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**Personally
speaking**



Our spiritual kin



Salem in North Carolina-1787

As an extra dividend from our attendance of the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association recently in Raleigh, N. C., Mrs. McDonald and I stopped off on the way home for a visit with friends in Winston-Salem. There we had our first visit to the restoration of Old Salem, that part of the city first settled by the Moravian Brethren, in the 1700's.

Although many buildings have already been restored, the work goes on, much in the manner that Williamsburg, Va., has been restored to its Colonial stateliness.

The Salem restoration will continue to be of particular interest to us Baptists because of our spiritual kinship with the Moravians.

To the Moravians goes the credit of being the first Protestants "to declare that the evangelization of the heathen was the duty of the Church as such." Prior to their emphasis, evangelization had been carried on as a part of colonial policy.

Says Williston Walker, in his *A History of the Christian Church*: "No Protestant body had been so awake to the duty of missions, and none is so consecrated to this service in proportion to its numbers to the present day."

The Moravian Church was a pioneer in sending missionaries to the American Indians. In the latter half of the 1700's, the Moravians established mission bases in Surinam, Guiana, Egypt, South Africa, and Labrador. They have consistently chosen the hard places and have shown a peculiar patience and devotion in their missionary labors.

Although the Moravians are more like Presbyterians than Baptists in their church government, and they baptize infants and use sprinkling as the mode of baptism, they are remarkably like us—or we are like them—in their basic doctrines.

Since 1879 the leading doctrines of the Moravians have been stated as follows:

1. The total depravity of man;
2. The real Godhead and real humanity of Christ;
3. Justification and redemption through the sacrifice of Christ;
4. Work of the Holy Spirit;
5. Good works as fruits of the Spirit;
6. Fellowship of believers;
7. Second coming of Christ;
8. Resurrection of the dead to life or judgment.

We can thank the Lord for these Christian brethren who are remarkably dedicated to the belief that Christianity finds its fullest expression in the acts of daily living.

Erwin L. McDonald

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None for the road

With the mixed-drink bill now Act No. 132 of 1969, let us remind the Governor and the law enforcement officers of the assurances we have had that things are going to be better with legal drinks.

We shall not rehash our arguments here, and if making mixed drinks legal and readily available in a thousand new places will mean less drinking and greater enforcement, and, therefore, greater safety on the streets and highways, we want to see it!

But we think it appropriate to warn everybody to be especially careful, beginning now, any time he sticks his head out the front door.

Life recently pointed out in an editorial (12/27/68) the increasing number of insurance companies entering the fight against drunkenness on the highways. Allstate Insurance Company, in a paid advertisement, declared recently:

“One of every 50 drivers on the road is drunk. Not drinking. Drunk. When the alcohol in his blood reaches 0.15 percent, he’s 25 times more likely to cause a crash than when he’s sober. He’s about 5 hours away from being able to drive safely. But he crawls behind the wheel and drives off when the party’s over. And then, maybe the party’s over for you, too. The only sure way to protect yourself and your family from the drunk driver is to get him off the road. Get his license revoked. It’s estimated that 55,000 Americans will die in automobile crashes this year. At least half of these crashes will involve drinking. The toll will keep rising unless you do something. Write your governor and legislators that you support the drunk-driving laws recommended in the National Highway Safety Standards. Help stop the traffic slaughter. Support your judges, prosecutors, and police when they enforce drunk-driving laws vigorously.”

One thing more we would add. For your sake and your neighbor’s, don’t drink.

the small society

by Brickman



Courtesy Arkansas Democrat 2/22/69

Editor’s anniversary

With this issue of the *Arkansas Baptist News-magazine* I begin my thirteenth year as editor. This is another way of indicating that I have had the privilege-responsibility of editing 600 issues of the official organ of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

By the very nature of the assignment, the life of an editor has lots of ups and downs. Sometimes when an editor thinks he is up, he is down, and thank the Lord—vice versa. As one who is paid to express his opinions on current and controversial issues, an editor must live in a glass house and yet throw stones.

But there is balm in Gilead. While an editor’s taking a stand on a given issue will assuredly rile some of his readers, it frequently rallies others. And there is always the possibility that the causes of the Kingdom and of the Convention will be furthered by the troubling of Zion that results.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Baptists of Arkansas, as I daily thank the Lord, for the thrilling assignment that continues to be mine as editor of this paper. Pray for those of us who constitute the paper’s staff. And, as some of the tv characters say, “Keep them cards and letters coming.”—ELM

Clabe takes stand

Clabe Hankins wants to go on record as being “fer” the salary raises for judges as proposed in a bill currently before the Legislature. Clabe says that with the big pick up in drinking that is sure to follow the mixed-drink legislation, the judges and courts are going to have “a heap more to do.”

If the Senator Lookadoo “dram-shop” amendment can be enacted, making the fellows who sell liquor personally responsible for any damage done by drinkers to life and property, some of the trouble might be nipped in the bud. But we do not think the liquor lobby will pass this one.

The people speak

Says Gospel is for 'whosoever will'

I disagree with Carl W. Gunter about election. I believe in election. God planned from the foundation of the world to send his son to save all who would believe on him (Ephesians 1:4-5).

I believe Christ died to pay the sin debt of all people and that everyone who hears has an opportunity to accept him and be saved. God is already reconciled to all people, but all people do not choose to accept his free gift and be saved. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19). God has "before ordained" that all saved people "should walk in good works" (Ephesians (2:10).

God sent Jesus to die for everyone.

"For there is no respect of persons with God" (Romans 2:11). "Look unto me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:22). "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

He saves all who come to him with a broken heart over their sin, believing that he alone can save. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but

have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

We are all helpless sinners; we can do nothing to remove our sin. "For there is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Ecclesiastes 7:20). God sent someone to save whoever would believe. Jesus gives a free pardon from hell and eternal life to as many as receive him. God gave all of us a saviour. Jesus died to pay the price for our sin. The gift of everlasting life is free (Romans 6:23). It is all up to you. You are the one who must choose. He is God's only remedy for sin. He is your only hope. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). I am glad the Lord said "whosoever."—Rosalie Carter, Rt. 2, Box 236, Crossett, Ark. 71635

Arkansas all over

Olin Boles to use plane in Brazil

Olin Boles, Foreign Missionary to Brazil, is pictured after his solo flight on Tuesday, Feb. 25. Mr. Boles is in Arkansas at the invitation of the First Church of Marianna and is on a speaking tour arranged for him by the church. He is in the process of securing his pilot's license so he will be able to fly the plane to San Luiz when it is assigned by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Boles serves as the Executive Secretary of the State of Maranhao which is much larger than Arkansas and only has 20 miles of paved highway.

There is little opportunity for travel except by plane, dugout canoe, or donkey.

Once the plane is assigned to San Luiz the missionaries can use the 65 air ports within a radius of 80 miles to a great advantage in the missionary enterprise.

The State of Maranhao in Equatorial Brazil is much like the interior of Africa and much of it inaccessible except by air. Lewis Clarke, pastor of First Church and past president of the Flying Parsons, has assisted Mr. Boles in securing his license.

The Boles family, with their three children, at the present make their home in Houston and will return from there to Brazil.

New Missionary for Caddo River



MR. WILLIAMS

Ross Williams began his new duties Feb. 1 as missionary of Caddo River Association, succeeding William Woodson, who left several months ago to become pastor of Lumpkin Street Church in Texarkana, Tex.

Mr. Williams had been pastor for the last two years at First Church, Foreman, and prior to that served as pastor of Joyce City Church, Smackover.

A native of Wickes, Mr. Williams is a graduate of Vandervoort High School, Ouachita University, and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Williams is the former Miss Elva Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams' son, Gary, is a sophomore in Texarkana College and their daughter, Donna, is a freshman in Ouachita University.

The Williamses occupy the missionary home in Mt. Ida and the missionary office is in First Church, Mt. Ida.



Olin Boles, after first solo flight

George W. Lassett chaplain in Vietnam

Chaplain (Major) George W. Lassett, formerly pastor of Southside Church, Damascus, Ark., is serving in Vietnam with the 336th Ordnance Battalion of Little Rock. The unit was activated in May 1968.

A special project undertaken recently by Chaplain Lassett was completion of an addition to the Baptist Activity Center, at Da Nang. He has been assisted in the construction by Bernard Gathright, a deacon of Markham Street Church, Little Rock.

Cement, lumber, roofing, tin and other materials have been secured through the Army's Civic Action Program to help build the new addition. Several of the men in the 336th Battalion have helped in the work, also, with labor and funds.

The new addition will provide classrooms and living quarters for the journeymen missionaries. This Southern Baptist Mission is run by Mr. Lewis Meyers. He is assisted by three journeymen. The mission provides a library open to the local people, scheduled classes in typing, sewing and English.



CHAPLAIN (Major) George W. Lassett (right), formerly of Damascus, and Da Nang Baptist Activity Center in Vietnam.

High school writers get awards at OBU

Nine high school students received awards in editorial writing, news and feature writing at the closing session of Ouachita University's first annual Nitty Gritty Workshop in High School Journalism recently.

Winners in the editorial division were Phil Cato, Hope, first place; Fran White, Warren, second place, and Ann Glover, Stamps, third place.

