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On our black list

Don't you just despise people that out-do you at doing your own "thing"!

One fellow I despise for out-"personally speaking" me is Jim Pleitz, the old Arkansas boy who has been pastor of First Church, Pensacola, Fla., now for many years. Just to give you some evidence of what I am talking about, here is Jim's column in the May 14 issue of his church bulletin:

Charles Atlas is muscling toward his 78th birthday and still nobody kicks sand in his face.

I can remember saving my pennies and nickels to get his material. Every redblooded boy wanted to know how he turned a 98-pound weakling into Mr. Muscles. (At the time, I weighed 88 pounds and there were just ripples on my arms where the muscles were supposed to be.)

It all started when a couple of bullies kicked sand in his [Atlas'] face while old Charlie was down at the beach with his girl friend. They not only insulted him (Have you ever had sand kicked in your face?), but he lost his girl friend. It must have looked like a black day for Atlas, but actually it turned out to be the greatest day of his life. That very day he started exercising and in time he became "Mr. America."

To make a long story short, he whipped the bullies—got his girl back—and made a million dollars to boot! How's that for a success story?

Lots of other people were in the physical culture business, but they didn't stay in business long. Atlas put them all out of business. How? Here's his answer: "I was the only one who practiced what he preached."

What a provocative suggestion.

This world is running over with 98-pound weakling Christians. We have little or no muscle. The devil kicks sand in our face and we are powerless.

Could it be that we don't have "muscles" because we are still dead in our sins? (A corpse can never develop muscles.) There are some people IN the church who are not IN Christ. Nicodemus was in the church but out of the Kingdom. Jesus still insists, "Ye must be born again."

Then, again, perhaps we are 98-pound weaklings because we are not practicing the teachings of Jesus. You can know His teachings from

A to Z and still be a weakling. It is the doing that develops spiritual muscles. . .

Why not start with a couple of simple exercises Sunday—like coming to church and bringing God's tithe as an expression of your love for Him? Yours for heavyweights.—James L. Pleitz.

See what I mean?

Erwin L. McDonald

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BAPTIST INSTITUTIONS in Arkansas will be conferring degrees this weekend. See page 7 for a list of candidates from Ouachita University, and information on honors at Southern College.

ARKANSAS PASTORS met last week for their retreat. Photos on page 9 tell about the highlights of the sessions. See also the "Editor's Notebook" on page 3.

A LITTLE ROCK minister of music has been chosen to head the state church music work. See page 10 for details.

A SERIES of doctrinal articles by seminary professor Wayne Ward continues with the subject "Regeneration and faith". It is found on page 6.

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Planning the preaching ministry

Camp Paron.—One of the greatest things a church can do for the preaching ministry of its pastor is to give him a month's vacation each year—provided that the pastor will use the vacation to plan a year's sermons.

This is the opinion of Pastor-Professor J. Winston Pierce, as expressed here last week at the Arkansas Pastors' Retreat.

Dr. Pierce, a member of the faculty of Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., shared his experiences of sermon planning acquired during four pastorates. He said that none of the four churches had been allowing the pastor as much as a month's vacation before calling him but that all of them agreed to allow a full month when he explained why this much time was needed.

Here is how Dr. Pierce suggests the pastor can use his vacation month most effectively:

1. Keep travel at a minimum, allowing no more than a week's time for getting to and from the vacation retreat. (He and his family rented the same cottage for vacations year after year.)

2. Plan to spend five hours a day, five days a week, for three weeks, planning sermons for a full year. He said that he had preferred beginning his study early in the morning and completing the five-hour assignment each day by noon. This left the rest of the day for the preacher and his family to do whatever they decided to do, for fun and recreation.

Dr. Pierce found the 90 hours of study during the vacation to be sufficient for planning his preaching for a year, including two services each Sunday and one for mid-week. The plans included preaching themes, subjects, topics, and texts.

One objective in long-range planning of sermons, Dr. Pierce said, should be to assure a well-balanced program, both as to topics and Scripture materials. It has been his observation that ministers who do not plan their preaching on a long-range basis are likely to get into ruts, preaching over and over on the same or similar themes and neglecting many books and doctrines of the Bible.

Surveys on sermon preparation have revealed that ministers who spend more time on sermon building and study consistently attract higher percentages of their members to the preaching services than do others, Dr. Pierce said. One particular survey showed that ministers spending

less than 10 hours a week in sermon preparation attracted an average attendance at the Sunday morning service of 33% of their members, while those spending 16½ hours a week in sermon preparation attracted more than 49% of their members.

Likewise, pastors who have hobbies seem to have a drawing power in their preaching far above that of hobby-less preachers, men with hobbies preaching to more than 49% of their people while those without hobbies attracted only 34%.

In practical suggestions as to how to plan a year's preaching, Dr. Pierce suggested that the Christian Year, as outlined by the liturgical churches, can be helpful. Two of the assets here are the excellent coverage of the great Bible doctrines and the selected Bible readings.

Dr. Pierce feels that Baptists should make a much bigger place for public reading of the Scriptures than most pastors and churches do. Many pastors leave great numbers of the books of the Bible untouched in their preaching ministry year after year, he said.

Dr. Pierce suggested that ministers may plan their year's preaching on a through-the-Bible basis; by months; according to people's needs; according to the denominational emphases; on an evangelistic emphasis; by series on great doctrines, etc.

Speaking on "The Holy Spirit," Jack Taylor, pastor of Castle Hills Church, San Antonio, Tex., said that "our people need to know what God has done in the past, what he will do in the future, but what really turns the people on is to see what God is doing now."

Referring to remarkable outbreaks of revival in different parts of the country in recent weeks, Taylor said that this summer may see the breaking loose of revival that will outshine all previous revivals.

Everytime we attend a pastors' meeting such as this one, we think how wonderful it would be if all pastors could attend. If you are one of the pillars in a local church—or just a part of the "silent majority"—you might do well to use your influence to make it possible for your pastor to attend the next pastors' meeting.

And how about lengthening your pastor's vacation to a full month a year in the interest of giving him a better opportunity to plan a year's preaching ministry?

I must say it!

A pastor and his convictions

No one is much more than the sum-total of his convictions, nor can one's integrity be valued above fidelity to his convictions. The essence of nothingness is a man with no convictions. If there is anything less than nothing it would be he who is not true to his convictions. Somewhere in between nothingness and less than nothing is he who would rather be liked than right. He who tries to please everybody is also in this class.



DR. ASHCRAFT

He who is a positive, dedicated servant of our Lord will have enemies. He will also suffer persecution (II Tim. 3:12). To say that a man does not have a known enemy is no compliment to that man. The number, intensity, and resoluteness of one's enemies is often in itself an indication of the genuineness of that man. The very presence of Jesus in the midst of

Jesus said, "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Lk. 6:36). If one's life is so negative and compromising that even the devils of hell endorse him, he must then take his rank and place below those who speak so highly of him.

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demons brought forth their tense reaction (Matt. 8:29) and they also confirmed his sonship with God: "What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God?" The devils recognized him, and he recognized them.

The raging opposition, criticism and blasphemy of a gainsaying world against the words, deeds, and dedicated living of God's preachers is often the best evidence and gauge of the effectiveness and rightness of that person.

The righteous will find great strength in the company of a pastor with convictions but the wicked will find no peace in his presence. Between the extremities of heaven and hell no person represents more the hopes and dreams of Almighty God than a righteous man who is true to his heaven-wrought convictions.

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

The people speak 'To stand up, or not to stand up!'

By Thomas A. Hinson, Pastor First Baptist Church, West Memphis, Arkansas and the immediate past President of Arkansas Baptist Convention.

At the 1969 Southern Baptist Convention an Arkansas pastor, Thomas Simmons, made a motion, "that the Convention urge the Sunday School Board to have all writers sign a statement with each manuscript of belief in the infallibility of the entire Bible, that the seminaries secure from professors a like statement annually." The motion went on to request that the seminaries and the Sunday School Board report annually on their progress in this respect.

The next day Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, offered the following substitute motion for the one that had been made by pastor Simmons the previous day: "That this Convention call to the attention of its agencies the doctrinal statement framed after careful study and much discussion at its annual session in Kansas City in 1963, and vigorously urge the elected trustees responsible for these agencies to be diligent in seeing that the programs assigned to them by the Convention are carried out in a manner consistent with and not contrary to the aforesaid statement of faith."

Dr. Sullivan's substitute motion passed and therefore killed the motion made by the pastor from Arkansas. Since that time much has been said and written regarding this particular action.

In an article carried in the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine several months ago, Dr. Hershel Hobbs observed that this action (the approval of Sullivan's substitute motion) plus the reelection of Dr. W. A. Criswell as president, were the two most significant things that happened in the 1969 Convention. Dr. Hobbs' article inferred that those who support-

ed Simmons' motion were "Fundamentalists" and that those who favored W. C. Smith (a virtually unknown from Virginia) for president were "Liberals." Hobbs then drew the conclusion that there are the three levels of doctrinal positions among Southern Baptists now: "liberal," "conservative," and "fundamental." He further observed that his tenure as president of the Southern Baptist Convention and his knowledge of Southern Baptist life led him to believe that Southern Baptists are 5% liberal, 5% fundamental and 90% conservative.

This writer would offer an opinion as a former Convention President, (Arkansas rather than SBC) that if Dr. Hobbs can evaluate Southern Baptist life perhaps I could offer an evaluation of Arkansas Baptist life. If "belief in the doctrinal integrity and infallibility of the entire Bible" makes one a "Fundamentalist," then I'm glad to be one! And I further believe that my fellow Arkansas Baptists are not just 5% in this category, but 95% in this category, with a sprinkling of extremists in the fundamental and liberal camps of our own Arkansas Baptist life.

This is a reply to an article by a retired seminary professor, Dr. T. B. Maston, entitled "To Sign or Not to Sign," appearing in the May 14 issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

It is this kind of "sympathy with liberalism" that disturbs so many of our people and pastors. I do not believe that Maston is a "Liberal," but I am admittedly disturbed with such constant defense of the "liberal's freedom" and the obvious failure to readily stand up for the "doctrinal integrity and infallibility of the entire Bible."

Maston leaves no question about where he stands (or sits) when he said, "Fortunately a substitute motion by

James L. Sullivan was approved." He further says that the "amens and applause" that greeted the introduction of the motion were very disturbing. Then he asks some questions and I would like in this article to offer my answers to his questions.

1. "Why should writers and seminary professors be picked out and isolated from all other denominational employees. . . ?"

The answer to this appears rather obvious to me. The Sunday School Board, with its vast and wealthy enterprises reaching into our largest and smallest church, and our five Seminaries with their multimillion dollar programs annually serve as "fountains" from which flow the leadership and the doctrinal concepts that will shape our Convention for years to come. Keep these fountains pure and you rather well safeguard the future of the entire denomination!

2. Maston then refers to other great doctrines that apparently are not Bible doctrines. This paragraph is ambiguous. All I have to say is that there is sufficient doctrine in Holy Scripture for any true New Testament Church.

3. Then Maston introduces "the priesthood of the believer," a "favorite catch-all phrase" to those who wish to defend the privilege of a professor or writer to believe, teach, or write almost anything he pleases.

As I understand it, the priesthood of the believer deals with the right of the individual to go to God in prayer for himself; not to go to the denomination with something utterly foreign to its teachings, principles, or beliefs, and at the same time accept Baptist tithes and offerings as salaries and funds with

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Southern Seminary revival

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which to finance such unacceptable programs.

4. Then Dr. Maston begins to find problems with such words as "authority," "doctrinal integrity," and "infallibility," these words having appeared in the original motion made by Thomas Simmons.

