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editorially speaking...

Two previous issues of The Frontier Baptist News have gone forth from this office. All comments from our readers have been favorable, but we have received some suggestions for increasing the worth of the paper. So we shall do our best to please!

This editorial column is the result of those suggestions--it will be composed of brief commentary on various subjects each month. And occasionally, we will give you a more lengthy editorial on issues of the moment. Another reader and good friend in Ohio has suggested a brief devotional outline each month. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find our first contribution of this nature.

Our primary purpose, of course, is to record the news from the churches of the Frontier Baptist Association, and to promote the causes of Southern Baptists in this area of our convention. We are recording history as it is being made!

IT HAPPENED IN KENTUCKY--During the past month, it was my privilege to serve as evangelist in revival services in the Ages Baptist Church, Ages, Ky., in the mountains of my native Harlan County. Rev. Ted J. Ingram, the good and capable pastor for the past six years, is something of an adopted son in the ministry. It was a joy to work with him and his evangelistic church for 11 days. The Holy Spirit blessed with 22 professions of faith, uniting with the church for baptism, 4 additions by letter, 38 rededications, 2 life service dedications (one for the ministry and one mission volunteer). The meetings were attended by deep conviction of sin, soul searching, praying and witnessing by the members, and, yes, even shouting!

Which reminds me of a story in a recent issue of The Baptist Program. It seems that a group of preachers gathered outside a convention hall were in agreement that "shouting" had become obsolete today--out-of-place in our modern services. But they listened respectfully as an elderly pastor in their midst began to reminisce--with a far-away look in his eyes:

"I can still remember the last time I shouted," he said quietly, "I remember

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FRONTIER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED--

Our new association was officially organized on September 23, at the LaSalle Baptist Church, Niagara Falls. Five churches, formerly affiliated with Cuyahoga Baptist Association in Ohio, compose the new organization, three in western New York and 2 in northwestern Pennsylvania. It will affiliate with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Elected as Moderator was Rev. R. Z. "Zig" Boroughs, pastor of LaSalle. Rev. Walter C. Heilig, of Erie Church, Buffalo, is Assistant Moderator; Rev. Dallas C. Ewbanks, of Bolivar Drive Church, Bradford, Pa., is Clerk; Rev. Harold S. Johnson, of West Lake Church, Erie, Pa., is Assistant Clerk; Mr. Cullen Crane, of Bolivar Drive, is Treasurer; and Trustees are Rev. Paul Becker, Syracuse; Mr. O. H. Dozier, Niagara Falls; and Rev. Walter Heilig, Buffalo.

Dr. John Caylor, Editorial Secretary of the Home Mission Board and Editor of

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it well. It was a glorious occasion. A wave of mighty power seemed to move through the crowd. In an instant I found myself standing and violently waving both hands in the air. My legs grew weak. My voice was hoarse. Again and again exultant words burst from my lips. All around me others were joining in the same frenzied spirit."

The old preacher's eyes fastened on the faces of those around him as he continued, "Some of you may think I was a fool. Maybe you are calling me old-fashioned, or even fanatic. If so, it's because you don't realize the significance of what I had just witnessed. Indeed it was worth shouting about! For you see, brethren," he said almost in a whisper, "our basketball team had just won the tournament." Needless to say, the group slipped quietly away.

MIAMISBURG SECURES PASTOR--

Rev. James Binkley is the new pastor of the First Baptist Church, Miamisburg, Ohio, your missionary's former pastorate. Bro. Binkley left the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Oliver Springs, Tenn. Our prayers and best wishes are for both the church and the pastor.

ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED--

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Home Missions magazine, brought the opening devotional message. Rev. Ray E. Roberts, General Secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, delivered the keynote address.

Also present for the organization, in addition to the pastors and members from the churches, were Rev. Paul Nevels, Area Missionary for Northeastern Ohio; Rev. James McCamish, Cleveland, Ohio, Moderator of Cuyahoga Association; and Rev. Paul Grossman, Hamilton, Ohio.

Frontier is the ninth association to be affiliated with the State Convention in Ohio. The name "Frontier" is inspired by the prevalent use of the term in western New York and along the Canadian border. A large area of the state in the region of Buffalo is known as the Niagara Frontier. The name was also thought appropriate since this area is one of the newest Southern Baptist frontiers.