First place in feature writing was taken by Mary Beth Millican, Hope.

The second place winner was Joanna Risser, El Dorado, with Brad Lee, Stamps, winning third place.

Winners in the news writing contest were Jo Lynn Warbritton, El Dorado, first place; Philip Hankins, Little Rock Central, second place, and Dorothy Morgan, Joe T. Robinson, third place.

The contest judges were Max Harrelson, Associated Press Bureau Chief at the United Nations and Henry Haines, editor-publisher of the Blytheville Courier-News. Both were guest-lectures for the two-day workshop on the Ouachita campus.

Other speakers featured in the workshop were Miss Hazel Presson, publications advisor at Northside High in Fort Smith; Charles Lance, publications advisor at Central High in Little Rock; Jim Bailey, sports writer for the Arkansas Gazette, Henry Boerner and Daniel Brown of the Arkansas Gazette advertising department; Rodney Dungan, co-owner of Dungan-Allen Photography in Little Rock; John Klumb, national sales manager for Walsworth Publishing Co.; Gordon Hale, state representative for Walsworth; Charles Patterson of Taylor Publishing Co., and Sam Harris, director of Public Affairs for the Arkansas Gazette.

New Sulphur Springs parsonage



NEW PARSONAGE—Bill Holcomb, pastor of Sulphur Springs Church, and his family recently moved into this new parsonage. The home has four bedrooms, three baths, a den, living room, kitchen and carport. Members of the church donated much of the labor and materials, which enabled the church to provide the parsonage at a cost of \$14,000.

N. C. McManus Jr. trains with NATO

Second Lt. Newell C. McManus Jr. of the U. S. Air Force, a 1966 graduate of Ouachita University, participated in the massive NATO training exercise just concluded in West Germany.

Lt. McManus, an aerospace munitions officer, supported F-4 Phantom fighter-bombers from Holloman AFB, N.M., that took part in the largest overseas deployment of tactical aircraft for a training exercise in USAF history.

A native of Benton, Lt. McManus received his B.S. degree in chemistry from Ouachita and was commissioned as an officer after Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Proposed 1970 Cooperative Program Allocations

(For related comments, see editorial, "Slim pickings," in last week's Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.)

AGENCY	1969	1970	INCREASE
SBC Operating Budget	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$
Foreign Mission Board	13,836,619	14,113,351	276,732
Home Mission Board	4,984,000	5,083,680	99,680
Annuity Board	125,000	200,000	75,000
The Seminaries	5,103,000	5,205,060	102,060
Golden Gate	525,000	535,500	10,500
Midwestern	475,000	484,500	9,500
New Orleans	875,000	892,500	17,500
Southeastern	693,000	706,860	13,860
Southern	1,148,000	1,170,960	22,960
Southwestern	1,387,000	1,414,740	27,740
Foundation	80,000	81,600	1,600
Hospitals	36,000	36,000
American Seminary	95,000	95,000
Brotherhood Commission	260,000	265,200	5,200
Christian Life Commission	170,000	173,400	3,400
Education Commission	125,000	127,300	2,500
Historical Commission	102,000	104,040	2,040
Radio-TV Commission	1,250,000	1,275,000	25,000
Stewardship Commission	83,000	84,660	1,660
Joint Committee	111,400	113,628	2,228
TOTAL	\$26,561,019	\$27,158,119	\$597,100
Operating Total	\$26,561,019	\$27,158,119	
1968 Capital Needs	722,530	1,317,749	
1969 Capital Needs	800,000		
1970 Capital Needs		\$28,475,868	
TOTAL NEEDED	\$28,083,549	\$27,560,000	
TOTAL EXPECTED	\$26,756,800		
EXPECTED BALANCE	\$ 1,317,749		

Identical twins serve as pastors

A minister from Arkansas and another from Oklahoma are conducting a double-duty Christian ministry.

They're identical twins.

Herbert Stout, pastor of First Baptist Church of Mountainburg, Ark., and Herman Stout, pastor of Blackburn Chapel Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla., an instructor at Oklahoma Baptist University, are featured in the March edition of *Ambassador Life*, a monthly publication for Southern Baptist boys.

The article tells of their work and their fun at being twins. The story deals with their many accomplishments for the cause of Christianity.

Miss Jo Scaggs back in Nigeria

Miss Josephine Scaggs has completed a three months mini-furlough and has returned to Lagos, Nigeria awaiting entry to Port Harcourt in Biafra.

First Church, Fayetteville, gave Miss Scaggs a love offering of more than \$1,600 and several drums of clothing supplies for the people of Biafra. Pastor Andrew M. Hall reports that over 50 summer men's suits were contributed.

Miss Scaggs makes her American home with Mrs. W. E. McWhorter, Fayetteville.

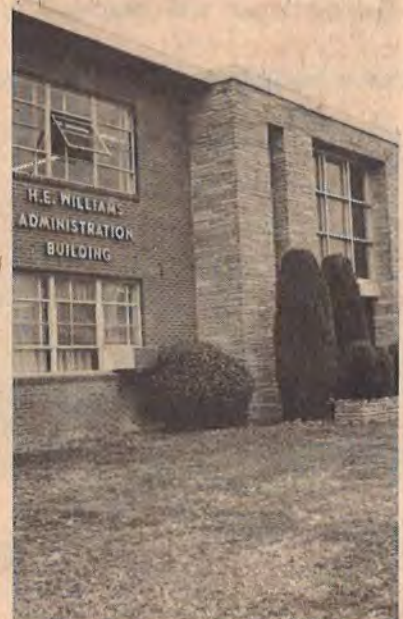
SINCERE THANKS

The Board of Trustees, by official action in regular session, February 13, 1969, joined by the administration, faculty, students and many friends, wishes to express abiding appreciation to the churches of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for the \$51,460 for operations and the \$31,109.57 for capital improvements, received during 1968. The entire college family is appreciative of the support given.

During the 1968-69 session, the enrollment reached a total of 1,182 individuals, 749 on the Walnut Ridge Campus, 398 at the Blytheville Air Force Base Resident Center and 35 at the Senath-Hornersville, Missouri Extension Center.

Students planning to enroll in Southern Baptist College, "The Campus of Christian Purpose" for fall term should make reservations soon to be assured of a place. Several students aids available now will be exhausted in the next few weeks.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST COLLEGE
Walnut Ridge, Arkansas 72476
H. E. Williams, President



Free scholarships offered clergy for economics education meet May 4-8

The third annual Economic Education Conference for the clergy will be held at the Avanelle Motel, Hot Springs, May 4-8. Scholarships, covering all costs except travel, will be awarded to clergy representing all denominations in Arkansas whose leadership qualities indicate they will profit most from the workshop.

The deadline for receiving applications is April 1. The sponsoring committee will select approximately fifty participants from the applicants. Warren Bray, Little Rock telephone executive, is the Chairman of the committee. Application blanks can be obtained from Dr. Bessie Moore, State Department of Education, Little Rock.

Topics to be discussed will be con-

cerned with vital facets of the economic system, including the political and social implications. Two out-of-state economists who will assist in the conference are Dr. John Hicks, executive assistant to the president of Purdue University, and Dr. Dallas Jones, professor of Industrial Relations, University of Michigan. They will lead discussions and encourage questions and debate.

Business, labor and agriculture experts will also participate and will answer questions concerning their roles in the American economy, with particular emphasis upon the problems they now face.

Since many of the problems brought to the clergy can be traced to economic matters affecting the home, this con-

ference offers an unusual and unique program that will prove valuable in counseling at the local level, Mr. Bray said.

The conference will be conducted by the Arkansas Council on Economic Education in cooperation with the State Department of Education and the Clergy Economic Education Foundation.

The committee assisting Mr. Bray is Dr. Robert Riley, Vice Chairman, Jim Caldwell, J. E. Dunlap, Dr. Albert L. Fletcher, Dr. Thomas B. Gallagher, Thomas A. Hinson, John M. Jackson, Jerry A. King, Dr. Alfred A. Knox, Allan R. Madden, Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, and Dr. Elijah E. Palnick.

Public school center planned at Ouachita

A center to aid Arkansas public schools in desegregation has been established at Ouachita University.

Known as the Arkansas Technical Assistance Consultative Center on School Desegregation (ATAC), the center was initiated by and will be directed by Dr. A. B. Wetherington, professor of education at Ouachita.

Overall objective is to aid the 215 bi-racial school districts of Arkansas in formulating plans and procedures to achieve unitary school systems and provide technical and consultative services

in solving problems associated with the desegregation process.

Working with the regional U. S. Office of Education in Dallas, Tex., the center will receive funds under provisions of Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

A 16-member bi-racial advisory council will be set up to provide consultation and assistance to local school boards, administrators and teachers.

The center's permanent staff of specialists will include Albert S. Baxter, a native of Hamburg, James Ford, Des Arc, and Neyland Hester, Sheridan. All three men have several years of practical experience in public schools.

Moves to Memphis

Paul Parker, minister of music and education for the past 33 months of South Highland Church, Little Rock, has resigned to accept the position of minister of education with Broadway Church, Memphis, Tenn.



Mr. Parker is married to the former Betty McKaskle of Conway. They have two children, Steven, 10, and Denis, 8. The family will reside at 4400 Ernie, Memphis, Tenn. 38116.

