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## Help us, Lord

Prejudice is about the same the world over. And baptizing or Americanizing it does not change its ugly face. It still fills the bill of being "an adverse judgment or opinion formed beforehand or without knowledge or examination of the facts . . . irrational suspicion or hatred of a particular [individual], group, race, or religion."

One of the latest examples of prejudice comes from far-away Amiens, France.

In this community of 120,000, with its gothic cathedral, its red brick homes, its brand new campus, and all of that, a fantastic rumor started a few weeks ago.

The report had it that five or six dress shops for young women, in the heart of the city, were involved in the white slave trade. Women who went there to shop were being injected with some kind of hypnotic drug, the report said.

Then, under the influence of the injection, they were carried off to secret, subterranean quarters, shaved, raped, and shipped off to Saudi Arabia or South America to become "objects of pleasure" for the rest of their lives.

From the beginning, people believed the rumor—not just the unlettered, but also the educated, and not just the poor, but also the well-to-do—doctors, school teachers, lawyers, etc.

At least one priest prayed publicly for the imagined victims, in a regular Sunday mass.

At first the report was that "five or six" women had been kidnaped. But this quickly grew to "about 60."

At the height of the panic, groups gathered around the shops threateningly, radiating hate.

As a test of the gullibility of the community, some one jokingly expressed the opinion on a Thursday that submarines were being used in the white slave traffic. By Saturday, this had become widely accepted as a fact.

An all-out investigation by the Amiens police came up with two sobering facts: Not one woman had disappeared, and all of the owners of the accused shops were Jews!

Immediately this started another rumor that

soon became "fact": The police had been bought by the Jews!

Lord, help us to get rid of our prejudices.

*Erwin L. McDonald*

## IN THIS ISSUE:

ARKANSAS MUSICIANS who are members of the Convention-wide "Centurymen" are featured on this week's cover. See page 8 for more about this select group.

STATE WMU officers and committee members were elected at the recent convention, held at Ft. Smith. See page 9 for this list.

A NEW co-ordinator for race relations work in Arkansas has been named. Read about Robert U. Ferguson on page 12.

BAPTISTS' PROGRAMS for 1970-73 have been evaluated by a team of workers for the Billy Graham Crusade. See page 13 for the results of their studies.

THE TOP churches in the state in baptisms for 1968-69 are listed on page 12.

A FORMER nightclub owner sells his striptease club for use as a religious book store after his conversion. See "The world of religion" on page 24.

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# Unanimity at Denver

Southern Baptists of all viewpoints and from all sections of the country should be able to rejoice together at the Denver meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in a few weeks as they celebrate the 125th birthday of the convention and of two of its boards—the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board.

From the 4,126 churches at the beginning of the denomination, on May 10, 1845, with their 350,000 members, Southern Baptists have grown to 34,335 churches with 11,489,613 members.

Highlights of our history, as reported by Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the SBC Historical Commission, in a recent special article for Baptist Press, include:

Weathering the Landmark disruption, which "... for more than 50 years. . . caused controversy. . . ."

Establishment of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in 1859, and five other seminaries in the 20th Century.

Creation of the Woman's Missionary Union, in 1888.

Creation of the Sunday School Board, in 1891, and the Baptist Young People's Union of the South, in 1896.

The 75 Million Dollar Campaign and the adoption of the Cooperative Program thereafter, providing for distribution of mission funds on a world-wide basis.

Setting up of the SBC Executive Committee to function as the convention between annual sessions of the convention.

Creation and promotion of the Hundred Thousand Club, in 1933, to help pay denominational debts contracted as a result of over-expansion during the depression.

Establishment of the Radio Committee, in 1939, which became the Radio Commission, in 1946, and the Radio and Television Commission, in 1956.

Adoption, in 1939, of the Business and Financial Plan of the convention, bringing into operation a single plan for all the financial programs of the convention and its agencies.

Creation of the Annuity Board, 1919 (first known as Relief and Annuity Board).

Expansion, beginning in 1942, of the SBC

into the West and the North, and, soon afterward, into all sections of the country.

Establishment of Baptist assemblies, at Ridgecrest, N. C., and at Glorieta, N. M.

Acceptance, after World War II, of a challenge of the late Secretary M. T. Rankin of the Foreign Mission Board for advance in giving to more than \$10 million to foreign missions for an expansion of the foreign mission program.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance, launched in 1957, which included the 30 Thousand Movement, begun in 1954, to organize 20,000 missions and preaching points and 10,000 churches.

Organizations of the Brotherhood Commission.

Organization of the Stewardship Commission.

Naming of the Sunday School Board and the Brotherhood Commission to work with the WMU in planning emphases and themes for the post-Jubilee years, 1965-69.

Formation, in 1959, of The Inter-Agency Committee, which was called on to coordinate long-range plans for convention agencies.

Naming of a special 70 Onward Committee to do coordinate planning for the decade beginning in 1970.

Adoption of a revised "Statement of Faith and Message," presented and approved in 1963.

Adoption, in 1968, of a "Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation," dealing with the conditions of violence, racial injustice, and poverty.

Reaffirmation, at the New Orleans meeting of SBC, in 1969, of the "Statement of Faith and Message," and the bringing together as a challenge for the future of the ideas of evangelism and social action.

God's rich and continuing blessings upon Southern Baptists cannot be counted or measured. The statistics, as amazing as they are, cannot tell the whole story. But the tremendous growth of the denomination—in churches, church memberships, institutions and agencies, and programs and materials—are evidences of the Lord's goodness to us.

Let us be thankful for all of this and rededicate all to the glory of God and the spread of his reign in the hearts of people.



# Denominational primacy —and pastors

(Last in the Series)

The thrust of any denomination will never exceed the combined thrust of the pastors who lead the churches. In our fellowship the pastors are the prime ministers of their Holy Spirit-assigned tasks. Denominational leaders who succeed love pastors and work closely with them. Denominational or institutional people who do not esteem pastors and seek close fellowship with them can never succeed.

God is not unclear in his assignment of responsibility with job description for these men. I Peter 5: 1-4, "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

They are addressed as angels in the messages to the churches of Asia Minor, Revelation 1-3. God sent his message to them as the prime leaders of the flock.

For the coming months I shall address my editorial to the hearts of these men who possess the high calling of God in Christ, beginning in this issue with what I consider to be a job description of a man of God in our modern day.

## Job description

1. Preach the Word of God without fear or favor consistently day by day, declaring the whole counsel of God and making application to every area of life.

2. Seek to give wise direction and administration to the church, its departments, committees, and its many ministries.

3. Be available for conferences and counselling for the mentally and spiritually disturbed, giving spiritual guidance to those in trouble.

4. Seek out the lost, witness to them, and lead the church in soul-winning endeavors.

5. Participate in the life of the denomination, thus assuring the democratic ad-

ministration of mission money in our cooperative work.

6. Visitation of the sick in the church family, answering all calls for service among non-church members as time allows.

7. Proper assistance in the matter of benevolence to those needy and worthy.

8. Represent the kingdom of God and the church to the outside community, with all its facets and create the image of respect and stability for the church and clergy.

9. Conducting funerals when services are requested.

10. Performing marriage ceremonies.

11. Be available for conferences with any member of the church, general officer, leaders or workers in any department or place of the church life as regards his problems or the matter of his Christian growth and service for the Lord.

12. Give supervision to the operation of the church office and such personnel as may be employed by the church.

13. Accept responsibility in the associational affairs.

14. Engage in activities in community social life which relate to a minister's calling and ordination.

15. Be God's champion in all matters of the moral and spiritual in the church and community and be a spokesman for righteousness continuously.

16. Assume full responsibilities in his own home as that of a parent, a provider and head of his household, and be a living example of that which he preaches.

17. Maintain a posture of patience and composure within the many areas of extreme stress in the church.

18. A 24-hour availability in case of emergency, or immediate need of his services.

For such responsibilities as these, a climate of appreciation, helpfulness, understanding, and encouragement should be provided. Pastors are hard to come by, so let's keep the ones we have happy.

I must say it!—Charles H. Ashcraft, Executive Secretary.

## Beacon lights of Baptist history

# The Gospel mission movement

By BERNES K. SELPH, THD.  
Pastor, First Church, Benton

The "Gospel Mission" movement started in China among several missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention during the latter part of the last century. Tarlenton Perry Crawford is credited as leader. He believed in direct missions. A long time missionary of the Board he was financially independent and was giving his service without remuneration when he presented the plan to the Convention in 1888.<sup>1</sup>

This view maintained that according to the New Testament plan a church or group of churches should choose their own missionary, select his field, fix his salary, and that the said missionary should be responsible only to the appointing body. They believed also that the missionary could move from field to field, if he chose, or to return to the homeland at his pleasure.

Further they held that the missionary for the sake of economy, should wear native dress, eat native food, and live in native homes, irrespective as to his health which might be affected. One exponent of this view even went so far as to advocate the missionary should suffer hardship, even death, if means of support did not arrive in time. Though they thought missionaries should go native, it is strange that they opposed employment of natives as pastors, evangelists, or Bible women. They did not believe in appropriating money for native schools, thinking that proclamation of the gospel through the native churches was sufficient to nurture the spiritual life of the convert.

These ideas conflicted with those of the Foreign Mission Board and attracted much attention in China and in this country. Many well-meaning people were caught up in it and much damage done to fellowship and the cause of missions. Although the majority of Southern Baptists were loyal to the Board and work of the Convention, enough sympathy was found for it that serious difficulties marred the cooperative fellowship which had previously existed.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists (Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee, 1958) Vol. 1, pp. 571-2

<sup>2</sup>Elizabeth Walton Willingham, Life of Robert Josiah Willingham (Sunday School Board, SBC, Nashville, Tennessee, 1917) pp. 70-71



# The people speak— There's good presidential timber west of Texas, too

The political winds are blowing. The Southern Baptist Convention political winds, I mean. And, they're rising to gale force now as we draw nearer to meeting time in Denver. I keep hearing that there are several who are running for president since W. A. Criswell is ineligible for re-election up the completion of his second term. He has fought a good fight, he has finished the course, he has kept the faith; henceforth, he will be laid up. That's well and good. But, about these men who are running for the job. I hope and pray every one of them is defeated. Southern Baptists don't need a man to be president who seeks the office. We need the man whom Southern Baptists seek diligently and prayerfully and deliberately for the office.

It occurs to me that as we seek someone to fill this awesome position our looking might take new directions. Our history shows that all of our SBC presidents during these 125 years have come from 13 states. Alabama, North Carolina, and Missouri have produced one president each. Arkansas, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Virginia have produced two each. Kentucky, Louisiana, and South Carolina have furnished the SBC three presidents each. Tennessee has given us five, and Georgia and Texas have tied for the high honor of furnishing us six apiece. However, during eight years of the past twenty the head seat of our convention has been occupied by a Tennessean. None of us will argue that Tennessee is not fully capable of producing fine head-seat men, but I think it is time we began to look farther west for a president. Yes, even farther west than Texas.

Consequently, I submit to you that there's good presidential timber west of Texas just as there is east of Texas. I'd like to suggest five men who live in states from which we've never elected a president, and every one of them is eminently qualified to serve in this significant and demanding position.

First, consider W. D. Wyatt. He is just now completing twenty years of remarkable accomplishment in the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Albuquerque, N. M., and is the newly elected secretary of evangelism of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico. He's a man of stature.

Second, consider C. Vaughn Rock. He has been pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Phoenix, Ariz., for more than a quarter of a century, having succeeded his father in this position. As his name implies, he is really a rock among Baptists in the west, and he was strongly influential in securing our Southern Baptist assembly at Glorieta.

