959 was set at \$4,150,000 exclusive of the amount received by the Children's Homes through church budgets and month-to-month offerings, and the goal of \$3,750,000 for the Cooperative Program for 1958 was reaffirmed.

In its action on Tuesday the General Board voted to the effect "that to undergird and support these goals for 1958 and 1959, each church shall be encouraged to give a definite percentage of the total church budget through the Cooperative Program; that each church shall make this percentage for 1958 at least two per cent of the total church budget higher than during the preceding year, and that a two per cent increase each year be followed, thus progressively advancing in Cooperative Program giving to a climax in the Jubilee Year of 1964."

III.

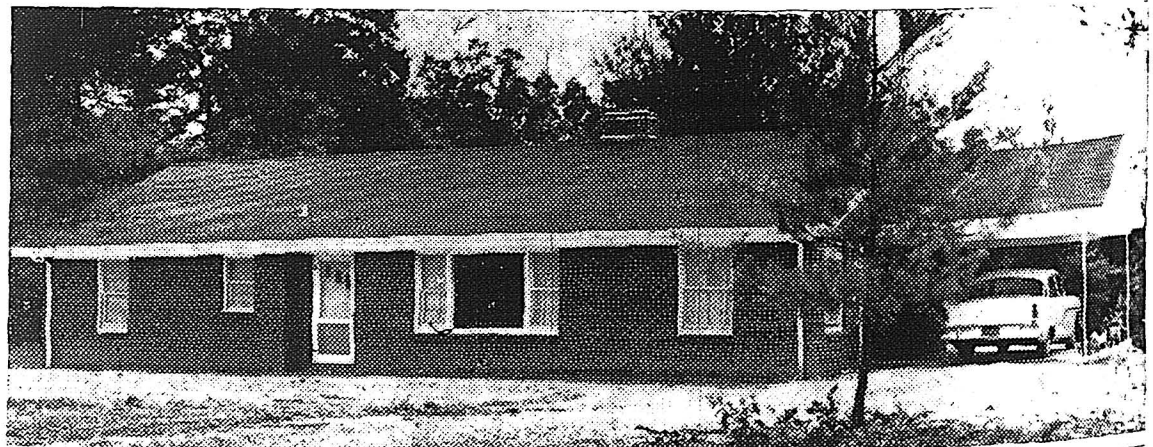
C. C. Warren of Charlotte and Everette Miller of Raleigh were elected to membership on the Committee of 25 to fill existing vacancies. Harold Cole, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Ala., was elected state secretary of Baptist Student Union work and Ernest C. Upchurch of Kannapolis, secretary of the Department of Church Development. John E. Rasberry was elected Baptist student director at N. C. State College in Raleigh, and Miss Betty Jean Seymour to a similar position at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

A motion was passed recommending the acceptance of the offer of Mr. Don G. Matthews of Hamilton for a gift of \$50,000 and a tract of land for the establishment of a home for the aging at Hamilton. The offer was accepted on condition that the people of that part of the state raise an additional \$100,000 for this cause from individuals, corporations, etc., but with no

LIBERTY GROVE PARSONAGE — Liberty Grove Church, Route 2, North Wilkesboro, recently completed the new parsonage shown here. Open House was observed on June 30, from two o'clock to five in the afternoon, with attendance of almost 100 people.

Robert Wyatt was contractor for the parsonage construction, at a cost of \$10,275. The building committee was composed of Palge Hutchinson, chairman; Kermit Absher, F. C. Johnson, Mrs. Tam Hutchinson, and Mrs. Ena Taylor.

Liberty Grove and Roaring River churches make up a field of work, with Rev. Howard Laney as pastor.



Miss Elba Rouse of Kinston, a recent graduate of Wake Forest College, joined the staff of First Church, Monroe, as educational director on June 9. Rev. C. Arthur Francis is pastor of the church.

money to be contributed through the budgets of the churches. Action was taken looking toward the taking over of the Odum Home at Pembroke as a part of the North Carolina Children's Homes, with plans for the construction of a new cottage at Pembroke and for providing \$20,000 a year for operating expenses.

IV.

It was voted that all special campaigns to secure funds by any institution or agency of the Convention outside the Cooperative Program or special-day offerings shall be limited to cash or pledges by individuals, corporations, or foundations. Furthermore, it is recognized to be contrary to Convention policy for the representatives of any agency or institution of the Convention or employee of the General Board to encourage any local church to designate in its budget funds for that agency or institution.

Action was taken that in 1958 the Convention continue to place emphasis on tithing and that particular emphasis be placed upon "the Forward Program of Church Finance" in cooperation with the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Also it was voted that the Baptist State Convention endorse the general movement in the Southern Baptist Convention of seeking to establish 30,000 new churches and preaching stations during the period 1957 through 1964, which is the Third Jubilee in organized Baptist cooperative mission work in America.

W. Perry Crouch of Asheville is president of the General Board; A. L. Parker, vice-president; M. M. Jones, secretary; and James P. Morgan, assistant secretary. The General Board consists of 80 members, with at least one member coming from each association in the state. Attendance of members at this meeting was 53, and of course there were a good many visitors.

"As we go back home," said President Crouch in his closing remarks, "we have a right to differ in our opinions, but let us go along together on a great program. Let us avoid the very appearance of evil. We have had a good meeting. Our people are working together at a great task."

General Secretary M. A. Huggins said: "Let us keep our minds on our work, which is much greater than our problems. Let us emphasize our Tither's 'Prove Me' Program. Here is something bigger than we are."

"We Baptists are trying to go deeper in our work and raise much more money through the Tither's 'Prove Me' Program in October, November, and December," said J. C. Canipe. "We must push forward in fine cooperation in this great program."

When you are too busy to pay the deserved attention to spiritual things, remember the words of Martin Luther: "I have so much to do today that I must spend several hours in prayers."—STEWART HARING.

Delays are dangerous.—Proverb.

Two Department Heads Appointed in N. C. Work

Appointment of these men to head two departments of State Mission work in North Carolina was announced at the July meeting of the General Board.

Both men are well-known Baptist leaders, and bring to their posts of duty splendid training, education and experience. Both men are natives of South Carolina; however, Pastor Upchurch years ago "adopted" North Carolina as his home and place of ministry.

Rev. Harold Cole is the new secretary of the Baptist Student Union department of North Carolina. He comes to this work with excellent background of education, training, and experience for the task. He is a native of Greenville, S. C., a graduate of North Greenville Junior College, Furman University, and of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He has also completed work toward the Ph.D. in philosophy of religion at Union Seminary, New York.

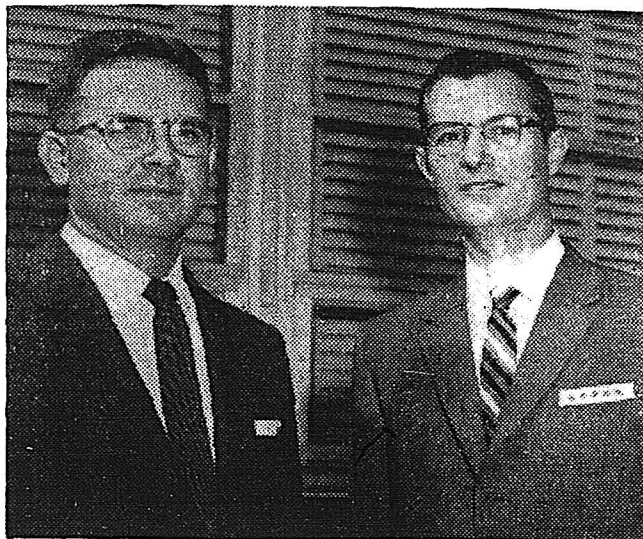
He has held pastorates in Greenwood, S. C., in Indiana, and was at Clemson College Church for over five years, where he also taught in the college's department of religion. He was elected state director of student work for South Carolina, serving in this capacity in a splendid program of growth for six and one-half years. During this period, South Carolina led the Southern Baptist Convention in the number of First Magnitudes achieved, and BSUs were organized on every accredited college campus and in seven schools of nursing.

In 1956 he became pastor of the First Church of Auburn, Alabama, serving 3,500 Baptist students enrolled at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, the church having membership of 2,200. During his Auburn pastorate, there were 545 persons added as members of the church. He is married to the former Inez Matthews, and they have two sons, Charles, 8, and Davis, 13. Mr. Cole has traveled widely in Europe, in Palestine and other countries, and his written numerous articles for various Baptist journals.