Sweetheart Banquet at Crystal Hill



QUEEN AND KING

Linda Weaver was elected Queen, and Tommy Hammett was elected King at the recent Sweetheart Banquet of Crystal Hill Church, Little Rock.

Linda received her six-year attendance pin in October, 1968; is secretary of YWA's, and works on the publicity committee of Youth for Christ.


Tommy received a one-year pin; is chairman of the publicity committee, and is treasurer of the Youth for Christ.

Jack Hazelwood spoke on "The Three M's." He told the group that if Christ is master, each can find his mission and his mate in leading a Christian life.

Jim Blankenship is pastor of Crystal Hill Church.—Reporter



NASHVILLE—Program personalities for the first joint Sunday School-Training Union Leadership Conference, to be held at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly June 19-25, are: Roland Jarrard (left), pastor, Ruhama Church, Birmingham, who will serve as preacher; and Harold A. Souther, associational music-education director, Kansas City (Mo.) Baptist Association, as music director. (BSSB Photo)

TITHE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL 

Becomes chaplain at funeral home

Guy Wilson, who recently joined the staff of the Griffin-Leggett Funeral Home in Little Rock, has become the



first Arkansas Baptist minister to enter the full-time chaplaincy in business-industry, R. H. Dorris, head of chaplaincy ministries of the Division of Missions and Evangelism, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, has announced. Families without a pastor to turn to in their bereavement may avail themselves of Mr. Wilson's spiritual counsel and assistance, said Mr. Dorris.

Wilson will work in close cooperation with local pastors whenever his help is needed, or requested. Employees of the Funeral Home will find him their chaplain-counselor when they need help with personal problems.

Mr. Wilson served Second Church, Jacksonville, as pastor for three years before moving to the pastorate of Reynolds Memorial Church, Little Rock. He resigned the pastorate of the Reynolds Memorial Church last December after serving 25 years.

Ouachita student exhibits fossils

A fossil exhibit from a collection by James Laster III, a sophomore at Ouachita University, is on display in Riley Library at OBU.

All the fossils in the exhibit were excavated at the edge of the gulf coastal plain southwest of Arkadelphia. The existence of these fossils indicates that this area around Arkadelphia was once covered by the ocean, Laster said.

Dalark Church ordains deacons

Ted Hunnycutt and Ronnie Hunter were ordained as deacons of Dalark Church, Feb. 23.

Those participating in the ordination services were: Lewis Havener, Dalark pastor; who served as moderator; Cecil Launius, as song leader; Enow Boyett, the associational missionary, as questioner; Lawrence Vowan, pastor of Cad-do Valley Church, delivered the charge to the new deacons and the church.

Those on the ordaining council were: Cecil Launius; Charlie Crawford; Jim Davis, pastor of First Church, Sparkman; Leonard Ray; Donald Koon, pastor of Shady Grove Church; and Roy Cullins.—Mrs. Louis Langley, Church Clerk.

Drink bill passes; now Act 132

By W. HENRY GOODLOE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas

BULLETIN

The Senate passed the mixed-drink bill, 19 to 16, Friday afternoon and Governor Rockefeller signed it into law. The act carries the emergency clause, without which it could not have become law until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns.

Voting for the bill were: Alagood, D. Allen, R. Ben Allen, Anderson, Bearden, Earnhart, Fletcher, Ford, Harvey, Heern, Howell, Hurst, Ingram, Lightle, Sprick, Stafford, Thompson, Wade, and White.

Voting against the bill were: Bell, Caldwell, Chambers, Douglas, Gathright, Gibson, Griffin, Hendrix, Hudson, Jones, Lookadoo, Moore, Nelson, Partain, Penn, and Sorrels.

The administration's mixed-drink bill, HB 113, was passed by the House on Feb. 25, reversing an earlier vote on Feb. 18.

The vote on the second try was 52 for and 46 against.

The emergency clause, to make the law effective immediately upon its being signed by the governor, failed on the first try, by vote of 60 to 34 with 67 votes required to pass, but passed, on Feb. 26, by vote of 74 to 16.

The bill then went to the Senate, where a vote had not been taken by Feb. 27.

Because of the significance of the House vote and because of requests to list the roll call vote, we are listing here the names of the representatives and how they voted.

Voting against the bill were the following 46 members of the House:

Adcox, Alexander, Bethell, Black, Blankenship, Bookout, Brown, Burton, Bynum, Capps, Carlton, Courtney, Daw-

son, Dingler, Feild, Foster, Fowler, Harris, Hasley, Hayes, Holsted, Honey, Hunt;

Kizer, Landers, Lipton, McDonald, McKissack, Manatt, Matthews, Meers, Miller, J., Miller, S., Murphy, Newman, Oglesby, Rainwater, Roberts, Rodgers, Rose, Ryburn, Sadler, Schug, Shaver, Sheid, Turner.

Voting for the bill were the following 52 members:

Alford, Arrington, Beasley, Beaumont, Boyce, Brandon, Bryan, Bryant, Caldwell, Camp, Carter, Chrisman, Cockrill, Colay, Collins, Conditt, Cunningham, Davis, Day, Dishongh, Goodwin, Hamilton, Harrell, Hendrix, Henry, M.;

Henry, P., Kane, Ledbetter, C., Ledbetter, J., Linder, McCuiston, Maddox, Meacham, Moore, Nicholson, Nowotny, Patrick, Purtle, Rule, Sink, Smith, J. B., Smith, R. S., Sparks, Stevens, Stewart, Still, Streett, Thomas, Thompson, Windsor, Womack, and Young.

Absent or not voting were two: Clark and McClerkin.

A comparison of the vote on Feb. 25 with the vote on Feb. 18 shows these changes: Eleven changed from "no" to "yes": Boyce, Bryant, Chrisman, Collins, Goodwin, Hendrix, P. Henry, Linder, J. B. Smith, Stevens, and Womack;

Two changed from "not voting" to voting "yes": Hamilton and Nicholson;

One changed from "not voting" to voting "no": Shaver;

One changed from "yes" to "not voting": Clark.

Speaker McClerkin stated before the House that had he been required to vote that he would have voted "yes."

Deacons ordained by Swifton Church

The Swifton Church recently ordained Lones M. Eldridge and Billy C. Bishop as deacons.

The pastor, Dr. Fred Savage, served as moderator. Cecil Guthrie, associational missionary of Black River, was elected clerk. Leading the questioning was J. C. Smith, pastor of the Immanuel Church, Newport. J. E. Tillman, pastor

of First Church of Walnut Ridge, delivered the sermon. The prayer was given by Lendol Jackson, pastor of Alicia Church.

Others on the council were: Sedric D. Wesson, pastor of Diaz Church; G. L. Balch and Richard Banks from Diaz; Dennis Scudder, Walnut Ridge; Lowell Jamieson, pastor; Hoxie Church; Lee Taylor and Kemmel Eldridge, Alicia; and deacons Lewis Mason, Roy Runyan, Mitchell Burton and Herbert Runsick, all from Swifton.

Operating Committee gives progress report in quest for new Executive Secretary

The Operating Committee of the Executive Board has been working at the task of finding a successor to Dr. S. A. Whitlow as executive secretary-treasurer. Two meetings have been held, on Feb. 7, and Feb 21, respectively.

In the first meeting, guidelines were established and a course was charted. A brief survey was made of minutes of the past and much was learned about how our brethren went at this job 12 years ago. Copies were made of these minute excerpts for the purpose of study. A new appreciation for our forerunners came as a result of studying their work, especially "when we sit where they sat."

Names of all those recommended by the date of our first meeting were read and recorded. Members of the committee who had been recommended requested that their names be dropped from the

list of those being considered. A fine spirit of unselfishness and prayerful purpose prevailed. The meeting was closed with a season of prayer that God would give to this committee divine guidance, so that he could give to Arkansas Baptists the kind of leader that he knows that we need.

The second committee meeting occurred Feb. 21, and the same good spirit prevailed. Again, recommendations were considered and biographical sketches were studied. Those recommendations not accompanied with biographical sketches, or those not already available to us, are now being requested.

The committee has seriously discussed some names. Candid (Christian) comments were exchanged as to strengths and weaknesses of individuals being considered. The committee sought to find the character image of the person that could take the reins of leader-

ship. No perfect image can be envisioned by imperfect men. No "man" can accomplish this task as executive secretary-treasurer in his own strength. Only with God's help and blessing can it be done.

Likewise, the task of this committee is not easy. But we are more confident now. As God has been the source of strength for Dr. Whitlow and his predecessors who served so well, so he will be ours as we look for "... a man among them, that should build up the wall, and stand in the gap ..."

Our confidence continues to increase as we talk with and receive mail from employees in the Baptist Building, missionaries, pastors, and wonderful lay members. Christian concern, constructive criticism, and commitment to pray with us, are all deeply and genuinely appreciated.—Wilson C. Deese, Chairman, Operating Committee

Challenge and opportunity

These are days of challenge and opportunity for Baptist Men and Royal Ambassadors. Mission study for Home Missions has presented a challenging picture of Baptist work and needs in two of our youngest states. Now the opportunity is open for all Baptist men and Royal Ambassadors to assist in meeting the challenge of Home Missions through the Home Missions offering during March. Every Baptist Men's organization and Royal Ambassador chapter will certainly desire to have a part in the offering and also to encourage others to give.