Third, consider Harold Graves. He is the highly regarded president of our Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. For more than a decade he has guided "our pioneer seminary with an international flavor" to acceptance all over the world as a school of higher learning focusing on sound scholarship and missionary vision.

Fourth, consider Paul Brooks Leath. Currently pastor of one of our strongest Southern Baptist churches in Long Beach, Calif., he was president of the Sunday School Board for two terms. Prior to going to Long Beach he served as pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Fresno, Calif. A strong preacher and an able administrator.

Fifth, consider Robert Hughes. He is the executive secretary for the California Baptist State Convention, having succeeded Grady Cothen upon his becoming president of Oklahoma Baptist University several years ago. Dr. Hughes has led in the extension and strengthening of our Southern Baptist work in California for more than twenty years.

Every one of these men is qualified and deserving of recognition. And, there are many others much like them west of Texas. When we go to Denver let's seek a man for the high office of convention president who represents our Baptist constituency from areas other than the thirteen who've already furnished us head men. There's good presidential timber in the west, too, men!—John H. Parrott, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Roswell, N. M.

## Information sought

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital of Jackson, Miss., is attempting to locate all alumnae of its professional school of nursing. The school is in the process of phasing out and would like to publish a list of all alumnae and their current mailing addresses in the last historical edition of the school annual, to be published in May, 1971.

Many of the 1300 alumnae of this program are located in the southeastern area of the United States. We would appreciate your publication of this information since most of our graduates are also Baptist and probably receive this paper in their home.

Any alumnae or a person who knows an alumnus of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital are asked to contact the Director, Gilfoy School of Nursing, 1121 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.—(Mrs.) Mary Holyfield, Director, Gilfoy School of Nursing

## At 91, this lady still likes paper

Writing to the editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine a week ahead of moving from Van Nuys, Calif., to Pine Bluff, Ark., 91-year-old Mrs. E. E. Shearin said she wanted to be sure she received the Baptist paper immediately at her new address.

"I enjoy reading the Baptist paper very much—have read it all my life, for my mother used to take it," wrote Mrs. Shearin.

Mrs. Shearin said that she was going "back to Pine Bluff to live," where she will be located at 1211 Elm Street.

"I am glad I am able to read yet," she continued, in remarkably clear longhand. "Some are not, at my age. I can do quite a bit of house work. When I go back to Arkansas, I will fly. So in one more week I will be going. Please send the paper to the address I have given you. Bye."

In a note of appreciation to Mrs. Shearin for her life-long loyalty to her Baptist state paper, Editor Erwin L. McDonald has notified her that her subscription is being extended gratis for the rest of her life.

## About people—

J. Winston Pearce, professor of preaching at Golden Gate Seminary here, since 1961, has announced plans for an early retirement, effective June 15.

At the request of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Pearce will go to Switzerland to serve as professor of preaching at the Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon, near Zurich, for the 1970-71 academic year.

He and Mrs. Pearce plan to reside at Buies Creek, N. C., where Campbell College is located, following their return from Switzerland.

A well-known author, Pearce plans to continue writing. His tenth book, *The Light on the Lord's Face*, published by Broadman Press, will be released soon.

He is a graduate of the University of Chicago, Wake Forrest University in Winston-Salem, N. C., and holds the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Wake Forest.

Glen E. Crotts, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Arizona, was elected president of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives at their annual meeting in Austin, Tex.

Vernon Yearby, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Alabama, was named vice president and Jim Cherry, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of South Carolina, was elected secretary-treasurer.



# Arkansas all over

## Bluff Avenue, Ft. Smith, begins educational complex



*BILL NELSON assists pastor C. C. Peoples in breaking ground for new building at Bluff Avenue Church, while Ft. Smith mayor Jack Freeze and members of the building committee look on.*

Ft. Smith mayor Jack Freeze assisted pastor C. D. Peoples in ground breaking ceremonies Easter Sunday at Bluff Avenue Church.

Ground was broken for a new and reconstructed educational unit. The modern, two-story, air conditioned complex will consist of six childrens' departments, two youth divisions, and offices.

The church is extending their facilities to meet the needs of rapid growth of the congregation, where 105 new members have been added in the past six months.

The building will be the second of sim-

ilar units the church has constructed in less than two years.

Building committee members, who also participated in the ceremony are: Harvey Wells, Ron Hatcher, Dale Gordon, Travis McCain, Sherman Ross, Tillman Neal, Charles Wright, Don Burdick, Bill Trisler, Richard Bartlett, Tom Hicks, Bill Nelson, Merle Butler.

Also Dallas Shaver, Harvie Johnson, Alfred Osborn, Cleve Selig, Harry Milam, Bill Faldon, Charles Butler, Frank Schoeppe, Robert Karber, Mrs. Arthur Turner, and Mrs. Richard Bateman.

## Revivals

Sixteenth St., North Little Rock, May 4-10; Ed Walker, will be evangelist, E. O. McElroy is pastor.

First, Little Elm, Tex., March 22-28; Garland Morrison, pastor at First, Ozark, evangelist; 19 professions of faith, 7 by letter. Wayne David, former Arkansas pastor, is pastor.

Freeman Heights, Berryville, March 29-April 5; Jack Parchman, evangelist, Bill Canary, singer; 13 professions of faith. Keith Hamm is pastor.

Mt. Zion, Paragould, March 20-22; youth-led, John Staggers, evangelist, Ralph Hawkins, song leader; seven for baptism, five by letter. William B. Gossett is pastor.

Bayou Meto, Jacksonville, March 13-15; youth led, Ed Hancock, evangelist, Sonny Green, song leader; one by baptism, four by letter. March 16-22; H. W. Ryan, evangelist, Louie Jeffers, pianist; seven professions of faith, two by letter. A. D. Corder is pastor.

Central, Mineral Springs, March 29-April 5; A. Ermon Webb, evangelist, J. D. Webb, singer (pastor) six professions of faith, two by letter, 10 rededications.

First, Herculanean, Mo., Oba I. Ford, pastor, East Side, Mountain Home, evangelist, Dorsey L. Crow, pastor; 32 professions of faith; eight by letter, 35 rededications. Charles C. Todd is pastor.

First, Cabool, Mo., March 2-8; evangelist, Jamie Coleman, pastor, First, Green Forest, singer, John Welch; 66 baptisms, seven by letter, 68 rededications. Jeff Floyd is pastor.

First, Waldron, April 6-12; Clarence Shell Jr., evangelist; Truett Thomas, singer; 5 for baptism, 5 by letter; 3 rededications. Nelson Wilhelm is pastor.

Manning Church, March 29-April 5; Robert A. Parker, evangelist, Bill Johnson, singer; three professions of faith, two by letter. D. W. Stark is pastor.

## Keeton scheduled on 'Family Life'

Former Arkansan Dale Keeton will be in the state conducting Christian Family Life Conferences in two churches this spring. The weekend program will be conducted at First Church, DeWitt, April 24-26, and First Church, McGehee, May 8-10. Beginning with a family banquet on Friday evening, the conferences include seven seminars with a variation of approaches for teenagers and adults.



MR. KEETON

Key emphases in the program are in the area of parent-youth communication and the current drug problem. Other discussion topics include "Reviving Devitalized Marriages" and "How to Control Your Parents" (for teenagers).

A counseling ministry in a Dallas suburb provides exposure to these and other marriage and family problems for the 1960 Ouachita University graduate.

Keeton recently completed residence requirements for the Ed. D. degree in Religious Psychology and Counseling at Southwestern Seminary. While pursuing the graduate degree, he assisted John W. Drakeford in the Baptist Marriage and Family Counseling Center at Ft. Worth.

From 1958 to 1962, the McGehee native served as music-youth director of the First churches of Booneville and Stuttgart. He is married to the former Mary Carter of Stuttgart. The Keetons have one son.

Other pastors who may be interested in having a similar weekend emphasis may write Mr. Keeton at 1908 Douglas Circle, Irving, Tex. 75060, for an outline of the program.—J. T. Elliff

## Girls' track meet set for May 6

ARKADELPHIA — Approximately 30 high school teams are expected to enter the Ouachita Tigerette Relays to be held here May 6, according to Meet Director Carolyn Moffatt.

The Tigerette meet, begun six years ago when there were no high school girls' teams in Arkansas, is now the largest of its type in the state and is helping to generate interest in the sport in Arkansas high schools, Miss Moffatt said.

This year England will return to defend its championship title.

Any school wanting to enter the meet should contact Miss Moffatt at Ouachita.



## International group holds annual retreat

Students from colleges across Arkansas gathered at Ferncliff Camp recently for the annual International Student Conference sponsored by the Student Department and Women's Missionary Union of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Approximately 70 students attended the three-day meeting. Speakers and conference leaders included: John J. Kiweit, from the Netherlands, professor of Historical Theology at Southwestern Seminary; Emmanuel McCall, associate to the secretary in the Department of Work with National Baptists, of the Home Mission Board; Charles Roden, administrative assistant to the director of the Baptist Radio and Television Commission; and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ashcraft.

Friday night of the retreat, students met at the Arkansas Arts Center for the Rackensack Folk Festival, where they learned of turnip greens and other mountain traditions.

Saturday evening was highlighted by a talent presentation from many of the International students, and Sunday morning the Retreat Singers from Trinity Episcopal Church performed the morning worship service in song.

The students were accompanied by their Baptist Student directors from the individual colleges and several American students.

(TOP, AT LEFT) Dr. John J. Kiweit, one of the speakers, who is from Southwestern Seminary, discusses with Jacqueline Cramer their native country, Holland. (Bottom) Dr. Emmanuel McCall leads a group in one of the "talk back sessions."



## Golf tournament planned at Pine Bluff

A one-day golf tournament for Baptist pastors, staff members and denominational workers has been scheduled at Jaycee Memorial Golf Course, located in Oakland Park, Pine Bluff, on Tuesday, May 5.

Walter Hill, pastor of Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, is chairman of the arrangements committee. Other committee members are La H. Coleman, Harold Stephens, and Harold White.

This is the third successive year for the tournament, and its sponsors have expressed hopes it may become an annual event.

Last year the tournament was held at Rebsamen Park, Little Rock. Participants included several men from Pine

Bluff. The committee is very anxious that our golfing brethren from around the state, and especially in the Little Rock area will be able to participate in this tournament.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners. A nominal entrance fee will be charged to cover costs.—Harold White

## Little Rock Church calls Joel Adams

Joel Adams is the new minister of music and education at Gaines Street Church, Little Rock. He comes to the post from Oklahoma, where he served First Church, Healdton, and Second Church, Valley View, and Fair Hill, all in Tulsa.

Mr. Adams was a businessman and active layman before entering this field. He received his education at the University of Tulsa and the University of Alabama. He served as music director for his association in Oklahoma, and is a member of the Singing Church-

men of Oklahoma, and of the Southern Baptist Music Conference.

He and his wife, Jane, have two sons.

## OBU grid card

ARKADELPHIA—A new, 10-game fall football schedule, including for the first time Arkansas AM&N, has been released by Ouachita University Athletic Director Bill Vining.

Games scheduled for the Tigers for the 1970 season include Southeastern Oklahoma at Durant, Sept. 19; State College of Arkansas at Conway, Sept. 26; Mississippi College at Arkadelphia, Oct. 3; Arkansas A&M at Monticello, Oct. 10; Arkansas AM&N at Arkadelphia, Oct. 17;

Harding College at Arkadelphia, Oct. 24; Austin College at Sherman, Tex., Oct. 31; Arkansas Tech at Arkadelphia, Nov. 7; Southern State at Arkadelphia, Nov. 14; and Henderson State on the Reddies' field, Nov. 21.