This is the most foolish approach in the article because any intelligent individual could just as easily lift out similar words from the 1963 Statement of Faith, article 1, dealing with "The Scriptures," and make the same kind of an argument. The 1963 statement is a good, but very general and broad statement. I sincerely doubt in the year since the 1969 Convention, that one SBC Board of Trustees has taken any concrete actions as a result of Sullivan's motion.

5. Maston then refers again to the "amens" and said the following question kept coming into his mind: "What if Pastors were required by Pulpit Committees or by Deacons to sign a similar statement?"

To which I would respond, that if my preaching and doctrinal reputation had not already indicated that I personally accepted "the doctrinal integrity and infallibility of the entire Bible," then the pulpit committee from my church would never have considered me as its pastor.

Second, if during my preaching and pastoral ministry I should have left question regarding such basic beliefs, then my deacons would be remiss in not asking me to reaffirm my belief in the Bible.

Furthermore, I would gladly sign such a statement upon arising to preach from my pulpit every Sunday morning and thereby affirm to every person present all over again my personal belief in the doctrinal integrity and infallibility of the Bible. And I find great difficulty in understanding why any other pastor, seminary professor, or writer for our denomination would not welcome the opportunity to give testimony by standing up for the doctrinal integrity and infallibility of God's Holy Word.

W. M. U. coverage

Many Arkansas W. M. U. Conventions have been held and several I have attended plus the one just passed. Your coverage of the 1970 convention in the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, April 16 issue, was the best I have ever read or seen. The pictures and the news items were extraordinary.

Please relay thanks to your staff. May the Lord bless your every effort in a job well done.—Mrs. Ira R. Rogers, 529 North Jackson, El Dorado, Ark. 71730

It started at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, May 7, when Arthur Blessitt, known as "the minister of Sunset Strip, Hollywood, Calif. spoke to Dr. Wayne Dehoney's Evangelism 101 class, at Southern Seminary, Louisville. The regular class members total about 20 but the room swelled to around 300 seminary students and professors. They listened to Blessitt in his hippie-type garb and hair.

Blessitt had just arrived in Louisville with his family and four other members of his team that were converted drug addicts and alcoholics. They were carrying an 80-pound cross all the way from Los Angeles to Washington D. C., to call the nation for God.

Blessitt spoke with power, challenging every Christian to be "a witness for Jesus." Many hearts were touched. Comments were made both pros and cons.

After he spoke, Dr. Dehoney suggested that a prayer meeting will be held at the seminary chapel at 2 p.m. This was not planned at all. Around 50 came when the prayer meeting started. Later hundreds came, in and out. The prayer meeting was a great revival to those who came. The significance of this were prayers, testimonies, and songs. It lasted to 6 o'clock in the morning of Friday, the next day. It lasted for 16 hours. Many confessions of sins were made, lives were rededicated, a few surrendered for the ministry, and other special christian services.

Saturday afternoon at one o'clock there was a parade of young people, mostly students of high schools, colleges, and seminaries, in downtown Louisville. It was headed by Blessitt himself carrying the cross, aided by an executive, a sem-

inary professor, and others.

The parade was six city blocks long, approximately 1,000 young people. As they marched, they were chanting "Jesus loves Louisville," "Jesus loves you," and singing gospel songs.

The parade climaxed at 6:30 in the evening when more than ten thousand adults and young people attended a rally at Freedom Hall.

Blessitt spoke of his experience and the ministry of his place, a coffeehouse in Sunset Strip for drug addicts, alcoholics, hippies and others. Hundreds came when he gave the invitation to the young people to be witnesses to their schools and "turn on to Jesus."

Sunday, May 10, the impact of the revival was felt and seen in the churches. Many decisions were made in the services. One church alone had 24 persons surrendered to be baptized. Walnut Street Church, the biggest in Kentucky, of which Wayne Dehoney is pastor, had hundreds of commitments to Jesus Christ when Blessitt spoke there.

Louisville experienced the message of hope in this most critical hour when student demonstration was going on in colleges and universities and the killings of four Kent State University students were still fresh in the people's mind.

God still works wonders when even just one Christian is sold out for the cause of Jesus Christ. This is what the world needs. This is what we need.—Ilde Guilaran (Alumnus of Ouachita Baptist University), Box 177 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky

A look at confusion

I have just finished reading *The Protest of a Troubled Protestant* by Harold O. J. Brown. This 37-year-old Congregationalist author is a graduate of Harvard University and studied in Germany. At present, he serves as theological secretary of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The book deals with the "what" and "why" of theological confusion. Observant Christians sense something is wrong. The book will prove helpful for one caught in the dilemma of modern change. Four chapters are worth the price of the book. They are: "What is 'Modern Theology' After?" "Alternatives to Biblical Authority," "Theology and the Total Culture," and "The Christian in the Total Culture."

Along with this book, I would recommend

two more: *Escape from Reason and The God Who is There* by Francis A. Schaeffer. This author heads the L'Abri Fellowship, Huemoz, Switzerland. *Escape from Reason* reveals how the views of modern philosophy and theology have developed and how they penetrate every segment of life. The last named book is a fuller and broader development of the same idea.

These authors have written on matters which are disturbing Christendom and have come to grips with troublesome issues. They write frankly and plainly. One can understand them, though it goes without saying that books dealing with such subjects cover areas of close reasoning and historical summaries. It seems to this reader that one concerned with the momentous matters of life and death can ill afford to be without these books.—Bernes K. Selph, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Benton, Ark.

The people speak

Politics in religion

The word "politics" is often pictured as a dirty word by churchmen and some religious news editors, especially when it comes to electing a president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention meets in Denver, Colorado, June 1-5. If politics is wrong in electing a president of the SBC, why is it not wrong in using the same method in electing a president of the United States? Or in electing a state senator? If politics is bad in religion, it is bad anywhere else.

Southern Baptists use politics, then either deny it or hide it or both. Pardon me, but our hypocrisy is showing.

Frankly, I am sick of being "labeled," weary of reading and hearing criticism leveled against those "playing politics" who want to see their man elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention. If and when a writer, minister, or editor, runs the picture of a man he endorses and claims that "many people in various parts of the country believe he will be elected this year," he is playing politics, the very thing he condemns in others.

Southern Baptists need a more practical and intelligent method electing their president. I offer two suggestions:

First, let a man who desires the presidency say so without feeling threatened or guilty. Why should we force a man to pretend he does not want the presidency when he really does, and may have a complete nervous breakdown if he doesn't get it? I trust a man more who says he wants to be president of the SBC and loses it than a man who claims he does not want it and will not seek it and yet wins it.

Secondly, let a man present his platform to the Southern Baptist Convention. Let him tell us what he believes and what he will do, if elected president, to make ours a better convention. This method of electing a president may not have any more dignity about it than our present method but there is less hypocrisy about it. That is justification enough. Politics has always been employed in groups or organizations where decisions are agreed upon. Politics in religion is healthy if it is in the open and the ground rules are understood.—Ray O. Jones, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Fountain City, Knoxville, Tennessee

'To live or to die'

More and more I am impressed with the ability of God to heal. I have seen on several occasions where there was real evidence that the Lord intervened where the doctors had given up. I am also impressed with a new realization which has come to me (new to me, any-

way). When God raises a sick person and restores him to health, this is a definite witness to the mercy and goodness of God. Therefore, we do not have to plead and beg the Lord to heal. This is what he really wants to do if we who pray would just pray with such trust and confidence.

Your wonderful article in "Personally Speaking" is what prompted me to write today. It was so specific regarding the part which our Lord played in the healing of your mother's body. Indeed, it is wonderful, as we face the uncertainties of the future to know that our hands are in "God's great and loving hand".—Roy G. Adams, Pastor, Eastgate Baptist Church, 4226 East Atherton Road, Flint, Mich. 48507

Who is a Baptist?

Regeneration and faith

BY WAYNE E. WARD

(Third in a series of short articles on the distinctive beliefs and characteristics of that group of Christians called Baptists)

--The overwhelming majority of the members of Christian churches today are members by the accident of birth. They were baptized in infancy by parents who had been baptized in infancy in the traditional church of the family. It is the same fatal tendency which led Israel to trust their hereditary religion and the sign of circumcision which perpetuated it.

When modern Christian scholars, such as Oscar Cullmann, defend infant baptism by appeal to the example of circumcision in the Old Covenant, they are unwittingly revealing their addiction to this same tragic "folk religion" which Jesus came to transform.

Faith is an intensely personal act of trust and obedience. It is not anything which a parent can do vicariously for a child. It is not "a faith" which can be handed down in a family, a religious institution, or a theological tradition. It is a crisis of decision—a deliberate commitment of one's life to Christ as Lord and Master!

It is appalling to discover the thousands upon thousands of people in Christian churches who attend on Sunday morning out of a kind of cultural habit. The rejection of institutional religion such as this, by many of the young people of today, is at least much more honest than the kind of traditionalism which passes for Christianity.

The rite of infant baptism arose in the early centuries of the Christian movement primarily because it was being construed as a magical rite to remove original sin from the newborn child.

Theologically this was a misunderstanding of both baptism and original

Missionaries plan leave in Arkansas

Will you please be so kind as to insert a note in the Arkansas Baptist News-magazine advising that we plan to spend from September this year through August of next year in the States on furlough. We desire to be of service to the churches. Until Aug. 15 of this year our address will be:—Alex & Charleta Garner, Bolanos 141, Capital Federal, Argentina.

July supply preacher

W. E. Speed, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1116 North Chase Street, Pasco, Wash. 99301, and former pastor of First Church, Warren, will be in Arkansas on vacation in July.

He will be available for supply work July 5 and 12.—Jesse S. Reed

sin. Baptism is not a magical rite but a sign of Christian discipleship; it is the confession of the name of Jesus as Lord and Savior of one's life. This is why the New Testament repeatedly speaks of being baptized "into the name of Jesus."

By the act of baptism the believer declared his death to sin and his resurrection to a new life in Christ (Rom. 6:4). Original sin was never "original guilt," in biblical thought, which could condemn a newborn infant to eternal damnation if he were not baptized. Only one's actual sin, when he "sins after the likeness of Adam's transgression," could bring guilt and condemnation.

The rite of baptism, whether infant or adult, could do nothing to help man's actual sin. Only an experience of repentance and faith, a turning away from sin and a commitment of one's life to Christ can ever bring one into a right relationship with God.

Baptists were not called Baptists because of their practice of immersion, as many seem to think. They were called Baptists because they required an experience of repentance and faith before they would accept one for baptism. They do practice immersion because that form was clearly practiced in the New Testament and because only the form of immersion demonstrates the meaning of baptism—the death of the believer with Christ and his resurrection to walk in a new life.

Even until this day, nothing is more revolutionary than the demand of Christ that one be "born again" in order to inherit eternal life. It requires the death of one to his own sin and self-centeredness and his rebirth to a completely new kind of life in Christ. Until this happens, no one can be a Christian—or a Baptist!

Vaught to speak at Ouachita baccalaureate for class of 229

ARKADELPHIA—W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and president of the executive board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will deliver the baccalaureate address at Ouachita University graduation exercises, 10:30 a.m. May 30, in the First Church, Arkadelphia.

Ouachita will graduate a class of 229, in exercises the afternoon of the same day.

