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## Personally speaking



### Our birthmark

When U. S. Army Chaplain Robert E. Maples—now in Vietnam—was taking his physical examination for military induction, a doctor asked him: "Do you have any large moles, birthmarks, missing fingers, tatoos, or other distinguishing features which might be used for identification purposes?"

As the Chaplain meditated on this later, he recalled that Jesus was concerned that his disciples have a way of identifying themselves as his before the world.

Wrote Chaplain Maples:

"This unusual mark of identification was to be known as love—a peculiar love, a new love, an understanding love, a distinguishing love and a continuing love for one another. Jesus said, 'The world will identify you as one of mine by the way you perpetually love each other.'"

In the early days of Christianity, people looked upon Christians being martyred and said, "Behold, how they love one another!" Too often now they look at professing Christians and say, "See how they tear each other apart!"

The words of Jesus: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35), constitute a strong, positive statement. But the negative implication should not be lost on us,

We put such strong emphasis on the formalities of our religion that it is rather shocking to face up to the fact that when Jesus was indicating the distinguishing mark for the Christian he did not make it praying, or attending church, or reading our Bibles, or tithing, or singing in the choir—but loving!

Though we be pillars in the church, "speak with the tongues of men and of angels," "have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge" and though we "have all

faith," so that we can move mountains, and though we give away everything we have and even give our bodies "to be burned"—if we do all of this and have not love, it profits us nothing and we become as empty as "sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

The birthmark of every Christian is love.

*Erwin L. McDonald*

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## 'The greatest'

Religion at its best is a lift, and not a load. This has been demonstrated again in the Greater Little Rock area by the personal evangelism institute which stacked people in for three straight nights last week at Park Hill Church, North Little Rock. (For more details, see news story in this issue.)

Pastors and other leaders from the 24 churches of North Pulaski Association working together in the Crusade of the Americas were able to get out an attendance of more than 1200 for the first night. But after that, the people came back because of what happened on the opening night.

The truth of the matter is that it is a thrilling experience to tell about, or to hear others tell

about, "the greatest thing that ever happened in my life—getting to know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior." And this was the center of the program every night, along with a rapid-fire study of the New Testament principles of personal witnessing.

Those who were fortunate enough to be in the services will be talking about the experience for a long time to come. But what is even more important, they are now going out into their respective communities to tell "Mr. Outsider" what Christ has done for them.

And this is just a foretaste of the wonderful experiences that are in store April 13-20, when the North Pulaski Association churches, along with so many other churches throughout the Western Hemisphere, will be engaged in special evangelistic meetings.

## True greatness

True greatness, like pure gold, is "where you find it."

As this week's cover story reveals, one of Ar-

kansas' great persons is John Gammon Jr., Negro Methodist lay leader-planter-philanthropist of Eastern Arkansas.

In a day that hears much about Black Power and white discrimination, this humble man demonstrates by his daily walk that the way to good race relations is the way of genuine compassion for one's fellowman.

## Phelps and OBU

The resignation of Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr. as president of Ouachita Baptist University closes officially a remarkable chapter of Arkansas Baptist history.

It is an interesting coincidence that the man who came to the presidency of Ouachita as one of the youngest college presidents in the nation should now be stepping down, at age 47, as perhaps the youngest university president emeritus in the country.

The remarkable growth Arkansas' senior Baptist college—now a university—has seen in the 16 years of the Phelps administration is little short of phenomenal. Highlights of the achievements include: a tripling of the student enrollment; expansion of the academic program of the institution to change to university status; a doubling of endowment funds; building of a new athletic

plant and erection of 15 new buildings; acquisition of a faculty housing area; and an increase in assets from \$1.8 million to \$8.4 million.

A five-talent man, Dr. Phelps' leadership has been felt in the affairs of Arkansas as he has preached widely in the churches of the state and as he has taken the lead in the interest of civic and moral betterment. He has excelled also as teacher and as writer. No doubt there will be many opportunities opening to him for his services in the years ahead.

The task which now falls upon the Ouachita board of trustees to find Dr. Phelps' successor is a major one indeed. Somewhere in God's providence there is one who can step into the vacancy and form a new and challenging administration for Ouachita's even greater tomorrow.

FORTUNATELY the prayers we pray for one another in anger are directed to an all-wise, righteous, and merciful God.—ELM

## Asks views on doctrine of election

I am a Sunday School teacher at North Bristol Baptist Church, Bristol, Va., and would like to hear some preachers state their views on election, one of the most important doctrine of the entire Bible.—W. B. Clark, 301 Randolph Street, Bristol, Va. 24201

**REPLY:** As a start, let us refer you to Herschel H. Hobbs' book, *What Baptists Believe*, published by Broadman Press and available through the Baptist Book Stores.

In brief, Dr. Hobbs states:

"'Election' or 'predestination' does not mean that God acts out of his own will to the neglect of man's will. Nor does it refer to the salvation of a few or the election of individuals. It is no excuse for fatalism. Election is not mechanical. It involves a God who is love and a man who is morally responsible. It never appears in the Bible as a violation of human will. . . .

"When reduced to its simplest elements election is twofold. First, God elected a plan of salvation which he accomplished in Christ. Man may either reject this plan or accept it. Romans

8:29-30 means that an omniscient God knew beforehand who would reject or accept his salvation. But his foreknowledge does not make him responsible for man's choice. . . .

"Second, God elected a people to make known his elected plan of salvation (cf. Gen. 12:2-3; Ex. 19:5-6; Matt. 21:33-41; 1 Pet. 2:4-10). Salvation is not merely a privilege to be enjoyed. It is a gospel to be shared. To refuse to do so does not deprive a Christian of his salvation, but he loses the privilege of being used in God's glorious, redemptive purpose."—ELM

## 'One pastor's thoughts'

As a reaction to "One Pastor's Thoughts"—some incongruities have been presented.

Since the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention serves at the will and pleasure of the Executive Board of that Convention, it would not appear desirable to delegate screening-activities to people not in the composition of the Executive Board. While it might be desirable to include WMU, BSU, and Young-People-Representative on the Board, they have not been so selected

to date, and consequently the Executive Board seems proper in omitting those voices in this instance.

Since the churches are autonomous, the theological position of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer should be of the same degree of importance as his blood-type, eye-color, and whether he is a bass, or tenor singer.

As a practical matter, we have not been able to accord denominational employees this freedom. We might solve this problem by finding an "executive" instead of our practices of finding a

person trained in the arts and skills of pastoral counselling.

With a lay-Executive Secretary-Treasurer, we could snap our gulluses and say "He is a leetle bit unorthodox, but he sure does execute good."

The comment that a layman executive secretary-treasurer would not include understanding for the problems and perplexities of the pastorate sounds like counselling for pastors may be needed; if the need exists, the area of responsibility could be spelled out and a properly qualified person assigned to the task. I question whether such specialized skills can appropriately be included as pre-requisites for the executive secretary-treasurer.—Nelson B. Eubanks, Rt. 7, Box 880, Pine Bluff, Ark.

## 'Whiskey at the wheel'

I have been asked by Broadman Press to write a book on a subject of growing concern—the drinking and drunken driver. To my knowledge, a book has not been written on this problem. The title will be "Whiskey at the Wheel." Publication date is Jan. 1, 1970.

Leaders at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville where the book will be printed feel that the liquor industry is most vulnerable at this point. The National Safety Council and the U. S. Department of Transportation support

this conclusion with the gruesome statistic that at least half of all highway fatalities (55,000 in 1968) are alcohol-related. Some states believe that this figure is too conservative.

In the hope that this book will be as strong and convincing as possible, I would appreciate you and your readers sending me material, information, clippings, etc., that might be appropriate for such a book. Especially would I like accounts of personal experiences that your readers have had. Names could be included or withheld, depending on the readers' preference.

I am particularly anxious to know what is being done in your state to reduce this terrible loss of human life. It may be that your state has used some unusual approach very effectively. If so, I certainly would like to get details.

I will be indebted to you if you will give your readers an opportunity to become a part of this project. I am hopeful they will respond in a manner that will give the book more impact. The challenge is to shock drinkers and non-drinkers alike out of their apathy toward this national problem. Mail will reach me at the address below. Thank you so much for your help.—Marse Grant, Editor, *Biblical Recorder*, Raleigh, N. C. 27603

## Clarendon kudos

The March 6 issue has your comments about beginning your thirteenth year as editor of our paper.

Superstition to the contrary, I wish you a wonderful year and I believe it

will be, because your courageous, level-headed leadership, spiced with a sense of humor and empowered by Christian love for friend and foe cannot help but produce progress in the cause of Christ.

You thank us and our Lord for your assignment. I thank you and our Lord

for you and His guidance of you in your challenging and influential task.

Our prayers are hereby pledged to you and the paper's staff.

Congratulations on your anniversary and God bless you all.—J. E. (Ted) Gibson, Clarendon, Ark.

## Moravian baptism

I am a Methodist but I have a good Baptist friend who gives me her Arkansas Baptist. I read in there [our issue of March, 6] where you visited Winston & Salem, N. C., and were talking about the Moravian Church. I belonged to the Moravian Church for over 15 years and they don't sprinkle. They

pour water on the head three times—for the Father, for the Son, and for the Holy Ghost. I had three children christened there and I know.—Mrs. Ruby Lester, Rt. 3, Gillham, Ark. 71841

**REPLY:** Thanks, Mrs. Lester, for this correction. I had read in the Encyclopedia Britannica that the Moravians do not immerse for baptism and jumped to the erroneous conclusion that they sprinkle.—ELM

## 'Military chaplaincy is a profession'

As a Lt. Comm. in the Chaplain's Corps, United States Navy Reserve, I appreciate the recent article in the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine explaining the work of the Military Chaplain. Finally Baptists are realizing that this is a profession and a calling from God and is not "an escape from the par-torate."