The minutes of the organizational meeting, as recorded by the clerk, Rev. Dallas Eubanks, are inserted as an extra page in this issue of the News. (Some out-of-state readers may not find this insert in your copy since enough copies were not available for our entire mailing list.)

PASTORS, ATTENTION:

Please send us your church bulletins, and other news items, attendance figures, and announcements - for inclusion in Frontier Baptist News. Our circulation last month was 380--it will be 400 or more with this issue. Also, send periodically the additions to your membership roll that they may be included in our mailing! "An enlightened church will be an active church."

SUMMARY OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS:

(Church and Mission participation-100%)

<u>Church or Mission</u>	<u>Enrol.</u>	<u>Av.Att.</u>	<u>Prof.</u>	<u>Ded.</u>	<u>Cost of Sch.</u>	<u>Miss.Off.</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Bolivar Drive, Bradford, Pa.	158	138	5	18	\$120.00	\$63.00	BB
LaSalle, Niagara Falls, N. Y.	135	97	1	0	173.63	37.37	BB
First Southern, Syracuse, N. Y.	100	85	7	0	?	?	?
Erie Chapel, Buffalo, N. Y.	37	34	2	3	?	15.61	BB
West Lake, Erie, Pa.	35	28	0	0	23.10	8.25	D
TOTALS	466	382	15	21	\$316.73(inc)	\$124.23(inc.)	

FRONTIER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Organizational Meeting

September 23, 1958

The organizational meeting of the new Association, meeting at the LaSalle Baptist Church, 646 Cayuga Drive, Niagara Falls, N.Y., was called to order by Bro. James A. McCamish, Moderator of the Cuyagoga Baptist Association.

Bro. Paul Grossman lead the congregation in singing, "Lead On, O King Eternal". Bro. Dallas Eubanks lead in prayer.

Following the singing of "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus", Bro. Paul Becker was called upon to introduce Dr. John Caylor, Editorial Secretary, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Caylor spoke from the theme "nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done", (Luke 22:42), and brought an inspiring devotional message.

Bro. McCamish then called on Bro. R. Z. Boroughs, host pastor, who extended a warm welcome to the messengers and visitors present on this occasion.

Bro. Arthur L. Walker, Area Missionary for western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania, was called on to state the Declaration of Purpose.

Bro. McCamish asked for the presentation of the Proposed Constitution, By-Laws and Articles of Faith. Bro. Walter C. Heilig read such and moved that they be adopted as a basis of organization. Motion second, discussed and carried.

Bro. Walker moved that all elected officers but the trustees be elected now. Motion seconded and carried with this addition to the present motion: the manner of voting shall be by ballot if more than one nomination is received for any one office. If only one nomination is received voting shall be from the floor.

Bro. McCamish then entertained nominations for a moderator. Bro. R. Z. Boroughs was nominated.

Bro. Harold Johnson moved that nominations cease and Bro. Boroughs be elected. Motion seconded and carried.

Bro. McCamish then expressed his appreciation for being asked to moderate such a historic occasion and called on Bro. Boroughs to assume his responsibility of the chair as the first moderator of the new FRONTIER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Bro. Boroughs then entertained nominations for an Assistant Moderator. Bro. Dallas Eubanks and Bro. Walter Heilig were nominated.

A motion was seconded and carried that nominations cease. The vote by ballot was cast for Bro. Walter Heilig as Assistant Moderator.

Bro. Boroughs entertained nominations for an Associational Treasurer. Bro. Cullen Crane was nomination.

A motion that nominations cease and Bro. Crane be elected was seconded and carried.

Bro. Boroughs entertained nominations for Associational Clerk. Bro. Dallas Eubanks and Bro. Harold Johnson were nominated.

A motion, that nominations cease and the nominee receiving the lesser votes serve as Assistant Clerk, was seconded and carried. The vote by ballot was cast for Dallas Eubanks as Clerk and Bro. Harold Johnson as Assistant Clerk.

The moderator then appointed the Committee on Committee's, Bro. Walker, Chairman, Bro. Becker and Bro. Johnson.