Those receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees are:

Steven Allen, Arkadelphia; Marcus Anderson, South Burlington, Vt.; John Bailey, North Little Rock; Charles Batson III, Hope; William Baum, Osceola; William Baxter, Little Rock; James Bell Jr., Hot Springs; Nona Black, Little Rock; Robert Bledsoe, Pine Bluff; Michael Bock, Fort Smith;

John Bowen, North Little Rock; David Brock, DuQuoin, Ill.; Harmon Brown, Mount Ida; Edward Carle, Stuttgart; Daniel Carnett, Forrest City; Thomas Carroll, Dallas, Tex.; Larry Chesser, Carlisle; James Chee, New York City; Ronald Collins, Prescott; Benjamin Compere, Houston, Tex.;

Mark Coppenger, Arkadelphia; Charles Crawley Jr., Forrest City; Patricia Dill, Kenosha, Wis.; Robert Duggar, Little Rock; James Edge, Little Rock; Lee Elledge Jr., Arkadelphia; James Elliff, Little Rock; Patricia Ann Ellington, Paragould; William Elliott, Arkadelphia; Ronnie Ferguson, Pine Bluff; Larry Floyd, Stuttgart.

Robert Fortner, North Little Rock; Richard Frame, Texarkana; Betty Francis, Arkadelphia; Douglas Freeze, Pine Bluff; Judith Gahr, Rock Hill, Mo.; Ronald Greenwich, Little Rock; Charles Hampton, Santa Cruz, Cal.; Tom Hargis, Huntsville; Linda Harris, Arkadelphia; Otis Hilborn, Malvern.

Patsy Hill, Lawton, Okla.; John Holmes Jr., Amity; John Horn, Searcy; Wilma House, Gurdon; Jo Ann Hunter, Arkadelphia; James Hurst, Arkadelphia; Mrs. Janice Jamison, Berryville; Robert Jones, Ft. Smith; Beverly Keathley, Van Buren, Mo.; John Kiesling, Jacksonville;

'Distinguished' citations at SBC graduation May 28



MRS. MERRELL



MR. ALFORD



DR. MCCLANAHAN



DR. MOULTON

Southern Baptist College of Walnut Ridge will honor four outstanding people with "Distinguished" citations in connection with the graduation ceremonies at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, according to announcement made today by H. E. Williams, president.

The "Distinguished Baptist Lady" citation will go to Mrs. Ron Merrell of Tulsa, Okla., missionary to South Vietnam under the sponsorship of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Merrell and her husband graduated from Southern Baptist College in 1952. They are on furlough from Vietnam and will be returning to their mission field in July.

Mrs. Merrell will also be the featured speaker at the annual alumni luncheon at the college, at noon on May 28.

The "Distinguished Baptist Layman" citation will be awarded to Arthur Alford, business man and planter of

Steele, Mo. Mr. Alford is an active leader in Baptist life of his region and is a member of the board of Southern Baptist College. He has been instrumental in helping more than 100 young men and women enter Southern Baptist College. He has helped practically all of them with their financial needs.

The "Distinguished Baptist Minister" citation goes to H. L. McClanahan, superintendent of missions, Black River Association, Kennett, Mo. Dr. McClanahan is president of the Missouri Baptist State Convention.

The "Distinguished Alumnus" citation will be awarded to Robert Moulton, chairman of the Biology department of Southern Baptist College. Dr. Moulton has been a member of the faculty of the college for eight years. He has served on important committees in higher education of the state and region. He and his family reside at College City. They are active members of First Church, Walnut Ridge, where he teaches a Sunday School class.

Penelope Kuntz, Hot Springs; Gary Lasater, Newport, Ore.; Paul Ledbetter, Jonesboro; Larry Lefler, Stuttgart; Lois Logan, Hot Springs; Jack Long, Fort Cobb, Okla.; Omar Lum, Strong; Martha McDonald, North Little Rock; Emaline McDougal, Malvern; James McMennis, El Dorado;

Kenneth Martin, Clinton, Miss.; Everett Martindale, Sycamore, Ill.; William Massey, Malvern; Davis Matthews, Imboden; Woodrow May Jr., Okolona; Searcy Mears II, Osceola; Michael Meeks, El Dorado; Marie Miller, Valley Springs; Danny Mitchell, Benton; James Mowrey, Little Rock;

Susan Murray, Arkadelphia; William Naylor, West Memphis; Lillian Nowlin, Arkadelphia; Lloyd Ollar, Star City; Charles Olmstead, Rison; Michael Pellizza; Phillip Peters, Little Rock; Nolan Putman, Hot Springs; Alan Pye, Gould; Verna Ray, Blytheville;

William Kenneth Reece, Hot Springs; James Robertson, North Little Rock; Delores Rollins, Phoenix, Ariz.; Catherine Ross, Watson; Dale Sanders, St. Louis, Mo.; John Saunders, Benton; Janice Savage, Walnut Ridge; Robert Schaefer, Brinkley; Roger Schoeniger Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio; Myra Schulte, Ft. Smith;

Gary Scruggs, DuQuoin, Ill.; Robert Selby Jr., Little Rock; Larry Sherman, Mena; Dan Short, Hot Springs; Helen Shoup, El Dorado; Charles Simpson, North Little Rock; Joel Slayton, Gurdon; Don Sloan, Arkadelphia; Tommy South, Wynne; Donald Spears, Malvern;

Darrell Stone, Paragould; Bobby Stover, Dermott; Andrew Taylor, Gillham; Eula Thomas; Robert Thompson, Hot Springs; Allan Threet, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Bettye Thurman, Benton; Charlotte Tolley, Blytheville; Thomas Tufts, West Palm Beach, Fla.; James Turner, Arkadelphia;

Douglas Trent, Kerens, Tex.; Martha Vaughan, Texarkana, Tex.; William Viser, Memphis, Tenn.; Linda Walker, El Paso, Tex.; Robert Walker Jr., El Paso, Tex.; William Walker, Pine Bluff; Edward Wallace, Arkadelphia; Thomas Ward, McAlester, Okla.; Guy Whitney Jr., Scott; Jerry Wilcox, Louisville, Ky.;

Jim Willmoth, Rolla, Mo.; Sinclair Winburn Jr., Little Rock; Charles Winkle, Malvern; and Carla Woodard, Naylor, Mo.

Those receiving Bachelor of Science in Education degrees are:

Mary Alley, Little Rock; Nancy Archer, Little Rock; Una Mae Atkinson, Clarksville; Donita Austin, Mena; Lynda Bearden, Hope; Harold Carter, Warren; Lynda Church, El Dorado; Katherine Coombes, Joplin, Mo.; Cynthia Crews, Granite City, Ill.; William DeLamar, Arkadelphia;

Sherry Dollar, Tucson, Ariz.; Rebecca Elrod, Rison; Mary Garner, Wynne; Michael Garner, Stamps; Ranae Hamby, Black Springs; Linda Russell, Fort Gibson, Okla.; James Hightower Jr., Malvern; Louise Hill, Houston; John Hooks, Pine Bluff; Frances Jackson, El Dorado;

Lloyd Jones, Springfield, Mo.; Leon Johnson, Blytheville; April Lane, Little Rock; Michael Ledbetter, Blytheville; Gifford Lee Jr.; Beverly Leonard, Ft. Smith; Mildred Logan, Hot Springs; Mackie McKelvey, North Little Rock; Nancy Maddox, Camden; Betsy Meador, Fordyce.

Linda Murphee, Little Rock; Dorothy Patterson, San Jose, Cal.; Steven Perdue, Benton; Patricia Ramsey, Tyler, Tex.; Mary Reed, Springdale; Judith Riddle, Lewisville; Frances Rummel, Little Rock; John Savage, Walnut Ridge; Sandra Sawyer, Pine Bluff; James Scrimshire, Malvern;

Donna Shults, Pine Bluff; Mark Smith, Hot Springs; Nancy Smith, Little Rock; Nancy Spearman, Dallas, Tex.; Richard Spears, Phoenix, Ariz.; Margaret Studdard, Pine Bluff; Barbara Tidwell, Moore, Okla.; Bobby Turner, Lexa; Pamela Walker, Pine Bluff; Gary Watts, Bryant; Lynelle Watts, Mena; and Rebecca Winkler, Benton.

Those receiving Bachelor of Science degrees are:

Barbara Barr, Waldo; Larry Browning, Corning; Kay Buffington, Arkadelphia; Harold Chancellor, Donaldson; John Cloud, Ducanville, Tex.; Michael Grisham, Mesquite, Tex.; Clifford Harris, Des Arc; Carolyn Helms, Little Rock; Willie Hudson, Helena; and Henry Huo, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

William James Jr., Harrison; Leon Johnson, Blytheville; Kathy Knight, Texarkana, Tex.; Daniel Lumpkin, Muskogee, Okla.; Mary Mangrum, Camden; Raymond Massey, Hot Springs; David Mizell, Benton;

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OBU grads

(From page 7)

Glenn Morgan, Jr., El Dorado; Kim Patterson, Henderson, Nev.; Johnny Pattillo, Pine Bluff;

James Price Jr., Pine Bluff; Gary Rice, Waldron; Larry Roberson, Searcy; Eugenia Rogers, Heber Springs; Grandison Royston IV, Hope; Barry Southerland, Lonoke; Rebecca Thompson, Russellville; Ronald Tolson, Walnut Ridge; Michael Tygart, Sheridan; Michael Westbrook, Hope;

Martha White, Ola; Nancy White, Texarkana; Philip White, Nashville; and Cynthia Williams.

Those receiving Bachelor of Music degrees are:

Linda Bitely, Grady; Shelby Cowling, Mineral Springs; and David Glaze, Camden.

Those receiving Bachelor of Music Education degrees are:

David Glaze, Camden; and Sharon Gray, Pine Bluff.

Those receiving Master of Science in Education degrees are:

Carol Abraham, Hot Springs; William Barnett, Mena; Clyde Garrett Jr., Cartersville, Okla.; Raouf Halaby; Richard Mills, North Little Rock; Mary Schroeder, Texarkana; Laron Smith Jr., Manning; and Willie Harris, Camden.

Those receiving Master of Arts degrees are:

Dennis Bell, Abilene, Tex.; Ray Garner, Batesville; and Lacy Solomon, Pine Bluff.

OBU applications up, so are some costs

Applications for admission to Ouachita University next fall have soared 18% ahead of the same period last year, according to Daniel R. Grant, OBU's president.

At the same time, Dr. Grant announced that in an effort to improve the financial picture at Ouachita, a modest increase in fees, room rent and new students commuter tuition has been approved by the board of trustees.

He added, however, that the cost of tuition and board will remain the same.

Increases include raising the application fee from \$5 to \$20 effective June 1 and the student activity fee from \$75 to \$90 effective at the start of the 1970 fall semester.

The change in commuter charges, he said, will not affect a commuting student (one who lives in the district in which he finished high school) who was enrolled in the 1970 Spring Semester. The other students coming to the University on a commuter status will receive a discount between tuition charges at Ouachita and Henderson State College.

Persons wanting additional information may contact the director of admissions at Ouachita or Dr. Tom Gambrell, OBU's field representative.

Johnson joins Methodist

Merle D. Johnson, a former pastor of University Baptist Church, Little Rock, has left the Southern Baptist Convention to become a Methodist. At the meeting of the Little Rock Conference of the United Methodist Church last week in Hot Springs, Mr. Johnson was received as a minister and appointed to the pastorate of First Methodist Church, Eu-dora.

Paragould church offers unusual community programs

East Side Church, Paragould, like most Baptist churches, offers the usual outreach programs to the community at large. Young people alternate visits between two local nursing homes to offer 30-minute programs of songs and devotionals. Extension Department members visit shut-ins, and there is a city-wide visitation program.

But the church is unique in that it offers three unusual programs designed to meet unusual needs. The pastor, Don Reed, urges his congregation to "practice Christianity seven days and nights a week and involve themselves in community affairs to demonstrate the power of God's love."

So, the church provides an interpreter so that the deaf can attend services, has begun a Sunday school class for the mentally handicapped, and operates a 21-passenger bus for those left churchless when rural churches disbanded.

The church is the only one within a 90-mile radius to offer aid to the deaf, and the handicapped often drive great distances to the services. Every second and fourth Sundays an expert in sign

language interprets the morning worship service for 18 to 20 deaf persons.