Having served on active duty in the United States Navy, I feel that I am a better pastor and have a bigger understanding of the needs of my people as they are largely personnel and families attached to the Little Rock Air Force Base. I would not trade my travel experiences and my preaching opportunities overseas for "all the tea in China."—Jeff P. Cheatham Jr., Pastor First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Ark.

## Baptist beliefs

# The Feast of the Passover

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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

"Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover"  
—Luke 22:1

With these words Luke introduces the climactic events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. For the benefit of his Gentile readers he identifies the feast of unleavened bread as the Passover. It commemorated God's deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage (Ex. 12). It was the principal feast of the Jews, a time when Jesus' contemporaries expected another great deliverance from God. The deliverance from a greater bondage, from sin, came. But, alas, most of them failed to recognize it.

It was fitting that in God's plan Jesus should die during this season. Not only because he fulfilled the slaying of the passover lamb. But because of the concentration of Jews in Jerusalem at this season. Every adult male Jew living within twenty miles of Jerusalem was required to attend this feast. Regardless of where he lived, even outside Palestine, every Jew, hoped at least once in his lifetime to attend this feast.

Thirty years after this particular Passover a Roman governor took a census of the lambs slain at such a feast. The number was 250,000. Since one lamb was necessary for every ten people, this meant that two and one-half million Jews were present.

It was to such a group that Jesus presented himself in his royal entry into Jerusalem, only to be rejected. It was in such an atmosphere that he was nailed to a cross. These sad events involved Jews from Palestine and without. So in a very real sense world Jewry was involved—along with the Romans or Gentiles.

The Christians regarded Jesus' death as the fulfilment of the Hebrew Passover. As indeed it was. Paul said, "Purge out therefore the old leaven [of evil,] that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us" (I Cor. 5:7).

As Israel through the passover lamb was delivered from political bondage, so through Christ, our passover, may we be delivered from spiritual bondage. Only in Christ may one be truly free.

## At our doors

I see where many churches are building. How good it is to see God's work going forward. But I also see many old country church buildings with doors and windows falling out. I wonder about Baptist people who live next door to a small church and on Sunday morning drive 30 miles to a larger church. What a shame, when they could do so much for the Lord in their own neighborhood!

Has the time come when we Christians can not worship God wherever we are?  
—O. C. Puckett, Pastor, Tilton Baptist Church, Tilton, Ark.

## Arkansas chaplains

I was interested in the article by Dr. T. B. Maston and the accompanying pictures on pages 16 and 17 of the 20 February issue of the Arkansas Baptist.

I thought you and the readers might be interested to know that the Chaplain in the "jump uniform" is Chaplain Ivin N. Marks, an Arkansan. Chaplain Marks is stationed here at Ft. Meade. He is one of the three Arkansas Southern Baptist Chaplains here—Chaplain Marks, Chaplain Paul N. Mitchell, and myself. We are all three alumni of Ouachita.—Kenneth G. Robertson, Chaplain (CPT), USA, 15th Street Chapel, Ft. George, G. Meade, Md.

## Arkansas all over—

### Fourteen make A's at Ouachita University

Fourteen students at Ouachita University have compiled a 4.0, straight A, grade-point average and are listed on the fall semester's President's List, according to Laurie Rodgers, registrar.

Eighty-eight students have been named to the Dean's List by earning at least a 3.5 grade point.

Those named to the President's List are:

Freshmen: Rex Babcock, Chanute, Kan.; Jeannette Dawson, Ola; Monte J. Hollowell, Helena; John Holston, Texarkana.

Sophomores: Betsy L. Meador, Fordyce.

Juniors: Deborah Mashburn, Bay Minette, Ala.; William Merrell, Benton; Roger Schoeniger, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Seniors: Cloene Biggs, Booneville; Mark Coppenger, Arkadelphia; Rebecca Henry, Ellisville, Mr.; Carol Kimbrough, Arkadelphia; James McCarty, Arkadelphia; Mary McWorter, Bearden.

# Dr. Phelps resigns at OBU; considers other connections

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., 47, president of Ouachita University since 1953, resigned Thursday of last week as president and was named president emeritus. The resignation becomes effective Aug. 31, which is the end of the present contract year.

The announcement was made by Jer- al Hampton of Booneville, president of the University's board of trustees.

Hampton said Dr. Phelps had written Marvin Green, then chairman of the Board, last Oct. 15 saying that he did not plan to serve as president beyond the present contract year. Hampton said Dr. Phelps had written him to the same effect Jan. 13. Announcement of the resignation was withheld until noon Thursday when faculty appointments for 1969-70 were made.

Dr. Phelps resigned as president of OBU in September 1961 to become president of Houston Baptist College at Houston, Tex., but later withdrew the resignation.

On Sept. 1, 1967, Dr. Phelps took a year's leave of absence from OBU to become regional director of the Office of Economic Opportunity's Southeast Regional Office at Atlanta, Ga. He left after six months, however, saying that he was disappointed with the federal poverty war.

Last November, at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Dr. Phelps hinted that he might leave OBU.

At that time, he said it was probably his last appearance before the Convention after making a speech critical of some Baptists.

"There exists a sort of super board which is the church body as a whole, some of whom are positive in their views but have never actually set foot on the campuses they criticize," he said in the speech to the Convention.

In making the announcement of Dr. Phelps' resignation, Hampton noted that "in many areas, Ouachita has made more progress during his administration than during the first 67 years of the school's history before he came."

Dr. Phelps said he would announce his plans shortly. He said he had several offers in business and higher education.

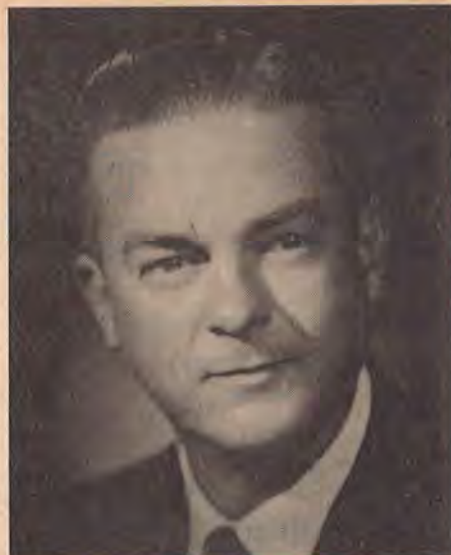
In 1966, it was rumored that Dr. Phelps might run for governor. He later said he might seek the Fourth District House seat and that friends had urged him to run against Senator John L. McClellan. He did not seek either post.

He led a successful state-wide fight against the legalization of casino gambling in 1964. In 1968, Dr. Phelps was a member of the Constitutional Revision Study Commission.

Only one OBU president, Dr. J. W. Conger, founder of the school, served longer than Dr. Phelps as president of the 84-year-old Baptist institution.

Under Dr. Phelps' administration, Ouachita reached university status and saw the student body triple and endowment funds double. A new athletic plant, 15 new buildings and a faculty housing area were added to the campus.

With Dr. Phelps as president, assets of the school increased from \$1.8 million to \$8.4 million.



DR. PHELPS

Born at Dallas, Tex., Dr. Phelps is a graduate of Baylor University at Waco, Tex., where he received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. He received his master of theology and doctor of theology degrees at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Dr. Phelps served as pastor of two Texas churches and as an associate professor of social ethics at Southwestern Seminary before coming to OBU.

He is the author of two books, *Tangled Threads*, published in 1952, and *Blueprint for Tomorrow*, published in 1955.

The Board also announced that it had accepted the resignation of Dr. Henry Lindsey, vice president for academics since 1964, who has taken a teaching position at Mississippi State College for Women.

The Board voted to name the school's newest residence hall Daniel Memorial Dormitory in memory of the late E. W. Daniel of North Little Rock, a Baptist layman.

## Springdale First honors pastor

First Church, Springdale, honored Burton A. Miley on his sixteenth anniversary as pastor Sunday, Mar. 2. Deacons led in the surprise observance, as Pastor Miley was presented a boutonniere and Mrs. Miley an orchid corsage, during the morning worship service, while Bill Ussery, deacons chairman, expressed appreciation to the pastor. An engraved pocket watch was given Mr.



Mr. MILEY

Miley by the church at a reception held following the evening worship. A short program of entertainment was provided by the "New Creations" choir from University Church, Fayetteville.

During Miley's 16 years as pastor, the church has received 885 members by letter and baptized 465.

Elmdale, now a self-supporting church, was begun as a mission in 1960, and First Church has secured additional mission property for future use.

The budget of the church has increased more than two and one-half times.

The church has built or completely remodeled all its facilities and now has debt-free buildings worth \$600,000.

Miley toured Europe and the Holy

Land in 1962 and traveled around the world in 1963.

He was awarded the Distinguished Baptist Minister Citation by Southern Baptist College in 1964.

He has served on several committees and boards in the State Convention and is presently a trustee at Southern Baptist College.

## Evangelistic singer available to churches

Tom Verner, Clovis, N. M., has entered full-time evangelistic singing.

A member of Parkland Church, Clovis, he may be reached at Box 126, Clovis, New Mexico 88101; or, by telephone area code 505-762-4657.

## Concert scheduled at Reynolds Memorial

The Spurrflows, a group of musicians directed by Thurlow Spurr, will present a concert at Reynolds Memorial Church, 7111 Fourche Dám Pike, Little Rock, on Mar. 24 at 7 p.m., Aaron M. Carter, pastor, has announced.

The program will feature an a capella chorus, a brass choir, a men's glee club, and vocal and instrumental quartets, trios, duos and solos, Mr. Carter said.

The program will be open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken.

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In addition, Frances Scott received a \$300 scholarship at Inspiration Point Opera Workshop in Eureka Springs for this summer. All three were to compete in district auditions Mar. 15 in Conway.

Kansas and Missouri are included in the district.

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Lake Nixon Day Camp, operated by Second Church, Little Rock, is now accepting applications for a day care program for children who have completed the first through the sixth grades.

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Dr. Sneed, Mr. Gennings, Mr. Wyatt, Dr. Washburn, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Hunt.