As gifts are made to Home Missions Baptist men and Royal Ambassadors should also take a good look at mission needs in their own church community and surrounding areas. In almost every church community there are areas of need that Baptist men or Royal Ambassadors could meet through a mission action project. All mission actions are not necessarily big projects but projects that meet a definite need of people. As men and boys meet the needs of people through mission action projects the opportunity to share Christ is also open.

The Crusade of the Americas is a chal-

lenge and an opportunity for Baptist Men and Royal Ambassadors. There are many things that can be done by these two groups in every church. The Baptist Men organization can take the lead in making a survey to seek out the lost and unchurched people in the area. Cottage prayer meetings planned and directed by Baptist men can be an important contribution to the success of the special services in each church. In fact, prayer is the key to a real revival. Baptist men can and should seek out places for special services, Bible teaching, brief worship services and testimonies.

Royal Ambassador chapters can sponsor special prayer services for boys in the community. They can assist in promotional projects to publicize the services. They can also visit and invite boys their own age to attend the services. There are many other ways in which Baptist men and Royal Ambassadors can assist in the Crusade. Certainly these are times of challenge and opportunity for men and boys as they study and learn about missions. The opportunities for Baptist men and Royal Ambassadors to get involved in mission work through mission actions were never greater.

Call on us if we may be of assistance to you providing missionary education for men and boys in your church.—C. H. Seaton

Attention, GA Queens!

It's just for you! GA Queens' Court, April 25-26, will be held at Second Church, Little Rock.

Attending the "Court" will be dozens and dozens of GA Queens, their leaders, missionaries and others. All reservations must be sent to the State WMU Office, 210 Baptist Building, Little Rock 72201. Details have been sent to leaders of Girls' Auxiliary.

This is a "happening" which every GA Queen should experience.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

What about dating non-Christians?

A Southern Baptist professor from Samford University has written an article, "Dating Non-Christians," for the March issue of *Ambassador Life*, a mission publication for Southern Baptist boys.

Dr. John Carter points out some of the problems a Christian boy faces when he dates a non-Christian girl. He also suggests ways boys could solve some of these problems.

Ambassador Life is published monthly by the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar, Memphis, Tenn.

A great spirit of expectancy

In the last several days I have traveled 1,800 miles and preached 15 times in Arkansas, Missouri, and Louisiana concerning the Crusade of the Americans. There have been rallies in Tri County, Mississippi County, Calvary, Trinity, and Little Red River associations with great crowds and a wonderful spirit of expectancy. Our people seem to realize we are low morally and need to hear from God.

North Pulaski Association had 1,000 at their Encounter Crusade Rally.

There is a greater spirit among our people than I have seen since the simultaneous campaign in 1955. Our pastors are realizing that here is opportunity for a unified proclamation that Christ is the Only Hope. They are also realizing that this is an opportunity for a revival of authoritative gospel preaching which has been lacking in many pulpits the past few years.

Evangelism is bringing people to Jesus. However, the people of God must be

right before we can do our best in bringing people to Christ. The Crusade of the Americas offers an opportunity for us to repent. (Please read 2 Chron. 7:14) I am convinced that revivals have not come because God's people have not repented.

Sometime ago Delos Miles, secretary of evangelism in South Carolina, said, "We need to repent of our sin of little faith. Because of our little faith we have spiritual lockjaw. It brings a famine of hearing the word of God."

We need to repent of our sin of laziness, jealousy, envy, strife, sins of omission and commission, and prejudice. We have lost hope. A little faith causes lukewarmness. We have lost our nerve. Our "want to" does not equal our "know how."

The Crusade offers an opportunity to repent of our loss of holiness. God says, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." It is hard to tell where the world quits and the church begins. Our lives don't match our lips. We Baptists seem to grow weaker as we grow stronger. We are conforming too much to the things of the world. The Crusade offers us a chance of

spiritual renewal.

The Crusade offers a challenge for us to repent of our lack of love. No doubt many of us are holding grudges against our fellowman.

The Crusade offers us a chance to bring God and lost man together. We are in the reconciling business. God has always been in this business. God's work from the beginning has been redemption.

The Crusade of the Americas offers us a chance to present the whole gospel to the whole man. We have a gospel for the forgotten people—the alcoholics, the drug addicts, the hippies, and many underprivileged all around us. We have the gospel for the prostitutes, we have a gospel for the "up and outs" and the "down and outs." We have the gospel for the rich and for the poor. Arkansas needs a cure for pessimism. We have a sickness of the soul. Let us remember, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

If your church has not voted to enter the Crusade, I hope you will do so soon.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

Baptist beliefs

The reality of the resurrection

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
past president, Southern Baptist Convention

"Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife"—Luke 20:33.

The Sadducees held that only the five books of Moses were genuine scripture. On this basis they denied the resurrection from the dead.

On Tuesday of Passion Week they sought to discredit Jesus before the Jewish people. So they posed a problem designed to put the idea of a resurrection in a silly light. Probably they had often used this problem to confound the Pharisees who believed in the resurrection.

These were seven brothers. The first married a woman, but died childless. According to the law of Moses the second brother should marry her and produce seed for his dead brother. In turn the six remaining brothers married her and died childless. Finally the woman died (vv.29-32). Hence the question as to which brother would have her as his wife in the hereafter.

Jesus gave them a threefold answer. First, heaven's relations are different from those of earth. There is no marriage in heaven (v.35). Second, children are not born in heaven. All are the children of God (v.36). "They are equal unto the angels" reads in the parallel passages in Matthew and Mark "as angels." Angels do not reproduce themselves. Neither do saints in heaven do so. Third, even Moses taught life after physical death (v.37). At the burning bush (Ex. 3:6) God spoke of being the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Though they had been physically dead for centuries, God spoke of them as living. So by their own accepted Scriptures Jesus refuted the Sadducees' denial of the resurrection.

Some men continue to deny the resurrection from the dead. But they do so by human logic not from the Scriptures. Jesus rose from the dead. And his resurrection is the proof and promise of the resurrection unto life everlasting of all who believe in him (v.38; 1 Cor. 15:20).



DR. MOODY



MR. PORTER

Ferncliff workshop held March 3-5

Nathan Porter of Atlanta, who works in the area of campus evangelism for the Home Mission Board, and Dr. Dale Moody, theology professor of Southern Theological Seminary were discussion leaders at the Baptist Student Directors' and Campus Pastors' Workshop held at Ferncliff Mar. 3-5.

The three-day workshop was planned by Winston Hardman, Baptist Student Director at State College of Arkansas and Hendrix College. Mr. Hardman is currently serving as President of the Arkansas Baptist Student Directors' Association.

Missionaries to the language people in the United States distributed 168,227 Bibles and gospels on their mission fields last year. Their work is supported by the Cooperative Program.

Glorieta-Ridgecrest Trips

Interested in a ride to one of the Southern Baptist Convention assemblies this Summer?

Several people each spring want information about joining some group or church bus to either Glorieta or Ridgecrest during the summer assemblies.

The Sunday School Department will correlate such information to assist both groups—those seeking transportation and those who may want to fill a bus or other travel space. We will receive and tabulate information sent us and will publish it in the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine the week of April 15.

Information must be in our office by April 8. Once the information is published, those desiring to get together will do so on their own initiative. It is expected that those joining another group or church bus will pay their pro-rata expense.

Send me your name, address, church, the assembly you plan to attend and the dates of that assembly. Indicate if you are seeking transportation or if you have a bus and may want riders.

Listed here are assembly dates. Write us for a brochure for rates and other information.—Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School Dept.

1969 SCHEDULE GLORIETA

DATE	
June 5-11	Training Union Leadership Conference Training Union Youth Conference
June 12-18	Training Union Leadership Conference Training Union Youth Conference
June 19-25	Sunday School Leadership Conference
June 26-July 2	Sunday School Leadership Conference
July 3-9	Sunday School Leadership Conference
July 10-16	Woman's Missionary Union Conference
July 17-23	Young Woman's Auxiliary Conference Youth Music Workshop
July 24-30	Music Leadership Conference
July 31-Aug. 6	Home Missions Conference Writer's Conference
August 7-13	Bible Conference Church Library Conference Church Recreation Leadership Conference Church and Denominational Statistics and History Conference Church Administration Conference Christian Life Conference
August 14-20	Foreign Missions Conference
August 21-27	Student Conference
Aug. 29-Sept. 1	Single Adult Conference

1969 SCHEDULE RIDGECREST

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Camp Crestridge

RIDGECREST, N. C.—Camp Crestridge provides girls ages 9-17 with an opportunity to create lasting friendships and to grow toward Christian maturity.

Its purpose, according to Miss Arvine Bell, camp director, is to convey purpose and understanding in life to young women through playing, camping and living together.

Camp Crestridge, located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, is 2,700 feet above sea level. It is 18 miles east of Asheville, N. C., a part of the 1,900-acre tract of Ridgecrest Assembly.

Miss Bell and her staff of some 50 college graduates offer a program which includes campcraft, drama, sports, music, horseback riding, aquatics, and spiritual counseling and guidance.