# Deaths

## Carl Batie

Carl Batie, 67, Hermitage (Bradley County), a deputy sheriff for 31 years, died April 18.

Mr. Batie was a member of the Hermitage Church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Doris Wheeler Batie; a son, Raymond Earl Batie of Little Rock; two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Callahan of Texas and Mrs. Susie Sanders of Texarkana, and three grandchildren.

## Gomer E. Jones

Gomer E. Jones Sr., 67, Arkadelphia, past president of the Arkansas Society of Registered Sanitarians, died April 19.

Jones was Clark County sanitarian for the state Department of Health for 37 years, was a member of the Arkansas Health Association and was a recipient of the Association's highest award, the Dr. Tom T. Ross award. He was a Mason, a Shriner and was a member of First Church.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Norma Thomason Jones; three sons, Gomer E. Jones Jr. of Louisiana and J. J. and James Jones, both of Little Rock; three sisters, Mrs. Louis Crow of Earle and Mrs. Hassell Delozier and Mrs. Paul Finley, both of Little Rock, and three grandchildren.

## Mrs. Douglas Byrd

Mrs. Coy Bennett Byrd, 81, Little Rock, widow of Douglas Byrd, died April 15. She was a member of First Church.

Survivors are a son, William B. Byrd of Plymouth, Mich.; a daughter, Mrs. T. H. Allen of East Point, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Dunnahoo and Mrs. Marie Lambeth of Benton, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

University, Shawnee, Okla., conducts the choir. The accompanist is Max Lyall, Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.

The Centurymen as presently constituted represent 22 states. All members are qualified conductors in their own right. Most have impressive credits as career vocalists, and many have at least the master's degree in music.

The choir, organized in August, 1969, by Miss Joe Ann Shelton, the Baptist Radio-TV Commission's director of program music, grew out of the Commission's constant need for high quality music for its more than forty weekly radio and television programs and the increasing number of TV "specials" produced in cooperation with the three major networks, Paul M. Stevens, director of the Commission, reports.

Dr. Stevens looks on The Centurymen as "a new and exciting tool of evangelism. These men will open doors for the Gospel across the nation and around the world," he said.

## Mrs. T. C. Smith

Mrs. Martha Jane Goode Smith, 76, North Little Rock, widow of T. C. Smith, died April 20. She was a retired employe of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center and a member of Gravel Ridge Church.

Survivors are a son, T. C. Smith Jr., of Wisner, La.; two daughters, Mrs. Ellie J. White of Wisner and Mrs. Mary Jo Burchfield of North Little Rock; three brothers, George and Henry Goode of England and Ted Goode of Lonoke; two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Yarbrough of England and Mrs. Francis May of Cotton Plant, and five grandchildren.

## Dr. V. T. Webb

Dr. V. T. Webb, 74, Little Rock, a retired pediatrician, died April 19. Dr. Webb was retired from the staff of Missouri Pacific Hospital and the Little Rock Health Department and was a former Pulaski County Health Officer. He was a member of Immanuel Church.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Nell H. Webb, and two brothers, Carl B. Webb of Canyon City, Col., and Sidney Webb of Los Angeles.

## Irl H. Medenwald

Irl Hicks Mendenwald, 78, Little Rock, a retired auto shop owner, died April 20. He was born at Dardanelle (Yell County), a son of the late A. Mendenwald and Mrs. Fannie Nunnely Mendenwald. He was a member of Meadowcliff Church.

Survivors are a son, George A. Mendenwald of Little Rock; two daughters, Mrs. Curtis G. English of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Charles L. Haxton of Little Rock; a sister, Mrs. Olive Plose of Little Rock, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## Mrs. Hugh England

Mrs. Lula Odom England, 89, North Little Rock, widow of Hugh England, died April 17. She was a member of Immanuel Church.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. J. T. Malone of North Little Rock, two granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren.

## Harold E. Peterson

Harold E. Peterson, 76, North Little Rock, died April 6. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of Park Hill Church and the North Little Rock American Legion Post.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Marcella Ross Peterson; a son, Alden A. Peterson of Burlington, Vt.; a brother, Alden W. Peterson of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister, Mrs. Mable Johnson of Abington, Mass., and a grandchild.



Arkansas Centurymen: front, Larry Masters, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock; and Jim Hart, First Baptist, Hope; back, Bill Canary, First Church, Harrison, and Jim Raymick, Park Hill Church, No. Little Rock.

## Arkansas musicians with The Centurymen

The Centurymen, a 100-voice men's choir composed entirely of Southern Baptist ministers of music, records program music for the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission and represents the denomination internationally in concert and radio and television appearances.

The group had its first nationwide TV appearance last Dec. 28. The program, produced by the Baptist Radio-TV Commission in association with the National Broadcasting Company, presented a 30-minute capsule of history of religious choral singing.

In addition to music for the Commission's regular programming, The Centurymen have recorded in Spanish for the agency's language productions.

Two long-playing albums have been produced by The Centurymen under the label of CHM Recordings, a division of the Radio-TV Commission. One, "The Sounds of The Centurymen," is being released along with a book of Centurymen arrangements published by Broadman Press. The second album consists of music from the NBC telecast. Using the theme of the TV show, it features both ancient and contemporary religious music.

All Centurymen arrangements are by Buryl Red, formerly of Little Rock, musical director of the group and senior music editor of Holt, Rinehart and Winston Publishing Company in New York.

James Woodward, head of the church music department at Oklahoma Baptist



## Groundbreaking held at Mt. Moriah Church

Members of Mt. Moriah Church at Murfreesboro broke ground March 29 for a new building. Taking part in the ceremonies were Little River Association Missionary James Dean, who led in prayer, and Ron Kimbell, who read the scripture. Mr. Kimbell is pastor at First Church, Dierks, and is a former pastor at Mt. Moriah.

Gaines Armstrong, pastor at Mt. Moriah, who also serves First Church, Murfreesboro, was the speaker.

A plow with a rope was used to break ground so that the entire congregation could take part.

The new building will contain an auditorium, six classrooms, and a kitchen.



Five workers from the Baptist Building, Little Rock, were in Pine Bluff on a recent Thursday afternoon for visitation and personal evangelism on the church field of South Side Church, Tal D. Bonham, pastor.

The workers, pictured above, were: Everett Sneed and Jesse Reed, front row; R. H. Dornis and Don Cooper, second row; and J. T. Elliff.

Under a new personal evangelism emphasis inaugurated recently by Executive Secretary Charles H. Ashcraft of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Baptist Building employees are permitted to use Thursday afternoons for personal work on local church fields within a radius of 50 miles of Little Rock.

## Baptist beliefs

# Apostles in the lion's den

By HERSHEL H. HOBBS

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

"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole"—Acts 4:10.

No more dramatic or danger-fraught scene could be imagined. The Sadducees, including Annas and Caiaphas, sat in judgment upon Peter and John. They could not deny that a lame man had been healed by them (cf. Acts 3:1ff.; 4:14). They could only ask by what power or authority they had done it (v.7). The apostles could have denied doing it. Or pleaded ignorance as to the power and authority. But emboldened by the Holy Spirit (v.8) they faced their accusers. The issue could have been life or death for them. Probably Peter was the spokesman.

He did not deal with trivialities. Rather he spoke directly to them—and to the crowd of Jews which evidently had gathered about the proceedings.

"Jesus Christ of Nazareth" left no doubt as to the source of their power and authority. To the Sanhedrin this name was a dirty word. This was the one whom they said was now a dead imposter. But according to Peter he was living and working. And they could not deny the evidence.

Note the contrast. Whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead. "Ye" is written out, as well as being present in the verb form. The same is true of "God". "Ye" in contrast to "God." They killed Jesus; God raised him from the dead. Evil men can never defeat God's designs.

Such words could have brought the people's wrath down upon the Sadducees. They meant also that those who claimed to represent God were actually in opposition to God. So, in effect, the apostles actually bearded the lion in his own den. They faced mortal danger unafraid, knowing that they were in God's will.

Anytime that a Christian does God's will he may expect opposition from God's enemies. But he does not face them alone. In Christ he will ultimately be victorious. For He said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation [be in tight places]: but be of good cheer [courage]; I have [fully] overcome the world" (John 16:33).

## State WMU officers named at Ft. Smith

At the closing session of the 81st Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union, members were elected to serve on the state WMU Executive Board. Mrs. Carl Kluck, Arkadelphia, was chairman of the nominating committee.

Officers are Mrs. J. A. Hogan, Ft. Smith, president; Mrs. Robert Gladden, Little Rock, vice-president; Mrs. J. H. Brandt, Carlisle, recording secretary; Nancy Cooper, Little Rock, Treasurer.

District representatives are Mrs. Steve Baker, Little Rock, Central; Mrs. Coy Tommey, McCrory, East Central; Mrs. Faber Tyler, Ozark, West Central; Mrs. James Barrentine, Heber Springs, North Central; Mrs. John McAllister, El Dorado, Southeast; Mrs. Carl Kluck, Arkadelphia, Southwest; Mrs. J. W. Jarrett Jr., Jonesboro, Northeast; Mrs. Landreth Loyd, Springdale, Northwest.

Members-at-large are Mrs. Tom Bray, El Dorado; Mrs. Buford Bracy, Little Rock; Mrs. Wayne Friday, Blytheville; Mrs. Lloyd Sanderson, West Memphis; Mrs. Paul Brown, Lonoke; Mrs. Robert Buice, Little Rock; Mrs. R. A. Coppens,

Arkadelphia; Mrs. Robert S. Beard, Clarendon; Mrs. Jack Ferguson, North Little Rock; Mrs. George Tharel, Fayetteville; Mrs. A. J. Curtis, Ft. Smith; Mrs. Roy E. Snider, Camden.

Also serving on the board are eight life members. They are Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, Mrs. C. R. Pugh, Mrs. W. D. Pye, Mrs. J. L. Fiske, Mrs. L. M. Sipes, Mrs. J. R. Grant, Elma Cobb, Mrs. H. M. Keck.

Regular meetings of the board are held twice during the year to transact business and formulate plans.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

## Norphlet teacher materials writer

NASHVILLE—Mrs. Rosalie Stocks Love, a first-grade teacher in Norphlet, Ark., was one of eight persons participating in a conference for writers for teachers of four-and-five-year-olds in Training Union, held here recently.

Sponsored by the Church Training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the conference was under the direction of Miss Marie Hedgecoth, editor of pre-school curriculum materials, and other Church Training department staff members.



## OBU chemistry major receives fellowship

Gary Rice, a senior chemistry major at Ouachita University, was recently awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation Fellowship for graduate study in chemistry. A limited number of these awards are presented annually on the basis of national competition.



MR. RICE

All applicants are evaluated by the National Academy of Science according to college grades, recommendations and scores on the graduate record examination. Rice, who is from Waldron, is a National Merit scholar and has also received an offer for a full-time teaching assistantship at Purdue University.

When asked why he chose to study chemistry at Ouachita, Rice stated, "I feel the science department here is excellent," and went on to rank it as one of the top two college programs in Arkansas.

## Doyle Frazier is Tupelo pastor



MR. FRAZIER

Union Avenue Church, Wynne, recently ordained Doyle Frazier to the gospel ministry. Mr. Frazier is now serving as pastor of First Church, Tupelo. Mrs. Frazier is the former Louise Willis of Wynne and they have two daughters.

## Arkansas editor sponsors new tour

Editor Erwin L. McDonald of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine has joined Executive Secretary T. B. Lackey of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma in the promotion of the Oklahoma Baptist World Alliance—Expo '70 Tour, scheduled for July 5-19.