## Independence Association first in Southern Baptist Convention

Independence Association, composed of 19 churches and one mission, has the distinction of being the first in the Southern Baptist Convention to reach the merit recognition of the denomination's Sunday School Achievement Guide.

The Achievement Guide is used by Associational Sunday School officers in planning, conducting and evaluating the associational Sunday School Program. In order to receive Merit Recognition, the organization must complete 15 of the 28 suggested actions. These actions include: associational officers' studying organizational books; planning and promotion of projects; providing assistance to local Sunday School organizations; conducting a calendar planning meeting; preparing proper records and reports of all activities. When the required number of actions have

been completed, request for recognition is made through the state Sunday School department.

Dr. A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, recently presented the certificate to Ralph Wyatt, Association Sunday School Superintendent.

Others present for the presentation included Dr. J. Everett Sneed, Independence Association superintendent of missions; Ben Gennings, who served as Sunday School superintendent in 1955, the first to achieve the Standard of Excellence; Don Cooper, associate Sunday School secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and Russell Hunt, area Sunday School consultant, moderator of the Association and pastor of First Church, Batesville.

Registration formally opened March 10. Bill Lively, director of children's work at Second Church, anticipates that the limited enrollment will be filled by the middle of April.

This is the second year that a program for children of working parents has been offered by the church. One experimental class for first, second and third-grade children was opened for the summer of 1968 and was filled before school was out.

The program this year will be under the direction of Mr. Lively. He will be assisted by Ed Bullington, program director, and Judy Coffman, assistant program director, school teachers in Little Rock. Counselors will be assigned on a ratio of one for each ten children. College students will serve as senior counselors.

## Bulletin

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has received \$11,730,175.45 from the 1968 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (as of March 13), reports Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the Board. This is \$406,034.75 more than had been received as of approximately the same date last year. Books on the 1968 offering remain open until May 1.





# Encounter Crusade strikes fire in North Pulaski Association



*Overflow crowd at Encounter Crusade, Park Hill, North Little Rock*

Baptists of the North Pulaski Association filled Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, to overflowing for a three-night personal evangelism institute last week.

Attendance totaled more than 1,200 each night, Monday through Wednesday, as New Testament principles of personal witnessing were stressed in an "Encounter Crusade" preparation for the current Crusade of the Americas.

Twenty-four of the 34 churches of the association will be engaged in evangelistic meetings the week of Apr. 13-20.

For two hours each night, Bailey Stone, pastor of First Church, McKinney, Tex., and Leroy Meyer, pastor of Park Memorial Church, Houston, Tex., taught New Testament principles of witnessing. The theme Monday night was "Sowing"; for Tuesday night, "Cultivating"; and for Wednesday night, "Harvesting."

and Apr. 11 at Jacksonville Red Devil Stadium.

Dr. David Ray, pastor of First Church, Lubbock, Tex., will be the evangelist for the rallies.

Mar. 31-Apr. 4 will be observed as "Prayer Lift Week," featuring a 30-minute broadcast over Radio Station KARK from 7:30 to 8 p.m. each day. On the first night, families are being encouraged to be together in their in-

"Encounter" is a basic plan for the involvement of laymen in personal witnessing. Each night of the institute, the people in attendance prepared one-minute testimonies which began with "Let me tell you the greatest thing that ever happened in my life. . ." Time was provided for the people to practice giving their testimonies to one another.

This personal testimony will be used in a giant literature distribution effort from now through Mar. 31. A total of 10,000 specially prepared copies of the Gospel of John will be handed to "Mr. Outsiders"—persons who are not Christians or who do not have their own personal testimonies to give regarding their experiences with Christ. (Names and addresses of 15,000 such persons were tabulated in a recent telephone survey made by 800 volunteer workers from North Pulaski Association churches.)

Two giant "Harvest Rallies" for Mr. Outsider will be conducted Apr. 10, at North Little Rock Wildcat Stadium,



MR. STONE



MR. MEYER

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Dr. Sneed, Mr. Gennings, Mr. Wyatt, Dr. Washburn, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Hunt.

## Independence Association first in Southern Baptist Convention

Independence Association, composed of 19 churches and one mission, has the distinction of being the first in the Southern Baptist Convention to reach the merit recognition of the denomination's Sunday School Achievement Guide.

The Achievement Guide is used by Associational Sunday School officers in planning, conducting and evaluating the associational Sunday School Program. In order to receive Merit Recognition, the organization must complete 15 of the 28 suggested actions. These actions include: associational officers' studying organizational books; planning and promotion of projects; providing assistance to local Sunday School organizations; conducting a calendar planning meeting; preparing proper records and reports of all activities. When the required number of actions have

been completed, request for recognition is made through the state Sunday School department.

Dr. A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, recently presented the certificate to Ralph Wyatt, Association Sunday School Superintendent.

Others present for the presentation included Dr. J. Everett Sneed, Independence Association superintendent of missions; Ben Gennings, who served as Sunday School superintendent in 1955, the first to achieve the Standard of Excellence; Don Cooper, associate Sunday School secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and Russell Hunt, area Sunday School consultant, moderator of the Association and pastor of First Church, Batesville.

Registration formally opened March 10. Bill Lively, director of children's work at Second Church, anticipates that the limited enrollment will be filled by the middle of April.

This is the second year that a program for children of working parents has been offered by the church. One experimental class for first, second and third-grade children was opened for the summer of 1968 and was filled before school was out.

The program this year will be under the direction of Mr. Lively. He will be assisted by Ed Bullington, program director, and Judy Coffman, assistant program director, school teachers in Little Rock. Counselors will be assigned on a ratio of one for each ten children. College students will serve as senior counselors.

## Bulletin

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has received \$11,730,175.45 from the 1968 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (as of March 13), reports Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the Board. This is \$406,034.75 more than had been received as of approximately the same date last year. Books on the 1968 offering remain open until May 1.



# Encounter Crusade strikes fire in North Pulaski Association



*Overflow crowd at Encounter Crusade, Park Hill, North Little Rock*

Baptists of the North Pulaski Association filled Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, to overflowing for a three-night personal evangelism institute last week.

Attendance totaled more than 1,200 each night, Monday through Wednesday, as New Testament principles of personal witnessing were stressed in an "Encounter Crusade" preparation for the current Crusade of the Americas.

Twenty-four of the 34 churches of the association will be engaged in evangelistic meetings the week of Apr. 13-20.

For two hours each night, Bailey Stone, pastor of First Church, McKinney, Tex., and Leroy Meyer, pastor of Park Memorial Church, Houston, Tex., taught New Testament principles of witnessing. The theme Monday night was "Sowing"; for Tuesday night, "Cultivating"; and for Wednesday night, "Harvesting."

"Encounter" is a basic plan for the involvement of laymen in personal witnessing. Each night of the institute, the people in attendance prepared one-minute testimonies which began with "Let me tell you the greatest thing that ever happened in my life. . ." Time was provided for the people to practice giving their testimonies to one another.

This personal testimony will be used in a giant literature distribution effort from now through Mar. 31. A total of 10,000 specially prepared copies of the Gospel of John will be handed to "Mr. Outsiders"—persons who are not Christians or who do not have their own personal testimonies to give regarding their experiences with Christ. (Names and addresses of 15,000 such persons were tabulated in a recent telephone survey made by 800 volunteer workers from North Pulaski Association churches.)

Two giant "Harvest Rallies" for Mr. Outsider will be conducted Apr. 10, at North Little Rock Wildcat Stadium,

and Apr. 11 at Jacksonville Red Devil Stadium.

Dr. David Ray, pastor of First Church, Lubbock, Tex., will be the evangelist for the rallies.

Mar. 31-Apr. 4 will be observed as "Prayer Lift Week," featuring a 30-minute broadcast over Radio Station KARK from 7:30 to 8 p.m. each day. On the first night, families are being encouraged to be together in their in-



MR. STONE



MR. MEYER

# Organization of the Baptist Tract Society

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

dividual homes. On Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights, there will be small prayer groups meeting in hundreds of homes. The goal is to have meetings simultaneously in 900 homes. On Wednesday night, prayer services will be held in the various churches.

Jerre Hassell, a chaplain at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center and a former pastor at Central Church, North Little Rock, is moderator of the association and general chairman of Encounter Crusade.

The North Pulaski Association is one of the newer associations of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, having been formed in 1961. It has engaged in an active program of missions from the beginning, but has never had an associational missionary.

Leaders of the association report that Crusade Encounter is the greatest thing that has happened for the churches involved.

## "New Creations" on tour of Arkansas

"The New Creations" is a singing group composed of thirty-eight young college students from all over the state of Arkansas, and other parts of the United States, who are enrolled in the University of Arkansas, and are members of the University Church, Fayetteville.

Don Wright, minister of music, is director. Student director is Mark Stevenson. Their music has an exciting contemporary sound falling into two categories: moving songs of faith and patriotic and popular selections. Each young person has his or her own story to tell concerning the exciting reality of Jesus Christ in their life.

The group will sing at the following places, Mar. 21-24:

Friday, Mar. 21—1:00 P.M. B.S.U. at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge; 7:00 P.M. Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro.

Saturday, Mar. 22—All day Memphis, Tennessee; 7:00 P.M. First Church, Wynne, Arkansas.

Sunday, Mar. 23—9:30 A.M. Calvary Church, Little Rock; 10:50 A.M. South Highland Church, Little Rock; 6:30 P.M. Park Hill Church, North Little Rock.

Monday, Mar. 24—11:00-1:00 p.m., B.S.U. Arkansas Tech, Russellville; 9:30 A.M. Baptist Building, Little Rock (Tentative); 2:30 P.M. Children's Colony, Conway (Tentative).

The Baptist General Tract Society was initiated by Rev. Noah Davis, Salisbury, Maryland. He had attended Columbian College, Washington, D. C. His college "chum" was James D. Knowles, editor of the Columbian Star, a weekly religious journal.