Miss Bell has an M. R. E. degree from Southwestern Seminary and a master of science degree in physical education from Indiana University. She has been on the Camp Crestridge staff for 29 years. (BSSB Photo)

A modern parable

The treasurer of a congregation resigned. The church asked another to take his position, a man who managed the local grain elevator. He agreed on two conditions: 1. That no report from the treasurer be necessary for one whole year. 2. That no one ask him any questions during this one year period.

The church gulped but finally agreed, since he was a trusted man in the community, and well known, because most of them did business with him as manager of the local elevator.

At the end of the year he gave this report.

The indebtedness of \$25,000.00 on the church was paid. The Minister's salary had been increased. The mission quota was paid 200 percent. There were no outstanding bills, and there was a cash balance of \$12,000.00.

Immediately a shocked congregation asked, "How come?" Quietly, he answered, "Most of you bring your grain to my elevator. As you did business with me I simply withheld 10 percent on your behalf and gave it to the church in your name. You never missed it. Do you see what we could do for the Lord if we were all willing to give the first tithe to God, who really owns it?"—Selected

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The bookshelf

Grace Is Not a Blue-eyed Blond, by R. Lofton Hudson, Word, 1968, \$3.95

Written both for the believer and the seeker, this book takes a close look at such words as grace, sin, hypocrisy, security, friendship, forgiveness, love, temptation, faith, and guts.

Hang Tough, by John Bonner, Bethany Fellowship, 1968, \$2.95

What is the cause of disregard for law? What causes a person to act violently? These and many more questions are answered here by a man who was a teacher for eight years in San Quentin prison.

Sixteen Days on the Church Calendar, by Calvin Miller, Baker, 1968, \$2.95

Special days on the church calendar call for special preparation on the part of busy pastors. Mr. Miller, himself a pastor, has written this book to help provide the stimulus to make each of the special days a meaningful event.

The Deluge Story in Stone, by Byron



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NASHVILLE—Program personalities for Sunday School leadership conferences are: **GLORIETA**—June 26-July 2—top row, left to right William L. Bennett, pastor, First Church, Ft. Smith, preacher; John D. Matthews, director of Sunday School, church music and church architecture department, Colorado Baptist General Convention, Denver, music director; July 3-9, Ralph Langley, pastor, Willow Meadows Church, Houston, preacher, and Robert L. Snead, minister of music, First Church, Nashville, music director; **RIDGECREST**—July 24-30—second row, John Bob Riddle, pastor, Central Park Church, Birmingham, preacher; Harry Hampshear, minister of music, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., music director; July 31-August 6—J. P. Allen, pastor, Broadway Church, Ft. Worth, preacher, and James C. Allcock Jr., music secretary, Baptist Convention of Maryland, Lutherville, music director. (BSSB Photo)

C. Nelson, Bethany Fellowship, 1968, \$3.50

Here is an absorbing and thorough investigation of the Flood as "written" in the earth's crust. The author presents as argument against the theory of evolution, that the strata of the earth in which fossils are contained were formed not during long series of almost endless ages but by terrific changes during the brief period of the Noachian deluge and the period of adjustment following it.

This Is My Story, This Is My Song, by Jerome Hines, Revell, 1968, \$3.95

This is the life story of the noted Metropolitan Opera singer, with special emphasis on the part God has had in his career.

You and Your Bible, an anthology of R. A. Torrey, Baker, 1968, \$3.50

Mr. Torrey, long dead, still speaks through the magic of the printing press. Stressed here are the vital doctrines of the Bible, which Mr. Torrey regarded as the inerrant word of God.

The Lord's Supper, by William Barclay, Abingdon, 1968, \$2.75

Dr. Barclay discusses the meaning of the Lord's Supper as reflected in the Scriptures relating to it.

Israel and the Nations in Prophecy, by Richard W. De Haan, Zondervan, 1968, \$2.50

The author attempts a serious examination of all the implications of recent events in Israel in the light of the Bible and current developments in the Far East.

Theodore Roosevelt, Naturalist, Statesman, by Joyce Blackburn, Zondervan, 1967, \$3.95

One in the "People You Should Know" Zondervan series, this book for young people throws light on one of the most colorful of the Presidents. Says the author, "Because of his strong beliefs and opinions, Roosevelt made staunch friends and staunch enemies."

Seminary students spark evangelism

FORT WORTH—For the 11th consecutive year, students at Southwestern Seminary here will participate in a field evangelism program tagged "Pioneer Penetration."

More than 100 students have applied to be a part of the 1969 venture which will take them into a dozen states for evangelistic campaigns as a part of the Crusade of the Americas, a hemisphere-wide 1969 Baptist evangelism effort.

"Pioneer Penetration" is underwritten by the seminary and the Panhandle Baptist Foundation, Inc., a foundation operated by a group of laymen in West Texas interested in evangelism and missions and headed by C. J. Humphrey, Amarillo, Tex.

Roy Fish, professor of evangelism and director of the project, called it a "great opportunity for students to get involved in evangelism, the heart of everything we ought to be doing." (BP)

Chaplain's group changes name

NEW ORLEANS—The Southern Baptist Association of Hospital Chaplains, meeting here, voted to change its name and expand its organization to include any Baptist minister who serves as a health care, penal, industrial, correctional or governmental chaplain. New name for the organization is the Association of Baptist Chaplains. John B. Cheshire Jr., of the Baptist Hospital in Pensacola, Fla., is president of the newly-named Association of Baptist Chaplains. (BP)

Speakers chide Baptists for race, poverty failure

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—Two major speakers to the Baptist Public Relations Association meeting here chided Southern Baptists for failing to do more about the problems of racism and poverty in the South.

"It is a well-established fact that the extent of hunger, poverty, and racism is greatest in the South where you are most numerous and powerful," said Mrs. Gloria Hobbs, deputy director of the Job Corps Center in McKinney, Tex.

Another speaker, Clarence Jordan, founder of the Koinonia Farms in Americus, Ga., compared Southern Baptists to the Hebrew people who were not allowed to enter the Promised Land because they disobeyed God.

"It may be that the price Southern Baptists will have to pay for disobedience in the last 25 years will be to wander in the wilderness of despair and even death for the next 50 or even 100 years," said Jordan, himself a Southern Baptist.

"The nation is delirious with the fever of racism," declared Jordan. "But the true evidence of this (racism) is not just in the flames of riots in our cities, but in the nature of such a group here, for the lack of color in your faces is so obvious.

"Our problem is more than racism," he continued. "It is hypocrisy. And no-

where is this, hypocrisy more apparent and more at home and more nurtured than in, of all places, the Christian churches, especially the two major churches of the South—Methodist and Baptist."

Jordan told the public relations workers that if he were in their place, he would not boast about Southern Baptist statistics, claiming God has surely blessed. "The number of leaves on a tree has never been the basis on which the power of the chain saw can be spared," he mused.

Jordan added that he did not come to point the finger of guilt at Southern Baptists, but to show the enormity and the complexity of the problem.

"We are in an ideological dilemma over what we are, and what we have committed ourselves to be," he said. "We have pledged ourselves to justice, and have practiced injustice. We have said we are lovers of righteousness, and inequity has been our lot."

Yet Southern Baptists need not worry about integrating their churches, for no self-respecting Negro today would campaign to join a white, Southern Baptist church, he said.

With the advent of Black Power, the Negro today is looking for something deeper, more meaningful. "His cry is now going to be black dignity, black

manhood," Jordan said. "He came to the United States involuntarily as a slave, as an animal. He now wants to withdraw into black separatism and one day to re-enter society as a man."

Jordan spent an hour after conference sessions sharing his personal experiences at his integrated farm in Southwest Georgia. He told of being kicked out by Southern Baptists because he brought an Indian to the worship services, of being beaten, of his home being machine-gunned, and of economic and legal reprisals brought against him and his family because of his inter-racial farming community.

Mrs. Hobbs painted a word picture of the horrors of poverty, asking the Baptist public relations workers to try to imagine how a mother feels when she comes home at night and finds two rats biting her child, one nibbling on his lip and another on his toe,

Saying solutions to the poverty problem will have to come at the local level, she offered 16 suggestions to Southern Baptists. Included among her suggestions were:

Get meaningfully involved; get to know personally social workers in the ghetto and poor people; encourage churches to develop special poverty projects; stimulate honest dialogue between church members and the poor; become informed yourself; don't show hostility toward ministers who leave the church to go into this kind of ministry; be sincere, honest, and don't be a dogooder; and take a stand, even if it means stepping on the toes of some very powerful Baptist who owns substandard shacks and tenements. (BP)

Catholic theology students study at Baptist hospital

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Seven Catholic theology students, surprised at their warm reception at a Baptist hospital and in turn surprising some Baptists with their presence as chaplains, recently took Clinical Pastoral Education Training at Baptist Memorial Hospital here.

For a full day twice each week for three months, the students from Immaculate Conception Seminary in Conception, Mo., studied at the Baptist hospital, spending much of the time in counseling with patients and in conversations with the hospital staff and others.

Richard Dayringer, chaplain at the Baptist hospital and supervisor for the chaplains, said that about 25 percent of the hospital's patients are Baptists, while about 20 percent are Catholics.

"Since all denominations and those of no denomination are represented by the patients in Baptist Hospital, theological students and pastors of all faiths are accepted into the clinical training program," he said.