Heads Church Development Department

Pastor Ernest C. Upchurch of Calvary Church, Kannapolis, was named at the July session of the General Board as the new secretary of the Church Development Department for North Carolina. He came to this work August 1 from a busy and successful career as pastor and Baptist leader. A native of Cherokee County, S. C., he is a graduate of Gardner-Webb College, later of Wake Forest College, and a B.D. graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was called to preach, licensed and ordained while a member of Cherokee Avenue Church of Gaffney, S. C.

His student pastorates have included Abingdon Creek, Gaffney, S. C., Glen Royal at Wake Forest, Ephesus at Spring Hope, Mt. Airy of Hillsboro; and while at Southern Seminary, he was pastor three years at Bethel Church, Frankfort, Ky. Later pastor-



Rev. Harold Cole (left) and Rev. E. C. Upchurch

ates have been Lewiston-Kelford until 1952, and Calvary at Kannapolis, 1952 to the present time.

He has studied rural and urban sociology; has had training in pastoral psychology at Southern Seminary and at N. C. Baptist Hospital; and taught in the public schools of Franklin County some years ago. He has taught preachers and others in Seminary Extension work; has served as moderator of Cabarrus Association, as president of the ministerial associations in West Chowan Association and also at Kannapolis, and has held numerous other church and civic posts of responsibility. He is married to the former Elizabeth Talley of Gaffney, S. C., and they have two children, Ernest Eugene, age 7; and Nancy Gayle, age 15.

Yates Church of Durham is sponsoring a Youth Camp, August 5-9, at Camp Kanata, the Durham YMCA camp, just off the Wake Forest Highway near Wake Forest. All boys and girls of the Junior and Intermediate departments of the Sunday school are eligible to attend. J. B. Word, Jr., the church's minister of education, outlined a program which includes swimming, softball, track meet, swim meet, horseshoes, group games, stunts, movies, Bible period, forum discussions, mission study, etc.



At July Session of General Board

Typical Baptist fellowship, as well as much business to transact, is always to be observed at the General Board sessions. Above camera shot (lower photo) shows four well-known Baptists, members of the Board, chatting for a moment just as the Tuesday, July 23, session closed. It had been a long day of important business and much discussion, but these, like others, were in fine mood to go back home with renewed zeal for the Lord's work.

Left to right: R. W. Abrams of Tuckaseegee Association, T. E. Robinette of Haywood Association, Warren T. Carr of Yates Association, and Manuel C. Wyatt of Macon Association. Upper right (inset) is a view of Dr. Perry Crouch, General Board president, taken at the moment of adjournment after he had presided over the sessions with gracious spirit and fine parliamentary skill. Upper left is a view of Pastor L. H. Hollingsworth of Boone, Board member from the Three Forks Association, photographed pausing in the doorway at the noon hour to chat with a friend. Earnest attention and careful consideration and discussion of every item featured the sessions of the Board.

Hannah, Who Kept Her Promise

LESSON FOR AUGUST 11

Bible Material: I Samuel 1, 2:1-11, 18-21.

Memory Selection: "I will pay thee my vows, which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble" (Psalm 66:18-14).

Someone with imagination might well take the material of this lesson, weave it into a television drama, and call it, "Elkanah's Other Wife." It could be made to surpass the ordinary "soap opera" both in its warm human quality and its dramatic intensity. Elkanah did have two wives and he, like many another bigamist, was caught in the cross-fire of their jealousies and resentments. Peninnah was the wife who had borne him children, but Elkanah loved Hannah best and made no secret of his favoritism. But Hannah was bitter and felt rejected because she had no children. She assumed that God had been responsible for the barrenness that made her condition a reproach in society.

Every year Elkanah took his wives and children to the sanctuary at Shiloh for a festival. On the occasion which begins our lesson Hannah was so burdened about the taunts of her rival that she prayed in agony and bitterness. Old Eli the priest saw her lips moving and hearing no words assumed she was drunk and reproached Hannah. She replied that she was not intoxicated, but praying, and in his relief Eli promised her an answer to her petition. Hannah dried her tears, returned to the others of her family and ate in the happy faith of one who accepts God's answer to prayer before it is given. Her faith was rewarded in due time and the next few years Hannah did not accompany Elkanah to the sanctuary because she was busy at home rearing her son Samuel.

Hannah's Promise

Hannah prayed for God to give her a son, promising she would dedicate him to God for special service. How many ministers, missionaries, and other fulltime religious workers have been answers to prayer no one but God knows. One famous minister, Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, said: "In my infancy my mother dedicated me to God as truly as Hannah ever dedicated her son Samuel." Another American minister said: "If I am a minister of religion, it is because my little mother was not only a fine scholar, but one who lived by faith and prayer. My earliest memory of her of hearing her pray—hearing my name in her prayer—when she did not know I heard. She lifted my little life on the wings of prayer and gave it to God—and that consecration abides."

The world needs more of this sort of mothers, but there is another side of the

matter that needs to be mentioned to keep it in balance. There have been countless devoted women who have dedicated their children to God for the ministry whose prayers seem not to have been answered. Their sons have entered some other professions, and although they may be good and useful men, their mothers may feel God has not answered their prayers. Samuel was not only dedicated by his mother and taken to the sanctuary, but God called him to his significant service.

Every child ought to be dedicated to God for his service, but we must not limit the divine calling to some form of religious ministry. God has many callings into which he places his surrendered children. While there is a need for more people in religious careers, there is an even greater need of having dedicated Christians in all vocations.

The Price of a Promise

There is an old Spanish proverb that says, "Take what you want" take it and pay for it." Hannah knew what she wanted, she asked for it and when her prayer was answered she paid for it. She promised her son as a priest at the altar, and when he was ready to be taken away from his mother he was given into the care of Levi at the Shiloh sanctuary.

Everyone takes what he wants and pays for it. Pilate did that, and so did Jesus. Pilate wanted to keep the Jewish leaders placated while he gained a reputation as a good administrator. The crucifying of another accused rebel was just another day's work for him. But in every legend about Pilate, woven in the absence of any solid facts, he is a haunted man, still trying to wash his hands of the blood of an innocent man.

Jesus knew what he wanted, he took it, "and for the joy that was set before him endured the cross." He paid with his life and because he did the whole world can look to God in hope of salvation. Because God stooped so low to conquer man's allegiance, man looks up into the human face of Christ made in the image of God and in that look he knows of God's love and concern. Jesus saw all that, he wanted it and he paid for it.

Hannah's sacrifice of her son Samuel must have wrenched her heart, but she had made a promise and she kept it. Back of almost every person who has turned the tides of history, whether on a national scale or in a more limited sphere, have been parents who made some sacrifices. Samuel was a torch-bearer in the darkness that presaged the dawn of a new day in Israel. He anointed Israel's first two kings and judged the people in equity through a long lifetime. Hannah's sacrifice was a living and effectual one in God's economy.

The Nature of a Promise

Hannah's promise was deliberate. She did not suddenly bow before God's altar and impulsively make her vow. She had been grieved and vexed by her husband's other wife until she had to find relief either by violence or by prayer. She prayed and, having counted the cost of her dedication, she made the promise and carried it out.

Jesus reminds us that we must always count the cost before we make a commitment. He used the figures of building a house and of going to war. It would be foolish to begin to build a house without counting the cost to see whether or not it could be finished. No king would go to war with another without taking stock as to whether with his manpower he could win over his enemy with his superior manpower. Just so no one should make a commitment of any sort, even in the surrender of his life to God, without taking account of the cost.

Hannah's promise was specific. She prayed for a son and promised to give him to God as long as he lived. We need to be specific in our promises to God. Often in rededication services in our churches we are not specific enough. We make a blanket rededication that covers everything and touches nothing in particular. We need to make some dedications that are specific: Christian home life, faithful stewardship of material possessions, discipline of our tempers, self-control and a hundred others.

Hannah kept her promise to the letter and in the spirit of dedication. Many a pastor can duplicate this experience: a sick man saying if the Lord would let him get well he would really serve God, but when he got well he forgot his promise. It is better to ask the sick man, "Will you serve God the rest of your life, whether you get well or not?"

Hannah was blessed in her deed. Her problem was one of personal shame at being childless in a society where children were the sign of God's favor. Her reward was that after Samuel had been taken to the shrine and devoted to God's service she had five other children. God may not always give five times as much as we sacrifice, but he always blesses the dedicated life.