Dr. McDonald was invited to become a sponsor of the Oklahoma tour after a round-the-world tour he had planned failed to materialize.

The Oklahoma tour has two excellent features over the longer tour he had planned, McDonald said—"requiring less time to make and far less expenses."

Total cost of the Oklahoma tour is \$710, including round-trip transportation from Oklahoma City to Tokyo, with accommodations in first-class hotels and breakfast, he said.

Arkansans interested should contact Editor McDonald immediately.

## New subscribers to Ark. Baptist Church

Church

Pastor

Association

### New budget after free trial:

Plesant Valley Church, Danny Brown  
Shirley

Van Buren County

### One month free trial received:

Sanderson Lane, Wallace A. Ely  
Texarkana

Hope

## Arkansas editor attends conference

NASHVILLE—Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, Little Rock, was among 20 participants in a writers' conference for adult Life and Work and Forefront Sunday School materials, held recently at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The conference was sponsored by the adult section of the board's Sunday School department, and was under the direction of Charles R. Livingston, supervisor, and other staff members of the section.

## Overton attends Bible seminar

NASHVILLE—Carl M. Overton, Hamburg, Ark., was one of nine persons who attended a seminar on "Conducting a Church Bible Conference," at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board recently.

Sponsored by the Sunday School department of the board, the seminar was directed by Chester Russell, consultant in general field services for the Sunday School department.

## OBU drama group supports missions

ARKADELPHIA—A drama group from Ouachita University's Baptist Student Union has prepared a drama, "I Saw Him," to be presented in an effort to raise money for the BSU Summer Mission program.

The group, under the direction of Jim Elliff, a senior speech and drama major from Little Rock, will be available to perform in any interested churches, with all contributions going to summer missions.

Any church interested in having this group should contact Jim Elliff, OBU Box 634, Arkadelphia; or Mervin Mims, OBU's director of Religious Activity.

## Deaths— Herman Ihley

PINE MOUNTAIN, Ga. (BP)—The Kentucky Baptist director of Interracial Cooperation, Herman Ihley, 56, died of a heart attack on a golf course here April 15.

Dr. Ihley was attending an annual conference and retreat for state directors of work with National Baptists, at the resort center Callaway Gardens. The conference was sponsored by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"He was one of the more creative men that we have had in this type of work," said W. R. Grigg, Atlanta, associate secretary of the department of work with National Baptists, "and he was setting patterns that will be followed by others."

Dr. Ihley had led Kentucky Baptists, both black and white, to hold recent joint meetings of their state conventions. One meeting of youth groups attracted more than 10,000 participants. A number of churches of both racial groups had become dually aligned with the state convention of the other in efforts to heal racial tensions.

A native of Furman, S. C., Ihley had lived most of his early life at Adel, Ga., and Mercer University, Macon, Ga. He earned a doctorate at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

He was the first to serve in this position in Kentucky, holding the office since 1967. For 10 years before that he was secretary of the Sunday School department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Funeral services were held April 17 in Adel, Ga. He is survived by his wife, the former Bernice Juhan of Georgia.

## Mrs. A. W. Creasy

Mrs. Estle Jane Kennedy Creasy, 72, North Little Rock, widow of A. W. Creasy, died April 19. She was a charter member of Pike Avenue Church and the Jewell Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Naomi Rebecca Lodge of Armv Mothers.

Survivors are a son, Clifford Creasy, and a daughter, Miss Verna-Mae Creasy, both of North Little Rock, two brothers, Ephriam Kennedy of Decaturville, Tenn., and Jim Kennedy of Cedar Grove, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. Arbie Clark of Memphis and Mrs. Laura Gilbert of Lewisburg, Tenn., and a grandson.





# Your state convention at work

## Special missions ministries

### Workshop features multiple missions

On March 31 the Special Ministries division of the Missions department held a by-invitation-only workshop in the Baptist Building, Little Rock. Although 97 persons had been pre-registered, there were actually 105 in attendance.

Executive Secretary Charles A. Ashcraft set the tempo for the meeting by urging us to show loving concern in the 70s for the physical needs of the people and use every point of contact to win them to Jesus.

"The Crisis of Special Ministries" was the subject of a message by Warren A. Rawles, associate secretary of Christian Social Ministries of the Home Mission Board. He graphically discussed the situation in the streets and the community which is troubling today's world, adding that the greatest crisis confronting people today is the one in their own heart.

"Are we really willing," he challenged, "to move out into the world to meet the needs of the people—both physical and spiritual?"

Simultaneous conferences were conducted with Lloyd Henderson, director of Christian Social Ministries of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, leading the conference on weekday ministries; Billy S. Hilbun, director of education for the East Grand Avenue Church, Dallas, leading the day-care conference; Mrs. Roy Snider, Camden, state approved literacy consultant for Arkansas, leading the literacy conference; and the youth and family rehabilitation conference being led by Bill Crews, associate secretary of Christian Social Ministries of the Home Mission Board. Each of these conference leaders emphasized the problems and conflicts that surround us and offer opportunities for us to not only show compassionate concern, but, also, to confront people with the gospel.

A stirring message by Lloyd Henderson on "Motivation for Special Ministries" concluded the workshop. He declared that the only true and lasting motivation which would move people out into the world filled with problems is God's love.

Help in structuring, weekday ministries, using youth and family, migrant and literacy ministries, is now available for all churches in Arkansas through the Missions department.—J. Everett Sneed, Director, Special Missions Ministries

### Chaplain Dorris workshops leader

R. H. Dorris, Little Rock, director of chaplaincy ministries for the Arkansas Baptist Convention, will lead mission action workshops and youth conferences at the World Missions Conference, July 23-29, at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly. The World Missions Conference is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and the Woman's Missionary Union, in cooperation with the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board.



MR. DORRIS

"More than 2,000 persons have already registered, and another 1,000 are expected," said Norman Godfrey, conference coordinator.

The conference will offer mission experiences for adults, young people, children, and pre-schoolers, Godfrey emphasized.

Information on housing and meals at the conference is available from Glorieta Baptist Assembly, P. O. Box 8, Glorieta, New Mexico 87353

## PROGRAM

- 9:20 *Devotional and Statement of Purpose* . . . . . R. H. Dorris
- 9:25 *"The Bible and Pastoral Care"* . . . . . J. Don Corley
- 10:00 *"The Pastor and a Volunteer Ministry in Business-Industry"*  
Lowell Sodeman
- 10:35 COFFEE BREAK
- 10:50 *"The Pastor and a Volunteer Ministry in City and County Jails"* . . . . . Carl Hart
- 11:25 *"How One Association Meets This Need"* . . . . . Mel Brown
- 12:00 LUNCH
- 1:30 *"A Businessman Looks at the Chaplaincy"* . . . . . William B. Walton
- 2:05 *"The Chaplain's Role in Business-Industry"* . . . . . J. Gordon Peterson
- 2:40 Critique
- 2:45 ADJOURN

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William B. Walton  
President of Holiday Inns, Inc.  
Memphis, Tennessee



## Ferguson heads Race Relations

Robert U. Ferguson, pastor of Oakdale Church, Mobile, Ala., has accepted the position as director of Race Relations with the State Missions Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He will begin his new work on May 18. He succeeds Clyde Hart, who retired several months ago to accept a position with the Economic Opportunity Agency. His election by the Executive Board followed a personal interview.



MR. FERGUSON

Mr. Ferguson is a native of Missouri. He was reared in Mobile, Ala.

After four years in the navy he entered Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., from which he received the B.A. degree in 1949. He graduated from New Orleans Seminary with a B.D. degree in 1953.

He has served pastorates in Louisiana, Alabama, and Oregon. For several years he served the Louisiana Convention in the Department of Promotions and Missions, working primarily with Negro Baptists.

Mr. Ferguson is married to the former Mary Edna Creighton, a native of Pensacola, Fla. They have two sons and three daughters.

"Brother Ferguson has received the highest commendation from all who have known him through his ministry thus far," says J. T. Elliff, Missions department secretary. "We feel very fortunate to have a man of his ability and experience to spearhead our work with National Baptists in the state. Some of us feel we do not have a greater mission/challenge than in this area of co-operative effort. Please pray that Mr. Ferguson will be given unusual insight into his ministry."

### Church Training Attention, Pastors!

Dr. Winston Pearce, professor of Preaching, Golden Gate Seminary, will conduct conferences at the Pastors' Retreat at Paron May 18-20. His conferences will deal with planning your long-range preaching program: Why, What, When, How, and Resources.

These conferences will be of tremendous help to all pastors who attend.

The retreat is sponsored jointly by the Missions department and the Church Training department. Make your plans to attend.

The retreat begins on Monday, May 18, at 2 p.m., and closes Wednesday, May 20, at 10:30 a.m.—Ralph W. Davis

## Arkansas's Top 26 churches in baptisms 1968-69

Baptisms	Church	Pastor (When record was made)
105	South Side, Pine Bluff	Tal D. Bonham
91	Grand Avenue, Fort Smith	Clifford L. Palmer
89	First, Fort Smith	William L. Bennett
74	First, West Memphis	Thomas A. Hinson
71	Second, Hot Springs	Walter L. Yeldell, Sr.
71	Windsor Park, Fort Smith	J. Harold Smith
70	University, Fayetteville	H. D. McCarty
67	Second, Little Rock	Dale Cowling
64	Life Line, Little Rock	William V. Philliber
62	First, Van Buren	Bruce Cushman
62	Temple, Crossett	Andy O'Kelley
60	Bluff Avenue, Fort Smith	C. D. Peoples
60	Markham Street, Little Rock	Ray Branscum
60	Second, Forrest City	Marion Gramling
59	First, Magazine	Leroy Rogers
56	First, Lavaca	Charles Holcomb
54	First, Brinkley	Jack Clack
54	East Side, Paragould	Don Reed
54	Geyer Springs, Little Rock	Paul R. Sanders
53	First, Hope	Gerald W. Trussell
53	Marshall Road, Jacksonville	Ronald S. Griffin
52	Sunset Lane, Little Rock	Edward Edmondson
52	Douglasville, Little Rock	James E. Birkhead
51	Elmdale, Springdale	Paul M. Wheelus
50	First, Walnut Ridge	Jim E. Tillman
50	Park Hill, North Little Rock	Rheubin L. South

—Jesse S. Reed

### Woman's viewpoint

## All because of love

By IRIS O'NEAL BOWEN

My Grandfather O'Neal had at least two gardens, if I remember correctly, several orchards and so many corn fields, it was no wonder we called him "Grandfodder!"

My Dad followed in his footsteps and was a perfectionist when it came to gardens. He prided himself on his straight rows. His truck patches were a joy to behold and we weeded his potato rows so ardently that the potatoes hardly had a chance to make.

Mama's specialty was flowers and she always had the prettiest yard around. Nasturtiums greeted the spring and zennias the fall, and always in between something was in bloom!

My two brothers and sister have inherited these fine traits and spend many hours in their yards, with the desired results.

But somehow I have failed to measure up. I love flowers as long as someone else does the work. I can not even keep artificial flowers looking good. I have come to the conclusion that I am the black sheep in a long line of green thumbs!

So it was with great doubts that I let Mama give me an African Violet, and, as I expected, the little thing just sat in the window and grieved! Its leaves hung down and turned yellow. I watered it, as told, but every day the prognosis became more guarded! Then I read somewhere that plants need love, just like people! So I jumped up and ran to the window, patted the little leaves and whispered, "I love you!" Every day for a week I repeated the process—and nothing good happened.

