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**Widow's Mayonnaise Jar
'For State Missions'**

PACOIMA, Calif.--(BP)--In Jesus' earthly ministry, it was the widow's two mites. In the 20th Century, it's the empty mayonnaise jar perched on top of the refrigerator in a home occupied by a Pacoima widow and her six children.

Mrs. Phyllis Slater's stewardship was discovered by her pastor on a visit to the Slater home. The jar bore a label "For State Missions." In it were some pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters.

The widow explained, "Pastor, this is not our tithe. This is an over-and-above offering for state missions." She went on to say that she had promised the Lord to support missions despite her limited income and the financial needs of her family.

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**Court Rejects Suit
On Religion, Schools**

MIAMI, Fla.--(BP)--A Miami circuit judge has rejected a suit seeking to halt Bible reading, recitation of the Lord's Prayer, and other religious observances in Dade County, (Miami) public schools.

Judge Fritz Gordon dismissed a suit filed by Harlow Chamberlin, North Miami, father of three school-age children. Two other similar suits filed later will probably meet the same fate.

The suit filed by Chamberlin complained specifically of practices authorized by the county school board. They included Bible reading, Bible instruction after school, recitation of the Lord's Prayer, hymn singing, observance of Christmas and Easter, religious symbols in classrooms, baccalaureate programs, religious census, and using religious criteria in hiring teachers.

Chamberlin said these practices were religious and sectarian.

The school board replied that the practices were not compulsory and did not constitute establishment of a religion. "The practices. . . are morally uplifting and educational in character and properly inspirational," the board said.

Chamberlin's attorney said he probably would file an amended complaint to show that the school religious practices are compulsory.

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**Wake Forest Salary
Increases Favored**

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--The president of Wake Forest College here said increases in faculty salaries "should be provided as quickly as possible."

The recommendation was included in Harold W. Tribble's report to college trustees covering the 1958-59 fiscal year. The report also stressed the need for a classroom building for the humanities and social sciences, and for two additional dormitories for girls.

"We must never lose sight of the fact that the educational character of the college is determined by the faculty. We must not be content with less than the highest possible standard of excellence in recruiting and supporting our faculty.

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"Two considerations demand immediate action in further strengthening our salary scale," the president added. "One is the cost of living and the other is competition with other strong schools. We must pay adequate salaries if we are to maintain our work on a high level. This means that increases should be provided as quickly as possible."

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Ouachita Trustees
Plan 2 Dormitories

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.--(BP)--Construction will start as soon as possible on two new dormitories, trustees of Ouachita Baptist College here voted.

The two new dormitories, one for men and one for women, will cost a total of \$625,000. The college has already received notification from a federal agency that this amount will be loaned for dormitories.

Plans and specifications will be completed as soon as possible. Buildings will probably be ready for the 1960-61 school year.

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Ecclesiastical Circus
Blamed For Failures

NASHVILLE--(BP)--An appeal is made in a Baptist periodical for churches to "stop making preachers ring-masters of an ecclesiastical circus."

This burden on ministers is given as one of the reasons why ministers suffer breakdowns. An article on that subject appears in the Baptist Program, monthly Baptist leadership magazine published here.

"Preachers are called primarily to preach. No preacher ever broke down doing that! But many have broken trying to be all things to all people in this mixed-up age," the magazine article adds. The writer is John V. Terry, a former minister living in Decatur, Ark.

Among the work expected of a minister today, in addition to preaching, are administration, financial management, teaching, counseling, denominational duties, and public relations, the writer declares.

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En Garde!

MACON, Ga.--(BP)--A senior history major at Mercer University here has learned what branch of the U. S. Army his studies qualify him for.

The Reserve Officers Training Corps told him the branch is armor, meaning tanks and that sort of Army equipment.

The reason, according to the student, is that history majors are presumed to have an acquaintance with the cavalry tradition out of which present-day armor grew.

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Pollard Explains Term
'Spirit Of Conquest'

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The "spirit of conquest," a reference made in a majority of addresses given by the president of Southern Baptist Convention, symbolizes the "very heart of Christianity," he said.

Ramsey Pollard of Knoxville, Tenn., was asked by a reporter why he used this reference so frequently.

In answer, the president declared:

"Christianity is a conquest. Every generation has to be taught and to be won. If we lose the spirit of conquest we will degenerate into form and ritual. We will lose the very heart of Christianity.

"Christ said, 'Go, make disciples.' Without a spirit of conquest, we have no challenge to the people."

Pointing to the growth of the Convention's Sunday School Board, Pollard continued with it as an illustration:

"The spirit of conquest made the Baptist Sunday School Board what it is. The board entered into new fields---music, Training Union, church architecture service, and others---not stopping with Sunday schools alone."

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This 'Dead Soldier'
Got Special Burial

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.--(BP)--What does a teetotaler father do when a well-meaning client gives him a bottle of liquor as a token of appreciation?

In most cases, no doubt, the last thing to be expected would be taking the liquor home to the wife and children. But that is what Judge McCall of Memphis, Tenn., father of Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and president also of the National Temperance League, did many years ago.

Those attending the meeting here of the executive committee of the National Temperance League heard President McCall tell the story of the gift liquor.

"Mother took the bottle of whisky and invited her five children, three sons and two daughters, into the backyard of our home for a burial ceremony.

"Since I was the oldest of the children, I had the privilege of digging the hole. When the hole was ready, we emptied the liquor into it and then buried the bottle," he related.

"Rather melodramatic, you may say, but it made quite an impression on all of us children--an impression we have not forgotten to this day."

So, a bottle of liquor emptied in a way not to poison anyone's body or befog his mind, being buried, yet speaks for total abstinence.

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Teen-Agers Find Out
How Business Operates

NASHVILLE--(BP)--A group of 23 high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors will find out how free enterprise works in a youth activities project sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board here.

The board is one of several Nashville businesses and organizations directing groups of teen-agers in "Junior Achievement Companies."

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Three professional workers from the Sunday School Board staff will advise the 23 students in their company named "Artisco." The teen-age boys and girls will manufacture Christmas centerpieces and sell Christmas corsages.

After the Christmas season, they will make and sell other products. In the junior achievement program, high school students form small business operations for the duration of the school year, selling stock to raise capital and marketing their products for sale.

James Guenther, contracts and insurance consultant; Bruce Adams, designer and artist; and Robert M. Brooks, advertising copywriter, are staff members from the Sunday School Board advising the teen-agers.

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California Surveyors Want Special Session

FRESNO, Calif.--(BP)--The survey committee of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California believes a special convention session should be called next spring or summer to consider its report.

The report won't be ready to present at the annual session in 1959, only a short time away. The next session will be in the Fall of 1960, unless there is a called one between times.

Approval of the survey committee report will require constitutional changes which can't be drafted until after the report is adopted, committee members point out.

Time will be saved in putting the survey recommendations into force by calling the special convention session next spring or summer, because constitutional changes can then be adopted at the regular Fall, 1960, session. Otherwise the changes couldn't be put into effect until Fall, 1961.

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Folks & facts.....

.....Miss Waudine Storey, educational director of First Baptist Church, Natchez, Miss., has accepted the newly-created position of Sunbeam director for Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: In story on P. 2 today's releases, concerning ministers breaking down, John V. Terry should be listed as "former pastor" rather than "former minister." Please make this change in copy.

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