Another project, begun early this spring, is the class for mentally handicapped children. Pastor Reed gave credit for the idea to Mrs. Fay Jones, who directs the undertaking. Six are enrolled and the pastor expects more. He said the project presents a real challenge to the teacher, who must work with fundamental things like pictures.

Both programs are offered to citizens of all faiths, but many of the deaf mutes join the church, according to the pastor.

The church's shuttle bus project was begun two years ago for those formerly served by the Eight Mile, Village, and New Hope churches south of Paragould. Six churchmen share the driving. They sometimes have to make two trips for all of the passengers.

East Side's community programs were noted in an article in the *Paragould Daily Press* recently. In that story, Pastor Reed revealed plans for devotional services at the county jail and a chapel service at the community hospital.

Woman's viewpoint

An encounter with cows

By IRIS O'NEAL BOWEN

I had a run-around with three cows the other morning and I left the scene of the encounter about as shook up as they were. I was driving to work and trying to get there before all the school buses got on the road; so I was not dallying along. Suddenly I saw, just ahead of me, the three cows galloping about on the right of way. Other drivers saw them, too, and traffic slowed considerably! Every time a car managed to pass, the cows shifted gears and took off in another direction.

After I slowly maneuvered my way around the cows, I did what any red-blooded driver would do—I just got on down the road and left it up to someone else to get the cows back where they belonged.

Driving on to work, I thought about the cows and how frantic they were. It was not really their fault that they were out on the highway. They probably found a fence down and just walked out of the pasture, nibbling along at the new spring grass, not suspecting they were meandering into dire trouble!

It all boiled down to one thing: Those cows, innocent as they were, were where they did not belong.

Then I recalled one time when I turned up where I did not belong. It was at one of those company parties people feel compelled to throw at Christmas time, and there were things there that I was unfamiliar with, to say the least. I was miserably out of place. I tried to retire to the darkest corner, worrying all the while that the other wives might think I was an unfriendly old hag.

To top the evening off, they took a group picture of all the employees and their wives. When we got our copy, my sister remarked, "Do you know what you look like? You look like a Sunday School teacher who knows she is where she shouldn't be!"

She was right! There are certain places where cows and Sunday School teachers do not belong!



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PASTORS' RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS: Top panel, left to right: Pastor-Professor J. Winston Pierce, of the faculty of Golden Gate Seminary, gives pointers on planning a year's preaching ministry; center, speakers chat during intermission—Lex H. Eaker, pastor of First Church, Sheridan, Charles Fuller, pastor of First Church, Roanoke, Va., Jack Taylor, pastor of Castle Hills Church, San Antonio, Tex., and Dr. Pierce; and Walter Hill, pastor of Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, retreat pianist.

Lower panel (at intermission): left, Pastor Byron Allen of First Church, Bradley, adjusts tape recorder; center, Pastor Dillard Miller of First Church, Mena, completes a deal with Book Store Manager Robert Bauman, right, with Pastor Homer Haltam (center) of First Church, Glenwood, as innocent bystander; Missionary W. M. Burnett, of Calvary Association, uses the break to catch up on his sleep.—ABN Photos



MINISTERIAL CRISIS: Pastor Byron Allen, right, of Bradley Church, lends a hand to help Associate Pastor Dan Beason, center, of Central Church, Hot Springs, work out a quirk in the performance of his tape recorder, at the Pastors' Retreat, last week at Camp Paron. Supervising the procedure, left, is J. W. Edwards, pastor of Faith Church, Camden.—ABN Photo

Ural Clayton chosen to head state Church Music work

Ural Chester Clayton, minister of music at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, has resigned to become secretary of the Church Music department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, effective Aug. 1.



Mr. Clayton

A native of Ft. Worth, Tex., where he was born 39 years ago, Mr. Clayton received his education at Arlington Heights High School, Texas Wesleyan College, from which he received the bachelor-of-music degree, and at Southwestern Seminary, where he received the master-of-church music degree.

He has been on the staff of Immanuel Church since 1966. Previously, he had served as minister of music at Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, and at First Church, Bartlesville, Okla.

Mrs. Clayton is the former Miss Maxine Moore, Ft. Worth, Tex. The Claytons have three daughters and a son: Debbie, 15; Sherry, 14; Kristi, 8; and Kendall, 6.

Active in denominational church music circles, Mr. Clayton taught for several years at the annual Church Music conferences at Glorieta, N. M., and is presently writing for publications of the Church Music department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

At Immanuel, Mr. Clayton has directed 12 graded choirs.

Looking forward to his new position, Clayton said:

"Arkansas has had an outstanding state music program for many years. It is going to be a tremendous challenge and sincere pleasure to be associated

with this work in a leadership capacity."

Clayton said he planned to consult with the music leaders in local churches across the state and ask for their assistance in studying the present state music program and to determine the over-all needs in the Church Music field.

The next step will be to arrange the needs according to priority and to work out a long-range plan for meeting the needs, he said. A special effort will be made, he said, to meet the needs of churches of all sizes from the smallest to the largest.

The new secretary's hobbies include physical fitness exercises at the YMCA, fishing, camping, skiing, doing handy-man-around-the-house chores under the direction of Mrs. Clayton, and offering noisy moral support for the University of Arkansas Razorbacks.

New Orleans Seminary alumni luncheon set

The annual luncheon for alumni of New Orleans Seminary will be held June 3 at 1 p.m. at the Denver Hilton Hotel. Theme for the luncheon is "The Seminary Through the 70's." The Empire room at the hotel is the site.

Tickets may be obtained at the Seminary booth in the convention hall.

Arkansan on program

James B. Johnson, minister of education, First Church, Pine Bluff, has accepted the invitation of the officers of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association to direct the music for the meeting in Denver, Colo.

The fifteenth annual session of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association will be held in Ballroom B of Brown Palace Hotel, Sunday, May 31, and Monday, June 1. The theme of the program will be "The Challenge of the Crisis of Change."

Mr. Johnson will present special music before the final message which will be given by Dr. Gordon Clinard. Other speakers for the two-day conference will be Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, Dr. Albert McClellan, Dr. W. L. Howse, and Dr. D. Campbell Wyckoff.

Missionary notes

Rev. and Mrs. Logan C. Atnip, Southern Baptist missionaries who have completed furlough, are scheduled to return on April 22 to Rhodesia (address: 25 Lanercost Rd., Morningside, Bulawayo, Rhodesia). He is a native of Marmaduke, Ark.; she is the former Virginia Hill of Elberton, Ga. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956.



Mr. Hyde

Hyde is ordained to the ministry

Randy Hyde, a student at Ouachita University, has been ordained to the gospel ministry by First Church, Paragould.

James Marlar, Greene County Missionary, questioned the candidate, and J. R. Hull gave the ordination prayer. The ordination sermon was preached by C. A. Johnson, pastor at First Church. Eric Hyde, father of the candidate, presented the Bible.

Mr. Hyde is pastor at Ouachita Church.

Deaths

Mrs. Maggie Fredrick

Mrs. Maggie Mae Fredrick, 75, Nashville, widow of Oliver D. Fredrick, died May 12.

Born at McKinney, Tex., on Dec. 19, 1894, she had lived in Nashville for the past seven years, and was a charter member of Ridgeway Church.

Survivors include three sons, James Fredrick of St. Louis, Mo., O. D. Fredrick Jr. of Ft. Smith, and Herbert Fredrick of Nashville; three daughters, Mrs. A. C. Bell of Nashville, Mrs. O. D. Tipton of Umpire, and Mrs. Raymond Hargrove of Lockesburg; three brothers, Everett Wilder of Oklahoma City, Okla., Morris Wilder of Mulhall, Okla., and Rufus Elderidge of Meridian, Okla.; three sisters, Mrs. Earl Shafer of Guthrie, Okla., Mrs. Robert Austin of Mannford, Okla., and Mrs. Laura Williams of Campton, Calif.; 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Roberta Duffer

Mrs. Roberta Duffer, 85, Corning, died May 13. Survivors are a son, J. Russell Duffer, Corning; a daughter Mrs. Vonna Lee Hall of Salem, Ore.; and four grandsons. Mrs. Duffer was a member of the Calvary Church, Corning.



DR. JOE NIX, associate professor of chemistry, uses new lab equipment recently installed at Ouachita University. The lab facilities were built with a \$10,000 donation from the Gulf Oil Corporation.

Broader education and experience provided for OBU science students

Science is playing a more important role every day in modern society and Ouachita University's progress in that field is keeping in step with the times.

New equipment, new methods and new courses are being adopted by the science faculty at Ouachita and the results are showing up in the students.

For instance, Gary Rice, a senior from Waldron, has just been awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation Fellowship for graduate study in chemistry. He was the only student in Arkansas to receive one of the grants.

What changes are leading to this quality?

First there are new facilities. New laboratory and research facilities have been built at Ouachita with a \$10,000 donation from the Gulf Oil Corporation.

The project involved the excavation of 100 square feet of basement area under Hamilton Moses Science Building and the construction of two laboratories and an office.

Dr. Joe Nix, associate professor of chemistry, is presently in charge of the new facilities.

Previously, all research dealing with the Ouachita Branch of the Arkansas Water Resources Research Center was conducted in a first-floor laboratory of the science building. Research in this

area is now done in the new laboratories under the supervision of Dr. Nix.

Over the past three years Ouachita's research group has done work for the U. S. Corps of Engineers, U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and the Office of Water Resources and Research, of the Department of Interior.

Another determining factor is keeping the students happy and well-prepared to meet a changing world. This is achieved for science students through Ouachita's general education program. The science faculty felt general education important enough to set up a special program for engineering students with crowded studies.

The four-year engineering curriculum at most schools is about 80 percent technical courses and contains almost no space for electives.

But Ouachita has initiated a program in which arts-engineering students take the same liberal arts degree courses as do other students working toward B. A. degrees.

The courses require an extra year, but according to Dr. Alex Nisbet, associate professor of chemistry, the year spent is well worth while.

"Since engineers now have just as much opportunity to advance into executive positions as do people with business and law degrees, it is essential that they know something besides their own subject," he said.

Schools cooperating with Ouachita in this program are the University of Arkansas, Vanderbilt University and the University of Southern California.

The science faculty must also provide exposure in the sciences to students not majoring in the field. So, prompted by man's ecology crisis, an experimental natural science course is being introduced into the Ouachita general education curriculum next fall. Replacing physical science and life science, the new course is designed for non-science majors. It will carry eight hours credit and last a full school year.

The new course will explore such topics as population, control of pollution, limits of the earth and food production. Consideration will be given to social, economical, and political change as it bears on the environment.

"Present thinking is that the course should embody a study of principles from various disciplines of science as they relate to certain problems in the environment," said Dr. Victor Oliver, chairman of the Department of Biology and Natural Science.

In appraising the new course for next fall, Dr. Oliver commented: "It holds promise of being something of unusual value for students when compared to more traditional courses in biology."

In fact, that could be said about Ouachita's entire science program.

Your state convention at work

Camp time is here

Camp time is here. The first week of Royal Ambassador Camp begins on June 8. That is just ten days away. The second week begins on June 15, and the final week of camp will begin on June 22. Reservations for the last two weeks should be made now.

Reservations for the week of June 15 should be made by June 8, and reservations for the week of June 22 should be made by June 15.

Plans for camp are on schedule. It is our feeling that the Lord is going to give us three wonderful weeks for missionary education and the spiritual, mental, physical, and social growth and development of boys attending camp. Emphasis will be placed on missions, especially involvement in mission activities in the local church community.

As in past years there will be plenty of good food. The opportunity for Christian fellowship with boys from across the state is always one of the important features of camp. Royal Ambassador Camp can be one of the most important and helpful weeks in the life of any boy.