The Catholic students become involved in some highly interesting conversations with patients, Dayringer said, such as talking to an ex-nun who was able to discuss her feelings and experiences since leaving the convent. She felt free to talk openly since the chaplain was a Catholic, but not yet a priest.

The students were not ordained and therefore could not administer the sacraments. Therefore, observed Dayringer, they had to rely more upon being a certain kind of person who could use the tools of pastoral care and counseling, rather than doing something for

the patient.

"The seminarians seemed to delight in the opportunity to apply their academic studies in the very practical way of dealing with patients," Dayringer said in evaluating their response. "They were impressed with the fact that they were treated as ministers and not 'just students.'"

"Perhaps their appreciation for the program of training was revealed in the fact that at the farewell luncheon provided them by the hospital, they presented the department of pastoral care with a copy of the new Jerusalem Bible. They were the first group at Baptist Hospital to present any kind of gift," the Baptist chaplain said.

Although the seven Catholic seminarians were the first to study at the Baptist Hospital here, they won't be the last. Five more students from the same seminary have enrolled for three days training weekly for three months, and in March the first group of students will return for six weeks of full time training, Dayringer said. (BP)

Illinois Baptists plan building

CARBONDALE, Ill.—The board of directors of the Illinois Baptist State Association meeting here elected a new state Sunday School secretary, and employed an architect to design the new Baptist Building to be erected in Springfield, Ill.

John W. Perkins, associate in the convention's Sunday School department for the past 2½ years, was promoted to department secretary, succeeding Ernest Adams who resigned to join the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

ABC, Brethren say 'no union now'

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.—The inter-church relations committee of the Church of the Brethren and the subcommittee of the Commission on Christian Unity of the American Baptist Convention have issued a joint statement saying that "it is not wise at this time to focus primarily upon promoting

The firm of Ferry and Henderson of Springfield was named to design the new state convention office building in that city. Tentative plans call for completion of the new building by the summer of 1971 when the headquarters will be moved from the present building in Carbondale to the more centrally-located city of Springfield.

Ferry and Henderson is the firm which designed the renovation of the Old State Capitol Building in Springfield, where Abraham Lincoln tried more than 200 cases before the Supreme Court. The building was taken apart stone by stone, and rebuilt to include an underground garage and space for the State Historical Library. (BP)

organic union of the two bodies."

The joint committee met recently at Elgin, Ill., to review progress in the conversations which have been conducted since 1961 looking forward to closer relationship between the two bodies. (ABNS)

Beacon lights of Baptist history

First college in nation's capital*

BY BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.
PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, BENTON

President George Washington repeatedly urged upon Congress the need of a college in Washington, D. C. He made another appeal near the close of his second term. To speed this on he donated for this purpose fifty shares of the Potomac Company valued at \$22,200. (However, this became valueless after his death due to the failure of the company.) Presidents Jefferson and Madison also urged the undertaking. But it required the Baptists with the initiative of Luther Rice to set the idea in motion.

The newly formed General Convention of Baptists in the United States founded it. Rice secured a site of 47 acres (between Fourteenth and fifteenth Streets extending about one half mile northward from Boundary Street) at a cost of \$7,000. A charter was obtained by an act of Congress under President Monroe.

The formal opening of the College took place, Jan. 9, 1822. At 10 o'clock the procession formed at the house of Professor Chase and marched to the College Chapel. Rev. Burgess Allison, chaplain of Congress, one of the vice presidents of the General Baptist Convention, led the introductory prayer. The act of incorporation passed by the last session of Congress was read. The trustees of the college announced the members of the faculty. The Rev. Obadiah B. Brown, president of the Board of Trustees, addressed the college president, Rev. William Staughton, and presented him the keys to the institution symbolic of investing him with the prerogatives of his office.

The first commencement of Columbian College was conducted Dec. 15, 1824. Present were the President of the United States, the Secretaries of State, of War, of the Navy, and leading members of both houses of Congress. General Lafayette of Revolutionary War fame was visiting in the United States and was present at these exercises. Later in the day the president of the College gave a formal address of welcome to the General and afterward had him, the board of trustees, faculty, and numerous distinguished guests in his home for dinner.

Though the college later passed out of the hands of the Baptists they can be said to have had a vital part in furthering the cause of education in our nation's capitol.

*Lemuel Call Barnes, Mary Clark Barnes, Edward M. Stephenson, *Pioneers of Light*, (Philadelphia, The American Baptist Publication Society, 1924) pp 14-15

Evangelism Congress scheduled for fall

Eight thousand pastors, laymen, and evangelists from across America are expected to gather in Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 8-13 for the U. S. Congress on Evangelism. The Municipal Auditorium will be used for plenary sessions, with adjacent churches furnishing additional facilities for auxiliary group meetings. A budget of \$300,000 has been announced by George M. Wilson, chairman

of the finance committee. A non-profit Minnesota religious corporation has been formed to direct the financial affairs of the Congress.

Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann will give the keynote address with Dr. Billy Graham bringing the welcome at the opening of the Congress, and giving the closing address. Other speakers will include Archbishop Marcus Loane of Sydney, Australia.

Participants will be selected by the departments of evangelism or their equivalent in the various denominations. More than 125 denominations have been notified of their quota and registrations are already being received.

Suggests NCC elect Negro

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.—An American Baptist executive said that it is time the National Council of Churches elected a black churchman as president.

The statement was made by the Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Tuller, general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, in answer to the prediction of Willmar L. Thorkelson, religion editor of the *Minneapolis Star*, who wrote that in 1969 "Dr. Tuller will be elected president of the National Council of Churches."

Mr. Thorkelson's statement, along with others by a panel of religion journalists, appeared in the January issue of *CHRISTIAN HERALD*, an inter-denominational weekly.

When confronted with the prediction, Dr. Tuller, who is currently serving a three-year term as vice president of the National Council, said that the prediction came as "a surprise to me and of course without my knowledge. While anyone would appreciate the opportunity to be of Christian service, I feel that the time has come in the life of the National Council of Churches for it to elect a black churchman from one of the predominantly black communions as its next president." (ABNS)





Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

Breath of early spring

This was one of those mornings when there were many little things to be done. Most of them seemed singularly uninviting . . . such mundane tasks as a closet-cleaning that was overdue, some mending that had been waiting for a few days, etc.

We had just gone through a week of bad weather and on this particular morning I looked out to discover a glorious blue sky. I had a sudden impulse to haul out my light weight folding chaise lounge, put it outside, and stretch out on it as if it were a lazy summer day and I had nothing to do . . . for at least a few minutes.

I argued with myself, you don't have time. Then I answered myself, of course you do. It was almost as if unseen arms were gently pulling me outside to inhale great gulps of fresh air. A voice seemed to say, if you don't take time to enjoy this lovely morning, it may soon be gone and another week of bad weather in its place.

So I hauled out the folding chaise and stretched out on it. For several wonderful minutes I relaxed and simply enjoyed the freshness, beauty, and light of the morning, certain that our Creator was still at work.

I reflected on some rules for living which I ran across some time ago and which I think are worth reprinting:

- (1) Be thankful for what you have. Don't complain because things aren't better. They could be worse.
- (2) Be helpful, but don't intrude on others. Suggest, but don't boss.
- (3) Don't be a critic, but learn to take criticism without resentment.
- (4) Never say unkind things—even when they are true.
- (5) Cultivate a sense of humor. Use it often, especially when things go wrong. Laughter can turn a big thing into a little thing and can take the sting out of irritations.

I have added another rule of my own to these: Find some time each day to be alone—a time for listening. You may hear a mockingbird, or the wind in the trees, or a brook running over polished stones, or some other music of our earth—or even the hushed voice of Him who created all this beauty.

Comments, suggestions, or questions, may be addressed to Mrs. Andrew Hall, Mt. Sequoyah Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.

H. J. Flanders Jr., pastor of First Church, Waco, Tex., has resigned to accept a faculty position in the department of religion of Baylor University. Before going to the Waco pastorate in 1962, Flanders was chairman of the department of religion of Furman University, Greenville, S. C. He is a native of Arkansas and a graduate of Baylor.

Mrs. Helen M. Allan, former assistant editor of *Home Life* magazine in Nashville, has been named editor of pre-school materials for the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union here. She will edit *Start*, a new magazine which will begin publication in October

of 1970 for leaders of pre-school WMU groups, and will lead in development of pre-school WMU materials and edit all materials related to that area.

Miss Joan Harvison, director of communications for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma for the past two years, has resigned to accept a position as associate editor of *Orbit*, the roto-gravure section of the Sunday *Oklahoman* newspaper. Miss Harvison, a member of the public relations staff for Oklahoma Baptists since 1964, has written numerous feature articles for the Sunday supplement section of the *Oklahoma* newspaper.

Youth workshop planned for May

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Closing the gap between church and youth will be one of the focal points in the "Summer Youth Program Workshop," to be held May 9-11 on the campus of the Southern Seminary, here.

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About people

Leonard L. Holloway, president of the University of Corpus Christi for the past five months, has resigned to become associated with Howard E. Butt Jr., in Christian renewal research and programs.

