

## VISITING BAPTISTS SPEND OVER MILLION DURING ANNUAL CONVENTION IN N. Y.

NEW YORK

The 10,000 delegates and visitors to the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress which concluded its meeting in Brooklyn this week, spent approximately one and one-half million dollars during the seven days the Congress was in session.

These figures were estimated by business people in the area near Convention meeting halls, on the basis that each of the 10,000 delegates spent an average of \$20 per day on lodging, food, entertainment and souvenirs. These figures do not include the amount of money spent on railroad, bus and plane fares, and automobile fuel, neither do they take into account the amount of money New Yorkers spent in entertaining guests who came from out of town for the Convention.

Business people in Brooklyn reported an activity similar to that enjoyed the week before Christmas. Restaurants and soda fountains hired extra help and replenished their stock in preparation for the increased volume of business.

Theatres and other places of amusement enjoyed a temporary boost in business, and many of the delegates expressed regret that the Brooklyn Dodgers were on the road, otherwise the attendance figures at Ebbets Field would have taken a jump.

Housing facilities were taxed to the limit, as the Borough opened its heart and its homes to the visitors. Hotels, the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and private boarding houses were filled to capacity, and hundreds of delegates had to seek quarters as far away as Manhattan and the Bronx. Many of the visitors, in New York for the first time, took the opportunity to see the sights of New York. World-famous Broadway attracted many, as did Coney Island, the Statue of Liberty and other well known points of interest.

Full sessions of the Convention were held at the 13th Armory at Sumner and Putnam Avenues, with other meetings and classes held in a number of the churches, the Bedford Branch YMCA and the North Avenue Masonic Temple.

The Convention was greeted at its opening session by Governor Thomas E. Dewey, Borough President John Cashmore and Mayor Vincent Impellitteri. Other city officials, and celebrities from the entertainment and sports world were on hand to greet the out of town visitors.

Keynote address of the Convention was delivered by Dr. A. Franklin Fisher of Georgia, Dean of the Congress, and the daily meditation was conducted by Dr. W. H. Jernagin. Others who conducted featured programs included, Rev. W. T. Liggins of Colorado, Rev. W.

B. Shealey, Alabama; Rev. Henry P. Parris, Oklahoma; Mrs. W. G. Hynes, Tennessee; Miss Lucie Campbell, Tennessee; Rev. C. T. Murray, Rev. C. O. Inge, Mississippi; Mrs. Pansy L. Borders, New Jersey; Dr. D. V. Jemison, President of the National Baptist Convention; Rev. A. A. Banks, Jr., Michigan; Rev. S. A. Owen, Tennessee; Dr. C. H. Pearson, D. C.; Dr. Benjamin Mays, President Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. C. L. Dinkins; Rev. M. M. Flynn, Louisiana; Mrs. Alberta Holmes, Memphis, Tennessee; and Rev. Clyde Adams of Illinois.

### -Spiritual-

(Continued from Page Two) cramping straight jacket we fashion for it. It yearns to reach out in fellowship, love and understanding. God works in Peter. And he works in Cornelius, the Roman soldier. The Spirit overflows these two lives to build a bridge of understanding. There is a class in the

chasm in Church and a breach in the nation. The spirit of the Almighty God is yearning to break forth in this hour of restlessness to FLOW OUTWARD TO HEAL THE BREACH AND BRIDGE THE CHASM IN THE SOUL OF THE NATION. Too long has the spirit been cramped and crushed. The spirit will tear down the middle walls of partition. Let us free the spirit and heal the wound!

We can resolve the struggle in our souls. How? Peter gave the answer on the Joppa house top two thousand years ago. The answer is a prayerful and reverent surrender to the mighty power of God's Holy Spirit. God alone can purge our soul and give us the matchless peace of the righteous.

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## STRAIGHT AHEAD

By OLIVE A. ADAMS  
(For Global News Service)

NEW YORK

By the time the average person has cut his sixth-year molars, he begins to realize that the world is not all sweetness and light. By the time the wisdom teeth come through, he begins to feel that there are few people in the whole world who are good, clean through, and he develops a defense against the world. Sometimes we get a pretty gloomy picture of life generally, and therefore, it is a little surprising to find an individual who will perform some kind of service without a single thought of compensation.

We heard about such a person the other day, and we thought we'd like to pass on a little of her story just to sprinkle a little sweetness and light around in a drab, hard, practical world.

Miss Grace Halsey was for years an elementary school teacher in New York City—one of those all too rare individuals who loved her work and felt it a privilege to teach the youngsters in her charge. She felt that teaching was her calling and she gave it the best she had until the time came for her retirement.

Now, retirement is a welcome state for some people. There are many (let's face it) who stay in the teaching profession because they feel it offers some sort of security, and they feel that when they reach retirement age, they won't be penniless.

There are other people who look upon their retirement as an opportunity for further growth and development. This apparently is the way Miss Halsey feels, for, when a neigh-

bor of hers, Mrs. Louise McDonald, was appointed Director of one of the All Day Neighborhood Schools at Public School 194 in New York City, Miss Halsey took an interest in the children who stayed after school hours to take advantage of the extended program in the school.

Each day, Miss Halsey comes to the school and teaches piano lessons free of charge to any of the youngsters who want to learn. She works with them as conscientiously as if she were being paid at the highest rate—and as a matter of fact, she is. For Miss Halsey believes there could be no greater compensation than the gratitude expressed by the children she has been privileged to teach.

Although there is no attempt to seek a professional level of performance, the children are trained toward giving a spring recital each year, and these concerts are presented usually during one of the assembly periods. During one year, one of the mothers came along to class, and when recital time came, she felt no self-consciousness at all about appearing on the program with the children who had been her classmates.

Miss Halsey gets to know these children and maintains her interest in them even after they leave the school. She understands some of their personal problems at home and at school, and she has followed many of them who needed her help and has seen them over many rough spots.

Of course, Miss Halsey is happy in her work, and she probably doesn't need a pat on the back from us, but we're here to extend it anyway. She seeks no publicity, and no thanks.

She simply does what she does because she loves children and believes she has something to offer them.

The future of our race lies in our youth. We could do with a few more Grace Halseys.



William E. Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stanley of Durham, was recently promoted to the rank of Private First Class. Pfc. Stanley entered the Army in March, 1953 and is now stationed at Camp Pickett, Virginia. Pfc. Stanley's wife, the former Miss Millie Jones, resides at 110 Hillside Avenue with their two children, William, Jr., and Francine. Pfc. Stanley attended Millside High School in Durham.

### -Deep South-

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## Moron Speaks To Faculty And Students

HAMPTON, Va.

"As a minority we are over-concerned with the wish for recognition," President Alonzo G. Moron of Hampton Institute told the faculty and students at the first all-college assembly of the Hampton summer session on June 23.

"This wish is the cause for such unconventional behavior as zoot suits and loud talking," he explained.

Dr. Moron referred to the classification of four wishes as basic to human behavior: the wish for security, for a new experience for response, and for recognition.

"It is important to learn how to channel our wishes and to curb the tendency to overexert or to indulge any of the

four," he warned, "but if we overemphasize it, we gain only the empty shell of recognition and lose sight of the purpose or motivation for the act."

Dr. Hugh M. Gloster, director of the summer session, reported that 314 students have been admitted for the 1953 summer session of Hampton Institute.

## Former NCC Student Is GI

Word was received here this week that Clifford C. Kooztz of Salisbury, N. C. former undergraduate student at North Carolina College, has been graduated from the Leadership Training School of the Ordinance Replacement Training Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Private Kooztz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kooztz, Sr., 510 North Salisbury St., Lexington, North Carolina.



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