For a week of fun, fellowship, Christian inspiration, and mission information, attend one of the weeks of camp. Parents, make an investment in your son's future. Send him to camp.

For more information see your Royal Ambassador counselor or pastor or write to, C. H. Seaton, 208 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.

On Friday and Saturday, June 12-13, Baptist Men will have an opportunity to be in Camp Paron for the Baptist Men's Encampment and Prayer Retreat. This Prayer Retreat is planned for the purpose of prayer, Christian fellowship, and the sharing of experiences in answered prayer. Prayer time will be devoted to praying for specific items as suggested by the men, with a special emphasis on being filled with the power of the Spirit of Christ.

Interested men should make reservations now. See your Brotherhood director, Baptist Men's president or pastor for more information or write to me.—C. H. Seaton

Jonesboro Central ranks 17th

Central Church, Jonesboro, should have been listed in seventeenth position in our recent report of the top 25 churches in total giving. Their gifts through the Cooperative Program amounted to \$5,565.37. We certainly appreciate this fine church and their Pastor, Dr. Wilbur Herring.—T. K. Rucker, Annuity-Stewardship Secretary

Missions

Churches reach out in weekday ministries

Weekday ministries offer a church a dynamic avenue of outreach. Last year through special ministries, over 10,000 persons came to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

Weekday ministries involves the following elements: the use of existing facilities; utilization of the skills of people in areas where they are already trained; and the involvement of people not working in the church program.

As churches begin to be involved in weekday ministries, numerous illustrations are coming to our attention of results that are being felt through this endeavor. In one community we learned of a family that had a tremendous physical need. The father was very belligerent and used vile language if anyone approached him with a Christian witness. A group of GAs took an interest in the family and made clothing for the small children. As a result, the church was able to win the adults to the Lord.

In another church where there were a large number of young people who had not been enlisted, a retired Army colonel started a gun club and the young people flocked to it. This fine deacon was able to reach many of these young people for the Lord.

Still other churches are providing ministries for their senior citizens. Recently we were told of a church where the senior citizens are having a regular weekly dinner and are being involved in the on-going program of the church. These older church members serve on telephone committees and are involved in many activities of the church. As a result, the church is growing and these people feel they are serving the Lord in a vital way.

Day care is another strategic area in which more of our churches are becoming interested. With a growing number of working mothers in the community, it is necessary for someone to keep these children. All Day Care Centers will have to meet government standards by Sept. 1, 1970. Many churches already have almost all of the needed facilities for starting such a ministry. This assists the working mothers, forms new avenues of outreach, and, perhaps of great importance, it has a tremendous impact on the lives of the children who attend.

Help in structuring weekday ministries can be received through the Missions Dept. of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.—J. Everett Sneed, Director, Special Missions Ministries.

Revivals

Ridgeway, Nashville, May 10-17; Andy O'Kelly, evangelist, Joe Starr, singer; 6 professions of faith, 1 by letter. Charles R. Stanford is pastor.

Pleasant Grove, North Little Rock, March 30-April 6; Ed Walker, evangelist, Bernice Wilson, singer; 4 professions of faith, 4 for baptism, 3 by letter, 1 for special service, 90 rededications. E. W. Goodson is pastor.

Sixteenth Street, North Little Rock, May 4-10; Ed Walker, evangelist, Ronnie Walters, singer; 4 by letter, 51 rededications. E. O. McElroy is pastor.

Nettleton, Jonesboro, April 19-26; Kenneth Threet, evangelist, Charles Butler, singer; 13 additions. Harold B. Ray is pastor.

Mulberry, First, March 29-April 5; evangelist, D. R. Phillely, singer, Truett Thomas; 10 professions of faith, 8 baptised, 12 additions by letter. Wendell Morse is pastor.

Alma, First, April 20-29; Garland A. Morrison, evangelist, Truett Thomas,

singer; 23 professions of faith and 13 by letter. Edward Smith is pastor.

Calvary, Paragould, April 27-May 3; Sonny Simpson, evangelist, Glen Lewis, singer; 10 by baptism, 4 by letter. Junior Vester is pastor.

First Southern, Junction City, Kan., April 26-May 3; Jack Hazlewood, evangelist; 31 professions of faith, 5 by letter. Doug Wooderson, pastor.

Second, Monticello, May 3-10; Jack Hazlewood, evangelist; 48 professions of faith, 3 by letter. Jack Bledsoe is pastor.

First, Heber Springs, April 19-26; Jesse Reed, evangelist, Mark Short, singer; 17 for baptism, 20 by letter. L. B. Jordan is pastor.

Lamar Church, April 13-18; Garland A. Morrison, evangelist; 9 professions of faith, 5 by letter. Bob Denton is pastor.

Leslie, First, April 19-26; pastor Garland Anderson, evangelist, Herbert (Red) Johnson, singer; 22 professions of faith.

Migrant workers respond to gospel

(As told by J. Ed Taylor, Superintendent of Migrant Missions, HMB)

Since entering migrant mission work on Aug. 1, 1957, I have seen many migrants saved.

In four and one-half years (1957-62) in Texas and Oklahoma, over 4,000 migrants accepted Christ. Among these were young men whom we were able to help further their education.

Arthur Hernandez graduated from Corpus Christi, Tex., in 1968. He is now pastor of First Mexican Baptist Church, McAllen, Tex.

Ruben Rios finished Mexican Baptist Bible Institute and is pastor in Rosenberg, Tex.

Others attended Valley Baptist Academy and Mexican Bible Institute.

Rev. and Mrs. Augustine Salazar were appointed by the Home Mission Board, February, 1970, as superintendent of migrant missions for the California state convention. Mr. and Mrs. Salazar were migrants. I found him in the valley of Texas preaching in a little Spanish mission sponsored by the First Church of Weslaco. He had been won by a migrant missionary, Andrew Foster.

I brought Salazar to the panhandle of Texas for a crusade with migrants who had come to that area to pick cotton. He was assigned to the First Baptist Church, Shamrock, Tex. He had wonderful results in winning many dur-

ing the two-week crusade. As a result, some of the people in that church, as well as Russell Pogue, pastor of First Church, Wellington, Tex., took interest in him, helped him get a mission close to Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., where he could pastor and attend college.

Salazar graduated from Wayland in 1967, then received a student grant from the Home Mission Board to attend Golden Gate Seminary, from which he graduated in December, 1969.

Individuals, associations, state conventions have been blessed as they have provided a ministry for migrants. We have 14 state conventions who are putting personnel and money in migrant missions but the greatest blessing, I think, has come to local churches who have come to accept the challenge to see missions in action as their own door.

Testimonies from pastors, WMU women, Brotherhood men, and laymen relate what this has meant. "I have studied about missions, taught missions, prayed for missions, given to missions but never have I enjoyed missions until I had my hands in missions," said a laywoman.

We now have the largest number of missionaries under appointment that we have ever had. We have six couples serving in different areas. We also have

one US-2 couple, who are working in Orofino, Ida., with industrial migrants. This is a first with industrial work. We are praying it will be so successful it will be a beginning for industrial migrant work.

Migrants are important people, but they are also a lonely people craving the love of Southern Baptists and other Christians. They respond to the gospel and our love if we will only care enough to share Christ with them. "Care still finds a way."

Migrant ministry by churches has made it possible to reach more than the missionaries would have ever reached.

One night, I saw 115 men accept Christ in a service south of Pharr, Tex. Two nights later, I saw 235 accept Christ. We gave two hundred of them a New Testament and believer's packages but we did not have any for the other 35.

It breaks your heart to see 35 men with their hands stretched toward you saying, "Please give me a Bible. I want a Bible," and you have none to give.

God has been wonderful to us as we have tried to promote migrant missions. I do hope he will give me many more years in this great mission opportunity.

"Behold, I have set before you an open door". (Rev. 3:8).



J. Ed Taylor, Superintendent of Migrant Missions in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware (center) talking with migrant men.

BMC Volunteers Receive Awards

Mrs. Reba Goldsby, left, and Mrs. J. Elton Cook, who received 5,000 hour volunteer awards plan their day at BMC.

Twenty-four volunteer workers at Baptist Medical Center received awards for service Wednesday, May 13, at the hospital's annual volunteer awards luncheon.

Those receiving awards have accumulated over 20,600 hours of service since the program began.

All together, the volunteers who gave of their time in the past twelve months, accounted for 10,976 hours of service.

Volunteer assignments are many and varied. They include work at the hospital information desks, patient escort service, nurses' assistants, hostess, and a variety of specialized work in other areas of the hospital.

Topping the awards were the presentations to Mrs. Goldsby, who works as a hostess and Mrs. Cook, who works at the information desk.

Mrs. Goldsby, who began her volunteer work in 1957, also had the largest number of hours of service during the past year, with 775 hours. She accomplished this despite a broken hip which hospitalized her for more than a month.

A 2,000-hour pin was awarded to Mrs. Mary Hartstein, and 1,000-hour certi-



RADIOLOGY STUDENTS WIN AWARDS — Students in BMC's School of Radiologic Technology brought back five of the eight awards given in the school division during the annual spring convention of the Arkansas Society of Radiologic Technology, held in Hot Springs, April 17-18. Pictured above, from left to right, are the students with their awards: Kay Drilling won a first place exhibit award; Sally Langley won a third place exhibit award; Vicki Riggan placed second for the Darman A. Rhinehart trophy; Rita Fisher placed second in an essay award; and Debbie Smith won a first place essay award. There are a total of six schools of Radiologic Technology in the State of Arkansas.

icates were presented to Mrs. W. L. Taylor, Mrs. Truman Cearley, Mrs. Nell Gazley, and Mrs. Eithel Moser.

Receiving 500-hour pins were Mrs. Robert Bona, Mrs. F. A. McKinney, Mrs. Marie Oglesby, and Mrs. Lillian Wheeler.

Others receiving awards for service were: Mrs. Myrtle Hauk, Mrs. T. A. Cox, Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. Frank Payne, Mrs. Anita Wachob, Mrs. William S. Fisher, Mrs. T. J. Jones, Miss Maryhal Olsson, Mrs. Janice Cheatham, Mrs. Henry Cravens, Mrs. N. R. Knapp, Mrs. Letha McLaughlin, and Mrs. Pearl Tait.

mothers. Another gift to be placed in the Charity Fund was received from the WMS of Second Baptist Church, Little Rock.

Memorial gifts to the Building Fund of Baptist Medical Center were received from the following: Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Stainton, in memory of Mrs. M. D. McClain, Sr.; Mrs. Euel F. Forrest, in memory of her mother, Mrs. J. D. Bethune; Mrs. Connie Bain, in memory of Mrs. Iva Jackson's father; Mrs. Myrtle Ward Hicks, in memory of Mrs. Julia Ward; Dr. John W. Smith, in memory of Mrs. Ruth Donham and Mrs. Ruth McMullen; and from Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lille, in memory of Mrs. Tom Downies, Mr. Tom Tisdale, the mother of Dave Grundfest, and the father of B. A. Robinson.

Another contribution to the Building Fund was received from Mrs. Ruby K. Owens.

King Is Elected To Top Masonic Position

Mr. Jacob L. King of Hot Springs, a member of the Baptist Medical Center System's Board of Trustees was recently honored by election as grand commander of the Knights Templar of Arkansas at a meeting held at the Albert Pike Memorial Masonic Temple in Little Rock.

The election and installation of officers concluded the two-day 98th annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar.

Smith Appointed Accounting Head

The appointment of Allen F. Smith as Manager of Accounting Services for the Baptist Medical Center System, has been announced by H. T. Lynn, Director of Administrative Services.