Before coming to the University of Corpus Christi, Holloway had been president of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, another Baptist school, in Belton, Tex. Previously he had served in numerous denominational capacities, including assistant to the president at both Southern Seminary, Louisville, and New Orleans Seminary, and as public relations director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. (BP)

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Deaths

Eugene A. Parker, aged 73, of 518 West Fourth Street, North Little Rock, a retired high school vocational instructor, died Feb. 25.

He was born at Plummerville and had lived at North Little Rock for 24 years. He was a member of the First Church, North Little Rock and was chairman of the Board of Deacons for 14 years until his recent retirement. He was a former commander of the American Legion Post at Morrilton. He was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Grace Strickland Parker; three sons, Eugene Allen Parker of Wahiawa, Hawaii, Rev. Robert A. Parker of Camden and Dacus B. Parker of North Little Rock; a daughter, Mrs. George M. Dickens of Booneville; three brothers, Brooks Parker of Lewisville, Gordon Parker of Dallas, and Woodrow Parker of Little Rock; seven sisters, Mrs. May Ford of Hagerman, N.M., Mrs. Fay Riggs and Mrs. Bell Wilder of Houston, Tex., Mrs. Halcyon Fleming of Dallas, Mrs. Emma Lee Davis of Morrilton, Mrs. Voncile Peach of Little Rock and Mrs. Elizabeth Wood of Earle; his stepmother, Mrs. Robert Parker of Little Rock, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

William Coy Benton, 73, Conway, died Feb. 4.

A former employee of the State Highway Department, he was a member of the Pleasant Grove Church.

Survivors are his wife Mrs. Hattie Henderson, Benton; two daughters, Mrs. Margie Lackie and Mrs. Helen Hazel of North Little Rock.

Mrs. Essie Madole, 73, formerly of Marked Tree, died Jan. 24, 1969, at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. Ida Mai Blalock, 79, of Bay died Feb. 10, at the Craighead nursing home.

She was a member of Bay Church, teaching Esther Sunday School Class and active in WMU for years. She worked as a postal clerk for eight years in Bay.

The widow of the late George W. Blalock who died in 1960. She was a lifelong resident of Craighead County and was born in Brookland.

Mrs. Blalock was survived by several nieces and nephews.

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National Wildlife Week



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National Wildlife Week is being observed this year Mar. 16-22 and the theme is "Provide Habitat Places Where Wildlife Lives."

Increasingly, man's activities compete with wildlife for the use of the land. As human populations have increased, more and more wildlife has been forced to 'get by' on the left-over or waste areas that man was not using.

Today's extensive cleaning for agriculture, super highways, sub-divisions, and other man-uses are seriously encroaching on wildlife habitat. At the same time more wildlife is desired for hunting and aesthetic enjoyment. Many people do not realize that as the habitat goes so goes the wildlife—it does not just move over and double up in the remaining habitat.

Hunting and wildlife enjoyment have long thrilled the people of Arkansas but today in some areas citizens are asking, "What's happened to our supply of wildlife?" This can be answered with a question, "What has happened to wildlife habitat?" Wildlife will increase only when landowners "Provide Habitat—Places Where Wildlife Lives."

Danger!

By MARGARET L. CRAWFORD



As soon as Baby Beaver was old enough, his father showed him a trick.

"Watch me, and do what I do," said Daddy Beaver.

Then he slapped the water hard with his wide, flat tail.

"That is a signal to warn the other beavers when danger is near," said Daddy Beaver.

"What is danger?" asked Baby Beaver.

"A wolf is danger," answered his father. "Anything strange is danger."

"That looks like fun," said Baby Beaver.

He slapped the water with his tail. At first, it only made a little noise. But Baby Beaver practiced all day. Finally he could slap the water almost as hard as his father.

"That's very good," said Daddy Beaver. "But after this, only slap the water when you see danger."

The next day, Baby Beaver was playing in the water. His father and mother and the other beavers were busy cutting trees to make a beaver dam.

Kite

By SOLVEIG PAULSON RUSSELL

Wind, wind, up there high,
Blowing my kite against the sky,
How does it feel as you steadily blow
And push my kite with your breath's strong flow?

Does it make you feel pleased and satisfied
Sailing a kite where it's blue and wide?
Do you smile wind-smiles and grin with glee
To be sailing a kite so expertly?

Wind, wind, how I wish that you
And I could take turns in the things we do!
Then part of the time I could blow and zing,
While you, down here, would hold the string.

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"I wonder what would happen if I slap my tail in the water," he thought.

Smack! Baby Beaver's tail slapped the water.

Quickly, Baby Beaver's father and mother and the other beavers dived into the pond. They swam underneath the water to the beaver lodge.

"It's all right," Baby Beaver called. "There is no danger. I was only fooling."

The other beavers were angry. Daddy Beaver scolded Baby Beaver.

"You must never joke about danger," he said.

But Baby Beaver thought this game was lots of fun. The next day he slapped the water again. And the next day. And the next. Soon the other beavers paid no attention to the noise.

"It is only Baby Beaver slapping his tail for fun," they said. And they went on working.

One day while Baby Beaver was playing in the water, he saw something hiding in the forest. It was a wolf.

"A wolf is danger!" remembered Baby Beaver.

SLAP! went his tail, hard on the water.

Nothing happened. The other beavers paid no attention. "It's only Baby Beaver playing," they said.

"What shall I do?" wondered Baby Beaver.

He slapped his tail two more times, hard. Still nothing happened. The wolf moved closer.

Baby Beaver swam to the bank where the other beavers were working. He made believe he did not see the wolf. He hurried over to his father and told him about the wolf.

"We must move slowly," said Daddy Beaver. "Then the wolf will think no one has seen him."

Slowly, the beavers moved toward the water. They were almost there. The wolf sprang out of the forest.

"Run!" shouted Daddy Beaver.

The beavers raced for the pond. One by one they plopped into the water. Baby Beaver felt the wolf's hot breath. Then he dived into the pond and safety. When they reached the beaver lodge, Baby Beaver was almost out of breath.

"That was a brave thing you did," said Daddy Beaver.

"It certainly taught me a lesson," Baby Beaver said. "I learned not to play with danger signals. From now on when I slap the water, it will only be when I mean it."

And it was.

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Partners through prayer

By C. W. BROCKWELL, Education Director,
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Life and Work

March 9, 1969

Romans 15:30-33

Matt. 9:35-38

I Tim. 2:1-4

One-sixth of 1969 is behind us. As far as the crusade of the Americas is concerned, we are fully committed. There is no turning back now. No one will cancel it. What men have prayed for and hoped for is upon us. When it is over we will know whether it has been a great success or a gigantic noise. America will never be the same again after this year, that's for sure.

What we need then is power to work the plans, power to complete the goals. God has been getting us ready for this moment. The organizational machinery is in third gear. The question is "will we take for granted the One who brought us to this moment?"

Brothers, pray for me (Rom. 15:30-33)

One hundred times out of one hundred if a person asks that we pray for him, we promise to do it. We usually think it's the least we can do. But on the other hand, it is also the most we can do.

We have a tendency to believe that history is running loose. We think we have little control over what is happening. What could one person do to help a world of three billion people with problems?

Do something! That is the cry, Paul agreed. And that something was prayer. "The man who prays (not the man who works only, but the man who prays) is the man who stays awake, who does not dream and confuse the big things with the small things, but retains a wide-awake and realistic sense of the real proportions of life. The man who prays knows that there is only one thing that really counts and that is getting straight with God. A man who is straight with God has peace in his heart and therefore he can be simple and realistic in life" (Helmut Thielicke).

We can now say that the Crusade of the Americas has already succeeded be-

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cause it got us to pray together for a common good. Little wonder then that the Gospel spread in Rome. The Christians were tied together in prayer for Paul. He gave people a lot to pray about. God heard those prayers and filled him with power.

Brothers, pray for workers (Matthew 9:35-38)

A terrific labor shortage exists in God's kingdom. Not that he can't get the work done with what he has—he just has so many rewards there aren't enough faithful servants to give them to.

Jesus requested his disciples to pray for harvesters. He didn't say "Look on the fields white unto harvest. Pray for them." He did say though to pray for laborers. God will get the lost ready if we will go and gather the harvest.

To paraphrase a popular song: "People who need people are the only people in the world."

We talk about standing behind someone. Wouldn't it be more useful to pray behind them? Could any be missionaries without those who pray for them? Could any be teachers without those who pray for them?

One good thing too about praying for workers is getting appointed. When we ask God to send out someone, he understands that to mean we are volunteering our services if they fit his plan. They may not fit the way we want them to but it certainly doesn't hurt to ask. Jesus therefore concluded his instruction by granting the power his people would need.

Brothers, pray for everyone (I Timothy 2:1-4)

One of Paul's assets was a concern for others. He knew what it was like to be free and in jail. He knew what it

was like being honored and dishonored by men.

"The man who prays will also be released by God from many of the diseases of tension. For God takes from him the care and the concern for the morrow and gives him instead the poise and the peace of the man who looks to the last day—that day when God will celebrate his triumph, and everything that for us shortsighted people is now blown up into such disproportionate pseudo-importance will be reduced to its relative place" (Helmut Thielicke).