In February, 1824, Knowles received a letter from Davis urging his help in organizing a Baptist Tract Society in Washington. He said tracts were needed "to scatter in waste places." He recognized they were a plan for great good but little known among Baptists. Mr. Knowles discussed this idea with Baptist George Wood, a next door neighbor to the Columbian office.

On Feb. 21, 1824, a notice appeared in the Star announcing a meeting in the home of Mr. Wood, Wednesday evening, the 20th, 7 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Baptist General Tract Society. The meeting was held, presided over by the President of Columbian College, the Rev. D. Wm. Staughton. Among those officials elected in the organization were: the Rev. Obadiah D. Brown, president, George Wood, agent, and Luther Rice, treasurer.

On Dec. 11, 1824, the Columbian Star accounted for the work of the newly organized tract society. He had printed 19 tracts, amounting to 156 pages, totaling 86,500 copies. It also announced that the society would employ agents as soon as possible to assist in formulating auxiliary societies, to procure subscriptions, and life memberships.

Within the year it was suggested that headquarters for the society should be transferred to Philadelphia to be closer to printing operations. Luther Rice would not consent to the move. His aim was to make Washington a Baptist center of influence. But other problems were arising and there seemed to be no alternative. When the Rev. Noah Davis agreed to take the agency if moved to Philadelphia the officers of the Society meeting in Mr. Woods home made the final decision to do so. The Tract Society later became the American Baptist Publication Society.

\*Lemuel Call Barnes, Mary Clark Barnes, Edward M. Stephenson, *Pioneers of Light*, (Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1924) pp. 16, 18, 23



THE "NEW CREATIONS"—Thirty-eight college students from the University of Arkansas, who are members of University Church, Fayetteville, are touring the state Mar. 21-24.



## Racial understanding is chief Gammon 'crop'

By ERWIN L. McDONALD

For many, having a black skin and living in the South is a hopeless handicap. But this has not been the case for John Gammon Jr., Negro planter-philanthropist and Methodist lay leader of Marion, Crittenden County, Arkansas.

This is not to say that Gammon has not found himself the brunt of racial discrimination. He has, and that frequently in his 64 years. But where the sin of prejudice "did abound" the grace of this man's patience and understanding "did much more abound." Now many who once despised him because of his race value his friendship because of the worth of his character.

Gammon contends—and he can cite personal experience after personal experience to prove his point—that before people can live together on a good-neighbor basis they must know each other. When you get to know people, he insists, you discover that they are all pretty much alike regardless of race or other circumstances. And when you know people, he says, you like them.

To give just one of many of his encounters there was the case of the young woman from Dallas who refused to sit by him on a plane out of Washington even though the seat next to him was the last one on the plane.

The woman threw quite a tantrum protesting loudly that she would not "ride by a Negro." But a patient and unyielding stewardess finally did seat the girl.

Holding onto his poise and biding his time Gammon finally succeeded in engaging his seatmate in conversation. Soon she was telling him her story. She was the daughter of a wealthy Dallas businessman and had been brought up in an exclusive, all-white society. The private schools she had attended, including college, had all been segregated. On top of this, her father had taught her to despise Negroes, lumping them all into the category of moral and intellectual bankrupts.

By the time they parted company, Gammon and the erstwhile Negro hater were good friends. Now Gammon has a standing invitation to visit the lady's

*Left, Mr. Gammon seines catfish from his private lake. Next page, the genial planter-philanthropist heads for a friend's car with a free watermelon.—Photos, including cover, by Dave Darnell, Staff Photographer of The Commercial Appeal, Memphis*

family the next time he is in the Dallas area. "I want Dad to meet you," said the girl. "I want him to see how wrong he has been."

A graduate of Arkansas A. M. and N. College, Pine Bluff, Gammon has been a life-long farmer. On his fertile 500-acre, river bottom farm near Marion he grows rice, cotton, soybeans, watermelons, cattle, and catfish! And he excels in all of these. But his main "crop" is racial understanding and goodwill.

His spacious but unpretentious two-story frame residence is open at all time to friends regardless of race. Through his cooperation with the U. S. State Department he has entertained distinguished visitors from a total of 32 foreign countries.

Gammon is known far and wide as a friend in need. Anyone in trouble finds him with a sympathetic ear and a helping hand. His friends will tell you that "he gives away half of what he makes."

For more than 30 years Gammon has been inviting friends to his house and grounds for an annual fish fry, late in August. And now for the past several years he has held a wild game dinner, in February. At first, not many whites would attend. But now the hundreds turning out for these events are about equally divided between Negroes and whites. And more people from both races desire to attend than can be accommodated.

Guests from many and varied occupations attend the Gammon affairs. At the wild game dinner recently, Mr. Gammon introduced the guests by categories. There were lawyers, physicians, morticians, teachers, merchants, farmers, and many others, including city, county, state and federal officeholders. Attendance exceeded 200, but there was more than enough food for everybody, including barbecued deer, rabbit, 'coon, turkey, goose, and duck—all of it prepared by Gammon himself.

Guest speaker was young Congressman Bill Alexander (Dem., Ark., Dist. 1), who rated the dinner worth making a special trip from Washington to attend.

One of the lighter eaters turned out to be retired Congressman E. C. (Took) Gathings, West Memphis, who had already been to a 'coon dinner at the Crittenden County courthouse earlier in the evening.

Others present included George Purvis, educational director of the State Game and Fish Commission, who presented a film on Arkansas fishing; Lewis (Red) Johnson, president of the Arkansas Farmers Union, Little Rock; Associate Justices John Fogleman and George Rose Smith, of the Arkansas State Supreme Court; Col. W. A. (Lefty) Hawkins, director of Selective Service in Arkansas; J. Orville Cheney, director of Federal Housing for Arkansas; Henry Hudson, with the Veterans Administration, Little Rock; Fred Johnson, director of the Internal

Revenue Service, Little Rock; and many others.

Gammon and his bi-racial feeds seem well on the way to becoming an institution. At the recent wild game dinner, notice was given of plans to establish a non-profit corporation to be known as The John Gammon Foundation, Inc., of Crittenden County, with Gammon and eleven of his friends—seven of them whites—as the incorporators. Purpose of the foundation will be to help people who need help, regardless of their race.

As a member of various government boards and agencies, Mr. Gammon travels widely. But he continues to serve as a steward in the little Methodist church of his home community, where the attendance for the Sunday worship services is usually in the 40's. He frequently fills lay preaching engagements.

Gammon is a strong believer in Christians showing their faith by their works. He has little patience, except on a person-to-person basis, with church people who "talk and pray the New Testament way in the church house and then practice race discrimination where they live."

Like Leigh Hunt's immortal Abou ben Adhem and may his tribe also increase!—Gammon loves his fellowmen. A grandson of Old South slaves, he has probably done more toward providing full human rights for all people regardless of race or status than has anybody else in Arkansas.

People of all races, of all religious faiths, and of all occupations can learn something from John Gammon Jr. on how to apply good neighborliness to the everyday affairs of life.



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## Baptism: 'death, burial, resurrection'

Recently Dr. B. K. Selph, pastor of First Church, Benton, told me of a thrilling experience. He had some people to baptize, so he preached from the baptistry. It was a great blessing to him and his people.

This touched my heart, for when I was a boy one of the most popular things in our part of the state was a Sunday afternoon baptizing. The people gathered on the bank of a beautiful, running mountain stream. The preacher would stand on the bank of the stream and preach a sermon on baptism. He would tell why Jesus was baptized. It was not in order to be saved: He had never been lost. He was the Saviour. It was not because He had been saved: He was the Saviour. He was baptized to show forth His coming death, burial, and resurrection. The preacher, either the pastor or visiting evangelist, would tell why we are baptized: to show we believe in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. We are baptized to show the world we have died to sin, we are burying our old lives and will rise to walk in the newness of life. It shows the world we believe our bodies will die and be buried in the grave and when Jesus comes they will be resurrected. This is prophetic.

When we are baptized in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we show the world we believe in these three. We show the world we have eternal life and this life is in Jesus.

After the sermon the preacher would take the hand of one of the candidates and they would join hands and be led into the water for the baptismal service. After the service they would stand at the water's edge with wraps around them and the people would come by and give them the hand of church fellowship. You see, they were then members of the church. This was a great experience! I still believe in giving the hand of church fellowship after the candidates are baptized.

Bro. Pastor, why not try this during your Crusade revival? Take some pictures of the actions. In years to come someone else can be inspired because of your work.

Some of my greatest thrills comes when I go back and look at some of our baptizings when I was young in the ministry. This helps my present work.

My belief in conviction for sin, repentance from sin, faith in Christ, regeneration, and baptism grows stronger every year of my ministry.

Yours for a great Crusade revival.—Jesse S. Reed Director of Evangelism

## 40 youth choirs in state festival

Sponsored by the Music Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, a total of 40 choirs participated in the Annual State Youth Choir Festival held at Immanuel Church and Gaines Street Church in Little Rock, Mar. 8, with a total attendance of 1,467.

E. Amon Baker, Minister of Music of First Church, Pine Bluff, served as coordinator for the event. The guest director at Immanuel Church was Tom Mills of the University of Missouri, with Mrs. Euel Forrest, Little Rock, as accompanist. At Gaines Street Church, Ray Holcomb of Ouachita Baptist University was the guest director with Mrs. Glenda Aldridge, also of Ouachita Baptist University, as accompanist.