Suddenly it came to me! I was telling the violet I loved it, but was I trying to prove it? I had to admit I had been all talk and no action. So I bought plant food, repotted the little fellow in a larger vessel, washed its leaves, and gave it a better place in the sun. For a while it was touch and go. Then one day I noticed the leaves were brighter and more alert. Today my African violet is in full bloom, I have acquired another one, plus a big floor plant that grabs you when you go by and an ivy vine that has literally taken over television—all husky specimens! And all because of love!



**CONCERN** COOPERATIVE PROGRAM '70



# Culpepper back to seminary; trustees name new dean, prof

LOUISVILLE (BP)—Hugo H. Culpepper, for five years a key executive of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, will return this fall to his former post as W. O. Carver Professor of Christian Missions and World Religions at Southern Seminary here.

Dr. Culpepper held the endowed chair from 1963 to 1965, prior to becoming di-

rector of missions for the board. His service on the seminary faculty began in 1959, after 19 years as a missionary in China, the Philippines, Argentina and Chile under appointment by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Culpepper's reappointment to the faculty was a highlight of the annual meeting of the Southern Seminary board of trustees.

In other action, the trustees elected Ernest J. Loessner to the post of dean of the School of Religious Education, effective immediately. A member of the faculty since 1953, Loessner had been serving as acting dean since Aug. 1, 1969, when Allen W. Graves was shifted to Administrative Dean.

Loessner is a former minister of education at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Ark.; South Main Church, Houston, Tex.; and First Church, Amarillo, Tex.

When he joined the faculty, he became the only man in history to teach at Southern Seminary before earning a college or seminary degree. He subsequently completed work at Georgetown College (Baptist), the University of Louisville, and Indiana University, with post-doctoral studies at the University of California and Pacific School of Religion.

The trustees named Miss Cora Anne Davis, a social worker at the Portland-Bridge Mission Center in Louisville, to the faculty as assistant professor of social work. She has been active in inner-city ministries in the Louisville area for the past 10 years and is the former executive director of the Baptist Community Center in Lexington, Ky.

Miss Davis, who becomes the second woman currently serving on the seminary faculty, is a graduate of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work and will receive a master's degree from the University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work this year.

The board also appointed G. Willis Bennett to the William Walker Brookes Chair of Church and Community, an endowed professorship occupied on a visiting basis in recent years by Home Mission Board executives Arthur B. Rutledge and M. Wendell Belew. Bennett will continue to serve as director of field education and placement in addition to his teaching duties. He joined the faculty in 1959, coming from a North Carolina pastorate.

Trustees named the seminary's new church music school building for V. V. Cooke, a long-time trustee of the seminary and a well-known Louisville businessman and philanthropist. He gave the seminary its first music school building, a structure now used as the official home for the seminary president.

The board named the new building's 250-seat recital hall for Dean Forrest H. Heeren, who came to the seminary as director of the department of church music in 1952 and was named dean in 1954 when the seminary's three schools were established.

In other actions, the board promoted Associate Professor D. Sean Haworth to professor of psychology of religion, granted tenure to Richard R. Lin, associate professor of church music, and approved sabbatical leaves for professors Wayne E. Ward, Findley B. Edge, Hugh T. McElrath and J. Phillip Landgrave.



*PROGRAM EVALUATION—Charles Riggs, director of counseling and follow-up for the Billy Graham evangelism team, discusses implementation of new Southern Baptist materials with educational program leaders at the Sunday School Board. (BSSB Photo)*

## Billy Graham workers evaluate Baptists' 70-73 programs

NASHVILLE—Six members of the Billy Graham evangelism team have analyzed Southern Baptist programs and materials for 1970-73 and have indicated approval of the intent and direction of program plans.

Meeting recently with heads of Southern Baptist Sunday School Board educational programs were Grady Wilson, Charles Riggs, Sterling Houston, Abdul Akbar-Haqq, John Cort and Henry Halley.

Riggs, director of counseling and follow-up, spoke for the team, saying that plans are "all on the right track, with Bible-centered materials." He observed that the materials "are well put together and have real depth and clear-cut objectives."

Riggs listed priorities which he feels are beneficial in implementing materials: commitment to Christ, spirit-filled

teachers and leaders, practical and simple equipping of people to witness, and a people-to-people program for reaching the masses.

The group studied literature selection guides, dated plans for materials for the three-year period, and four recently published books—*A Dynamic Church*, by W. L. Howse and W. O. Thomason; *Sourcebook 70-71*, prepared by the church administration department of the Sunday School Board; *The 70's: Opportunities for Your Church*, edited by James Daniel and Elaine Dickson; and *The New Times*, by Albert McClellan.

According to Dr. Howse, director of the board's education division, "We wanted persons successful in the area of evangelistic outreach to evaluate our approach to programs and materials in 1970-73 period. We felt that these men are constantly on the firing line and would be able to give us an objective evaluation."





Mrs. W. D. Pye, a longtime friend of Baptist Medical Center, and former Executive Secretary of the Arkansas W. M. U., recently gave a television set to be used for BMC students. Mrs. Pye gave the TV set as a memorial to her late husband. The set has been placed in the conference room of the Student Union Building.

A memorial gift, in memory of Mrs. Edwin Weisl, was received from Mr. R. A. Lile, for the BMC Building Fund.

Another memorial gift to the Building Fund was received from Dr. John W. Smith, in memory of Mr. Wayman Kerksieck.

## 28 Become New LPN Graduates

Mr. & Mrs. Laurie DeWitt provided a touch of romance to the March 1970 practical Nursing Class. They were the first husband and wife team to graduate together.

The couple met as students in the nursing school, were married last fall, and graduated together.

After graduation from the one-year course the couple left for a month's vacation in Mexico. When they return they will both assume nursing duties at BMC.

Twenty-eight students graduated from the program March 27 in ceremonies at the BMC Student Union.

Graduates of the class are: Martha Elaine Baker, Bettye Jane Ball, Louise Margaret Bariola, Patricia Louise Byrd, Delores Jean Carlton.

Joyce M. DeWitt, Laurie L. DeWitt, Evelyn N. Floyd, Carolyn Holland Gibson, Mary M. Green, Peggy Moore Greenwalt.

Fannie M. Hayes, Helen L. Henley, Frances Carolyne Hoof, Kathryn Marie Jarvis, Phillis Ann Johnson, Lorraine Lloyd.

Sharon Lynn Malnar, Joan Marie Miller, Connie Scribner Morgan, Clara Ellen Norris, Christene Nutt.

Alta Lanell Robinson, Charlene Sample, Linda Carole Schad, Verdine White Staggers, Veronica Neil Thompson, Lana Sue Walker.

# State College Offers New Career Option Nursing Plan

A new type of nursing program offering "career options" will be started in September by the State College of Arkansas, with clinical experience at Baptist Medical Center.

Upon successful completion of the experimental four-year program, the student will receive a bachelor of science degree and be prepared for practice as a professional nurse.

But, unlike traditional baccalaureate nursing programs, the new program — using a "career ladder" concept — will qualify the student for different kinds of positions in nursing at various stages of the training period.

After successfully completing the first year, the student will be prepared to practice as a practical nurse and will be eligible for practical nurse licensing examinations.

At the end of the second year, if the student has made satisfactory progress, he or she will qualify for an associate degree in nursing and will be eligible for registered nurse licensing examinations.

The final two years of the program will be devoted to further academic studies and professional subjects, including courses designed to prepare students for leadership roles in nursing.

Dr. Silas D. Snow, president of SCA, said enrollment the first semester of the program would be limited to 30. Private donors are financing the costs of the program for the first two years, he said.

Dr. Snow said the program is designed to meet an acute shortage of nurses in

Arkansas and the rest of the nation. He said SCA officials have discussed the program with members of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and received approval to proceed with plans for the program.

Dr. Snow said the program would be organized so that if a student had to interrupt his or her education after a year or two of training the student could still qualify for licensing as a practical or registered nurse.

"The training would not be lost," he said. "At a later time, if circumstances permitted, the student could re-enroll in the program at the point at which he or she left it."

The program will achieve this goal by combining education courses and clinical training during the academic year.

Dr. Snow said the new program would not affect SCA's present four-year baccalaureate program in nursing, which stresses academic studies the first two years and clinical and professional training the last two years.

Mrs. Mildred Armour, chairman of the SCA Nursing Department, said the "career option" idea was encouraged in a recent report by the National Commission for the Study of Nursing and Nursing Education.

She said students with experience in practical nurse programs and associate degree programs at other institutions may enroll in the program, providing they meet the admission qualifications.

Students with previous educational preparation in nursing at various levels may transfer credits into the program.



**JUNIOR VOLUNTEER SUMMER PROGRAM PLANNED** — Junior Volunteers Susan Crosby, Hank Brock and Clifford Wright review the plans for the candystrippers and J-V's to be offered at Baptist Medical Center this summer. For information on the program, open to boys and girls 15 years of age or entering the 10th grade, contact the BMC Volunteer Coordinator, 374-3351 extension 218.



# The hospital moves out of the depression and into the war



**Editor's Note:** This is the fourth in a 12 part series which commemorates 1970 as the 50th year of the founding of the Baptist Medical Center System.

The depression found the hospital with an ever increasing load of charity patients. Throughout the 1930's regular appeals were made by Hospital Administrator Lee Gammill and Hospital Supply Chairman Mrs. R. C. Rudisill for supplies that could be used for charity cases. In a letter sent to the state Women's Missionary Union Mrs. Rudisill reminded WMU Members that "every piece of linen or jar of fruit sent to the hospital will help to continue the charity work of the hospital."

Warnings were issued to the newspapers that unless some relief was found the hospital would have to discontinue charity work. It was indeed a trying financial time for the young institution.

Talk continued concerning the possibility that the state would acquire the hospital for use in conjunction with the medical center, but again enough assistance was found to keep the hospital in operation.

Under the leadership of Gammill, who became administrator in 1928, the hospital slowly recovered from the effects of the depression.

A cancer research program made headlines in the early 1930's when 100 volunteers were requested to assist in the program.

Baptist Hospital received national publicity in *The Modern Hospital Magazine* for the installation of "a new portable oxygen apparatus that provides a safe supply of oxygen right in the patient's

... The \$100,000 Nurse's Dormitory and Classroom Building was the first major expansion for the hospital since completion of the original building.

own bed."

In September of 1933, Dr. Joe Shuffield was elected chief of staff. Newspapers continued to report medical progress from Baptist State Hospital.

A clipping in a hospital scrapbook from 1933 notes that some banks were gradually being allowed to reopen and the financial picture of the country was improving.

In December of 1933 the hospital published the first issue of "Hospital News" the father of the "Baptist Buzzer."

## NEW NURSES' HOME

By 1939, the hospital was pulling out from under the effects of the depression sufficiently to begin work on a new nurses' home. The ground-breaking was held on November 2, 1939 and the nurses' home was opened, complete with classroom, recreation room and labs, in 1940. The building was enlarged in 1944 and a partial sixth floor was added to the Hospital. Special priorities had to be obtained for the work because of the war.

In December, 1940, a big step toward providing comprehensive medical care insurance was launched, when the Pulaski County Medical Society began its "Community Group Hospitalization Plan."

In December of 1942 Lee C. Gammill resigned as administrator to enter the service. A major, Gammill was assigned as assistant to the Surgeon General, War Department, Washington, D.C.

Replacing Gammill as superintendent was John G. Dudley, a native Arkansan who was formerly the administrator of South Carolina Baptist Hospital. In a fare-

well to Major Gammill the Hospital Board of Trustees noted that "during his 13 years of service he has brought the hospital to maturity. For the first time in its history the hospital was free of debt. The mortgage on the hospital and nursing home has been retired and the hospital is in excellent condition - storeroom filled with supplies, and all the necessary equipment for war-time emergency ..."