A hundred mistakes are an education if you learn something from each one.—Es.

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HOME CIRCLE

Taking the Afternoon Off

Mark went down the lane whistling like a blackbird. He could do anything he pleased the whole afternoon, or nothing at all if he'd rather. And if you are a little boy of a handy age, and live on a farm, you know that afternoons when you don't have to weed the garden or plant Irish potatoes or dig sweet ones, or help oil the pigs or dip the sheep or salt the cattle, don't come often, and you have to make the most of them when they do.

So Mark guessed he'd go by and see Granny a few minutes, and then make his way through the alders and elderberry bushes to the creek for a swim.

Granny's house was small and old and sweet like herself. Mark loved to go there. She was busy in the front yard when Mark came up. "Hello, Gran," he called.

"Dear boy, I'm so glad to see you," said Granny. "Sit down, I've just baked a fresh batch of cookies." She hurried in and when she came back she had a plate of cookies in one hand and a mug of cold milk in the other.

"My, Gran!" said Mark admiringly, "you always have something good on hand, don't you?" Granny beamed at him over her specs. When he finished eating Mark got up to go to the creek. "What you doing out there, Gran?" he asked.

"Well, 'just job work," she replied. "I'm trying to fix that trellis for the running rose. It's ready to fall down. And I've been trying to stop that hole in the fence. Just see here, Mark, how that pesky pig has rooted my canna's!"

"I can fix it," said Mark. "Where's the hammer and nails?"

"Right here," said Granny.

Mark hunted up a stout board and sawed it the right length, and then with a good many licks he nailed it firmly in place. When he finished it was a ship-shape job that half a dozen pesky pigs couldn't undo.

"I do declare," said Granny. "It's a downright comfort to have a man about the place for such jobs as that!" She brought him some water in a yellowed gourd from the well close by. Mark drank thirstily. He was hot, as one is apt to be after working with hammer and saw for an hour on a July afternoon.

But when he had rested a bit he said, "Better show me how you want that trellis now while I'm started."

"Well, you see," said Granny, "it's rotted out here, and if I don't get a new piece put in it's all going to topple over. But it's a bad job on account of this rose vine being so thorny."

It was rather a bad job sure enough, but she cut away some of the worst runners, and Mark crawled under and braced the trellis securely. Then he nailed back some loosened cross pieces, so it had a new, trim look about it.

"I do know, Mark," said Granny excitedly. "You're the handiest boy I ever saw!"

"That's all right, Gran," said Mark, grinning and wiping his damp face on his sleeve.

It was getting rather late by then, but Mark thought he'd go on down to the creek and have a little swim. But as he went out the back gate he saw that it was hanging by one hinge. The lower one had pulled out. He went back and got the hammer and nails and went at it.

Just as he finished Granny called. "Now Mark, you've done enough. Come in the house now and eat supper; it's six o'clock."

Supper at Granny's was different and nicer than anywhere else. There was a blue-checked tablecloth and a bowl of little yellow roses on the table. There was a loaf of bread Granny had baked that day, and pale white clover honey in a blue pot, and a pat of butter, and a yellow stone pitcher of fresh cold milk. Mark ate practically everything on the table, and then said, "Thanks a lot, Granny. I'd better go now, I reckon. I'll be back tomorrow."

He let her kiss him on the cheek, and then he went back along the lane toward home, whistling like a blackbird.

"Well, son," said his mother, smiling when he came in. "How about it? Did you have a big time taking your afternoon off?"

"Yes'm," replied Mark, with a contented look on his face. "I had a great time!"—*Christian Observer*. (Clipped from *N. C. Christian Advocate*.)

A Prayer

God keep us through the common days,
The level stretches white with dust,
When thought is tired and hands up-raise
Their burden feebly, since they must.
In days of slowly fretting care,
Then most we need the strength of prayer.

—Author Unknown.

Hidden Power

"Look, Tommie!" said his father one afternoon. "Here is something for you to play with," and he handed Tommie something which looked like a little horseshoe.

"What's that?" asked Tommie.

"That's a magnet," answered his father. "Look!" Then his father placed a small nail on the magnet, and it hung there without falling.

"What causes the nail to stick to that iron?" asked Tommie. "Does it have glue on it?"

"No," smiled his father. "A magnet has hidden power." Then his father put another nail on the magnet, and said, "We can't see the power, but it is there, just as we can't see God's power—but it's there."

Tommie took the magnet. He laid a nail on the floor, and held the magnet close. The little nail jumped to meet the magnet!

"Hidden power is right!" said Tommie, "but the nail must be close to the magnet."

"Yes, just as we must be close to God to feel His power," replied his father.—*Selected*.

Spice Box

A four-year-old girl was visiting her grandparents. When put to bed she sobbed, said she was afraid of the dark, and wanted to go home.

"But you don't have a light at home, darling, do you?" said her granny.

"No," she replied, "but there it's my own dark."—*Ex.*

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The maid had answered the telephone several times within just a few minutes. Each time, after a brief remark, she hung up.

Becoming quite curious, the lady of the house finally asked, "Who was that on the phone?"

"Same lady every time," replied the maid. "She keeps saying, 'It's a long distance from New York.' And I keep telling her, 'Yes, ma'am, it shure is.'"—*Ex.*

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Two secretaries were overheard discussing a new office machine: "I know that new electronic computer does the work of three men," one observed morosely, "but personally I'd rather have the men."—*Ex.*

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The private was making a strong plea for a furlough on the ground that his wife needed him at home. Finally his commanding officer asked, "Do you place your wife before your duty to your country?"

Replied the private, "There are 11 million men taking care of my country, but as far as I know I'm the only one taking care of my wife." He got his furlough.—*Ex.*

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How come you don't like the girls?

Oh, they're too biased.

Biased?

Yes, biased. It's bias this and bias that till I'm broke.—*Ex.*

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Old Uncle Dan had just had another fight with his wife, and as usual on such occasions, had taken refuge in the local barber shop.

"Fifty years of naggin' and bossin'," he sighed. "You know, I'd just up and leave that woman if I warn't so old and set in her ways."—*Ex.*

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Among the wonders of Mexico are hot and cold springs close together where tourists can watch women boiling clothes in a hot spring, then rubbing them in a cold clear one.

One tourist remarked to his guide, "I suppose these women think the gods are pretty generous, eh?"

"No, senor," he replied, "they grumble because there is no soap."—*Ex.*

News: PERSONALITIES and EVENTS . . .

Joins Staff of College Park Church, Winston-Salem

Mrs. Richard Whisnant recently joined the staff of College Park Church as minister of music and education. A graduate of Wake Forest College with major in religious education, she comes from a similar position at Gorman Church in Durham.



College Park is a new and growing church located adjacent to the new Wake Forest College campus. The rapid growth of the church has made necessary the services of a combination music and education worker for the first time. Mrs. Ray Irvin, organist, will be accompanist for Mrs. Whisnant in the music field.

Mrs. Frances Tyndall will continue working as promotional secretary. Pastor Wm. Roy Martin writes that the entire church looks forward to the opportunities ahead.

Miss Louise Crowe, former librarian for Burlington City Schools, has been named head librarian at Gardner-Webb College.

On August 16 the 35 members of the graduating class at Wingate College are expected to receive their high school and college diplomas.

Changes of address requested: Rev. William K. Metters from 609 New Road, High Point, N. C. to Carthage, N. C.; Rev. J. Boyce Brooks from First Baptist Church, Albemarle, N. C. to 2410 Madison Avenue, Greensboro, N. C.; Rev. Malbert Smith, Jr., from Temple Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N. C., to 1010 Broad Street, Durham, N. C.

Misses Bessie Gaddy and Helen Cowser, of the Wingate College faculty, flew to Brazil recently to spend five weeks with Miss Cowser's parents, who are missionaries in Brazil. Miss Cowser, who has been a member of the Wingate faculty for 16 years, heads the language department, and Miss Gaddy, who joined the faculty in 1950, teaches mathematics and American history.

On July 31, when Rev. Malbert Smith, Jr., concluded his five-year pastorate of Temple Church, Fayetteville, a reception was held in his honor and gifts were presented. Mr. Smith became pastor of Temple Church in 1952, soon after the church was organized. Meetings were being held in a small rented building. An educational plant, then under construction, was soon completed. About a year ago a beautiful auditorium, with seating capacity of more than 500, was completed.

During his stay in Fayetteville Mr. Smith was very popular in the entire community as well as in his own church, being very active in all phases of Christian work. He will be greatly missed by his friends there.

