YOUTH FESTIVAL—
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guests of the Communist government of that country. The State Department has said that their passports will now be good only for return to this country. What other action, if any, will be taken has not been made clear.

The Moscow Youth Festival was grist for the Soviet propaganda mills, but it was also the most inviting opening for Americans to interpret their country. I am convinced that we missed a challenging opportunity to show the Russians what glossy magazines and Voice of America broadcasts have thus far been unable to do. The impact we could have made with 2,000 American youths would have been staggering. As it was even our paltry 160 were the center of attention by everybody.

"There is no alternative to coexistence. How can we possibly coexist if we divide ourselves into camps, knowing nothing of each other except perversions, retailed by a sensationalized press?" Mr. Coppedge asked.

The delegate found a feeling of strong nationalism and individualism in Poland. Economically it appears to be the poorest country in Europe, and this includes Greece, Spain, Portugal, and Southern Italy, which Mr. Coppedge had an opportunity to visit.

Every shade of political opinion was found among the delegates from America, from extreme bedrock Republicism to Doctrinaire Communism, he explained.

Moscow was wearing its most festive dress for the occasion. Houses had been newly painted, fences had been erected to wall off eyesores, and bunting flew from every house top and lamp post.

"The Russian people have the greatest enthusiasm for kindliness toward the United States of this I am firmly convinced. The man in the street accepts without question what he is told by the government through the controlled press, but this is not true of the university students." Although Mr. Coppedge was quoted by press dispatches from Moscow as having said that 90 per cent of the students had not accepted the official line on Hungary, what he had actually said was that one student had assured him that this was the case. But after closer association with students during the festival he is now suspicious of the figure.

He found that the most difficult issue to explain was the racial problem in the United States. The African was received with the most genuine affection in Russia. "If all people are equal, then the Negro was more equal than others in terms of Soviet Democracy."

He visited two Soviet homes, both located on state farms. The families lived in two rooms. There was a small TV set, but no hot water. The stoves for heating and cooking were wood burners, and there were no electrical appliances.

Born in Marelia, Mexico, Mr. Coppedge attended schools in Rosedale, Miss., and then Davidson college for one year. He transferred to the University of Mississippi where he won many honors before being graduated in 1952. He was awarded the Woodrow Wilson Scholarship at Princeton and later won a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford university where he has just completed research for his Ph.D. He will return to Oxford next year to submit his thesis and to take the oral examination.

Mr. Coppedge taught English last year at Delta State college in Mississippi and will join the faculty on Sept. 15 at Alabama college.

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At the Church

The Rev. Tom Downing, son-in-law of Pastor Perry, was guest mimister at the morning service on Sunday, Sept. 8. His sermon on "The Strangeness of the Church" was based on Matt. 16: 13-20. The people heard him with deep interest. Within a few days he and Mrs. Downing will be on their way to Edinburgh University, Scotland, for graduate study.

In opening assembly of the Intermediate department of the Sunday school, Miss Nancy Hearn of Nashville, Tenn., played several cello numbers and also sang a lovely solo.

W. M. S.

Mrs Cecil M. Perry presided at the W. M. S. meeting at the church Tuesday, Sept. 3. Guest speaker was Mrs. E. M. Coleman of Pamlico, S. C. In a fine way she presented a "Royal Service" program on "Pakistan. New Field for Southern Baptists." About 30 attended.

Jr. G. A.

Nine hungry little girls just off the school bus, greatly enjoyed delicious refreshments awaiting them in Mrs. Gallamore's home on Monday p.m. at the regular meeting of Junior girls' auxiliary. "Learning about Pakistan" and "Stories from Pakistan" featured the program. Present were: Martha Allison, Deanna Belcher, Linda Bradley, Sandra Hyder, Patricia Lawing, Glenda Lakey, Marie McMahan, Judy Pittman, and Sandra Wright.