In December 1941, Miss Mary Ruth Deal, an ABH graduate became the first Arkansas nurse to volunteer for active Red Cross service with the armed forces after the declaration of World War II.

Many members of the hospital's staff began leaving for active service and the hospital itself set up an emergency medical crew to be ready for any type disaster, including enemy attacks.

## WAR BABY BOOM

Baptist did a land office business in babies in 1942 and 1943. According to a story in July, 1943, 742 babies were delivered in 1942 and 430 during the first half of 1943. The Gazette reporter credited the war with the increase, which he said was not just local. On one day he reported that Baptist had six deliveries, an all-time high.

"Small American flags mark the cribs of those whose fathers are in the armed services," the story said. "And what a lot of flags!" Institutional ration points took care of the problems of special diets for mothers, according to the story.

"Whoever else may go short, the babies and their mother are being cared for as usual," the reporter concluded.

Baptist was approved in 1944 for training the U.S. Cadet Nursing Corps.



# Central Blood Bank Is Set

Beginning May 1, the Baptist Medical Center System will join seven other hospitals in Central Arkansas in establishing a county-wide blood bank for the entire blood needs of Pulaski County.

The new center, to be operated in the Pulaski County Red Cross Chapter is the result of many months of planning between the Red Cross and hospital authorities.

Mr. James Penick, Jr. chairman of the local Red Cross Chapter noted that Pulaski County has not supplied its own blood needs in the past, and that channeling of all blood requirements through the Red Cross blood center will make possible a centralized inventory management and control. Improved distribution will result in maximum utilization of blood and blood products. In addition to inventory and distribution, the Red Cross will assume the task of procuring blood, processing and proper storage.

## BIG JOB AHEAD

"There's a big job ahead for all of us," Penick stated, "but we are positive that our joint efforts can insure the success of this most important effort. The total amount of blood needed by our hospitals increases every day and this necessitated our planning with the hospital group to develop the means to assure the availability of blood and blood products for patients in all hospitals in the county."

Penick indicated that Red Cross would have to double its present blood procurement schedule and within a short period of time an additional increase in need could be expected. Through the new blood procurement plan, blood would be available, Penick said, when needed and at the lowest possible cost. Blood from the Red Cross center will meet the highest necessary medical standards.

## ALL MAY PARTICIPATE

Individuals and groups may participate in the Red Cross blood program in the following manner: A donation of blood by any resident of Pulaski County at the Red Cross blood center or blood mobile visit will insure the total blood needs of the donor and his family for 12 months. Families include the individual family member, spouse, children under 18, single children over 18 if unable to be donors, and parents and grandparents of each spouse. If donations of blood to Red



... Respiratory Therapy Supervisor David Dalton checks one of the Bennett units that will be utilized in the new Respiratory Intensive Care Unit.

# New Respiratory Care Committee, Intensive Care Unit Is Established

Creation of a new Respiratory Care Committee, and the establishment of a Respiratory Intensive Care Unit at Baptist Medical Center are the latest developments in the continuing effort to provide increased patient care.

Cross are made by members of an organized group in an amount equal to 25% of the membership, total blood requirements of all members of the group and their families will be met for a period of 12 months. Total blood needs of persons eligible under the Red Cross Program will be met anywhere in the United States or Canada, provided the hospital involved will accept Red Cross blood credits through the American Red Cross - American Association of Blood Banks reciprocity system. Penick concluded, any person over 18 and under 66 years of age, in good health, may give blood.

Red Cross Blood Center hours will be as follows: Monday through Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday - 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Sunday - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Red Cross Blood Center is located in the Pulaski County Red Cross Chapter, 401 South Monroe Street, Little Rock. Telephone number - 666-0351

Members of the new Respiratory Care Committee are: Dr. Jasper McPhail, chairman, representing chest surgery; Dr. John Schultz, representing chest medicine; Mrs. Sandra Ward, R.N., Supervisor of the Intensive Care Unit; Mr. David Dalton, Supervisor of the Respiratory Therapy Department; Mr. Joe Wall, R.P.T., Head of the Physical Therapy Department; and Mrs. Marian Ross, O.T.R., Associate Professor and Director of the Occupational Therapy Program for State College of Arkansas.

The long range goal of this program is to develop a school for the training of professional respiratory therapists and an out-patient and home care program which will probably involve other agencies.

## RESPIRATORY CARE UNIT

The respiratory care unit is located in the area of the general intensive care unit which was utilized by coronary care patients prior to the opening of the new coronary care unit this February.

"It is especially appropriate," explains Dr. McPhail, "that this new unit, which is the first to be established in the state of Arkansas, is located in the area previously used by the first coronary intensive care in the state."



# Appointment of missionaries highlights Board meeting

RICHMOND (BP)—Appointment of 11 new missionary personnel highlighted the 125th anniversary observance of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

The new appointees bring the board's total overseas force—career missionaries, missionary associates and Journey-men—to 2,478 in 71 countries.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the board, said in his report to the 67-member board, "The unsung heroes of this enterprise are the thousands of men and women in the churches throughout the convention who have loved the cause of missions and have remembered this labor at the throne of grace.

"We express our deep appreciation to pastors, denominational workers, those in the states and in the convention, and those who serve in colleges and seminaries for their partnership in the gospel. The agencies of the convention have been partners in a world task and have strengthened our hands repeatedly," he said.

Cauthen particularly commended the Woman's Missionary Union support of foreign missions through prayer, missions study, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which has reached \$14.9 million to date, \$641,139 more than at the same date a year ago. Cauthen predicted 1969 would be a record year in Lottie Moon foreign missions contribution.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, declared that it is the Foreign Mission Board's zeal and commitment that keeps the SBC together.

"Were there no Foreign Mission Board, there would be no Southern Baptist Convention," Criswell told the audience, alluding to the historical mission-oriented development of the convention.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union, read from an 1888 edition of the *Richmond Dispatch* about the earliest efforts of Southern Baptist women to organize and bring together the energies of diverse mission societies in the eastern and southern states at that time. She concluded her comments by telling the board, "You can count on the Woman's Missionary Union!"

Couples appointed as career missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Hancock, Belle Chasse, La., to Korea; Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Harris III, Louisville, the Philippines; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Witherspoon, Jasper, Mo., Argentina; and

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Workman Jr., Fort Worth, to Malawi.

Employed for five-year terms as Missionary Associates were Dr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth Locke, Weatherford, Tex., for Hong Kong; and Miss Betty Vaught, McAlester, Okla., also Hong Kong.

In another session the board approved 72 young adults for training as Missionary Journeymen. They will train for eight weeks this summer at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.

This year's contingent of Journeymen will be the sixth since the Journeyman program began, in 1965. Overseas missions (organizations of SBC missionaries) requested about 175 Journeymen for 1970.

Four students completing their third year of medical training and indicating a definite interest in medical missions were approved by the board for "receptorships" in Baptist hospitals overseas.

Approved as receptors are students Lanny R. Copeland, University of Louisville (Ky.) School of Medicine, for the Baptist hospital in Jibla, Yemen; Bruce D. Fried, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, for the hospital in Gaza; Don G. Hagen, Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans, for the hospital in Bangkok, Thailand; and Ray A. Verm, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, for the hospital in Mati, Philippines.

The medical receptorship program, authorized by the board in 1968, provides travel and living expenses for up to four Baptist medical students at a time. Receptors, who must be in third year of medical study, spend eight to 10 weeks of a summer helping missionary physicians and dentists.

Recent developments regarding visas for missionaries to Pakistan are encouraging, John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, reported.

Hughey and Robert S. Denny of the Baptist World Alliance recently presented to the counsellor of the Pakistan Embassy in Washington the cases of two missionary families who have been waiting months for visas. The counsellor agreed to communicate with his government, and he subsequently informed Hughey that visas were being granted one of the couples. But the government's decision on the second couple is not yet known, Hughey told the board.

Both couples are replacing missionaries formerly stationed in Pakistan.

"I have the impressions that there will be no difficulty in sending replacements," Hughey said, "but there may be problems when we try to enlarge our missionary force.

"Sending in replacements will be enough for a while. We are ready now for new appointments to Pakistan," he added.

On the other hand, a missionary couple who have served an English-speaking congregation in Ankara, Turkey, since 1966, "have definitely been denied permission to remain in Turkey," Hughey continued. They probably will have to leave the country immediately unless the authorities agree to permit them to remain until their children are out of school, he said.

The Turkish counsellor in Washington, whom Hughey and Denny also consulted, explained that Turkey is a lay state and that all religious propaganda is forbidden. Turks may attend religious services if they so choose, but they may not be urged to attend.

There are especially strong objections to distributing religious literature, the counsellor added. But, if a missionary strictly observes Turkish law, there are no objections to the existence of an American church in Ankara, he told Hughey.

Hughey said that someone stationed in Beirut will probably serve as interim pastor of the church in Ankara. "I hope a missionary already under appointment can be transferred to Turkey as permanent pastor," he said.

Acting on a committee recommendation, the board voted to "take steps toward placing missionary personnel in Upper Volta, following a period of language study in France, on condition that permission of the government can be secured to begin a program of mission work in that West African republic."

A couple now assigned to Nigeria will be transferred to Upper Volta, effective June 1. After a year of studying French, they will probably be stationed in Ouagadougou, capital of Upper Volta, according to H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa.

Upper Volta, slightly larger than the combined areas of Alabama and Mississippi, has a population of just over five million. Evangelical Christians number less than 20,000.

In Ouagadougou, Upper Volta, there is a fairly strong Baptist congregation of Yorubas, whom a missionary stationed in neighboring Ghana has been visiting once or twice a year, Dr. Goerner said.

This and other small Yoruba groups will provide helpful points of contact,

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## Missionaries

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Goerner explained, "but our aim will be to develop work among the dominant More tribe, using French and the More dialect."

Goerner also reported that morale among the missionaries in Ghana is "surprisingly high, despite the loss of approximately 80 per cent of the membership of the Baptist churches because of the exodus of settlers from Nigeria.

"The absence of Yorubas has created an atmosphere in which local Ghanaian people feel more welcome, and prospects are good that many of the church buildings will soon be filled with indigenous peoples, worshipping in their own language and according to their own custom," Goerner continued.

"What seemed a tragedy may turn out to be in the long run a blessing and the beginning of a new era of indigenous development for Baptists in Ghana," he concluded.

Upon recommendation of the committee for Middle America and the Caribbean, the board voted to establish a Caribbean Baptist Theological Seminary "to provide university-level training for Baptist ministers." A minister training center will be operated in connection with the seminary.

Two Southern Baptist Seminary professors are to be invited by the board to carry out special assignments this year. J. W. MacGorman, of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, will be asked to speak to missionaries in five missions of West Africa during their annual mission meetings in June and July, and Francis M. DuBose of Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., is to make an urban survey of Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, and Manila.

# Put retired people to work in churches, leaders say

By LAWRENCE WEBB

TOCCOA, Ga.—Churches should put their retired members to work in the church and community and should minister to special needs of older persons.

These were the conclusions of persons attending a retreat for the retired and a parallel conference on ministering to the aging, on a recent weekend at Georgia Baptist Assembly, Toccoa.

Opportunities to minister to physical, social, and spiritual needs of the elderly were considered in meetings sponsored by state missions department of the Georgia Baptist Convention and the Georgia Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

A woman said she came to the conference to find what her church could do for her as an elderly person but that she was going home to see her pastor and volunteer to work for her church.