Smith, who joined the hospital system in 1969 as a staff accountant, is a native of Camden, and a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, with a degree in Business Administration.

He was previously employed as a statistician with the Arkansas Employment Security Division and has served in the U. S. Army Finance Corps while stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

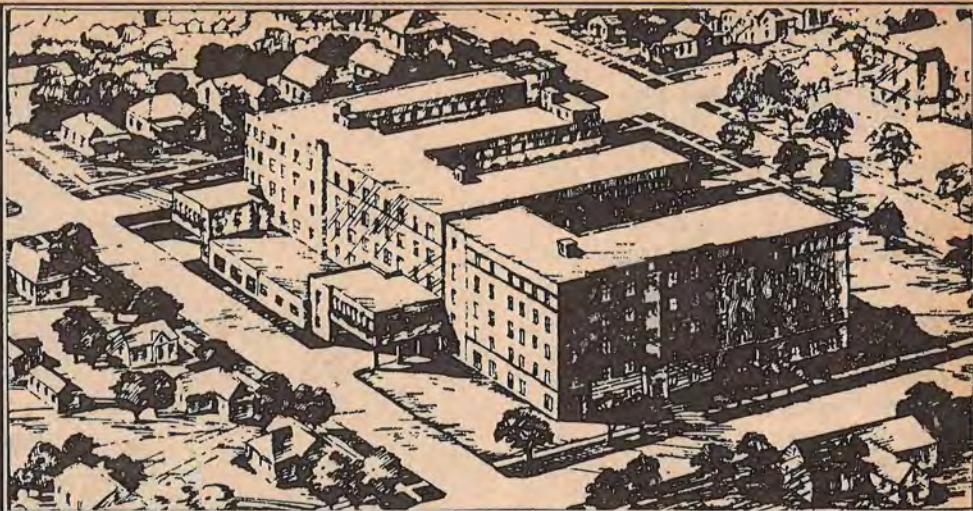
He and his wife, Margaret, have one son, Richard, 18 months. They are members of Immanuel Baptist Church.



Recent contributions to the Coronary Care Fund of Baptist Medical Center, in memory of Mrs. M. D. McClain, Sr., have been received from the following people: Mrs. Bernice Wright, Mrs. Montine Fisher, and Mrs. Lyndell B. Smith. Another contribution to the Coronary Care Fund was received from Mrs. Lyndell B. Smith, in memory of Mrs. Osey Ash.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Smith of El Dorado, Ark. made a contribution to BMC's Charity Fund, in memory of both their

The war years and hospital progress



... This drawing shows the new boiler room and equipment rooms which were added to the north side of the hospital in 1944. The mechanical equipment was formerly located in the area that is now utilized for the kitchen in the dietary department.

victims. They were mudcaked from head to foot and soaked by rain. Every patient was treated for shock . . . We used every table in the hospital. The nurses and doctors administered sulfa drugs as quickly as the patients were cleaned up, and doctors, working from one table to another, gave emergency treatment.”

Later in the 1940's the Hospital saw its largest influx of emergencies after the tornado at Warren. In 1952, the hospital again marshalled its emergency forces to care for the victims of the Judsonia tornado.

FIRST CHAPLAIN NAMED

Also in 1944, the first full-time pastor was appointed to the hospital when Rev. J. F. Queen, formerly pastor of the Park Place Baptist Church of Hot Springs, became hospital chaplain.

In the Baptist State Convention meeting, the hospital Board of Trustees were also authorized to investigate the possibility of purchasing an existing hospital in Russellville to be operated as a branch of the Little Rock hospital. The Trustees reported, however, that they were unable to work out a satisfactory financial arrangement with the owner of the hospital and, after all alternative measures were explored, the matter was dropped.

FARM IS PLANNED

In 1944, the hospital purchased the old Brinkley Sanatorium, on Arch Street Pike, then being used as the Shrine Country Club. Plans were made to use the building for a convalescent home, and the 445 acres surrounding it, as a farm to produce fresh food for the hospital. The newspapers of April 1945 carried stories

concerning the new additions in the form of livestock. A herd of 55 beef cattle (plus two new calves), 35 Jersey cows to provide milk, 40 Poland China hogs (to dispose of the hospital garbage), and 2,500 chickens were placed on the farm. The paper also reported that potatoes had been planted and other vegetables were contemplated. The property was sold in 1947.

MRS. RUDISILL DIES

On May 14, 1945, an era in the history of Baptist Hospital ended with the passing of Mrs. R. C. Rudisill. Mrs. Rudisill had been an active part of the hospital as chairwoman of the Baptist Hospital Supplies Committee. Hospital scrapbooks attest to her loyalty in soliciting supplies for the hospital since its beginning.

Only a few days earlier, Mrs. Rudisill had turned in her annual report stating that 372 pieces of linen, 2,106 jars of fruit and canned goods, and other gifts with a total value of \$1,694.97, had been raised for the hospital in the past year. Mrs. Charles H. Brough was elected to succeed her.

In December of 1945, Baptist Hospital established the first "eye bank" in the state. The cornea transplant program was initiated by the hospital's Auxiliary.

A major expansion program was announced in February of 1946. The plan would add an additional 200 beds to the hospital.

ANOTHER FIRST

Arkansas' first "blue baby" heart surgery was performed at Baptist Hospital in March of 1948. The patient was Betty Earley of Fordyce, who was 10 years old at the time of the successful operation.

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



In 1944, the war was still raging, and Baptist Hospital was doing its part to try and turn out an adequate supply of nurses for both the war areas and the home front.

In January of that year, the War Production Board granted a special priority so that some badly needed construction could take place.

The hospital kitchen was remodeled, new boilers installed in the heating system, and an addition made to the nurses residence. This construction freed additional space in the hospital for patient beds.

CARES FOR STORM VICTIMS

Also in April 1944, heavy storms took two lives and injured hundreds at Woodson. Baptist, as usual, was ready to take care of some of the more severely wounded.

"The entire staff of nurses and interns, student nurses and resident doctors at Baptist were called to duty soon after 8 Monday night when word reached the doctors that a tornado had struck at Woodson," said the Gazette story. "An emergency crew of doctors and nurses, carrying first aid supplies left immediately for the area and victims of the storm soon began arriving at the hospital . . . Twenty-six were admitted for emergency treatment within the next two hours."

"The Hospital was prepared," an intern said. "Student nurses, working in crews, began the task of cleaning up the

Kempf Memorial Volunteer Director

Mrs. Betty Kempf has been appointed Director of Volunteers for Memorial Hospital, according to an announcement by Hospital Administrator Norman Roberts, Jr.

Mrs. Kempf is a native of East St. Louis, Illinois, and a long-time resident of North Little Rock. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. She taught in the Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing from 1954 through 1956, and has had previous experience as a volunteer and volunteer director at Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Kempf serves as a board member of the Family Service Agency of Pulaski County, is a member of the Mental Health Association, and is a sustaining member of the Junior Service League of North Little Rock.

Mrs. Kempf's other activities include work as a volunteer in a clinic and day care center at Scott, Arkansas.

She and her husband, Gordon, an employee of the Kellwood Company, reside at 4700 Hampton Road in North Little Rock. The couple has four children, Tom 22, Jan 20, Linda 18, and Stan 13. They are members of Park Hill Presbyterian Church.



... Physical Therapist Joe Wall prepares a patient for the new electromyograph.

New Electromyograph Placed In Use In Physical Therapy

Baptist Medical Center has purchased and placed into operation, a Teca Model TE-4 Electromyograph. This new EMG

provides direct permanent 100 mm graphic records of information displayed on all channels.

The TE-4 which is located in the Physical Therapy Department, has complete facilities for sensory and motor nerve conduction as well as a stabilized current stimulator intended for muscle testing applications, and in particular, the plotting of Strength Duration Curves.

Electromyography is concerned with the study of the electrical activity arising from muscles and associated with muscle activity. Variations of potential are detected by needle electrodes inserted into skeletal muscle; the electrical activity may be displayed on a cathode ray oscilloscope and played on a loudspeaker for simultaneous visual and auditory analysis.

Although the electromyogram does not give a specific clinical diagnosis, it may aid in diagnosis. Information must be integrated with results of other tests, clinical features, etc. in arriving at a final diagnosis. The electromyogram is useful to the clinician particularly in diagnosis of lower motor neuron disease, in detection of defects in transmission at the neuromuscular junction, and in diagnosis of primary muscle disease.



BMC AUXILIARY INSTALLS — New officers for the Baptist Medical Center Auxiliary were installed at the May 14 meeting of the Auxiliary by Mrs. J. Bert Webb. Pictured above, seated, from left to right are: Mrs. Carl Glover, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. J. F. Halliburton, historian. Standing, from left: Mrs. Jack Poe, president; Mrs. C. B. Homard, treasurer; Mrs. Joseph Snelling, first vice president; Mrs. James Duckett, recording secretary; Mrs. E. B. Hester, president-elect; and Mrs. James Puddephatt, second vice president.

SBC to feature drama, multi-media presentations

DENVER (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting here June 1-4, will feature one drama and three multi-media presentations, as major program attractions during its 125th anniversary sessions.

In addition, for the first time, this year the convention will project the image of platform speakers onto a screen so that those who are seated near the rear of the 560-foot Denver Convention Center can see the speaker's face.

The opening Monday night session, June 1, will feature a multi-media presentation using motion pictures and eight slide projectors to depict the convention's 125-year history in sound and lights onto a huge 30 x 60 foot screen and three walls of the Convention Center.

Entitled, "Milepost 125," the film and slide presentation will be a major portion of the convention's anniversary celebration.

The presentation has been produced by a 125th anniversary celebration com-

mittee and coordinated by Mrs. Marie Mathis of Waco, Tex., president of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union. Producer and director for the film and slide presentation is Ted Perry, professor in the Radio and Television department at the University of Texas, Austin.

On Tuesday evening, a dramatic presentation on "So Much More—The Denomination Serving the Churches" will be presented. Following several testimonies, and music by Mrs. Beverly Terrell of Dallas, a major address will be given by Jimmy Allen, pastor of First Church, San Antonio, Tex., and president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The Tuesday evening program is being coordinated by a committee headed by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board, and directed by Cecil McGee, church drama consultant in the board's church recreation department.

A world missions emphasis multi-media presentation on Wednesday evening, June 3, will spotlight the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards, both or-

ganized in 1845, on their 125th anniversaries.

Sponsored by both mission boards, the SBC Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission are also cooperating in the Wednesday evening missions emphasis.

In addition to the multi-media presentation, the Wednesday evening program will also feature music by the Denver Symphony Orchestra, and the Centurymen, a choral group of Southern Baptist ministers of music organized by the SBC Radio-Television Commission and major addresses by Home Mission Board Executive Secretary Arthur Rutledge and Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen.

On Wednesday morning, the six Southern Baptist seminaries will jointly present a multi-media film and slide show entitled, "The Seminaries Serving the Churches."

The seminaries' presentation is being coordinated by John Earl Seelig, assistant to the president at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, and produced by Billy Keith, director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas.

OBU coaches to make tours

ARCADELPHIA—Two Ouachita Baptist University coaches will take basketball teams on international tours this summer.

Ouachita Tigerette Coach Carolyn Mofatt will tour South America with the United States Olympic Development Team June 26-July 15. The women's team will play games in Brazil, Colombia, Panama and Chile.

Six members of this year's Tigerette squad have been invited to the training camp from which the touring team will be announced.

Coach Bill Vining will go on a State Department-sponsored goodwill tour through north and west Africa June 23-Aug. 4.

Vining will accompany Coach Jerry Steele of Guilford College in Greensboro, N. C., and five members of the Guilford team, on the African trip.

According to Vining, the prime objective of the goodwill tour is to give demonstrations of methods and techniques of basketball from both coaching and playing standpoints.