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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday Morning, 9:30 o'clock

Feature: Margaret Fund Student ..... Donna Pike  
 Testimony of Witnessing ..... Mrs. A. I. Bagby  
 Presentation: Mrs. C. C. Frisby, Joan Frisby,  
 Convert of Home Missions  
 Message ..... Alma Hunt  
 Scripture Meditation ..... Mrs. Fred B. Moseley

Tuesday Afternoon, 1:45 o'clock

Testimony of Witnessing ..... Joan Frisby  
 Feature: "Miss Arkansas" ..... Helen Gennings  
 Message ..... Dr. S. A. Whitlow  
 Presentation: Mrs. W. M. Hampton, James Hampton, Gabriel Atanda  
 Scripture Meditation ..... Mrs. Moseley

Tuesday Evening, 7 o'clock

Testimony of Witnessing ..... James Hampton  
 Feature: Migrant Missions ..... Martha McDonald  
 Message ..... Mrs. Bagby  
 Scripture Meditation ..... Mrs. Moseley

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Testimony of Discipleship ..... Mrs. John Abernathy  
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# Southern Baptist Convention

June 10-13

Rivergate Convention Center  
New Orleans, Louisiana



**THE FRENCH MARKET IN NEW ORLEANS:** The arcade at the French Market in New Orleans is an airy walk leading to shops that sell almost everything, from grocery stalls to sidewalk cafes. (BP Photo)



**BUGGY RIDE IN NEW ORLEANS:** A tour of the French Quarter, with its ornate iron grills gracing balconies overlooking the streets, is likely to be a main attraction to messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, June 10-13. (BP Photo)

**NEW ORLEANS** — The 1969 session of the Southern Baptist Convention scheduled here June 10-13 will emphasize both evangelism and social ethics, the committee which planned the convention program has announced.

The proposed agenda for the annual meeting of the 11-million member convention was released by the convention's committee on order of business, headed by Richard Kay, director of the church services division of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, Calif.

Citing an effort to obtain a balanced program for the four-day session, the committee pointed out that the Friday afternoon and Friday evening closing sessions of the convention will feature an evangelistic emphasis being planned and conducted by Convention President W. A. Criswell of Dallas and the SBC Home Mission Board.

The Friday morning session will emphasize "the much discussed area of social ethics and related areas" with both the reports of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, and the SBC Christian Life Commission, in addition to the report of the resolutions committee.

The committee's statement also pointed out that they believed Southern Baptists "should not always just 'hear from ourselves' but should periodically hear from those outside our own convention constituency."

The two "outside" speakers—both Baptists from other conventions—enlisted by the committee were S. M. Lockridge, Negro pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, Calif.; and Culbert Rutenber, president of the American Baptist Convention and professor at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass.

In announcing the two "outside" speakers, the committee said: "There are no hidden meanings or motives, just a desire to be exposed to what is around us so we can more effectively relate in our total work."

The committee on order of business also pointed out that

special emphasis will be made on Wednesday evening to a "Shaping the Seventies Presentation" by the SBC Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood Commission, in an effort to explain and interpret "forthcoming major developments which will relate to all churches."

Committee members said they made a serious attempt this year to begin to rotate the report time of the boards and agencies of the convention, "since some reporting times are more desirable than others."

Other major addresses at the convention will be delivered by Southern Baptist ministers.

The four-day convention will open Tuesday evening, June 10, with the annual convention sermon by Scott L. Tatum, pastor of Broadmoor Church in Shreveport, La., and the annual president's message by Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas.

Other major addresses are slated by John Bob Riddle, pastor of Central Church, Birmingham, and W. R. White, retired president of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

John R. Bisagno, pastor of First Southern Church, Del City, Okla., a suburb of Oklahoma City, will be the speaker at the Friday night evangelistic service. The church where Bisagno is pastor led SBC in the number of baptisms last year.

A total of three hours, 35 minutes is slated for miscellaneous business and election of officers, not including the reports of committees, boards, and agencies. The bylaws require that at least one-third of the time for consideration of all reports before the convention shall be reserved for discussion from the floor.

The committee recommending the agenda was comprised of Kay, chairman; J. William Angell, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Horace Chapman, Columbia, S.C.; J. Norris Palmer, Baton Rouge, La.; Elmer Ruark, Salisbury, Md.; Robert S. Scales, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Criswell. (BP)

**THEME: "Christ in Faith and Work"**

**PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS  
TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 10**

**THEME: "Faith and Work Proclaimed"**

- 6:45 Music for inspiration  
7:00 Call to order  
Music  
Scripture—John S. Farrar, pastor, First Church, Culpepper, Va.  
Invocation — James Gantenbein, pastor, Suburban Heights Church, Klamath Falls, Ore.  
7:10 Report of registration, and constituting of the convention—W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.  
7:15 Committee on order of business—Richard Kay, chairman, director, Church Services Division, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, Calif.  
7:20 Welcome—The Honorable John McKeithen, governor of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, La.  
7:25 Worship  
Music  
Scripture—James M. Baldwin, pastor, First Church, Bartlesville, Okla., and convention sermon alternate  
7:35 Convention Sermon—Scott L. Tatum, pastor, Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, La.  
8:10 Music  
8:15 Announcement of Committee on Committees  
Committee on Resolutions  
Tellers  
8:20 Music  
8:35 President's Message—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Church, Dallas, Tex.  
Benediction

**WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 11**

**THEME: "Faith and Work at Home"**

- 9:15 Music for inspiration  
9:30 Invocation—J. L. Canafax, associate director, division of missions, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix, Ariz.  
Memorial Service—Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary, Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga.  
9:45 Executive Committee—Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.  
10:30 Worship  
Music  
Scripture — Katsuro Taura, director, cooperative church development division, Hawaii Baptist Convention, Honolulu  
10:40 Introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions  
11:25 Music  
11:30 Home Mission Board—Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer, Atlanta, Ga.  
12:45 Benediction—William Carter, pastor, Oakhill Church, Evansville, Ind.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 11**

**THEME: "Faith and Work in Citizenship"**

- 2:15 Music for inspiration  
2:30 Invocation — Noland Phillips, pastor, University Church, Middletown, O.  
Election of officers  
Introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions  
3:15 Historical Commission—Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary, Nashville, Tenn.  
3:25 Stewardship Commission—Merrill D. Moore, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.

- 3:40 Southern Baptist Foundation — Kendall Berry, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.  
3:45 Worship  
Music  
Scripture — Trenton Bruce, pastor, St. Andrews Church, Columbia, S.C.  
3:50 Annuity Board—R. Alton Reed, executive secretary, Dallas, Tex.  
4:10 Message—John Bob Riddle, pastor, Central Park Church, Birmingham, Ala.  
4:35 Benediction—Edward Wolfe, pastor, Faith Church, Spensard, Alaska

**WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 11**

- 7:15 Music for inspiration  
7:30 Invocation—G. A. Ratterree, Brotherhood secretary, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Woman's Missionary Union — Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Birmingham, Ala.  
7:45 Brotherhood Commission—George W. Schroeder, executive secretary-treasurer, Memphis, Tenn.  
7:55 Southern Baptist Hospitals—Hardy M. Harrell, executive secretary-treasurer, New Orleans, La., and Jacksonville, Fla.  
8:05 Sunday School Board—James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.  
8:35 Worship  
Music  
Scripture—Fred Hollomon, pastor, First Church, Manhattan, Kan.  
8:45 "Shaping the Seventies Presentation"  
9:45 Benediction—Herbert Hughes, pastor, First Church, Cedar City, Ut.

**THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 12**

**THEME: "Faith and Work With Others"**

- 9:15 Music for inspiration  
9:30 Invocation—W. R. Buchanan, superintendent of missions, Central Baptist Association, Albuquerque, N.M.  
Committee on resolutions (first report)  
Committee on committees  
10:05 Committee on Baptist state papers—Herschel H. Hobbs, chairman, pastor, First Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
10:10 Radio and Television Commission—Paul M. Stevens, executive secretary-treasurer, Fort Worth, Tex.  
10:30 Election of officers  
Miscellaneous business  
11:35 Baptist World Alliance—Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary, Washington, D.C.  
11:45 Worship  
Music  
Scripture—Bobby Belcher, pastor, Immanuel Church, Salisbury, Md.  
11:50 Recognition of fraternal messengers  
12:10 Music  
12:15 Message—S. M. Lockridge, pastor, Calvary Church, San Diego, Calif.  
12:45 Benediction — Garrett Graham, pastor, Jackson Heights Church, Tampa, Fla.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 12  
NO CONVENTION SESSION**

**THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 12**

**THEME: "Faith and Work Throughout the World"**

- 7:15 Music for inspiration  
7:30 Invocation—Fred D. Barnes, pastor, First Church, Lenoir, N.C.  
Education Commission — Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.  
7:45 American Baptist Seminary Commission — Herman

- Burns, managing art director, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and chairman
- 7:50 Report of the seminaries and presentation of the seminary presidents—Olin T. Binkley, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and chairman of the seminary presidents' group
- 8:05 Message on Christian education—W. R. White, president emeritus, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.
- 8:35 Worship  
Music  
Scripture—Hoyle Haire, pastor, First Church, Booneville, Ark.
- 8:45 Foreign Mission Board—Baker James Caughen, executive secretary, Richmond, Va.
- 9:55 Benediction—Milo Arbuckle, pastor, Denver Temple Church, Denver, Col.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 13

**THEME: "Faith and Work for Humanity"**

- 9:15 Music for inspiration
- 9:30 Invocation—John E. Barnes Jr., pastor, Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, Miss.
- 10:00 American Bible Society—Roy J. Madsen, director of church relations, New York City
- 10:05 Committee on boards (final report)—John C. Huffman, pastor, First Church, Mayfield, Ky., chairman
- 10:10 Committee on denominational calendar—Dan D. Bryson, pastor, First Church, Joplin, Mo., chairman
- 10:15 Christian Life Commission—Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
- 10:35 Worship  
Music  
Scripture—Robert Hastings, editor, The Illinois Baptist, Carbondale, Ill.

- 10:40 Miscellaneous business
- 11:40 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs—C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director, Washington, D. C.
- 12:10 Music
- 12:15 Message—Culbert Rutenber, president, American Baptist Convention, and professor, Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass.
- 12:45 Benediction—Roy Gresham, executive secretary-treasurer, Baptist Convention of Maryland, Lutherville, Md.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING SESSIONS JUNE 13

An evangelistic emphasis is being planned and conducted by the convention president and the Home Mission Board for these two sessions. At the Friday night evangelistic service, John R. Bicagno, pastor of the First Southern Church, Del City, Okla., will speak.