"If he doesn't know what to suggest, I'll tell him what I learned at Toccoa," the lady said.

An 83-year-old man told of his assignment to visit shut-ins for his church. "Sometimes my wife and I get up feeling like we think old people must feel," said Fred Morgan of Jackson, Ga. "But we go on and visit and come home feeling refreshed and glad we went."

In small group discussions, retired persons suggested such service as: reading to persons who cannot read, sitting with shut-ins while persons who care for them go shopping, and planning daytime, weekday Bible classes and special wor-

ship services.

The conference on ministering to the aging discussed various needs of the elderly: spiritual, educational, physical-material, social-recreational, and personal.

Spiritual needs included visits and counseling from concerned church members and involvement in church program organizations.

Educationally, elderly persons were said to need application of Christian truth for this period of life.

Physical and material assistance could include employment referral service, hobby classes, sick room equipment lending service, barber and beauty services for the homebound, "meals on wheels," providing a hot meal daily for persons who might neglect proper diet; and transportation to the doctor, drug store, or church.

Activities to meet social and recreational needs included organized groups, foster grandparents "adopted" by younger couples, and camps or retreats for the aging.

Personal needs included guidance concerning insurance, savings, and making wills.

Physical arrangement of church buildings for the convenience of the elderly included meeting rooms on the ground level, elevators for upper floors, ramps, non-skid floor polish, and earphones connected with the speaker system.

## Missionary notes

Rev. and Mrs. Harold G. Gateley, Southern Baptist missionaries to Korea, may now be addressed at Baptist Mission, I.P.O. 1361, Seoul, Korea. Mr. Gateley was born and reared on a farm near Plainview, Ark. The former Audrey Temple of Arizona, Mrs. Gateley was born in Phoenix and reared near Prescott. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964.

Miss Ann Wollerman, Southern Baptist missionary on emergency leave from Brazil, is back in Pine Bluff, Ark. (address: 610 W. Barraque St., Pine Bluff, Ark. 71601). Miss Wollerman, a native of Pine Bluff, was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1950.

Rev. and Mrs. Darrel E. Garner, Southern Baptist missionaries to Malawi, have

moved from Salima to Limbe (address: Box 5094, Limbe, Malawi). Born in Seminole, Okla., Mr. Garner lived in Wheat Ridge and Arvada, Colo., and Huntsville, Ark., while growing up. The former Judy Brown, a native of Arkansas, Mrs. Garner was born in Independence County and lived in Walnut Ridge and Fayetteville while growing up. The Garners were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board last June.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Lites, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Taiwan, completed missionary orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga., recently. They may then be addressed c/o D. R. Lites, Stop and Shop Bakery, Many, La. 71449. Lites was born near Garland, Ark., and reared in Many. Mrs. Lites is the former Nannette Webb, a native of Arkansas. She was born near Dyess and reared in Wilson. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board last November.

Rev. and Mrs. James R. Swedenburg Jr., Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Korea, completed missionary orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga., on April 17. They may be addressed at 306 Sunrise Blvd., Hueytown, Ala. 35020. An Alabamian, Mr. Swedenburg was born in Palmetto and lived in Carrollton and in the Birmingham area while growing up. The former Joyce Hawk, Mrs. Swedenburg was born in Siloam Springs, Ark., and lived in Tulsa, Okla., and Rich Hill, Mo. The Swedenburgs were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board last October.





# Happy May Day

BY LINDA MAURER ORR

Today was a very special school day for Christine and the rest of the children in Mrs. Kida's kindergarten class. They had finished a special project that the class had been working on all week. The children had made May Day baskets for their mothers.

"Today we'll go for a walk and gather some flowers to fill our baskets," said Mrs. Kida.

The children followed their teacher out-of-doors, holding hands with their walking partners. Near the school was a large field, filled with many kinds of wild flowers—buttercups, mayapples, blue violets, dandelions, and wild geraniums. Soon the children had picked enough flowers to fill all the baskets.

Back in the classroom, the children sat at their tables, arranging the pretty flowers in their baskets.

"You can be proud," said Mrs. Kida. "You've worked hard in preparing your May Day baskets, and they all look lovely. I'm sure your mothers will be pleased."

"I can hardly wait to get home," Christine told her friend Karen. "My mommy just loves surprises."

Walking home along the cement sidewalk on her street, Christine held the basket carefully so none of the flowers would spill out.

Halfway home, Christine passed the large old home of Mrs. Appleby.

"Hello," Christine called.

Mrs. Appleby sat on her front porch as she did every day, rocking back and forth in her wicker rocker. A thin shawl was wrapped around her shoulders.

"Hello, dear," the woman replied.

"Poor Mrs. Appleby," thought Christine. "All she does is sit on the porch all day. No one ever comes to visit her. No one seems to care about her at all."

Christine stopped walking. She could change things. In a moment, she had turned and run up the old, creaky steps to Mrs. Appleby's rocker.



## Bridges

BY THELMA C. CARTER

When you travel across this great country of ours, you may be amazed at the number of bridges that dot the land. There are big bridges and little bridges. Bridges cross creeks, rivers, lakes, and road culverts. They connect islands with islands and islands with mainlands. Some bridges are built for highways and railroads.

Probably the first bridges were results of natural accidents when tangled vines and trees fell across rivers and streams. Perhaps men first learned the value of bridges as they observed wild creatures crossing the water on fallen trees and vines or from overhanging tree branches.

The Bible reminds us that the natural world is a wise teacher. "Ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell

"Happy May Day!" Christine said, handing the pink-and-green basket to the lady!

"Why, I haven't seen one of these since I was a little girl. Thank you very much. You've made me so happy."

"That's what May baskets are for," Christine replied.

As she walked toward home once again, Christine felt a little sad that she didn't have the beautiful basket with its lovely flowers to give her mommy. It would have made her happy.

"But," thought Christine, "she'll be even happier when I tell her what I did with my May Day surprise."

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thee; or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee" (Job 12:7-8).

We do not know who built the first bridges. We do know that arched stone bridges were found in ancient Rome. Some of these very old bridges are still in use today.

In the early days of our country, the pioneers floated their heavy, covered wagons across rivers and streams by lashing logs on either side of the wagon boxes. The Indians crossed streams and rivers on flimsy pole bridges.

Following the first ancient stone bridges, men began building bridges of iron, steel, and cables. Most of these bridges were rigid and built with massive piers and arches. Many of these bridges remain today.

Then came the great suspension bridges, such as the Brooklyn Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge.

The latest and longest suspension bridge is an amazing one which spans New York Harbor. This bridge is made of countless tons of concrete and steel. It has thousands of miles of cable wires.

Men have learned many lessons in building bridges. The first one is that each bridge has a character. Each bridge is different. Men have also learned that in building bridges the elements, such as wind force, heat, cold, snow, and ice, must be considered with utmost care if the bridges are to be safe and long lasting.

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## Persecutor to missionary

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Three events recorded in this lesson contribute to the pattern of expansion in early church history.

### Conversion of Saul (Acts 9:1-31)

The conversion and resultant life of Saul of Tarsus stands as one of the most telling evidences that the Christian religion is genuine. That conversion experience of Saul while on the road to Damascus is so important for the world that the Spirit saw fit to record the event three times in the Book of Acts. It is found in chapters 9, 22, and 26; the first time by Luke, the historian, as he traces chronological developments in the expansion of the Christian movement, and the other two times as records of Paul's testimonies in his defense of himself to the Jews in the temple court in Jerusalem and before a governor, a king, top military brass, and the city dads of Caesarea.

1. The great light and the voice were sent from heaven to convince the strong-willed Saul that it was God who was dealing with him. Apparently those who accompanied Saul saw the light and heard a sound, but the voice was not meaningful to them. Only Saul who was under conviction by the Spirit gave a subjective interpretation to that phenomena and understood the voice which spoke only to him.

The central significance of Saul's conversion experience as a pattern for us is that no religious conversion is genuine unless the voice of the Lord gets through to one's understanding and elicits a response like that of Saul: "What shall I do, Lord?"

2. The evidence that Saul's conversion was for real is not that the outward phenomena were so strong as to knock him and all his party to the ground, but that he arose and followed instructions from heaven. To King Agrippa he said, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

### His calling (Gal. 1:11-17)

In the Galatian passage of this lesson, Paul gives another interpretation of his conversion experience, this time as it pertained to his religious calling. The statement is a part of Paul's defense of his gospel and of his apostleship.

1. The defense is theological. He said that God had called him even prior to his birth and had issued the effective call at

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the time of his conversion experience. God revealed his Son to Paul so that he might preach him among the Gentiles (15-16).

2. The defense is also biographical. He said that he had advanced in the Jewish religion to a top position (see Phil. 3) and was extremely zealous for the traditional religion of the Jews. He insisted that he did not get his gospel from other men, but that it came to him by direct revelation from Christ. He substantiated this claim by pointing out that soon after his conversion he went to Arabia for three years, and then returned to Damascus before going to Jerusalem to confer with the Apostles.

Paul does not say what he did in Arabia but the natural assumption is that he went there to study and think. He probably restudied the Old Testament in the light of his Christian experience, and examined his Christian experience in the light of the Old Testament.

### A gentile church (Acts 11:19-26)

1. Another significant step in the expansion of the Christian religion was made when some of the Christians (perhaps laymen) who escaped from Jerusalem and persecution, went to Antioch in Syria and began preaching to all who would listen, including Gentiles. Peter

had already opened the door of salvation to Gentiles but there is no evidence that these people knew about Peter's work at Caesarea. Here we have what seems to be a spontaneous outreach of Christian hearts toward hungry-hearted Gentiles.

2. The Jerusalem church sent Barnabas to investigate reports of the Gentile church. He liked what he saw, even joined it; and so far as the record goes did not take time to return and report to the home church. Perhaps he wrote them. Instead, he went around to Tarsus to enlist Saul to assist him with the great work at Antioch.

### Conclusion

Other literature on this lesson has done excellent work in evaluating the significance of Paul, the converted enemy of the Christian faith. I have chosen to say a good word about Barnabas who seemed always to be around and ready when the early church faced a new challenge.

1. Barnabas was ready with his money when the church needed money for food (4:36).

2. He was ready with his good judgment when Saul the Christian first came to Jerusalem. He recognized Saul's sincerity and led the church to welcome him (9:27).

3. He was ready as the great trouble-shooter when reports came of a Gentile church in Antioch. While there he enlisted and developed Saul (11:22).

4. He was ready when the Spirit called on the Antioch church to send him and Saul as the first missionaries (13:2).

5. He was ready at the Jerusalem conference to report how God saved the Gentiles who turned in faith to God (15:12).

6. He was ready to stand by John Mark, who blew his first assignment as attendant on the first mission journey (15:36-41). He helped turn Mark into a most fruitful Gospel writer.

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## Demonstrating a changed life

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Life and Work  
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Luke 7: 36-38, 44-50

Jesus went to Simon's house simply because he neglected no class or society. He came to touch the lives of everyone. But Simon had something else in mind. We know this because he did not even offer the common courtesies of the day to Jesus. Simon wanted to study Jesus and his research went according to plan until the woman came. It was then a whole new supply of information opened up to Simon and his guests. But did they recognize it? Did they believe it?

### See who has come

She appeared as a storm cloud over men enjoying a picnic of pretense before the Son of the living God and like a sudden shower, her tears poured down to drench their laughter. At first she stood, ashamed and grieved that her life was plain for all to see. Then, in full repentance:

Forgiven sinners spell nothing but trouble—to the world. They are a pain in the neck to the hypocrite, a puzzle to the lost and a downright nuisance to the lukewarm Christian. Yet their gratitude is a reminder to other forgiven sinners that God is still at work. As they demonstrate their love for Christ, they set off waves of thankfulness as well as ripples of bitterness. Such was the case when a sinful woman followed Jesus to Simon's house.