Baptist beliefs

Two infamous liars

By HERSHEL H. HOBBS

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"But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost [Spirit], and to keep back part of the price of the land?"—Acts 5:3.

On the beautiful rose of sharing (4:32ff.) there were two thorns. "Ananias" means "God is gracious." "Sapphira" means "beautiful." God is gracious, but Ananias was not. Sapphira had a beautiful name but an ugly spirit. And why?

Those who were sharing were doubtless being praised for their deeds. This man and wife wanted the praise but did not want to pay the price. So they sold a possession and brought a part of the proceeds to the apostles, keeping some for themselves. But they pretended to give all. Thus they lied to the apostles and the church.

Peter faced Ananias with his dishonesty. Literally, he had "falsified" the Holy Spirit. He sought to make the Holy Spirit a party to his evil deeds. He could have kept all the money. But to do so he would have missed all of the praise of men. In his deed he had not lied to the apostles but to God (v.4.). Evidently, the shock of this charge was too much for him. He "fell down" (aorist tense of immediate action) and died. It may have been a heart attack. Later the same thing happened to his wife (v.10). For she was a party to the entire falsification of the Holy Spirit (v.2, "privy" and v. 9, "agreed together").

There is no evidence that they were not Christians. But they had trifled with a holy thing. Their sudden deaths suggest that they were Christians who suddenly saw the enormity of their sins.

This has modern meaning: to claim to give the "widow's mite" when one has given stingily; to seek credit for spiritual deeds without paying the price; to falsify on one's income tax as to church and charitable gifts. In such, one does not lie to the pastor, treasurer, finance committee, or the Collector of Internal Revenue. It is to lie to God. And for such even worse things than death can happen—perhaps a drying up of soul and spiritual power.

Ananias and Sapphira were charter members of "The Ananias Club." Beware, lest you should become a member!



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Rogue with a mask

BY ELLEN EARNHARDT MERRISON

The sun has gone down, and it is almost night in the forest. Birds are in their nests, giving a last few good-night tweets to each other. The daytime animals have quit their hunting and playing and are bedded down for the night.

There is a rustle in a hole, half up the side of a big tree. A curious face—with shiny black nose and beady eyes—peeps out. A brown, furry body follows the face out of the hole. The pudgy animal clammers down the tree like a little bear, holding on with sharp claws. Although he is not a bear, he is a cousin of the bear. Indians of North America once gave him the name "the Black-masked Little Bear." (He lives only in North America.)

Have you guessed who he is? He's the raccoon, the little rogue who is the real bandit of the woods and who wears a black mask to prove it. Actually, the black helps protect his bright eyes by making it hard for enemies to see them.

It's a kind of camouflage. So is his bushy black-and-white-ringed tail, which blends so perfectly with the shadowy forest.

Sometimes the raccoon comes out in the daytime. But he likes best to roam about after dark. He's what is called a nocturnal animal—one that moves about mostly at night. He shuffles along flat-footed, like a bear does. He is quite clumsy. He is a good swimmer. However, he doesn't dive under the water for his food. He'd rather search along the shallow water at the edges of rivers and ponds for frogs, crayfish, ducklings, or fish. He can catch them easily with his nimble forepaws.

What else does he like to eat? Well, whatever you name, the raccoon would probably eat. He would steal from anybody to get it! Corn, fruit, honey, nuts, insects, tiny animals, eggs—he gobbles them all. He's got a tremendous appetite. He raids turtle nests, farm fields, campers' food baskets, or backyard garbage cans, so long as there's some tidbit of food to be found.

The raccoon's little forepaws are like hands. He can use his fingers in the most amazing ways. He unscrews lids from jars, takes covers off cans, turns doorknobs, pulls handles, opens clamshells, grabs insects from the air, and does other clever tricks. He's almost as smart as a monkey, and can use his hands almost as well.

Many people believe that the raccoon always washes his food before eating because he wants it to be clean. It's true that Mr. Coon does like his food wet and douses it with water whenever he can. But he eats it dry when there's no water to be had. He doesn't wash his food just to make it clean, either. In fact, he

doesn't care whether the water is dirty or not, so long as it gets the food wet. Perhaps he just likes the feel of dabbling the food in water. Or it may be that, because his mouth doesn't make as much saliva as dogs and other animals have to help digest food, it is easier for the raccoon to eat his food if he wets it first.

Raccoons are lazy when it comes to finding a home. A raccoon won't lift a paw to build a lodge or nest or to dig a burrow. He just finds a home in a hollow tree, in a cranny among the rocks, in an empty burrow, or in some big old bird nest. He doesn't really hibernate in winter. In far northern climates, he may nap in his den during the coldest part of the season. But farther south, he may not hole up in winter at all.

The raccoon is a mammal found only in southern Canada, the United States, and the northern part of Mexico. He's mostly a forest animal but can also be seen in swamp lands, along seashores, or even in desert areas. He's about thirty to thirty-six inches long and may weigh from ten to twenty-five pounds.

Young raccoons are born early in spring, with eyes shut. There are usually three to six raccoons in a litter. They don't leave the family den until they are one-third grown. Then they remain with their mother until almost full-grown, learning from her how to hunt food and take care of themselves. Their natural enemies include coyotes, bobcats, dogs, and owls. If any danger threatens, Mama Coon scoots her kits up a tree to safety and fights to defend them. The crafty raccoon has a great reputation for being able to outwit or defeat its enemies.

Some people have caught young raccoons and say they make good pets. Curious, playful, and full of mischief, they behave like little clowns most of the time.

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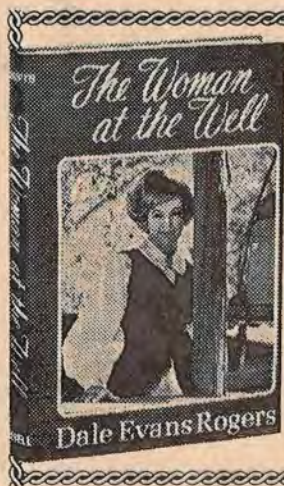
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One-Issue Christians

By T. B. MASTON

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There are one-issue voters. There are also one-issue Christians. The former is unfortunate. The latter is more unfortunate.

The one-issue Christian may judge his own life on the basis of one particular issue. From his perspective he is right on that issue; and, hence, he considers himself to be a good Christian.

More frequently the one-issue Christian judges other Christians on the basis of one issue. This issue usually a pet subject of his and one on which he considers himself to be right.

For some the one issue will be in the area of personal morality. For others it will be some phase of social morality. For still others the one issue will be a particular theological doctrine or perspective. Regardless of other things one is considered a good Christian if he is "right" on that doctrine or regarding the perspective.

Those who select an issue in the area of personal morality may be negative or positive in their approach but more frequently the former than the latter. If negative, the issue may be swearing, smoking, drinking, or some other comparable issue. If one is free of that habit or "vice" he is good; if not he is bad.

For others the one issue may be in the area of positive personal morality. For example, if one is "honest in his business," "a man of integrity," "a good neighbor," "generous," "kind and considerate," he is judged to be a good man. Whatever the virtue, it is a pet idea of

the one-issue Christian. For him if one is "right" regarding that issue or virtue, he is considered a good Christian.

In the contemporary period the one-issue Christian will frequently concentrate on some particular social issue. The goodness or badness of a Christian will be judged upon the basis of his attitude regarding this one issue.

The issue may be capital punishment, divorce, Communism, foreign aid, poverty, race, Red China, unemployment, United Nations, or war. The one-issue Christian judges other Christians on the basis of their position regarding a particular one of these issues. If they are wrong from his perspective on the issue then they are wrong. If they agree with his position then they are right, and, hence, are good Christians.

It needs to be emphasized over and over again that there is no single issue that is an adequate test of the genuineness and vitality of one's Christian faith. The ultimate test is how much we are like the living Christ. This means, among other things, that a Christian's life should be judged by the totality of its impact.

One may be right, at least from our perspective, on one issue and yet be entirely wrong on equally important issues. We need to remember that the same thing may be true of us. We all have our blind spots. Let us in this area as elsewhere do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Let us also remember that one may differ with us on what we consider to be the supreme issue or test of the Christian life, and yet over all he may be a better Christian than we are.

Court dismisses suit over sale of Arizona hospitals

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)—A federal court judge has dismissed here a suit challenging the right of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention to sell one of its three hospitals.

U. S. District Court Judge William P. Cople dismissed the suit for lack of jurisdiction.

The suit had been filed by a Phoenix attorney in the name of his wife, Gracia R. Duecy. She is not a Baptist.

Attorneys for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention asked that the case be dismissed by the court.

In his decision, Judge Cople said that

the only way his court would have had a jurisdiction in the case was for there to have been the possibility of fraudulent security transfers. He added that the "security transactions were for fair considerations, all parties knowing the value of the securities."

Meanwhile, the offer of the J. Allen Guinn Jr. Charitable Foundation to purchase the Baptist Hospital of Phoenix has been withdrawn, and convention officials doubt the likelihood of selling any of the three hospitals as authorized by the convention messengers in November until another court decision is reached.

Still pending in State Superior Court



There were six million U. S. farms in 1940 and three million today, and yet the number of county agents has increased (6,800 to 10,200). The Agriculture Department had a staff of only 84,000 to service 20 million people on farms 20 years ago; now there are half as many on farms, but the Department's rolls have grown to 125,000. \$3.5 billion was spent in farm payments last year, paying people for not producing things. It helps provide the most efficient farm industry in the world. Only the top 4 percent of all the three million farmers receive one-third of the total. This continues to widen the gap between the rich and poor. Rep. Findley (R, Ill.), March 26, inserted in the Congressional Record the annual list of farmers receiving \$25,000 in program payments (excluding wool and sugar) for 1969. There is no limitation on this type of payments—the more you don't grow the more you get. In 1969, 7,795 payees got \$367 million. ("TRB" from Washington, The New Republic, April 25, 1970)

Pollution control soon will require federal expenditures of \$25 billion to \$30 billion a year, Sen. Gaylord A. Nelson (D, Wis.) said recently. "No administration has understood the size of the issue," Nelson said. "It is much more important than space, weapons, systems, or the money we're wasting in Vietnam." Nelson said experts predict that in 25 years, if air pollution isn't reduced, city children will have to wear gas masks to play outdoors. Nobody will be able to stay outdoors more than two or three hours without endangering his health, he said. (Nashville Tennessean, April 20, 1970)

is a suit filed by the Arizona Baptist Convention against the 26 directors of the hospital association of the state convention, asking the court to declare null and void amendments to their articles of incorporation which would sever ties with the convention. A counter claim has also been filed by the hospital association.

To add to the complexity, the convention's Executive Board recently dismissed all directors of the hospital association "who had not resigned or pledged their cooperation with the convention," according to a report in the Baptist Beacon, the convention's state paper.

The bookshelf

The following books of critical essays on well known works of literature have been published by Prentice Hall at \$4.95 each, clothbound, or \$1.25 in Spectrum paperback:

Twentieth Century Interpretations of Robinson Crusoe, edited by Frank H. Ellis

Once considered a children's fable, Defoe's famous novel "has been discovered to be a book for adults, even adults in the twentieth century," writes Editor Ellis.

Thirteen contributors share their views, agreeing with the editor's view that **Robinson Crusoe** "has great potency and wide application" in modern times.

Twentieth Century Interpretations of The Great Gatsby, edited by Ernest Lockridge

Generally conceded to be F. Scott

Fitzgerald's finest novel and one of the key books of the twentieth century, **The Great Gatsby** was designated by T. S. Elliot as a "remarkable" book and "the first step American fiction has taken since Henry James." Including contributions by Marius Bewley, Thomas A. Hanzo, Edith Wharton, Lionel Trilling, and Fitzgerald himself, the book ranges across 40 years of criticism and praise and provides a fresh and stimulating interpretation of a true American classic.