Marion Lansford Jolley of Boiling Springs has been added to the faculty of Gardner-Webb College, replacing Dr. Robert N. Elliott, who has joined the faculty of N. C. State College. Mr. Jolley will teach history. Prof. Robert L. Flynn, a Texan, has also been added to the faculty at Gardner-Webb as full-time instructor in speech and dramatics.

Nine juniors from the Troutman Church, E. S. Elliott, pastor, were recognized recently at the Fruitland Baptist Camp as State Winners in the Junior Bible Memory Work Tournament. These winners are: Beverly Brotherton, Polly Byers, Toni Thompson, Patsy Elmore, Barbara Parker, Hal Sherrill, Davie Brotherton, Toney Dishmon, and Herman Upright.

Pleasant Hill Church, Yates Association, recently concluded a revival. Rev. Thomas Hartis is pastor and Rev. Thomas Ellington, from the Neuse Church, led the singing. As a partial result of the meeting, nine persons were baptized on July 21 and three others joined by letter. On the same date two deacons were ordained: Julian Thomas and Marion Lasater, Pittsboro, Route 1.

The Transylvania Association conducted three vacation Bible schools for Negroes as missions this year. In one there were 161 enrolled, 11 professions of faith; in another 64 enrolled, 21 professions of faith; in the other 105 enrolled, six professions of faith. These schools were headed by Mrs. Alcovia McCall, Associational Bible school principal, and Mrs. Fannye Harris, member of the First Church, Brevard.

Chaplain (Captain) Henry B. Land, Jr., was a welcome visitor recently in the RECORDER offices. He and Mrs. Land and their three children are back in the States after spending 22 months in Guam, Marianas Islands. Captain Land has been assigned to the 85th Air Division (Defense), Andrews Air Force Base, Washington 25, D. C., and they will soon be going there. Mrs. Land, the former Evelyn Adams, worked with the Sunday School and Training Union departments of the Baptist State Convention before her marriage. Capt. Land's membership is in the First Church, Newton. They have been visiting relatives and friends in this section during part of their vacation.

Captain Land reports that Guam is 98 per cent Catholic. The General Baptists have most of the Protestant work there, and Southern Baptists work with them in an advisory capacity.

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LITTLE PAULA

MOUNCE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mounce, was just seven weeks old when she was enrolled in the vacation Bible school at Pleasant View Church in the Stone Mountain Association. Her mother taught in the Junior Department, so Paula attended every day and was given a perfect attendance certificate at the commencement exercises.



We have received a copy of the 1956 Minutes of Bladen Association. Thomas Tobey, moderator; Thomas Carroll, clerk; and Mr. R. J. Hall, associational missionary.

Recently, Wingate College was host to members of the Brotherhood in its area at a dinner meeting. More than 250 men met in the college dining hall for a period of fellowship and good will. This was the first time that many of the men had seen the new facilities of the college, and they were much interested in the progress the institution is making.

Rev. W. Gordon Wilson of Taylorsville writes to report the organization of the Wayside Baptist Church, on the Taylorsville Beach Road, July 21. The church is the outgrowth of a mission Sunday school started on Sunday, February 10, 1957, in a five-room house which belonged to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hedrick. That afternoon a committee was appointed to look for a place to build a church, with Mr. Wilson as chairman, and T. L. Hedrick, Lawrence Huffman, Esler Bowman, Charles Starpes, and Kelton Bowman as members. The new building was used on July 21, the day the church was organized with 29 members. The building is partly furnished, but needs pulpit furniture and more pews. July 21 was a great day for the new church.

News comes that the N. C. Assembly at Caswell is continuing to attract large numbers. During the first Training Union week Dr. J. C. Canipe made the address at the closing session. Other speakers during the week included Dr. M. A. Huggins, Rev. W. P. Biggerstaff and Rev. W. R. Grigg. Dr. E. W. Price, Jr., of High Point was preacher for the week and in the dedication service which concluded the services led by him some 500 persons responded to an invitation to Christian commitment.

Dr. R. W. Kicklighter of First Church, Elizabeth City, was conference pastor for Music Week, July 21-26. Joseph O. Stroud, state music secretary, directed the sessions of the week. Graded choirs for each age group of the 500 delegates were conducted by a staff of trained musicians.

We appreciate an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Deane of Rockingham and Washington, D. C., to the marriage of their daughter, Agnes Carol, to Mr. Thomas John Frederick Becker. The wedding will take place on Tuesday afternoon, the sixth of August, at five o'clock at The Great Hall, Cedar Point, Mackinac Island, Michigan.

More than 55,000 tracts, together with 1,000 commitment cards and over 3,500 booklets, have gone out to the churches that have recently ordered them in preparation for the coming Tabernacle Campaign in North Carolina churches. Many churches are sending their orders in to the Baptist State Convention office for this promotional and enlistment material.

Charles W. Foley, Jr., pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Modesto, California, writes that his church is in great need of a music and education director. The church has a new building that will seat 500, plenty of Sunday school space, and a Sunday school enrollment of 435. There is a trained choir of 25 members. Mr. Foley thinks there may be someone who feels the pull of the West and would like a position in California. Anyone who is interested may write to: Rev. Charles W. Foley, Jr., Calvary Baptist Church, 1732 Miller Avenue, Modesto, California.

Rev. Arnold L. Robertson, pastor of the Lindley Park Baptist Church, Greensboro, went to New York July 16 at the invitation of Billy Graham to assist with the New York Crusade for a week, we learn from *The Greensboro Record*. Mrs. Robertson accompanied him. Mr. Robertson, who was associated with Billy Graham previously and accompanied him on a European tour with Youth for Christ, did general counseling with the crusade team in New York. The Robertsons returned home to participate in the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new educational building of the Lindley Park Church on Sunday, July 21.

Pastor A. R. Teachey of the Elm Grove Church, Route 3, Nashville, writes that Rev. Julian Motley of Rose Hill preached in a series of revival services at the Elm Grove Church in which there was much good accomplished for the church and community. There were 24 persons who came on profession of faith in Christ and were baptized and two additions by letter. Many renewed their vows to the Lord. In June, Miss Mary Herring of Shelby taught a 10-day Bible study which was very profitable to all who attended. Both Mr. Motley and Miss Herring were used in a wonderful way in the Elm Grove Church, Mr. Teachey writes.

In Re: Dancing on Baptist College Campuses

Forty individual pastors in the Raleigh Association send a document deploring and protesting the allowing of dancing on the campuses of Meredith and Wake Forest colleges. They state their belief that our Baptist colleges "ought to have and maintain higher social, moral and spiritual standards than non-Christian colleges." They think permitting dancing will provide ammunition

Rev. and Mrs. M. R. Haire Honored



Mrs. W. Carroll Bryan, left, president of the WMU of First Church, Jacksonville, is shown presenting a chest of sterling silver to Rev. and Mrs. Marvin R. Haire.

Mr. Haire recently resigned as pastor of the First Church, Jacksonville. In appreciation for the help and service rendered the organization by Mr. and Mrs. Haire during his pastorate, the Woman's Missionary Union presented to them the chest of sterling silver, service for eight in the Chateau Rose pattern by Alvin. The members of the WMU "tried to say with silver what they couldn't say with words"—how much they appreciated the help of Mr. Haire and his lovely wife.

for groups hostile to our educational institutions, will alienate many of our people and churches from the patronage and support of the colleges, and will cause many people and churches to abandon the Cooperative Program.

The document states: "Let it be clearly understood that we are not questioning the integrity and intelligence of the trustees of Meredith and Wake Forest colleges. Neither are we impugning their motives, but we question the wisdom and propriety of the action referred to in this report."

Mrs. Eleanor Ostwalt Poe (Mrs. J. T.) writes from San Jose, Costa Rica, that as a missionary from North Carolina she must speak out against allowing public dancing on the campuses of Meredith and Wake Forest colleges and that she is praying fervently that such permission will be rescinded. [Our at-

tention has been called to the fact that on-campus dances under supervision are very different from those generally referred to as "public" dances. There may be some misunderstanding of the terms.]

On July 8 at Barlow-Vista Church, 25 pastors of the Wilmington Association adopted a resolution at their meeting expressing concern of the allowing of dancing on the campuses of Wake Forest and Meredith colleges. The resolution was endorsed by the Executive Committee of the Wilmington Association in session at Winter Park Church on July 9, being passed by an overwhelming majority with more than 50 members present.