#### NOTE:

1. Convention By-Law 21 states that one-third of the time for consideration of all reports before the convention shall be reserved for discussion from the floor.
2. Items in capital letters will be called for at the time indicated and are not to be shifted, altered or abbreviated.
3. The Executive Committee and the committee on boards will make their reports in sections. The portion of their report dealing with a board or agency will be presented at the time the report of that board or agency is presented to the convention.

## Arkansans named to South Brazil

When Miss Wilma Gemmell arrived in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in September, 1963, to undertake responsibilities as a Southern Baptist missionary associate, she had no idea that 6½ years later she would return for another term of service as Mrs. Jesse L. Kidd.

She and Mr. Kidd, who together already represent a total of 14 years of missionary service in the South American country (he with 10 years, she with four), were employed as missionary associates by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board on Mar. 13 for evangelistic work in South Brazil. (Mr. Kidd is currently interim pastor of Marrable Hill Baptist Church, El Dorado.)

The couple met in Brazil, where Mrs. Kidd was a secretary in the office of the Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) in Rio de Janeiro, and Kidd was an independent Baptist missionary working as educational administrative assistant of a Baptist school in Volta Redonda, state of Rio. The school is operated by the 100-member Central Baptist Church in Volta Redonda, which Mr. Kidd served as associate pastor. After deciding upon marriage, the couple returned to the States in the fall of 1967 for the wedding.



**MISSIONS COUPLE:** Mrs. Jesse L. Kidd pins name tag on her husband at Richmond meeting where they were named missionary associates for South Brazil.—Photo by Lawrence R. Snedden

A native of Urbana, Ark., Mr. Kidd explained to the Foreign Mission Board that his commitment to overseas mission work is an outgrowth of experiences encountered in India, Burma, and China, where he served with the U. S. Army during the last two years of World War II.

"One could not go through these experiences without being impressed by the culture, religions, economic condi-

tions, moral standards, and the need for Christ," he declared.

Following his military service, Mr. Kidd entered Ouachita University, Arkadelphia, from which he graduated with the bachelor of arts degree. He received the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. Both he and Mrs. Kidd completed a semester of study at Ouachita during 1968.

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## The bookshelf

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**The Wonderful Magic of Living**, by Marcus Bach, Doubleday, 1968, \$3.95

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**Outline of Christian Belief**, by Charles S. Duthie, Abingdon, 1968, \$2.75

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**Junior Object Sermons**, by Jacob J. Sessler, Baker, 1968, paperback, \$1.50

**Missionary Stories for Church Programs**, compiled by Marie Lind, Baker, \$1.95

**My Greatest Challenge**, by Bill Glass, Word, 1968, \$4.95

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**Children's Sermons, Outlines and Illustrations**, by James Stalker and others, 1968, \$1

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**Sex and the Single Eye**, by Letha Scanzoni, Zondervan, 1968, \$3.95

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Vol. 1, **Expository Sermons on the Book of Daniel**, by W. A. Criswell, Zondervan, \$2.95

This book has been described by its publishers as "a modern classic on the historicity and authenticity of the book of Daniel." Dr. Criswell answers the theological liberals who regard the book of Daniel as a fraud and a forgery.

**Seven Words of Love**, by G. Hall Todd, Baker, 1968, paperback \$1.50

**This Confident Faith**, By Meeler Markham, Baptist Press, 1968, \$1.50

**How the Littlest Cherub Was Late for Christmas**, by Minton C. Johnston, Abingdon, 1967, \$2.95

Three new coloring books for children have just come from the presses of Bethany Fellowship: **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ**, **Miracles of Jesus**, and **The Birth of Jesus**. They sell for 25 cents each.

## Small church has big revival

Lester E. Barker, pastor of the Trinity Church, Fort Smith, returned recently from Klickitat, Wash., where he held a revival. Typical for its area, the church was small, having only 32 members.

There were 16 conversions. One of these was an adult lady from the Mormon church.

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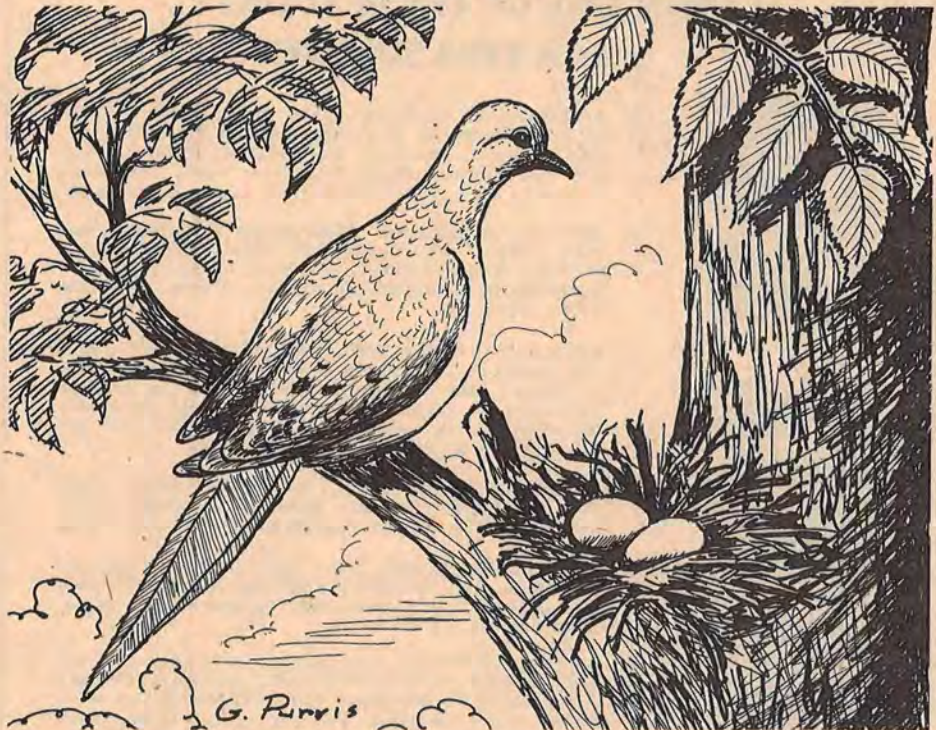
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## Game laws go back to Moses



*MOSES, perhaps, made the first written restriction on the taking of game, thus establishing a degree of game management. Modern-day problems of game management are still caused more by people than by wildlife.*

Game management traces its beginning back to the control of hunting, and probably the first written restriction on the taking of game, which was intended to conserve game, is found in God's Holy Word—The Bible.

Moses decreed:

"If a bird's nest chance to be before the in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young: But thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee and thou mayest prolong thy days." (Deuteronomy 22:6-7)

The obvious purpose of this command was to save the hen as brood stock. However, this was a conditional command and applied only when the hen was on the nest or had young. It did not say never kill hens. Yet this may well be how far back man goes in his prejudice to the killing of females of game species.

It is interesting to note that in the game species where there is little or no easily observable difference between the sexes, the killing of both sexes, under controlled conditions such as seasons and limits, is not a limiting factor.

Game management's modern day problems are caused more by people than they are by wildlife.



## Spring surprises

By CAROLYN JOYCE

"We're going to the zoo! We're going to the zoo!"

David and Susie were so happy that they were jumping up and down.

It was spring. They had not been to the zoo since last summer. The animals had been moved into winter quarters during the cold months. But now the animals were out for everyone to see.

Mrs. Davis, the baby-sitter, would have only one child to care for today—Susie and David's little baby brother, Tommy.

"What will we see today?" asked Susie.

"I want to see the monkeys. They're my favorites!" said David. "What do you like best?"

"I want to see the bears!" laughed Susie. "It's fun to watch them swim in their little pools."

"Today you will see something else that is special," smiled Mommy.

"What is it?" asked Susie and David together. "Will you tell us now?"



"I'll tell you just part of it," said Mommy. "Many baby animals are born in the spring, and Daddy heard that there are some new babies at the zoo."

"Oh, goody! Just like our new baby," said Susie.

When Mrs. Davis arrived, the children were all ready to go. Daddy and the children went out to the car. Mommy came just a minute later. She had brought a bag of peanuts for the children to feed the monkeys.

When they arrived at the zoo, Daddy parked the car. Then they walked through the zoo gates.

The first animals they saw were the bears. There were two big bears resting in the sun.

"Mommy, I don't see any tiny baby bears anywhere," said Susie.

"Come here, Susie," said Daddy.

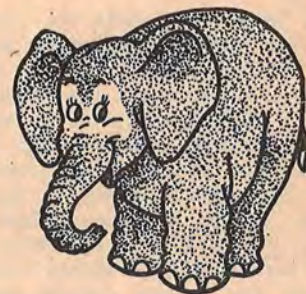
He lifted Susie to his shoulders.

"Oh! There's a baby bear—it's bigger than Tommy! But it's cute and furry," said Susie.

"Yes," answered Mommy. "Baby animals come in many sizes. That is God's plan for them. I think you'll really be surprised at some of the babies. Let's go on to the monkey cage."

At the monkey cage, the children saw tiny baby monkeys, much smaller than their little brother. The monkey mommies were carrying the babies around and taking good care of them. The children threw peanuts to the monkeys. The mommy monkeys gobbled them up greedily.

Next they went to the lion's cage, but there was no baby there. What a surprise when they came to the ele-



phant's pen! There was a new baby elephant with his mother. But the baby didn't look like a new baby at all to David and Susie.

"It's such a big baby!" said David.

Daddy and Mommy both laughed. "Yes, it is!"

The family saw baby ducks and lambs and chicks and fawns. Before they knew it, the sun was beginning to lower and it was time to go home.

When they got home, Susie and David both went right to Tommy's room and stood and looked at him as he slept in his crib. Susie looked at David and smiled.

"I liked all the babies we saw today. God's plan for babies and for mommies and daddies to take care of them is really a good plan."