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"Guess Again!" (Pakistan Puzzles) was the intriguing title of a program at meeting of Intermediate Girls Auxiliary in Mrs. Hardin's home Monday p.m. School and "homework" cut attendance down to 50% instead of the 100 %of last meeting, but interest and enthusiam were high as the following girls took part: Barbara Bradley, Delores Melton, Anne Moore, and Jean Tipton,

Import To All

That Sunday School and Community picnic— Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Church play-ground at 4:30 p.m.

Here And There

Several ladies from State W.M.U. headquarters, Raleigh, spent the week end in N. C. cottage on the Assembly grounds. They are part of the faculty engaged in leadership conferences and speaking in Regional W.M.U. meetings over the state. Among them were Miss Miriam Robinson, executive secretary of the state W.M.U.; Mrs. John Waycaster, Beverly Nielson, state Sunbeam leader.

Attending the W.M.U. leadership conference and meting at the Calvary Baptist church in Asheville on Tuseday were: Mrs. E. E. Brown, Mrs. C. V. Gray, Mrs. E. F. Hardin, Mrs. Charles Jolly, Mrs. R. E. Truesdell, and Mrs. T. E. Walters.

Born Sept. 7, to Capt. and Mrs. Paul Harris, Jr. in Monument Beach, Mass., a son, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harris of Ridgecrest are the proud grandparents. Capt. Harris is stationed at Otis Field Airbase, Mass.

Special Honor

One day last week a long distance call came to the Advance Store in Fayetteville from the headquarters of Advance Co. A voice said, "where is that red-headed wonder boy, David Walters?" Itseems David had sold a larger quota of auto tires than any other salesman in the Advance chain over a given period of time. For reward the company paid all expenses for him and his wife to enjoy a three-day trip by plane to New York City, giving them also $100 to spend as they wished. David is the younger son of Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Walters.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Greenlee this week are Mrs. Greenlee's sister and other relatives from Pittsburgh, Pa. Gusets are Mr. and Mrs. James Albert Jane Moore, and their son, Charles Greenlee.

Joe Moore left Monday morning for Mars Hill College for his second year of study.

Rev. and Mrs. Cecil M. Perry went on Monday to Jellico, Tenn., to attend the funeral of Herman Trammell, jet pilot killed in collision while "flying the rim" (radar) around Washington a few days ago. The young man was in boyhood a very special friend of the Perrys during their pastorate in Jellico a few years ago.

William Perry left Sunday for a B.S.U. Retreat at Wake Forest College Winston-Salem. Returning at the end of the week, he will leave again in a few days to begin his senior year at the College.

On Sunday Mrs. R. E. Hurst and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Burnett attende Decoration Day exercises at Morgan Hill A number of years ago, before finishing college, Mr. Burnett taught school in this community. He was speaker on last Sunday afternoon's program.

Mrs. R. E. Teague commutes daily to Old Fort where she teaches piano to a large number of pupils in the school there.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turner and children and Mrs. Ruby Free are spending a few days in Virginia, visiting relatives.

"Grandma" Denny enjoyed a visit to the Smokies on Sunday in company with her daughters, Mrs. R. W. Turner, Mrs. James Buchanon, Miss Kathleen Denny, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Edwards.

In the Glenwood community between Marion and Morganton, about 50 people gathered on Sunday for the Snypes reunion. Among them from here were Miss Alva Snypes, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Snypes, Doris and David, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Snypes with Linda and Henry.

Miss Virginia Warren of Smyrna Beach, Fla., is visiting Miss Belle Murray.

Rev. Oren Moran of Little Rock, Ark. and his friend, Mr. Lehman, are spending some time in Mr. Moran's cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thomas attended the Silvers-Thomas family picnic reunion at Old Fort picnic grounds on Sunday.

Miss Mary Paschal, returning from Hickory to her cottage for the week end, had as her guest her brother from Greensboro.

600 Register At Bapt. Seminary

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary began its fall semester this week with over 600 students, President S. L. Stealey has announced.

Registration began Monday with classes meeting Wednesday. Speaker for the opening convocation at 10 a.m. Wednesday was Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor of First Baptist Church of Austin, Texas.

Four new faculty members have been added to the Seminary, according to President Stealey.

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