The Ridge Road Church, Raleigh, James W. Ray, pastor, on July 21 adopted resolutions concerning on-campus dancing at Meredith and Wake Forest colleges. In part, the resolutions read as follows: "That the Ridge Road Baptist Church . . . express its recognition of the complex problems in the college community which these Boards of Trustees and College Administrations face, and upon which they must take action when there are varieties of different opinions . . . that we express our opinion that the Boards of Trustees acted in keeping with high principles of Christian education in authorizing properly supervised dancing in the college community . . . that we pledge to our colleges our moral and spiritual support and continue to support Christian education financially through the Cooperative Program and other special ways."

Bryan Sinclair of Chapel Hill writes that the attitude of "many isolated individuals throughout this state . . . represents or suggests a signal lack of confidence in our carefully chosen leadership, both administration and trustees" and "it assumes that the people involved are not qualified to decide what is best, what is morally correct in their own situation." Mr. Sinclair deplors the fact that "people far removed from the scene" undertake to instruct those close to the problems.

"Let the faculty, the students, the parents of the students, and the trustees, who are in a position to judge what is best, decide this issue," he asks.

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The Billy Graham Crusade in New York, first scheduled to close July 20, has been extended three weeks, until August 10. The extension will make the crusade last 12½ weeks, the longest ever conducted by Billy Graham in a city either in this country or abroad.

The fourth annual Public Relations Workshop will be held at Atlanta, Ga., February 17-19, 1958. The workshop, sponsored by the Baptist Public Relations Association, will be held at the Home Mission Building and the Baptist Tabernacle. Ben Fisher of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, is president of the sponsoring organization.

A sound that is rapidly disappearing from the American home is that of the parental foot being put down.—LYMAN BRYSON.

"BUSY HANDS HAPPY HEART"

Many old people are lonely, unhappy, and constantly meddling in the family affairs of their children—all because they have nothing to do. An article in the August *Home Life* tells how some senior citizens have solved this problem in ways that have proved a blessing to all.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Principals, Are Your Vacation Bible School Reports?

It is a very easy matter to overlook sending in reports after vacation Bible school has closed. Today (July 19) we have in our office 1,500 reports. This number is equal to what we had last year on the same day, but we know that more than 1,500 schools have been held. State reports are hard to make! Let us urge you to be sure that the reports have been mailed to the proper people. This is very important. Often principals tell us that the reports were left to someone else, and they have discovered too late that they have been overlooked.

The Principal's Package carried sufficient blanks, but if anyone needs additional blank forms, please drop a card to our office: Sunday School Department, Baptist State Convention, 301 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh.

On the 1,500 reports already received the enrollment figure is 165,595. Conversions reported total 4,449. Both of these are encouraging figures, and we are grateful for every indication of progress. The number of Standard schools already reported indicates that much training and preparation have gone into the schools this year. Principals, let's keep up the good work.

Mrs. MYRA S. MOTLEY, Associate.

STUDENT UNION

N. C. Students at Ridgecrest

The North Carolina Baptist Student Union had a large delegation in attendance at the Southwide Student Retreat at Ridgecrest, June 6-12. Picture of the group was on page 1 of last week's RECORDER.

Beginning with presentations by the North Carolina BSU Choir at the opening service of the week, North Carolina students participated in many phases of the over-all program. Responsibilities were discharged with regard to ushering, conducting a morning worship service, leading in prayer, and presiding for one of the auditorium sessions.

In the five North Carolina state meetings, outstanding leadership was obvious as the students conducted worship, fellowship and business sessions.

Gareth Annas, incoming president of the Baptist Student Union at North Carolina State College, acted as chairman of the group until 1957-58 State President Jimmy Powell arrived.

One of the high lights of the North Carolina group meetings was a "This Is Your Life" skit honoring Rev. Roberts C. Lasater, who is leaving the Department of Student Work after 11 years of service. Former stu-

dents from Biloxi, Mississippi; Lexington, Kentucky; Charlottesville, Virginia; Greer, South Carolina, and numerous North Carolina towns came to participate in the occasion. There were six former state BSU presidents present for the event. It was generally felt that such a program and response was a fitting tribute to a person who has given so much of his life to the interests and concerns of Baptist students in North Carolina.

Ardmore's New Minister of Music



Ramon Kyser has accepted a call to be minister of music at Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, and will begin his new work August 15.

Mr. Kyser, a native of Birmingham, Ala., was educated in the schools there and later in Atlanta, Ga. He studied at the Atlanta Division of the University of Georgia, and holds the bachelor of music degree in voice and the master of music degree in conducting from Westminster Choir College.

From the age of eight he has had a variety of experiences in the field of music. His experience in church music includes summer work in Atlanta churches, minister of music at Highland Park Reformed Church, New Jersey, and minister of music at the First Church, Valdosta, Ga., from which position he comes to Ardmore. While in the service, 1953-55, he was chaplain's assistant, with special responsibility for music.

Mr. Kyser is married to the former Mildred Hedrick of Greensboro, and they have a three-year-old son and an infant daughter. Mrs. Kyser holds the bachelor of music degree from Westminster Choir College and is an organist and director. She will assist Mr. Kyser with the children's choirs.

Hays Renews Devotion to Baptist Principles

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), the new president of the Southern Baptist Convention, pledged himself renewed devotion to time-honored Baptist principles—the emphasis on the Bible, religious liberty, and evangelism.

In a talk to members of the Convention Executive Committee here, Mr. Hays also addressed himself especially to ministers of the committee. Mr. Hays, the first layman president in 12 years, said, "I know I can do this job without you (preachers)."

"I'm going to study my Bible more than ever have before because the Bible is our chart," he declared. He said the time has come to measure Southern Baptists' progress not only in numbers and church extension but also "in the depth of life of the people."

He said this "depth of life" must include Bible reading, prayer life, and daily Christian living.

Mr. Hays said Baptists have always believed that they need "no ecclesiastical authority projecting himself between the reader of Scripture and God, the source of inspiration."

The first "plank" in his platform as convention president, he emphasized, will be "devotion to democracy. I will be a democratic president," he added. "I will also try to support you in your emphasis on evangelism."

A member of the foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives, Mr. Hays said he would strive to aid the cause of religious liberty in countries abroad. In an interview after his address, he mentioned Spain and Colombia.

As president of the largest Baptist convention in the world, he said he would enforce his own viewpoint on the denomination.

On another matter of continuing interest to Baptists, Mr. Hays said he "hopes Congress (this session) will pass a law to ban service of beverage alcohol on flights." Such a measure has been proposed in a previous session of Congress. He said he believed that while distinguished governors had served as president of the convention, he believed he was the first member of Congress to be president.

While in Nashville for about 12 hours, Mr. Hays also was busy being photographed for a cover picture in *Home Life Magazine*, answering questions of the daily press, and consulting with the two convention vice presidents about speaking engagements during the various state convention sessions next October and November.

The grace of God has the aim of making us presentable before God in the ages to come—Selected.

Woman's Missionary Union

301 Hillsboro St., Raleigh, N. C.

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Miss Miriam Robinson, Executive Secretary

Elect Officers Now!

If you have not already elected your WMU officers for 1957-58, they should by all means be elected right away. There are several reasons: they need to begin definite preparation for their jobs; they need a chance to observe their predecessors at work to get some ideas from them; they need to make plans to attend the various leadership training opportunities that will be available to them: The Regional WMU Conferences, the Associational Leadership Conference, best of all—the Ridgecrest WMU Conference.

In a recent issue of the BIBLICAL RECORDER you were reminded on this page that the suggested by-laws for a local society which will be appearing in the new WMU YEAR BOOK do not include the office of a youth director. Rather it is suggested that you elect a YWA director, GA director, and Sunbeam Band director . . . all of whom will be members of the Executive Committee. This will be more thoroughly explained in all of the leadership conferences this fall. Elect these leaders and see that they attend the conferences.

A KARDEX CARD is being mailed to each president along with the shipment of State Mission material. This card, when returned to the State WMU Office, will constitute our mailing list. This year we are not listing the names of counselors, just the number of organizations. Beginning with the October shipment all material will be mailed to the president and is to be distributed by her to the counselors and directors. The simplest way for her to do this will be to take it to the Executive Committee meeting.