"Yes," said David. "But I'm glad God planned for Tommy to be our baby. I like him best of all!"

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## Jesus prepares for his death

By VESTER E. WOLBER, Th. D.  
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March 23, 1969  
Mark 14:22-36,  
32-41

### Background events

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1. Jesus closed out a very busy Tuesday with his great prophecy of the fall of Jerusalem which was fulfilled in 70 A.D. and of his return at the end of the age to initiate final events.

2. After resting in seclusion on Wednesday, he made arrangements on Thursday for the Passover meal to be taken with the twelve in executive session. There he announced that one of them would betray him (14:1-21).

3. In the meantime the Jewish plot against him was deepening, darkening, and gaining momentum. (1) After the raising of Lazarus a few weeks earlier, which miracle led many to believe on Jesus, the chief priests and Pharisees determined to kill Jesus (John 11:53). (2) After the cleansing of the temple, they "sought how they might destroy him" (Mark 11:18). (3) After hearing his parable of the wicked husbandmen which was spoken against them, they sought to arrest him but feared the multitude because they took Jesus to be a prophet (Matt. 21:46).

(4) After Jesus had rebuked Judas for criticizing Mary's use of expensive ointment in anointing Jesus, Judas went to the chief priests and contracted with them to deliver Jesus unto them for thirty pieces of silver (John 12:4-8; Matt. 26:14-16). After that he looked for an opportunity to deliver Jesus into their hands. (5) On Tuesday evening the chief priests and elders met with Caiaphas and plotted to arrest Jesus and kill him—but not until after the Passover feast (Matt. 26:3-5). (6) At the Passover meal Jesus informed Judas that he knew of the traitor's plot and instructed him to do quickly what he planned (John 13:21-30). He went out and expedited the plot sooner than the priests had planned.

### The Lord's Supper (14:22-26)

While they were eating the Passover meal, Jesus took bread and wine from the table and performed an object lesson for their instruction. He broke a loaf of bread and distributed it for them to eat: it represented his body which was soon to be broken in death. He passed a cup of wine around the table

and they each sipped it as representing his blood which was to be shed within a few hours.

The Saviour must have been speaking in mystic symbolism when he said that he would not drink any more fruit of the vine until he was to "drink it new in the kingdom of God" (v. 25; Matt. 26:29; Luke 22:18). Perhaps he meant to give two ideas—time and hope.

The first stress was temporal: time was running out; he would not drink any more wine until death. He meant for them to understand that they were enjoying their last fellowship meal with him before his death.

The second stress was hope. He would drink the wine of fellowship with them in the fully established kingdom after his death. That was to be a new fellowship, altogether spiritual in nature.

### Gethsemane (14:32-41)

Leaving the upper room which was located at the southwest limits of the city, Jesus walked with his band through the night to the seclusion of the Gethsemane garden at the foot of Mount Olivet, east of the city. Inside the park he left eight of his band and, taking Peter, James, and John with him—his inner circle—went deeper into the garden to pray. He wanted them to be near him and wanted them awake, but he never asked any man to pray with him or for him.

1. Jesus suffered in the garden. The text uses such words as "amazed," "troubled," and "sorrowful;" and intensifies each with such adjectives as "sore," "very," and "exceeding." If one's capacity for suffering is in proportion to the purity of his heart, then Christ's suffering might be considered infinite.

He suffered in anticipation. Although he had known and had talked freely of his coming ordeal of suffering, it was not until he was confronted by the immediacy of it that its weight rolled in upon his consciousness to bring suffering by anticipation.

He suffered in realization. It is one thing to think about pain but something else to experience it. Perhaps, as he prayed he gained new insight through experience.

2. He prayed in the garden. Two requests were made, a primary and a secondary. The primary request was for the Father's will to be done. This request was absolute and unconditional; he wanted that will to be carried out without regard to the cost. The secondary request was for permission to avoid the ordeal of separation and suffering if this could be done within the limitations of God's will.

Apparently, such was not possible; the purpose for which he had come could not be realized apart from his suffering and death.

3. He warned his disciples. Having completed his prayer, Jesus retraced his steps forty to fifty yards (a stone's throw—Luke 22:41) and found his three most advanced pupils asleep. Warning them to watch and pray lest they be tempted, he went back to pray a second and third time.

4. His prayer remained the same. The teacher and all members of his class might do well to remove their shoes as they retrace the steps of their Lord in Gethsemane, for indeed the mystery of his holy mind runs deep. Who can understand the inner workings of his thoughts as he prayed the same prayer three times?

(1) The issues were clear in his mind before he prayed, and he had settled on one course of action—to do whatever God willed in accomplishing his mission.

(2) The suffering and the disappointment with his disciples did not alter his course.

(3) He did discover through prayer that the cup of suffering could not be avoided without parting with the will of the Father.

If the Son of God, who was never out of line with the will of the Father, had to agonize in prayer in order to find strength to do that will, we must not expect the will of God to come easy for us.

# Faithful at all costs

Life and Work

March 23, 1969

2 Cor. 4-5-18

By C. W. BROCKWELL, Education Director,  
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The well was 40 feet deep and dark . . . The faint gleam that met the eyes of Mrs. Cordle when she peered into the well . . . looked at first like a reflection. Then with a shock of horror she realized what it was:

"I saw the blond hair of my baby floating near the surface." . . .

Somehow the young mother squeezed herself through the 1-foot-wide opening . . . The shaft's wall of rough fieldstone offered footholds and handholds . . . Finally she reached the water, groped beneath its surface, fished out the limp body. . . .

"I pumped her arms, then I blew into her mouth like I had read about people doing . . . Then all of a sudden she started crying."

How long it took her to work her way back up the shaft, inch by inch. . . Mrs. Cordle didn't know. All she knew was that she made it, that helping hands of a neighbor were waiting at the top, and—above all else—that her baby was alive (Newsweek, Oct. 3, 1960).

Faithful at all costs. The stories are endless. No price seems too great to save a relative or a neighbor—that is, for some people. Others, as a recent newspaper article asserts, just stand and look on while people are beaten to death. What makes the difference? And why will some give up life itself to serve Christ while others desecrate his great name?

## Dear Paul

We don't really know whether the Corinthians asked for Paul's opinion or not but we do know Paul felt obligated to share what he had learned with them. 2 Corinthians is part of that message he had for them. The major portion of it is one long hymn of praise to God for the gift and the opportunity of serving him.

"The joy of salvation does not consist primarily in the blessings which we may enjoy as children of God. The joy of salvation manifests itself most perfectly in the fact that, as God's children, we are privileged to do God's will and to participate in God's eternal plans. Such is the joy of the ministry in all generations" (Heber F. Peacock).

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Now when we get a foothold on this great truth, we just want to take off in all directions. Then we discover we are human and just can't do everything we want to do for the Lord. The spirit is willing but the flesh just fizzles out.

This weakness need not cause us to despair. In fact, it is only in man's weakness that the full meaning of God's power becomes known. Though the servant of Christ is a poor instrument for conveying the treasure of the power which God alone can supply.

## In the beginning

The first six verses of 2 Corinthians 4 relates to the discovery of God's investment in man. Why did he do so much for man knowing how much man would do to him?

Mercy is the answer. But it is no idle word, no easy way out. It is simply the way it happened. God in his mercy gave us a chance to serve him. In Paul's life, God's mercy came when Paul was at his worst. I suspect it did for us too.

Neither was God's mercy a vague haze which settled over man and his world. It was clearly focused in Jesus Christ. He was God in human flesh, the exact imprint of God. A mere sentimental idea about God is not enough. Jesus made it possible for us to know God in person. He showed us the light of truth. He took away the blinders Satan had put on us.

Thus Jesus is the Lord of life. The world had turned over and couldn't get up until Jesus came. He restored order to God's world. Jesus is Lord!

## Growing pains

By what process does a man become faithful to God at all cost? It's a two step plan. Number one is renunciation. If you really turn to Christ, you will have to turn your back on something or someone. Will it be disgraceful conduct? Or will it be trickery? Perhaps it will be deceit. Read verse 2 and you will see Paul included them all.

Step number two could be called a manifestation of three things. (1) a manifestation of truth. Paul said "Look at Jesus." When you look at others you don't get a true picture of reality for people distract our view of God. But not so Jesus. In him God can be clearly and truly seen. When you look at him you learn the truth about Jesus Christ. He is Lord! You also learn the truth about yourself. You are servant! That's what salvation is all about—coming to realize these two relationships. Any person who does not think of Jesus as Lord and himself as a servant of Christ is certainly not a Christian.

(2) A manifestation of concern. Paul lived to witness to every man. Contrary to what we often indicate by our lives, a Christian's witness cannot be turned on and off. The only controls at our disposal are those regulating the quality of our witness. In the best sense of the word, only Christ turns us on and no one, not even the devil, can turn us off.

(3) A manifestation of reality. Read again verse 7. When all is said and done about man, he is still mortal. The real characteristic of man is not his power, but his weakness. As Pascal said, "A drop of water or a breath of air can kill him." The glory will always belong to God and not to man.

## Forecast: Locally heavy storms

When hot and cold air masses collide, a storm erupts until one or the other wins out. When Christ comes to live in our heart, the battle of Armageddon breaks out. Christ will win but things get pretty rough. Here are a few jolts you can expect as a Christian.

**Pressed in but not hemmed in. 8a.** The body may be abused but the spirit remains free in Christ.

**Captured but not surrendered. 8b.** "At wit's end but not hope's end. There are times when one does not know what to do but he never doubts that something can be done. There are times when one cannot see where life is going but he never doubts that it is going somewhere." Sure, we will lose some battles but never the war!

**Persecuted but not forsaken. 9a.** Remember the words of the psalmist. "When my father and my mother for-



sake me, then the Lord will take me up" (Psalm 27:1).

Knocked down but not knocked out. 9b. Do you know what the supreme characteristic of a Christian is? It is not that he does not fall, but every time he falls, he rises again.