Four vivid words were used by Paul to describe the meaning of prayer. (1) Supplications—prayers of petition or asking, with emphasis on personal needs. (2) Prayers—appeals to God for what God alone can give . . . the forgiveness God alone can offer; the strength God alone can furnish; the assurance God alone can provide. (3) Intercessions—confidence to approach God or call on him to intervene in matters pertaining to others, even rulers. (4) Giving of thanks—a sense of thankfulness for the privilege of knowing and living within the care of the Lord.

But what do you get from praying? Here again Paul lists two things. (1) Tranquility—facing the world and not being afraid of it because God is with us. (2) Knowledge of the truth—a personal experience of salvation with Jesus Christ. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." This statement represents the true equator of humanity. On one side are those who believe and on the other side are those who don't.

Conclusion

"One thing is sure: our prayers are heard above. But are there petitioners here below? That is the problem, not whether our prayers are heard, but whether there are any who pray" (Helmut Thielicke).

We can answer only for ourselves.

What price discipleship

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Mark 10:17-31

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The enthusiastic question of the youthful ruler gave rise to a dialogue between him and Jesus regarding the costs of discipleship. This discussion generated further dialogue with his disciples regarding the handicap of wealth, which discussion in turn led to more discussions with Peter concerning the rewards of dedication.

The cost of discipleship (17-22)

Mark was impressed with the zeal of the young man who burst into the presence of Jesus with a pre-fabricated question, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Mark could have noted the contrast between his own record of discipleship and that of this youth. Mark started cautiously, and perhaps the most enthusiastic effort he ever made was in running away from danger (Mark 14:51). He fouled up his first big assignment (Acts 18:18), but through persistent effort finally achieved the privilege of writing the first Gospel.

By contrast, the enthusiastic youth rushed in with confidence and zeal but limped away in defeat and sorrow. Read in any language, it's a sad, sad story.

1. He came with good qualities. He possessed the strength and vigor of youth, the assurance and conscious power that wealth and position bring, and with all that was morally upright and openly religious.

2. He came with two faulty assumptions. In addressing Jesus as "Good Master," he recognized him as a great religious teacher but failed to acknowledge him as divine. Jesus challenged him on that point with a reminder that true goodness is to be found in God alone. Also, the young ruler assumed that eternal life was to be earned by good deeds (see Matt. 19:16). Whatever terms the teacher might lay down, the young ruler felt that he was quite capable of meeting them; and, at the moment, thought that he was fully prepared to do so.

3. Jesus reviewed the Commandments with him. Only the last six of the Ten Commandments, the social laws, were quoted; because it was in these areas that the problem of the wealthy visitor was concentrated.

There are no evidences that the man

was not what he claimed to be—a morally upright religious man. Perhaps, he had not bothered to look deeply into the Commandments to uncover their moral implications, but he thought that he had lived by them from childhood. The tenth law in particular contained implications which he had not bothered to think through. In Mark's account it is rendered "Defraud not," but in Matthew's record it is replaced by "you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 19:19).

4. Jesus loved the rich man. Mark does not tell how he came to know the inner affection which Jesus felt toward his visitor, but perhaps there was some gesture or word from the Lord. The love was outgoing and benevolent, a deliberate and divine affection for a person of great potential.

5. The young man was a materialist. He set supreme value on wealth, even more than on his own soul. It was for that reason that Jesus had concentrated his discussion on the subject of covetousness, and it was for that reason that he gave the instruction to sell his property and give the proceeds to the poor.

Two observations need to be drawn at this point: (a) the directive to part with wealth is not a universal condition of salvation for rich men, and (b) poor people can be materialists just as readily as wealthy people. Materialism is a matter of the heart's disposition. The fact that a man is a materialist does not guarantee that he will accumulate wealth: he might very well love money which he doesn't have in about the same way that an adulterous minded man might covet another woman who is not his.

6. Jesus told him to sell, give, and follow. In the case of the young man, supreme value was placed on wealth; and Jesus saw that he would have to choose between his wealth and his soul: it was for that reason that he drew up the issues so sharply. Salvation comes to a person when he looks in faith to God as of supreme worth and decides to identify with him.

7. The rich man made a poor decision. He rejected the offer and went

away. The artist who captures that scene on canvas will have portrayed the saddest scene imaginable. The wealthy and youthful ruler had much that he might have offered but little that he was willing to share.

Even so, the sad scene is made more sad by a tiny ray of hope that all might turn out right in the end. He went away thinking, and he went away miserable. As one finishes the story, he keeps hoping the departing figure of dejection may reverse himself and come back; but the scene is closed until eternity with the victim of a wrong decision moving in the wrong direction carrying with him a wrong set of values.

The handicap of wealth (23-27)

If the disciples were surprised at Jesus' command to the ruler to give up his wealth, their surprise turned to amazement and finally into utter astonishment at his comments on the case. (1) Jesus said that wealth was a handicap for those who sought entrance into the kingdom of God. (2) The disciples were amazed at the statement. (3) He said that it was difficult for any man to enter into the kingdom, but a rich man would have more difficulty than a camel would have in passing through the eye of a needle. (4) They were astonished even more and wondered if anyone could be saved. (5) Jesus said that with God all things are possible.

Despite all efforts to explain away the camel text, it stands as a measure of man's impossible task of gaining entrance into the kingdom by his own power, as the young ruler had thought to do. But God does for us the things which we cannot do for ourselves. The only reason why wealth is a handicap is that men are apt to "trust in riches" to supply all their needs, even spiritual needs.

The rewards of surrender (28-31)

Peter caught on fast and reacted in characteristic fashion. In a not-too-subtle suggestion, he reminded the Lord that he and his disciples had done what the young ruler could not bring himself to do—leave all and follow him. Jesus said that the rewards for such consecration were great.

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First	394	140	1
Jesse Turner Mission Chapel	19	30	
Vandervoort First	62	26	
Walnut Ridge, First	268	132	1
Warren			
First	417	140	
Southside Mission	80	65	3
Westside	74	35	
West Fork	98	37	
West Memphis, Calvary	284	184	2

Diplomat

"To what do you owe your extraordinary success as a house-to-house salesman?" asked a friend.

"To the first five words I utter when a woman opens the door," answered the salesman. "Miss, is your mother in?"

Finality

The troops were being taught how to jump out of the plane.

"What if my parachute doesn't open?" asked one.

"That," answered the instructor, "is known as jumping to a conclusion."

Forethought

"Pardon me, sir," said the stranger, "but does this train stop at 15th avenue? I want to get off there."

Answered the commuter: "Yes, it does. Watch me and get off one stop before I do."

History lesson

A little boy, just back from Sunday School, asked his father if Noah had a wife.

"All the time, questions, questions, questions," replied the father. "Of course he had a wife and her name was Joan of Arc!"

Until?

The church usher was instructing its youthful successor in the details of his office. "And remember, my boy, that we have nothing but good, kind Christians in this church—until you try to put someone else in their pew."

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Founding fathers were much less than perfect

NEW YORK — Americans who view their predecessors of the eighteenth century as men of extraordinary piety, faithful in church attendance, orthodox in doctrine, and exemplary in private morality are suffering from historical amnesia.

That's the opinion of Louis Cassels, writing in the February 1969 *Christian Herald*.

Such beliefs, he writes, are dangerous because they "provide . . . a subtle excuse for not tackling our problems as vigorously as they tackled theirs. Also, we encourage the false, foolish, and perhaps blasphemous idea that God was more deeply involved in our national history two hundred years ago than he is now," writes UPI's religion editor.

Among the jolting facts presented is the report of the itinerating Anglican Missioner Charles Woodmason throughout the Carolinas in the 18th century who couldn't find "one religious person among this great multitude."

Cassels says America's first bourbon whiskey distillery was built in Kentucky in 1789 by the Rev. Elijah Stone, a Baptist preacher, and the 1810 temperance movement was a direct outgrowth of the scandal caused by ministers showing up in the pulpit in an intoxicated state.

Actually, says Cassels, quoting historian Carl N. Degler, "church attendance probably touched the lowest point it has ever reached in American history" in the 1800's.—(EP)

ABC shows net gain of 17,656 in 1967

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.—The 6,006 American Baptist churches served by 5,402 pastors showed an increase of 17,656 in membership during 1967.

The figures are based upon the annual reports from local churches. Actual figures reported were used for the analysis which does not include estimates where churches failed to give information.

The analysis of church statistics, made by Dr. Pearl Rosser, executive director, division of program planning, American Baptist Convention, states that church membership totals 1,474,181.—(EP)

Arkansas bill would commend President

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—The Democrat-dominated House of the Arkansas Legislature has been asked to pass a resolution commending President Richard Nixon for demonstrating his "great awareness of, and concern for, the spiritual values of life."

Rep. M. B. Murphy of Hamburg introduced a House bill which stated "that the Arkansas General Assembly hereby commend President Richard Nixon for his demonstrated recognition of, and his emphasis upon the spiritual values of life in guiding his decisions as President and in lending guidance to this great nation in facing the enormous problem of our current era."—(EP)



BAPTIST leaders from 10 Latin-American countries attended the first leaders' conference of the Latin-American Baptist Women's Union, held Feb. 3-8 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Mrs. Olivia de Lerin of Mexico (front row, center) was conference director. Miss Ann Swenson (second row, right) of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex., helped to plan the meeting. (Photo by Roberta E. Hampton)

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