PLEASE DO NOT ORDER NEW YEAR BOOKS AND GUIDE BOOKS NOW! The new materials will not be available until September. If newly elected officers order YEAR BOOKS now, they will get material that goes out of date October first. The new GUIDE BOOKS have not come from the printer; the stock of old ones is completely exhausted. New YEAR BOOKS AND GUIDE BOOKS will be mailed to all presidents as soon as the KARDEX CARD is returned to our office—at no cost. GUIDE BOOKS for all counselors will be sent to the president for her to distribute.

With all of the leadership conferences available this summer and fall, there is no excuse for any leader's saying she does not know what to do. Leaders are not usually elected to positions because they know what

to do—but because those who elect them have confidence that they will try to learn what to do!

Interracial Institute

St. Paul's Baptist Church
Charlotte, August 20

It has been the custom of Woman's Missionary Union for a number of years to hold two Interracial Institutes annually. The first of these this year will be at Charlotte. The second will be in Rocky Mount on November 13. They are sponsored jointly by Woman's Missionary Union and the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society (Negro.) Your executive secretary has been working with Mrs. Ellen Alston, executive secretary of the Negro organizations, in making plans for these meetings. There will be inspirational messages, conference periods, and a general sharing and exchange of ideas.

The meeting will start at ten o'clock and adjourn at three. Those who attend are asked to bring their own sandwiches. Soft drinks will be for sale at the church.

Mr. W. R. Grigg, secretary of the new department of Work with Negroes will be a featured speaker.

It is hoped that each church within driving distance of Charlotte will try to send at least one car full of your officers and members. In these days of racial strife we need desperately to take advantage of opportunities to show our Christian concern. This is one way. A fine Community Missions project would be for you to provide the cost of transportation for some of the Negro Baptist women in your town to attend.

All state WMU personnel will attend and share in leading the conferences. We will be looking for you there.

THE STATE MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER PROGRAM MATERIAL is being mailed this week to your WMS President and Youth Director. See that it is distributed and used. It will help you to SEE NORTH CAROLINA . . . IN WORLD MISSIONS.

Notice to GA Counselors

The Girls' Auxiliary Leadership Guide and the Girls' Auxiliary Leadership Course are now available. Prices are as follows:

Girls' Auxiliary Course (Junior).....	\$1.00 each
Girls' Auxiliary Course (Intermediate).....	\$1.00 each
Girls' Auxiliary Leadership Guide.....	50c each

One copy of the Girls' Auxiliary Leadership Guide is included in each leadership course. The Junior leadership course contains the Junior GA Manual and the Intermediate course contains the Intermediate GA Manual; otherwise the contents of the Junior and Intermediate leadership courses are the same.

Important: These are NOT ordered from State WMU Office.

Order from: Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

Attention, Youth Directors

Do you have a Youth Director's Card of Accreditation?

If so, you will want to convert it into an age-group leadership card. (In the suggested local WMU by-laws the youth director is replaced by three—a YWA director, a GA director and a Sunbeam Band director.)

What can you do to convert your youth director's card? You have two choices:

1. Send your youth director's card to Miss Margaret Bruce, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Alabama, with letter giving your current address and stating which card of accreditation you desire: YWA, GA, or Sunbeam Band. The designated card will be issued with the same expiration date as your youth director's card.

2. You may meet the requirements in a YWA, GA, or Sunbeam Band refresher course, requirements for which will be sent you free from the state WMU Office. Write letter stating these requirements have been completed to Miss Margaret Bruce. You will then receive the accreditation card you designate which will be good for five years.

Building boys is better than mending men.
—SPURGEON.

Joins Staff of Chowan College



Rev. John C. Gill, Jr.

Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president of Chowan College, announced recently the appointment of Rev. John C. Gill, Jr., as administrative assistant in charge of public relations.

Mr. Gill will assume his position at the college on August 1, which will mark the end of a two-year tenure of service as pastor of the Caraleigh Church in Raleigh. His previous pastorates included the Warrenton and Island Creek Baptist churches.

Educated at Mars Hill College, the Univer-

sity of North Carolina, and the Southern Baptist Seminary. Mr. Gill is a Naval Air Corps veteran of World War II. At the University of North Carolina he was a major in journalism, and he has had considerable experience in radio editing and announcing. Mrs. Gill, the former Sally Caddell of Sanford, was educated at Campbell and East Carolina colleges. They have two sons, Jonathan and David.

Richlands Church Honors New Pastor

Rev. D. M. Clemmons, new pastor of the Richland Church, Mrs. Clemmons, and their son, Lewis, were honored Wednesday evening, July 10, by a reception following the prayer hour. E. W. Morgan welcomed the guests. Among those taking part on the program were Everett Barbee, Rev. Curtis Brission, pastor of the Christian Church and college friend of Mr. Clemmons, Mrs. Billy Smith, and Rev. W. B. Cotton, pastor of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. E. W. Morgan invited guests to the church parlor, where Mrs. E. C. Koonce, president of the WMS, introduced them to the receiving line: Mr. and Mrs. Clemmons and Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. Brission, B. H. Jones, superintendent of the Adult Department, and Roy Marshburn, chairman of deacons.

Guests were served from a beautifully appointed table by Mrs. Paul Marshburn, Mrs. Herman Marshburn and members of the YWA. Goodbyes were said to Mrs. Jack Whaley and Mrs. W. B. Marshburn. Approximately 160 guests and members attended.

Honored for Long Service



Mr. and Mrs. Pate examine the certificate given him by the Sunday School Board of recognition of 20 years of service at Ridgecrest.

William Pate of Ridgecrest was recently honored by the Sunday School Board of Southern Baptist Convention for 20 years of service.

"Pate," as he is affectionately called by the Ridgecrest personnel, is a native Angier, N. C., and is married to the former Ruth Morgan, sister of the late Perry Morgan, a former manager of the Assembly.

The Pates were living in Washington, D. C. when they came to Ridgecrest to work. Mr. Pate had charge of the maintenance until two and a half years ago when he was made superintendent of the water department. Mrs. Pate has served in almost every capacity on the campus, and for the last 20 years has supervised the cleaning-up in preparation for the opening of the Assembly. She is serving behind the information desk at Pritchard Hall now.

She is also active in the Ridgecrest Church, filling the office of WMU president and superintendent of the intermediate Sunday school department. In civic activities she has served as a Grey Lady at Swannanoa Veterans Administration Hospital and is president of the Black Mountain Woman's Club.

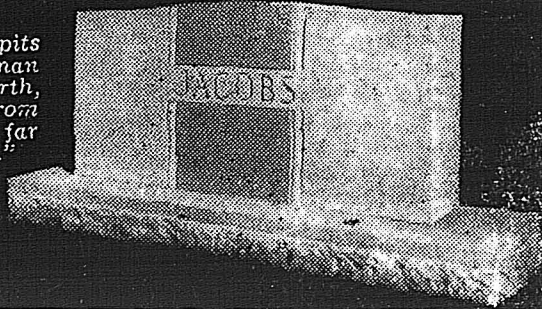
Mr. Pate is chairman of deacons in the Ridgecrest Church and is teacher of the intermediate boys' class. He is also chaplain of the Black Mountain post of the American Legion and is active in the Lions Club of the city.

In honoring Mr. Pate, the Sunday School Board presented him with a gold ring engraved with a miniature crown of thorns and olive leaves. The ring bears the inscription in raised letters, SSB-SBC, and the number 20.

The Pates consider their lives at the Assembly well spent when measured by the people with whom they have come in contact, the speakers they have heard throughout the years, and the spiritual uplift they are receiving constantly.

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Fort Barnwell Church Has Queen Regent



Left to right: Miss Becky Russell, Queen-with-a-Scepter; Miss Patricia Ann Huggins, Queen Regent; and Miss Patricia Register, Queen.

Miss Patricia Ann Huggins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Huggins of Fort Barnwell, received her cape as Queen Regent in an impressive coronation service held at the Fort Barnwell Church, Sunday, June 23, with Mr. R. K. Hodges presiding. Miss Huggins is the first Queen Regent in the Fort Barnwell Church's 103 years of history. Her mother presented her cape to her, and later the service presented a white Bible to her daughter.

Miss Becky Russell became a Queen-with-a-scepter, and her mother, Mrs. Gibson Russell, presented her with a scepter. Miss Patricia Register earned the rank of Queen in the same service and was crowned by her mother, Mrs. Allene Register.

Miss Huggins was attended by Francis McPage and Diane Heath, cape-bearer; Miss Russell's attendants were Don Russell, McPage and Diane Heath, scepter bearer; while Miss Register was attended by Jimmy Sumrell, McPage and Kathy Sumerell, crown-bearer.

