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#### NEW CENTERS

The Seminary Extension Department has seen unusual growth under its enlarged program which began August 1. Director Gallman and Rev. Ray K. Hodge, associate director, have made every effort to present the work to groups that have expressed an interest in setting up a center. The results are that new units have opened all over the Convention territory. The total enrollment figures are not complete, but we have added three hundred seventy-five new names to our mailing list this month. New centers reporting full operations are:

Florida: Fort Myers, Dr. John Whitt, director.  
Tampa, Mr. H. Taylor Bowers, director.  
Wauchula, Rev. W. B. Johnson, director.

Illinois: In the Chicago area we have five centers under the supervision of Rev. Kenneth Couch, missionary of the Great Lakes Baptist Association. These are located in Elgin, Joliet, Rockford, Cornell Avenue, Chicago, and Kenosha, Wisconsin.  
East St. Louis, Rev. Fred Propst, director.  
Peoria, Rev. R. L. Lockerby, director.  
Mt. Vernon, Rev. Ross Partridge, director.  
Wood River, Rev. Lloyd K. Spencer, director.

Indiana: Hammond, Rev. W. R. Davis, director.

Louisiana: Mansfield, Rev. P. S. Hightower, director.

Mississippi: McComb, Rev. John W. Flowers, director.

North Carolina: Lenoir, Rev. James Holder, director.

Ohio: Hamilton, Rev. F. C. Tuttle, director.

South Carolina: Anderson, Rev. J. N. Watson, director

Texas: Austin, Rev. John B. Davidson, director.  
Woodville, Dr. B. V. Tinnin, director.

The first center in the Washington-Oregon Convention will open in November. They have an excellent faculty and are looking for a large enrollment. Other centers planning to open in the spring are Bakersfield, California, Crestview, Florida, Trenton, Missouri, and Camden, South Carolina.

Many of our centers have record enrollments this term. Director Watson of the new center in Anderson, South Carolina reports an enrollment of 103. Dr. Clifford Ingle of Springfield, Missouri, reports his largest enrollment in the three years the center has operated, 105. Congratulations to the center in Houston for having the largest enrollment with 107 reported by Mr. Gabriel Fransee, director.

#### CRITICISM (concluded)

A factor to consider in criticism is the result which it will obtain. Any kind of criticism, whether destructive or constructive, should be weighed on the basis of whether it will produce good results. To say things that may be true to a public that does not have all the facts is to speak irresponsibly. I have heard promoters belittle the Bible

teachers in colleges and seminaries when the crowd was "just right." If one should approach one of these speakers, he would immediately say "Don't misunderstand me, I am not against this institution; I think it has its place, and I can feel the need of what it is doing." But at the same time with a stroke of ingenuous oratory he discredited an institution before a crowd unable to weigh his message. Such a device is ill-timed even if correct.

Another thing to consider is the results that such criticism will have on the part of thinking people. People who think go deeper than the sentence structure of our addresses, talks, lectures, or writings. They see underneath added feelings, emotions, fear, sensations. Sometimes criticism may indicate to thinking people that here is a man who feels insecure or inadequate and can find only one way to rid himself of this inferiority, that is, to criticize that to which he feels inferior. If thinking people are led to distrust us because of what we say or do, we lose more than we gain.

Responsible criticism says the right thing at the right time to the right people in the right attitude. In Southern Baptist life criticism is essential, for Southern Baptists are a democratic people. They attempt to test every program, every approach, every teaching, every philosophy of life presented. This is the strength of a democratic society, but the critic is always on the spot whether he knows it or not. There are those who continually ask, "Is he giving all the facts? Is he presenting his own point of view in a negative manner? and most of all, Is he a responsible person?" Each of us has seen the results of wrong criticism and we have seen the results of the right sort of criticism. Good men have been driven from very modest positions to radicalism; others have been forced to align themselves with groups with whom they have little in common because of irresponsible criticism. And on the other hand great results have obtained from responsible criticism. Actual facts have been brought into the open, positions re-established

that were proper, and suspicion taken from men upon whom suspicion was cast without proper information. Criticism, I'm for it, but let it be responsible.

#### CONCERNING TRANSFER OF CREDITS FOR CORRESPONDENCE STUDENTS

A change in our present policy of transferring the credits of correspondence students has become necessary. The Seminary Extension Commission has set up the following rules for transfer of credits to a college or seminary.

The student must present evidence of completion of high school. He must follow closely the plan in the syllabus and where questions are to be answered with book closed, these must be so answered. Outside reading must be completed (reading assigned beyond text). The student must pass a written examination under the supervision of a local school teacher, pastor, or some other community leader outside the family of the student. He will be required to present evidence that he is prepared to enter the school to which he expects transfer. If he intends to enter college he must show that he is a high school graduate. If he expects to work toward a seminary non-degree certificate, this requirement will not be necessary.

These rules will become effective January 1, 1956. New students will receive this information when they enroll.

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Statistical Report: Extension students, 2,466; correspondence students 1,590.

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The temperature at home is maintained by warm hearts and not hot heads.

Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of traveling.

He who lives for others shall have troubles, but they shall seem to him small.

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