Bro. Paul Becker moved that the First Annual Session of the FRONTIER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION be held with the First Southern Baptist Church, Syracuse, N.Y., on October 9 and 10, 1959. The motion was seconded and carried.

Bro. Walker moved that the first Executive Board Meeting of the Association meet with the Bolivar Drive Baptist Church, Bradford, Pa., on November 4, 1958. Motion seconded and carried.

A motion to elect tonight the needed trustees for the Association was seconded and carried. Bro. Dozier, Bro. Becker and Bro. Heilig were nominated and elected.

Bro. Loyd Hill moved that the bussiness session cease because of the late hour and the remaining matters of business be referred to the Executive Committee for transaction. Motion seconded and carried.

Following the congregational singing of "Trust and Obey", lead by Bro. Grossman, Mrs. A. L. Walker sang "Great Is Thy Faithfulness".

Bro. Boroughs introduced Bro. Ray Roberts, General Secretary, State Convention of Baptist in Ohio, who awarded the following churches with certificates for participating in the movement for 30,000 new churches by 1964;

First Southern Baptist Church, Syracuse, N.Y., a certificate for sponsoring a mission in Rome, N.Y.

LaSalle Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y., a certificate for sponsoring a mission at Grand Island, N.Y.

Erie Baptist Church, Buffalo, N.Y., a certificate for being organized as one of the 30,000 churches.

Bro. Roberts then challenged the Association in its work by pointing out three blessed facts: (1) we have a command thats clear; (2) we have an opportunity unequalled; (3) we have a Saviour unlimited.

The moderator called on Bro. Harold Johnson to close the meeting in a prayer of dedication and benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Dallas C. Eubanks, Clerk

COMING EVENTS - FRONTIER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER
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2-8 R. A. Focus Week
 4 Executive Board Meeting at Bolivar Drive Baptist Church, 363 Bolivar Drive, Bradford, Penna., at 7:30.
 5 State Brotherhood Convention at Westwood Baptist Church, Fairbanks Ave., Dayton, Ohio. 4 P. M.
 5-7 Fifth Annual Session - State Convention of Baptists in Ohio - Westwood Baptist Church, Dayton. Sessions:
 Wednesday - 7:00 P. M.
 Thursday - 9:30 A. M. 2:00 and 7:00 P. M.
 Friday - 9:30 A. M. 2:00 and 7:00 P. M.
 23, 24 Thanksgiving Offering for Proposed Children's Home in Ohio.

DECEMBER
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1 Associational "M" Night at Bolivar Drive Baptist Church, Bradford, Penna. - 7:30 P. M.
 1-5 W. M. U. Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions in the churches.
 28 Student Night at Christmas in the churches.
 31 Training Union Watch Night in all the churches.

AMONG THE CHURCHES AND MISSIONS

ERIE, BUFFALO, N. Y.--

* BREAKS ALL RECORDS--Erie Church continues to break all records almost every Sunday. October 12 saw a new record of 70 in attendance at morning worship. October 19, it was a new record for Sunday School at 53, only by having this record smashed the next Sunday with 56 present. Also, a new record in Training Union was set Oct. 26 with 34 present.
 * LOOKS FOR BUILDING SITE-- Disappointed recently when a deal for seven acres of land fell through (lady refused to sell to a church--didn't feel she could get her breath with a church in her door), the church continues to seek prayerfully for a suitable building site.

LaSALLE, NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.--

* GROWTH--This mother church of Frontier Association continues to receive new members almost every Sunday.
 * MISSION STUDY--A "Correlated Mission Study Course" has been planned for Nov. 17-21, using the mission study books on Southeast Asia. Missionary and Mrs. Walker and Rev. and Mrs. Walter Heilig will be guest teachers, with Pastor Boroughs directing the school.

BOLIVAR DRIVE, BRADFORD, PENNA.--

* FORWARD PROGRAM--The Bradford church is conducting the "Forward Program of Church Finance" during October and November.
 * REVIVAL IN NOVEMBER--The Forward Program emphasis will be climaxed with revival services November 9-16, with Rev. A. L. Walker as evangelist.