A number of girls advanced in Forward Steps to become Maidens, Ladies-in-Waiting, and Princesses.

Among those who took part on the program were Pastor Julian R. Morton; Billy Kilpatrick and Robert Love, ushers; Mrs. Liner Broadway, organist; Mrs. Hudson Sumrell, Mrs. C. D. Newell, Mrs. R. K. Hodges, Hudson Sumrell, and Carl Skinner, Jr., counselors; Mrs. Julian R. Morton, youth director; and Mrs. Larry Heath.

WMS of Fayetteville First Observes 60th Anniversary

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Church, Fayetteville, observed its 60th anniversary at the July meeting. Mrs. M. A. Eggs, president, presided.

Five charter members were honored: Mrs. F. High, Mrs. Tom A. Thornton, Sr., Mrs. D. Bennett, Mrs. W. H. Powell, and Mrs. J. P. Reeder. Appropriate words of appreciation were spoken by Mrs. George Grant, who pinned a corsage on each one present. Mrs. R. L. Tolar, Mrs. D. C. Rogers, and Mrs. M. A. Bethune, also 60-year members of WMS, but not charter members, were honored with words of appreciation and corsages. Fifty-year members honored were: Mrs. James Hall, Sr., Mrs. Joel S. Snyder, Mrs. J. P. Kutz, Mrs. Rosa Goldston, Mrs. J. R.

Harrison, Mrs. J. M. Maynard, and Miss Minnie Vann.

Past presidents, all of whom are living except the charter president, were recognized by Mrs. W. M. Bell, Jr. They are: Mesdames James Hall, Sr., A. P. Kutz, M. H. Dameron, Layton McGougan, Sylvan Tyson, H. E. Taylor, R. E. Langdon, and Sydney Potter.

The program was opened with the singing of "Faith of Our Mothers," followed with prayer by Mrs. L. V. High, Jr.

Mrs. J. H. Ashcraft, wife of Lt. Col. Ashcraft of Fort Bragg, gave a talk on missionary work in Formosa. Dressed in native costume, she displayed curios and showed colored slides. She and her husband helped Southern Baptist missionaries while stationed in Formosa. Dr. Louis S. Gaines, the pastor, pronounced the benediction.

Following the program, an anniversary cake and punch were served in the social hall. Those serving and assisting were: Mesdames A. B. Wilkins, R. E. Davenport, Jerry Roberts, Paul McCauley, Jarvis Langdon, Stacy Hair, and C. C. Gamble.

Several out-of-town visitors were present.

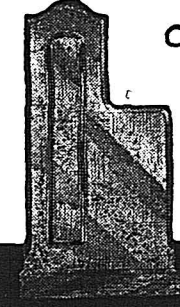


GENERAL OFFICERS of the Brotherhood recently organized at Baptist Home Church, North Wilkesboro, are, left to right:

Front row: Trealy Harrold, president; Pastor James E. Revis, and John Crawford, membership vice-president.

Back row: Floyd Coffey, activities vice-president; Wayne Hayes, song leader; and Wade Barlow, program vice-president.

Billy Cleary, secretary and treasurer, was absent when the picture was made. The Brotherhood was organized May 10 with 26 charter members.



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Ground-breaking Service at Green River Church



Some of those who took part in the ground-breaking service for an educational building at Green River Church, Green River Association, are, left to right, first row: Mrs. Dora Lyles, oldest member, and Miss Judy Goode, youngest member. Second row: Verlin Ray, pastor; Frank Davis, chairman of deacons; Joe Miller, Belt Green, and Paul Lyles, members of the building committee, and Sheriff Lloyd Westbrook, chairman of the building committee.

The pastor read the Scripture, and Lloyd Westbrook led the prayer of dedication. This educational building will be 32 by 60 feet, three stories high, and will provide space for a departmentalized Sunday school which will take care of about 350 people. C. L. Jackson has been given the contract at \$28,000.

Green River Church, located on Route 4, Rutherfordton, plans in the future to add a sanctuary which will seat from 350 to 400 people.

Unusual Number of Ministers Related to Members of Class

Mrs. W. H. Darnell is teacher of the T.E.L. Class in the Sunday school of Florida Street Church, Greensboro. Rev. W. W. Hill, pastor. This class of 34 women, ages 60 and on, is rather unusual in that so many members are mothers, daughters, or widows of ministers. Names of ministers connected with the class are Hoyle Allred, Thurmond Allred, William S. Holton, Vernon McDaniel, L. B. Dixon, and E. A. Joyner.

One mother, Mrs. Mary Allred, has two preacher sons and a daughter who married a Baptist minister. Another member, Mrs. May Frazier, has a son still in school at Wake Forest who is preaching at the mission of Florida Street Church. A third member, Mrs. Sallie Dixon, is the widow of a Baptist minister, and Mrs. Darnell, the teacher of the class, is daughter of a Baptist minister.

The class has a very good attendance record. One member, Mrs. Margaret Skidmore, 91 years of age, attends regularly.

WANTED: Minister of Music and Education at Kennedy Home Baptist Church, Kinston, N. C. Please contact W. A. Smith, Superintendent, Kennedy Home, Kinston, N. C.

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

Overseas Missions Urged to Share Emphases on Prayer and Evangelism

At its July meeting Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board adopted recommendations urging all its missionaries to share "to the fullest possible degree" and to encourage all churches and conventions on the mission fields to make 1958 a year of prayer for world evangelization and 1959 a year for special emphasis on evangelism. This action was in keeping with that taken by the Southern Baptist Convention in annual session in Chicago in May.

Dr. Baker James Caughen, executive secretary, said in his report that it is the desire of the Foreign Mission Board to do everything possible to promote 1958 as a year of prayer both at home and throughout the world. "In particular, we need to pray that God will continue to lead many young people to give their lives for missionary service," he said. "Life dedication will lead the way in our sustained advance in world missions."

"The possibility of the special emphasis on evangelism extending throughout all the world is stimulating. Already encouraging special efforts have been made in Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, Mexico, Nigeria, and other countries. We look forward to ever increasing emphasis upon strong evangelistic programs throughout the world and special projects designed to strengthen churches in their ministries so as to conserve the fruits of these efforts."

New Appointees

Five missionaries were appointed at the July meeting of the Board, bringing to 70 the number of appointments made during 1957.

The new missionaries are Ebbie Kilgo (Mrs. Clyde J.) Dotson, Alabama, for Southern Rhodesia; James P. Gilbert, Mississippi, and Dorothy Smith Gilbert, Tennessee, for Ecuador; and Russell R. Morris, Colorado, and Betty Lane Morris, Texas, for the Near East.

Secretaries Abroad

Four of the Board's secretaries are now traveling overseas.

Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, left the States June 26 to visit the work for which he is responsible. Dr. George W. Sadler, who retires at the end of this year from his present position as secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, is

now attending to mission business in Africa and Europe.

Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel, is visiting countries in Latin America with regard to personnel needs; and Rev. Fon H. Scofield, Jr., associate secretary for audio-visual aids, is on a photographic mission to Southeast Asia for materials to supplement the 1958 mission study on that area.

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, has just returned from visits to Venezuela, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, and the Bahamas.

Crawley Visits East Pakistan

Dr. Crawley's report, written after visits in India and East Pakistan, dealt largely with the beginnings of Southern Baptist work in Pakistan. He wrote:

"Our first missionaries to Pakistan, Rev. and Mrs. Troy C. Bennett, are now settled at Faridpur. They have had valuable help from several Southern Baptist couples who are in Dacca in connection with various American Government projects. Already they have begun their study of the Bengali language; and Mr. Bennett is carrying heavy responsibilities in all the business routine necessary in setting up a new mission. . .

"We expect to have two more couples joining the Bennetts in East Pakistan in the fall. They will have one full year of language study as they gradually increase their load in the work. Therefore, we may expect our missionaries to begin a program of specific mission work in East Pakistan from about the beginning of 1959.

"Meanwhile, we face a special need and



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opportunity in Dacca City, where there are about 15,000 college and university students. We shall want to develop a program of student center evangelism there, making large use of the English language, just as soon as we have available for appointment a person with special interest and experience in student work."

Southeastern Seminary to Admit Negroes

By S. L. Morgan, Sr.

The press has given prominence to the announcement that Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest is to accept qualified Negroes in the fall of 1958. Some persons have asked for my attitude in the matter as a citizen and a Baptist. I am fully aware that my private opinion matters little. But it is a matter of great importance what shall be the attitude of the 850,000 North Carolina Baptists, and of the people of the state in general.