### Come and be seen

Somewhere in Galilee Jesus was invited to eat with a Pharisee. The Pharisees, proud students of law, had not as yet opened fire on Jesus' ministry but the battle lines were fast being drawn. Now they were sizing up Jesus; tomorrow they would sieze him. Today they were suspicious, soon they would be certain he was a blasphemer.

"She sat and wept beside his feet:  
the weight  
Of sin oppressed her heart; for all  
the shame,  
And the poor malice of the worldly  
blame,  
To her were past, extinct and out of  
date;  
Only the sin remained the leprous  
state.  
She sat and wept and with her un-  
tressed hair,  
Still wiped the feet she was so blessed  
to touch;  
And He wiped off the soiling of des-  
pair  
From her sweet soul, because she  
loved so much." (J. W. Shepard)

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Simon sprang to a conclusion. "This proves that Jesus is no prophet, for if God had really sent him, he would know what kind of woman this one is" (Living Gospels); Simon was right in his facts but wrong in his conclusion. Jesus was a prophet and he did know who the woman was and that is precisely why he permitted her to continue. If God only accepted clean people, none of us would get into the Kingdom. But Simon did not know that—yet. Neither did he know Jesus read his thoughts.

Note carefully the story Jesus told to Simon.

Jesus assumed the place of the one who forgives sin and to whom both the sinful woman and Simon alike were accountable.

He asked Simon to voice the obvious conclusion to the story.

Jesus made a specific application of the story to Simon. The sin of pride committed by Simon was so terrible that Jesus refused to let it pass unrebuked. Perhaps, too, it was the only way Simon would have gotten the point Jesus intended. Do not we too try to rationalize ourselves out of admitting specific sins?

Turning for the first time to the woman, who sat at his feet, he said:

"Simon, do you see this woman?  
I entered your house (as your guest)  
You gave me no water for my feet.  
She washed my feet with her tears,  
And wiped them with the hairs of  
her head.  
No kiss thou gavest me,  
She, since I came in, has not ceased  
kissing my feet.  
With ointment, thou didst not anoint  
my head;  
She, with nard, anointed my feet.  
Wherefore I say to you:  
Her sins which are many stand for-  
given,  
Because she loved much.  
But he to whom little is forgiven,  
Loves little." (J. W. Shepard)

All this put Simon in a desperate situation. He had to either acknowledge his unforgiving spirit toward the woman as a little sin or else accept it for what it was and seek forgiveness for himself. The Bible does not say what he did.

Immediately, Jesus assured her that all was forgiven and that she could go

in peace. This indeed was a real paradox, for all around men were scowling at Jesus for claiming such power. And one can easily imagine the stares of people as she left the area. In time, though, the inward peace gained would more than replace the outward beauty lost.

"Deal kindly with the erring,  
Oh, do not thou forget,  
However darkly stained by sin  
He is thy brother yet.  
Forget not, thou hast often sinned,  
And sinful yet must be;  
Deal kindly with the erring one,  
As God hath dealt with thee." (J. W. Shepard)

### Oh, say, can you see?

Can you see the sin of Simon? Perhaps we should say sins but one is enough to make a person a sinner. Simon judged the woman by false standards. He obeyed the Law, she did not. He invited Jesus, she pursued him. He was clean, she was not. Jesus asked Simon if he had seen the woman, but in reality he had not. He saw his own self-righteousness and labeled her a sinner. He could not see her as she was for seeing her as she had been. A lot of "good Christians" have that same trouble.

Can you see the love of the lady? She was unconcerned about her appearance in such a forbidden place. She was led only by her strong desire to thank Jesus for his forgiveness. She knew Simon's attitude but she also knew Jesus' love. She made a personal sacrifice in order to thank him in public. It is more prevalent to sacrifice when we ask God for something than it is to sacrifice when we thank God for something. Perhaps our gratitude is too cheap.

Can you see the justness of Jesus? He said nothing about Simon's neglect as a host until Simon condemned a repentant sinner. Often Jesus took no offense when personal hurt was done to him, but he became angry when his Father's work was attacked. Yet, even then Jesus gave Simon room to repent when he asked for his judgment of the story. His love for the woman certainly did not exceed his love for Simon.

### Conclusion

While others are demonstrating to be heard, let us demonstrate because we have been heard. Our plea for forgiveness has been answered in Jesus. May our life each day be a testimony to this fact.



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## Vulture lesson

DRUMRIGHT—With spring in the air, Mrs. David Severe, fifth grade teacher, asked her class to sketch a bird or animal and express their thoughts about it.

Tine Strickland drew a picture of a vulture and penned this poem:

"The vulture eats between his meals,

"And that's the reason why

"He very, very rarely feels

"As well as you and I.

"His eye is dull, his head is bald

"His neck is growing thinner

"And what a lesson for us all

"To only eat at dinner."

## Middle course

There were three stores in a row. One day the first store owner in the row put up a sign reading, "Fire Sale." Presently, the third man in the row put up a sign advertising "Bankruptcy Sale." The man in the middle surveyed his neighbors' signs for a while; then came out with one of his own. It read, "Main Entrance."

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Banner, Mt. Zion	39		
Berryville			
Freeman Heights	120	39	
Rock Springs	80	52	
Bonneville, First	253	211	7
Camden, First	424	128	4
Cherokee Village	65	30	
Crossett			
First	413	153	1
Mt. Olive	201	141	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	31	28	
Ebenezer	151	59	
Forrest City, First	360	106	
Ft. Smith, First	1,095	349	4
Gentry, First	122	56	
Green Forest, First	140	65	
Greenwood, First	278	89	
Hamburg, Martinville	35	15	
Hampton, First	112	43	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	208	44	
Helena, First	252	83	
Hope, First	394	153	3
Hot Springs, Lakeside	150	78	1
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	119	76	
First	311	100	2
Marshall Road	279	152	6
Lake Hamilton	108	40	
Little Rock			
Archview	115	56	
Geyer Springs	506	261	17
Life Line	400	152	3
Rosedale	174	94	4
Magnolia, Central	595	226	2
Marked Tree, First	163	59	1
Mineral Springs, Central	119	56	
Monroe	54	16	1
Monticello			
Northside	100	58	1
Second	209	98	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	435	172	
Southside Chapel	23	20	
Central	186	72	1
Forty-seventh St.	142	72	
Gravel Ridge	146	98	
Highway	127	68	
Levy	347	108	3
Park Hill	644	199	4
Sixteenth St.	44	31	
Paragould, East Side	244	144	
Paris, First	331	110	1
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	184	88	1
First	615	135	7
Green Meadows	45	31	
Lee Memorial	140	75	
Second	143	76	
Southside	621	207	1
Oppello	19	14	
Tucker	10	7	
Springdale			
Berry St.	118	48	
Caudle Ave.	109	32	
Elmdale	476	146	2
First	483	97	3
Van Buren, First	437	171	16
Jesse Turner Mission	20		
Chapel	43		
Vandervoort, First	59	18	
Walnut Ridge, First	275	105	1
Warren			
Immanuel	200	82	1
Westside	56	49	



In the world of religion

## Striptease club 'closed forever,' owner sells for religious bookstore

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP)—"Closed Forever" read the sign on the door of the Green Gate, a striptease club here for 17 years.

Owner Guy Linton said he had "changed over to the Lord's side" and was shutting down the night club for good.

Linton made his decision in the club after hearing a message by Bob Harrington, a Southern Baptist evangelist from New Orleans better known as the "chaplain of Bourbon Street."

Linton, who had been dubbed in show business magazines as the "King of the Strippers," met Harrington when the preacher was conducting evangelistic services in Castle Hills Church here.

Harrington asked permission to address the Green Gate audience and Linton granted the request.

During Harrington's visit to the club, Mrs. Linton was invited to a debate be-

## Evangelicals are admonished to return to absolutes

Evangelicals must return to the absolutes, unpopular though they be, the president of the National Association of Evangelicals told more than 1,000 people gathered in Kansas City for the agency's 28th annual convention recently.

Arnold T. Olson, completing a term as top officer of the organization serving 39 smaller denominations and a constituency of some 3 million people, struck a note of crisis and challenge in his keynote address to which the varied elements of the three-day program clung in tenor and message.

"The greatest need of the church is revival," said Dr. Stephen Olford, minister, Calvary Baptist Church, New York City. He called for attention to divinely ordained conditions revealed in Psalm 24: physical chastity, moral purity, and spiritual honesty."

Carl Lundquist, president of Bethel College and Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., said Christians who expect to serve this generation effectively must discover the "simultaneity of living in two worlds at once." In his address to a pre-convention board dinner, he called on the leaders of 39 NAE member denominations to "practice our Lord's prayer that his people should be both in the world and out of the world at the same time."

tween Harrington and Madelyn Murray O'Hare, catalyst for the Supreme Court's ruling against compulsory prayer in the classroom.

Speaking of the debate, Mrs. Linton remarked, "After watching Madelyn Murray O'Hare and listening to her I'm convinced I want to be a Christian."

Following their decision, the Lintons went to the club and announced to the strippers and other employees the Green Gate was closing and then made plans for a formal closing service.

"A lot of Christians were in the club and there was standing room only," according to Jack Taylor, pastor of Castle Hills Church. "Several of the customers were shocked and scrambled out of the place but a number of others remained."

Taylor said there was applause after the Lintons expressed their desire "to follow Christ." After Harrington's closing prayer, spontaneous singing broke out.

Youth was represented as collegians took charge of an evening session, bringing the Christian side of the "mod" generation to the sometimes shocked attention of delegates. Delegates agreed the scene was a different sort than the familiar one portrayed on TV screens. "If this is the next generation, I have no fear for the church or for the nation," said a California minister.

A petite Vietnamese nurse received the key to the host city from the Honorable Clark A. Redpath, mayor pro tem of Kansas City. Mrs. Guyen Thi Khang is head nurse of the Hoa Khanh Children's Hospital in Saigon, a 120-bed facility recently transferred to the World Relief Commission by the U. S. Marines Force Logistic Command.

A panel of broadcasters shared innovative techniques of communicating to youth in the broadcasting media at a workshop. Heard also was a vital testimonial by "Miss Teen U. S. A.," Sydna Bunton of Kansas City; William R. Bright, Campus Crusade for Christ, who noted that demonstrators are turning Christianity into a revolutionary cause; and Clyde W. Taylor, general director of NAE, who declared the social upheaval currently rending America is spiritual hunger and that the special brand of Christians known as "evangelicals" know where the spiritual food is to be found.—Norman B. Rohrer

"The words of 'Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow' filled the semi-darkened atmosphere of the club," Taylor added.

He also pointed out that just before the Green Gate was padlocked, several of the strippers and the master of ceremonies had been converted to Christianity.

Taylor said shock and disbelief were registered in the entertainment and business world in San Antonio when the Lintons announced in a press conference they would sell their property to Harrington's evangelistic association.

The evangelist announced plans to use it as a religious book and record store and inner-city ministry outreach center.

Now a sign in the window of the former club reads: "Green Gate Club Closed Forever. See You In Church."

## Books on the 70s

NASHVILLE (BP)—Books related to changes in Southern Baptist church programs in the 70's are on their way to churches and individuals in record numbers.

Since the first new book was released in May of 1969, a total of 686-084 books and 117,644 teachers' guides have left the warehouse here, according to Herman L. King, director, publishing division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

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