ROME CHAPEL, ROME, N. Y.--

* PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH GOOD--The Missionary visited with Pastor Phil Bryan and the Rome group at their Tuesday evening prayer meeting, Oct. 21. Fifteen were present at the home of one of the families, and they were encouraged by the prospect of renting a building in which to conduct Sunday services. Sunday morning services (and Sunday School) began Oct. 19 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton J. Modlin, 1109 Delray Dr.

GRAND ISLAND CHAPEL, GRAND ISLAND, N.Y.--

* SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT--Assuming much of the leadership for the Grand Island Chapel is their newly elected Superintendent--Mr. Howard Mayfield. We need more laymen and families who will get under the burden of a new work as Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield have at Gr. Isl.

CONSIDER YOUR PASTOR'S SALARY

by Hon. Brooks Hays

As the period approaches for completing action upon church budgets, I hope that our people will be giving special attention to ministerial salaries. Along with our concern over the needs of our mission program, there should be a sensitivity to the failure in many situations to adjust the pastor's salary in the light of an unprecedented increase in the cost of living.

The plight of many ministers is serious. Adjustments have been made in many churches, of course, and it is not a uniform problem by any means. I am thinking particularly of the smaller churches where receipts are such that considerations of economy naturally must be weighed. Still Baptists do not want their dedicated ministers to suffer and they will want to provide equitable treatment for all of them. I have observed that Congress has assiduously taken care of groups suffering most from rising costs and has tried to adjust incomes in the light of this change. Surely, we Baptists will do as well.

(Editorial Comment: Every budget committee member in Western New York and Pennsylvania should heed the above words of the Honorable Brooks Hays. Too often, in the pioneer areas of our convention, the sacrificing spirit of our pastors has led to abuses on the part of our churches in shaping their budgets. In order to see a work go forward, pastors have often taken less than a livable wage and accumulated debts in order to be a part of the pioneer work. But the day arrives when those debts weigh heavily upon the pastor, the church has advanced until they can do better by him than at the beginning, but, alas, in their concern for new buildings and other budgetary needs they forget the sacrificing pastor. Is this right? Often, the matter is shrugged aside by some well-meaning member, who says, "After all, he knew what we were paying when he came." Or, they say, "We have given him a \$1.0 raise--we are doing more than we promised at first. He ought to be satisfied." Yes, dear friend, he knew what you were offering, but he came just the same--that very fact should increase your sense of responsibility. Not a pastor in our area is receiving more than he is

worth, and most are receiving far less. Consider the matter prayerfully when you adopt a new budget, and try to do something about it!)

MISSIONARY'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Traveled 1,859 miles;

Made 16 visits to the churches and the missions in the area;

Assisted in constituting the Erie Baptist Church in Buffalo, and delivered the sermon for the occasion;

Assisted in planning program and contacting speakers for the organizing of the Frontier Association.

Delivered the address on Christian Education at the Cuyahoga Baptist Association; also spoke on pioneer work in New York and Pennsylvania at some meeting;

Preached five sermons; conducted two prayer meetings; with one profession of faith, and 10 additions to the churches.

Surveyed 4 communities; held 48 conferences and committee meetings.

SO GREAT SALVATION

Heb. 2: 3.

Salvation is more than just the initial step of accepting Christ by faith. It is presented in the Bible as being in three stages.

Salvation is--

I. From the Penalty of Sin. This we call JUSTIFICATION. To those who have been saved by His marvellous grace, it is the PAST TENSE of his salvation. It means we do not have to pay the penalty for our own sins, for Christ has paid the penalty already on Calvary's Cross. Read 2 Tim. 1: 8, 9. Justification is not the end of salvation, but only the beginning.

II. From the Power of Sin. This we call SANCTIFICATION. Phil. 2: 12-13. It is the PRESENT TENSE of our salvation. It is this present experience of "growing in grace." The power of sin is being broken daily by the Holy Spirit in us, as He weilds the "sword of the Spirit"-- the Gospel, the Word of God.

III. From the Presence of Sin. This we call GLORIFICATION. Rom. 13: 11. It is the FUTURE TENSE of our salvation. It is looking ahead to the coming of Christ for His believing children, to reward them according to "deeds done in the flesh."