Some papers have printed my urgent warning about the danger of forced school integration. I envisioned integration as likely at some time in the future to meet the law as interpreted by the Supreme Court. The slow, gradual approach to integration proposed by the Supreme Court I felt possible but urged that, by all means, this approach should be made by a voluntary agreement in each community, thus avoiding the bitterness certain if forced upon us.

To me integration seems inevitable sooner or later, and I strongly believe the preachers and the seminaries should point the way, as nearly all the great religious groups in the country are doing by resolutions passed in their conventions. Also many seminaries are admitting qualified Negroes: the Southern in Louisville, Southwestern in Fort Worth, Golden Gate in San Francisco, and Crozer in Pennsylvania. Southeastern is but following the trend, a trend among seminaries that seems to me wise and right. Seminaries and the church ought not to wait to be forced into line with the recognized law of the land now interpreted.

As yet seminaries have gone little beyond the experimental stage. As yet only a very few Negroes are accepted—enough to prove that different racial groups can live and work together in harmony.

In my judgment this is wise, and should be encouraged.

Thirty-one courses will be offered during the first year of evening classes at Wake Forest College, 18 being offered for the fall term. Registration will be held September 11 and 12, and classes will begin September 18. Bulletins, applications, and other evening class data may be obtained by writing A. L. Aycock, Director of Admissions, Box 7305, Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C.



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First, a Report

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Second, a Reminder

We cannot take it for granted that this program will succeed. Nothing succeeds without prayer, work, and persistence. Each pastor and each church must see to it that this program is put on faithfully step by step in each church. Just to say "Every Baptist a tither" is not enough. We must get every church member committed to tithe his or her income during the months of October, November, and December.

Start now. Follow the instructions in the booklet. Work, preach, pray, and persuade, and I believe the day of victory will come.

J. C. CANIPE, Director,
"Prove Me" Tithing Program.

Olive Chapel Has Pastor

Rev. H. M. Baker has begun his work as pastor of Olive Chapel Church, near Apex, and he and his family have moved to the community. He came to Olive Chapel from a pastorate of more than two years at the Warsaw Church, and had served several other churches previously.

Mr. Baker's parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Baker, were missionaries to Brazil, and he lived in that country from the age of two until he finished high school. He is an alumnus of Mars Hill and Wake Forest colleges and of the New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Baker, the former Frances Mae Garriss of Pikeville, is a graduate of Meredith College. The couple have four children: Frances Anne, Herbert M., Jr., Grey Garriss, and Clifton A. Baker.

While Mr. Baker was pastor of Round Hill Church at Union Mills, that church was named "Church of the Year" and was given an award by the State Grange. It won second place in Emory University's Town and Country church program that year. Mr. Baker is a Mason, a member of the Grange, and a Rotarian.

Rev. W. C. Hill Accepts Call to Calvary Church, Shelby

Rev. W. C. Hill, who has accepted a call to Calvary Church, Shelby, is a native of Gastonia, and Mrs. Hill, the former Miss Willie Lee Reynolds, is from Lincolnton. Mr. Hill attended Gardner-Webb and Wofford colleges, and has served pastorates at Lincolnton, Troutman, and Alexis in this State. He comes back to North Carolina now

from Startex, S. C., where he has been pastor of Tucapaw Baptist Church. He is the fourth pastor Calvary has had since it was organized in 1936. His predecessors were H. E. Waldrop, H. A. Privette, and W. T. Furr. The church now has a membership of 1,034.

Gardner-Webb's Business Manager

M. W. Gordon, Jr., prominent Marion businessman, has been named business manager of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs. He is chairman of the McDowell County board of commissioners and former chairman of the board of deacons in First Church, Marion. He is owner of a furniture and appliance business in Marion, and was formerly principal of the high school in that city.

Mr. Gordon is married to the former Miss Hortense Franklin of Linville Falls, and they have two teen-age children.

The new business manager assumed his duties at Gardner-Webb on August 1, succeeding J. E. Hurley, who resigned to re-enter private business.



Rev. Daniel Lowe Goes to Virginia

Sunday morning, July 7, was Rev. Daniel Lowe's last service with the Stevens Memorial Church in Greensboro. On July 14 he began his new work with the East Side Baptist Mission, Charlottesville, Va., which is sponsored by the Belmont Church of that city. Dr. C. Spurgeon Paschall, pastor. A three-acre tract has been purchased for the erection of a building when the mission is constituted into a church.

During Mr. Lowe's six and a half years at Stevens Memorial a new sanctuary and educational building were erected at a cost of \$66,000, plus much free labor and materials.

A week before the Lowes left Greensboro, the Stevens Memorial Church held a reception for them, which was attended by more than 150 people. A lovely wing back chair and other gifts were presented to the pastor and his family.

Mr. Lowe, a graduate of Guilford College and of Southeastern Seminary, is married to the former Marilyn Taylor, and they have one child, Linda. Their new address is 1029 Forest Hills Avenue, Charlottesville, Va.

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Plans Being Made for 1958 Meredith School of Christian Studies

The planning committee for the Meredith College School of Christian Studies met Monday afternoon, July 15, in the office of President Carlyle Campbell at Meredith College. In addition to President Campbell, the following were present: Dr. Olin T. Binkley, professor of Christian sociology and ethics at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest; Dr. Harold J. Dudley, executive secretary of the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod; Dr. Carlton S. Prickett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Burlington; Dr. Ralph E. McLain, head of the department of religion at Meredith College; and Claude F. Gaddy, executive secretary of the Council on Christian Education of the Baptist State Convention. Bishop Edwin A. Penick of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina was unable to attend.

The committee reviewed the accomplishments of the Meredith School of Christian Studies in its five years of operation, and discussed plans for another five-year period. It was noted that a total of 15 outstanding "leaders who are making major, scholarly contributions to Christian life and thought" have been brought to these five schools in which more than 1,000 "thoughtful ministers and laymen" have gathered for study and discussion.

The week of June 16-20, 1958, has been set as the date for the next school, and already contacts are being made with those who are to be invited to lead.

In the fifth and recent school, held June 15-19, the leaders were Dr. Halford E. Luccock, Dr. William D. Davies, and Dr. Walter Harrelson.

RA's and GA's to Hold Camps at Wingate

During this week end and next, August 2-4 and 9-11, the Cabarrus County Royal Ambassadors will hold conclaves on the campus of Wingate College. During the week of August 12, the RA's of the entire Charlotte region, covering Mecklenburg, Union, Cabarrus, Stanly, Montgomery, Scotland, Richmond, and Anson counties, will be at Wingate for a four-day camp. This camp will be under the direction of Rev. Wayne Ash of Gum Springs Church, Anson Association, youth director for boys in the Charlotte region. The Cabarrus County conclaves will be under the direction of Associational Missionary Tom Greene.

The week of August 19 week of study and play for the girls of the Baptist churches in the Charlotte region will be held on the Wingate College campus, under the direction of Mrs. Guy Helms and Mrs. Henry Gamble.

Mrs. Helms is WMU youth director for the Charlotte region and Mrs. Gamble is WMU superintendent of the region. During the week 500 Girls' Auxiliary members are expected on the campus.

Ministers Make Changes

Aubrey Q. Patterson, Southeastern Seminary student who has been serving as pastor of Stony Hill Church, near Wake Forest, has been called to the pastorate of Boulevard Church, Raleigh.

W. C. Hill of Startex, S. C., has accepted the pastorate of Calvary Church, Shelby, succeeding Rev. W. T. Furr, who became pastor of Hillcrest Church in Dallas, Texas, some time ago.

Robert L. Newton, pastor of Millbrook

Church the past nine years, resigned July 14 effective September 8, to accept a position in the Bible department of Campbell College.

Malbert Smith, Jr., five years pastor of Temple Church, Fayetteville, concluded his work there on July 31. He has accepted a call to Grey Stone Church, Durham.

Rev. Roger Jackson, pastor of the Yadkinville Church, has been reported in a satisfactory condition at the hospital at Yadkinville, following a heart attack. He was not allowed visitors at the time we received the report.

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The Rocky River Church will observe its 200th anniversary on August 11. Pastor R. Harris has announced. This Chatham County church is one of the oldest in the state.

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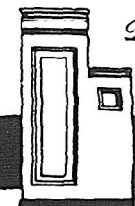
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