Looking like death but always alive. 10. Paul has the scars of faithful living. They affected his skin but not his spirit. He was a man "in Christ."

The end

There will come a day of triumph. It will be according to the pattern of Jesus—delivered to death, through death. It will also be according to the pattern of hope. Outwardly we shall fade away but inwardly we shall grow.

"The years which take away physical beauty should add spiritual beauty. Physically, life is a slipping down a

slope to the grave. Spiritually, it is a climbing of a hill to heaven."

It was said of Moses that "He endured as seeing him who is invisible" (Heb. 11:27). It was said of Jesus that he saw the joy that was set before him and endured the shame of the cross.

"Lord, help us to see, that we may be faithful at all costs."



## Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

### Missions begins at home

"Business as usual" is no longer a live option for Christians. We live in a changing era. This is the "tell it like it is" generation. People want less "talk" and more "action."

To be sure, our message of God's love is the same as ever, but the world in which we attempt to apply this message is a constantly changing one.

Have you become involved in any way—either through study, prayer, gifts, or action—to show that you care about someone outside yourself?

Have you, for example, ever made a red felt bag and filled it with useful articles for a serviceman to enjoy at Christmas?

Have you ever contributed toward a group working with juvenile rehabilitation?

Have you ever filled a plastic bag with soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc. for migrant workers? Have you helped in a Bible School for such groups?

Have you taken good reading material to someone in a hospital? Have you given a friendly smile to one who has to look at four walls of a hospital room for days on end?

Have you helped minister to the economically disadvantaged?

Have you helped present a musical program for a geriatric center?

Have you ministered to someone of another language or race? Have you invited an international student to your church or into your home?

Have you ever helped someone who is blind or deaf? How about the mentally retarded in your community? . . . or drug addicts, or alcoholics?

Have you helped children in a day-care center or an after-school ministry? Have you ever helped tutor a child? Have you thought of helping teach someone to read?

Have you ever helped an unwed mother forget thoughts of suicide and know that life can still be meaningful?

Have you been helpful in prisoner rehabilitation? Are you helping combat moral problems in your community?

Have you ministered to someone who is bereaved? Have you attempted to help ease another's burden of anxiety or depression?

If you contribute to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering you are indirectly helping reach some of these areas of great need.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40).

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

### Deaths

MR. CARROLL HICKERSON, 48, Hot Springs, died Mar. 1.

Mr. Hickerson was a member of Lake Hamilton Church, having served as Adult Sunday School superintendent and Training Union director.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Geneva Hickerson, and three stepsons, Douglas, Mitchell and Claudie Cox.

WILLIAM HENRY MCLEOD, 84, died Mar. 1, in Randolph County Hospital, Pocahontas, after a long illness.

He was a member of the Pocahontas church and a deacon for many years. A retired farmer, he had lived in Imboden since 1952.

Survivors are two sons, K. D. McLeod, Imboden, and Don M. McLeod, St. Louis, Mo.; two daughters, Mrs. Bessie Erwin, Imboden and Mrs. Beulah Lee Massey, Pocahontas; one sister, Mrs. W. G. Smith, Imboden.

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# A Smile or Two

## Handycap

Freddie's mother was buying fruit and vegetables from the clerk. As Freddie was eyeing the grapes, the clerk told him to take a handful. But Freddie said "No."

"What's the matter? Don't you like them?" asked the clerk.

"Yes," replied Freddie.

"Then go ahead and take some."

Freddie still hesitated, whereupon the clerk put a generous handful in the boy's cap. After leaving the store, mother asked: "Why didn't you take the grapes when he told you to?"

Freddie winked as he said, "His hand is bigger'n mine."

## Dog-gone

Michael: "What is your dog—a setter or pointer?"

Steven: "Neither. He's an up-setter and disappointment."

## Ah, youth!

"Father," asked Morgan, the 12-year-old son of actor James Mason, "what is 'adolescence'?"

Mason thought for a moment.

"'Adolescence,' my son," he replied, "is that period in the life of a young boy in which his parents day by day become more unbearable."

# Attendance Report

March 9, 1969

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adns.
Alicia	60	55	
Arkadelphia Shiloh	20		
Berryville			
First	100	84	
Freeman Heights	106	87	
Camden			
First	423	82	
Hillside	133	45	
Cherokee Village	57	27	
Crossett			
First	525	152	2
Mt. Olive	215	115	
El Dorado			
Ebenezer	136	48	
Victory	47	23	
Fayetteville, First	530	165	1
Forrest City, First	569	162	1
Ft. Smith, First	1,158	888	7
Gentry, First	177	74	
Greenwood, First	256	86	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	225	71	
Hicks, Ashdown	29	25	
Hope, First	395	114	4
Lake Hamilton	79	17	
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	130	84	
Berea	96	28	
First	424	92	
Marshall Road	273	101	
Second	171	64	2
Jonesboro			
Central	513	166	2
Nettleton	336	109	
Little Rock			
Geyer Springs	525	242	1
Reynolds Memorial	96	52	
Rosedale	186	65	2
Magnolia, Central	578	191	2
Manila, First	133	45	
Marked Tree			
First	134	39	
Neiswander	99	40	
Monticello			
North Side	98	57	
Second	250	97	1
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	551	154	
Southside Chapel	37	18	
Calvary	408	156	3
Central	270	117	3
Gravel Ridge	183	108	1
Highway	153	70	
Levy	454	110	
Sherwood, First	180	83	5
Sixteenth Street	42	32	
Sylvan Hills	237	85	
Paragould, East Side	263		5
Paris, First	308	72	
Pine Bluff			
First	670	174	
Green Meadows	98	33	
Second	166	68	
Watson Chapel	172	77	
Pleasant Plains	59	34	
Shannon	106	54	
Rock Springs	60	50	7
Springdale			
Berry Street	89	32	
Caudle Avenue	88	19	
Elmdale	368	87	1
First	377	189	5
Oak Grove	63	39	
Van Buren			
First	361	152	
Jesse Turner Mission	11		
Chapel	23		
Vandervoort, First	43	19	
Warren			
First	363	103	
Southside Mission	82	72	1
Westside	76	33	
West Fork	106	32	

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## Cash customer

The youngster had been saving up enough money to buy her father a birthday gift. She was concerned about one thing though. "I can't be running uptown every month to make payments," she complained to her mother. "Isn't there a store where they'll let you pay the whole thing at once?"

# In the world of religion

## Swedish film is prize winner

MONTE CARLO—A special ecumenical prize was awarded here to a film about the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

Produced by the International Film Department of Radio Sweden, the film is entitled "Behold . . . All Things New."

The 27-minute color film was written and directed by Lauritz Falk, using music specially composed for the Uppsala

Assembly. Adviser for the film was John Taylor, director of the Film and Visual Arts Section of the World Council of Churches.

TV organizations wishing to transmit the program should make direct contact with Aake Baecklund, International Film Department, Radio Sweden, 105 10 Stockholm 1, Sweden. The English version of the film for non-commercial use (church, school, etc.) will be available in a few weeks from the film department of the World Council of Churches, Geneva.

## Protests against Vatican envoy

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Letters urging the President not to appoint an ambassador or a personal representative to the Vatican have deluged the White House staff.

The issue has stirred more response from the U. S. citizenry in all quarters than any other in the first month of

the Nixon administration.

The response is enough for the President to halt further consideration of the move, sources said. Mr. Nixon had been under pressure from the Vatican to restore the relations which ended nearly 20 years ago. Some believe President Nixon was looking for the stacks of mail to show the American Roman Catholic clergy why he, like President Truman, would have to drop the matter. (EP)

## Kerner report goes unheeded

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Americans go on largely unheeding a Kerner Commission's warning that their society is being sharply divided into two camps by race, according to an independent study of the matter.

The conclusion is that the nation's blacks and whites continue to drift dangerously apart. The study said in part:

"The nation in its neglect may be sowing the seeds of unprecedented fu-

ture disorder and division."

Called "One Year Later," the report was issued by Urban America, Inc., and the Urban Coalition, non-profit Washington organizations dealing with city problems. It follows by one year the original report of the commission—called the Kerner Commission after its chairman, Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner—which handed down its report on the causes of rioting that had rocked the nation's cities in recent summers. (EP)

## Warn President against Vatican

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Troubled by reports that President Richard Nixon is planning to set up "a diplomatic exchange" with the Vatican, the executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State has asked him not to do so.

"The country does not need this," wrote Glenn L. Archer in a letter of appeal. "This is not the way to bring us together . . . Mr. President, you do not need this . . . It will disfigure your image and indicate that you have succumbed to sectarian pressures which your immediate predecessors resisted."

Mr. Archer reminded the President of the furor that was raised in 1951 when President Truman appointed General Mark Clark as Ambassador to the Vatican State. He said that those advising the President that the situation was "different" today were wrong.

"For the sake of the country, for the sake of world peace, for the sake of your own effective leadership we earnestly recommend that no move toward a diplomatic exchange with the Vatican, or with any other church, be initiated," Archer wrote.—(EP)

## 25,000 partners pray for revival

BIRMINGHAM — More than 25,000 prayer partners have been paired—the result of Pact, an effort to bind Baptists of the Western Hemisphere together in prayer support for the Crusade of the Americas.

Applications for prayer partners have been flowing into the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union headquarters here for a year. The final count of applicants when the last cards were matched was 50,230.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Pact coordinator, reported that the applications represented 2,621 churches, 8,277 groups (such as Sunday School classes and Woman's Missionary Union groups), 7,846 families, and 31,486 individuals.

She said there is no way to estimate the number of individuals participating with their churches, organizations, groups and families.

Pact partners are from 49 of the 50 United States, 27 other North and South American countries, 24 APO addresses (mostly servicemen and government workers abroad), Ghana, Japan, Lebanon, England and Okinawa.

"Now that the technicalities of forming partnerships are over, the important work of praying is underway," said Mrs. Mathis, a vice president of the Baptist World Alliance and director of the promotion division for WMU. (EP)

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