Twentieth Century Interpretations of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, edited by Claude M. Simpson

"The success of **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** lies in the fact that it has miraculously managed to transcend most of its limitations," says Editor Simpson. Huck is an unlikely hero, and his language an unlikely vehicle of penetrating expression, yet Mark Twain has succeeded in "fusing

immaturity and shrewdness to produce a magically plausible consistency of viewpoint." This classic will become more meaningful in the light of the appraisals found here.

Twentieth Century Interpretations of The Ambassadors, edited by Albert E. Stone Jr.

In this book, Editor Stone and 17 other distinguished critics examine the qualities which have made **The Ambassadors** the most elusive—but still the most interesting—of all James' novels. Critical opinion of the novel has ranged from the prepublication review which denigrated it as "subjective" to some modern critics who see in it the final perfection of James' method. Most contributors to this volume admit that there are some flaws in James' treatment of the main character, Strether, but argue that overall, **The Ambassadors** is a great work of literary craftsmanship.

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God's new covenant

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Hebrews 8:6-13

The Epistle to the Hebrews is one of the most unique books of the New Testament. The King James Bible attributes the work to Paul, but the earliest manuscripts entitle it simply, "To the Hebrews." Modern scholarship—through careful analysis of its vocabulary, style, and thought patterns—has rendered its verdict that almost certainly Paul did not write it.

If, then, Paul did not write the book, who did? Probably some first-century Christian of whom we never heard. God has buried many of his choice workmen in unmarked graves while preserving the fruits of their labors in unmarked baskets.

Here again we have to diagnose their illness by analyzing the prescription. It seems almost certain that the book was written to Jewish Christians about half a century after the death of Christ. These Christians were tempted to turn back to their ancestral faith. They probably did not have in mind the abandonment of their Christian faith so much as they were thinking of adjusting it to fit into the old systems of Judaism.

The author saw that to compromise the character of the Christian religion and subordinate it to the old religion would be to destroy it.

It has often been said that the Christian religion is like the fruits and flowers of the tree of Israel. The figure does not really fit, however. Zoology can provide better illustrations. One could say that the Old Testament religion is related to the New as the tadpole is related to the frog which it is turned into, but, then, someone would be sure to say that it is insulting the ancient Hebrews to liken them to tadpoles. Or, one might say that the two religions are related as the caterpillar is related to the butterfly which it becomes. It must be seen that the Old Testament religion went through a metamorphosis—was changed into something which it had not been before.

This book argues that the new religion after Christ is better than the old, just as the revelation in Christ is superior to the revelation which came through the prophets. It is effected through a better high priest—Jesus Christ, as compared with Aaron and his successors. It is based on a better covenant and holds out better promises.

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The lesson text consists of a passage which the author of Hebrews lifted from Jeremiah, together with the author's observation and comments.

Necessity for new covenant (Jer. 31:31-34 Heb. 8:6-10)

1. Even in Jeremiah's day, the prophet foresaw the necessity of a new covenant with God's people. The new covenant was to be different from the covenant made with Israel at Sinai, which was legalistic, written on tablets of stone. Jeremiah sensed that the covenant was failing to reach its objective.

2. The writer of Hebrews observes that the old covenant was faulty from the beginning: otherwise God would not have made plans to replace it (8:7). He saw it as obsolete even in Jeremiah's day (8:13).

Perhaps the fatal weakness of the old covenant was its legalism. The author agreed with Paul, who argued that the law was brought in as an interim agent to help expedite an earlier promise to Abraham (Gal. 3:17-19).

Terms of new covenant (8:10-13)

1. **Inward and spiritual.** As opposed to the law of Moses, which was external, the new covenant is written on the mind and heart. It is apprehended by the mind and given expression by an inner impulse. But the knowledge which it affords and the impulsive obedience which it generates are generated by an enlightening religious experience.

This knowledge of God is democratic and universal within the kingdom. All who are in the kingdom, under the covenant, know God, each for himself. Here is the basic reason for the democratic nature of the kingdom, that all its subjects have in common an experiential knowledge of God.

2. **Gracious and forgiving.** God is a God of grace, and reveals himself as such. It is in bringing man through the experience of redemption from sin that he reveals his mercy. Sins are remitted and remembered no more.

How could God forgive sin without encouraging more sin? How could he dismiss sin without becoming sinful himself?

Paul meditated on this subject (Rom. 3:27) and concluded that propitiation is the answer: God took the hurt of sin upon himself; he absorbed the hurt.

Moreover, in the conversion experience there is planted in the human heart an aversion for sin which makes one inwardly uneasy in the presence of sin.

Under terms of the new covenant, the Christian comes to know God, knows him by experience, knows him in the experience of forgiveness. Unless one knows God in forgiveness of sin he does not know God in the New Testament sense.

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Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-27;
11:22-24; 15:36-39

Meet Barnabas, a true Christian disciple:

"Ready to speak, ready to think,
Ready with heart and brain;
Ready to stand where He sees fit,
Ready to stand the strain."

Dr. Vester Wolber, writing in the April 30 edition of Arkansas Baptist News-magazine, characterized Barnabas as:

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

2. 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. Ready as the great troubleshooter when reports came of a Gentile church in Antioch. While there he enlisted and developed Saul (11:22).

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

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

6. 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.

This is a good description of Barnabas. Let us look further into the Scriptures to see more of Barnabas as an example of Christian discipleship.

Acts 4:36-37

After Pentecost, a great impulse swept over the people of God. They all wanted to help each other so they began to share what they had. "My" possessions became "our" possessions. This was one of several evidences of the Holy Spirit's presence. When God's Spirit is in control there will always be (1) conviction of sin, (2) boldness in witnessing, (3) assurance of Jesus' presence, and the (4) fellowship of love. When these are lacking, you can know the Devil is in control.

Now there was a man called Barnabas who did what all these did to some degree. Actually Barnabas was his nickname because he could speak so well and

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his words helped people get up rather than stay down in despair. He sold some property (the kind that always goes up in value) and presented the gross proceeds (not net profit) to the Apostles for their use in helping the people. Apparently no big to do was made over it, but God marked it down for eternity.

There are no stingy Spirit-controlled people!

Acts 9:26-27

Is there a parallel in our land today of what happened to Saul of Tarsus? Hardly, for we never assemble secretly so as to worship without being found out and sent to jail. Indeed, the mayor and the policeman are often members of the congregation, too. So we must choose another parallel to Saul's life. Suppose, for example, a man succeeded in splitting the membership of a church and caused many people to be hurt. Then, suppose this person decided to move his membership to a sister church not far away and start all over again. Would not the people of that church be suspicious and afraid that he would undermine their fellowship too?

They would, unless a man like Barnabas would vouch for him. He would have to put his own Christian reputation on the line in order to convince them. This is exactly what Barnabas did.

As Barclay put it, Barnabas (1) insisted on believing the best of others. He also (2) never held a man's past against him.

It takes a Spirit-filled Christian to act like that.

Acts 11:22-24

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery is a symbol of numberless men who fought and died for our

country. Likewise, Antioch is today a Christian symbol of unknown men who did their share to evangelize the world for Christ. Those who first preached Christ there to the Greeks are unknown but they are credited with opening the gates of the Gentile world with the Gospel message so we could be saved today.

Needless to say, this aroused the church at Jerusalem. Gentiles were being swept up into the Christian fellowship. Thus it was they sent Barnabas to investigate, a mistake some of the more narrow-minded brethren would later regret. Nevertheless, when Barnabas arrived, he immediately sized up the situation. He recognized the Spirit of God at work because he was himself filled with that Spirit. Teachers who are spiritual weaklings will never be able to discern the spiritual needs of their class members.

But Barnabas went one step further. Rather than going back to Jerusalem to report what he had seen, he went looking for Saul so that the situation would continue to grow. It was the right thing to do, for Saul was ready for his first major assignment. Together they helped the people grow to such an extent that outsiders labeled them "Christians," people like Christ.

Acts 15:36-39

Why do so many good things have to end? A beautiful day, an enjoyable visit, an exciting game, a cozy nap all come to an end when we want them to linger. Such was the experience of Barnabas and Saul. They made a great team and God sent them out with the Church's blessings to do missionary work. They were true pioneers for Christ. Yet, in spite of all this, they split up just when the missionary work was getting started.

They split up but God used the split to his advantage. Instead of two missionaries going out, four departed and all were blessed because they were willing to work rather than just fuss.

Barnabas passed out of the book of Acts but not into oblivion. He chose to build up another man to do God's work and the investment paid off in the later writings of his nephew, John Mark was blessed to have an uncle like Barnabas. So are we blessed to have his example.

Remember Barnabas, for he was a lot like Christ.

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Mistaken mess

Detective: "Why didn't you report the robbery at once? Didn't you suspect something was wrong when you came home and saw all the drawers opened and the contents spilled and scattered?"

Woman: "Why no, I didn't suspect a thing unusual. I just thought my husband had been looking for a clean shirt."

Imperfect

The new bank president was being introduced to the employees. He singled out one of the men at the teller's windows, questioning him in detail about his work.

"I have been here forty years," said the teller, with conscious pride, "and in all that time I only made one slight mistake."

"Good," replied the president. "Let me congratulate you. But hereafter be more careful."

Well trained

"I'm so grateful for my first-aid training," exclaimed the girl. "Last night there was an accident right in front of my house. An old man was knocked down by a car and was bleeding all over. He was moaning something awful. That's when my first-aid training came in handy. I remembered to put my head between my knees to keep from fainting."

Athlete wanted

Personnel manager to applicant: "What we need is a man with vision, a man with energy and drive, a man with determination, a man who never quits—a man who can pull the company bowling team out of last place."

Good Recipe!

Woman to bridge-club members: "I have the most marvelous recipe for goulash—all I have to do is mention it to my husband and he says, 'Let's eat out.'"

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A seed

I saw a seed all dormant lie,
 But yet I knew that by and by /
 A living thing this seed would be
 To sprout a flower or a tree
 And give it life and strength to grow.
 But what is life, men still don't know.
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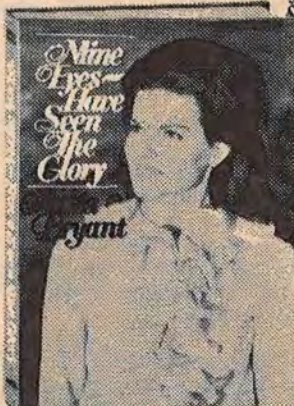
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Nevada Baptists plan state convention status by 1980

TONOPAH, Nev. (BP)—The Nevada Baptist Fellowship meeting here voted to set a target date of 1980 as a goal for constituting into a state convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The fellowship also voted to invite the SBC to hold its 1980 session in Las Vegas, but the SBC has not yet considered the invitation.

Elected president of the fellowship was Don Leo Wright, pastor of North Las Vegas Baptist Church, Las Vegas.

The fellowship is made up of churches in the Nevada Baptist Association (the northern section of Nevada), and the Lake Mead Baptist Association (the Las Vegas area).

Currently, the Nevada Baptist Association is affiliated with the Southern Baptist General Convention of Cali-

Baptists oppose aid to schools

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (BP)—More than 1,100 Baptists participated in a "Baptist Pilgrimage" to the state capitol, attending a Senate Education Committee hearing after which the committee voted 10-4 against recommending a bill for Senate action which would have allocated \$29 million to non-public schools in Illinois next year.

The Baptist turnout for the hearing was so large that the meeting was moved from a smaller room to the Senate chamber, which was packed, with standing room only.

The five-hour hearing included testimony from Baptist ministers, representatives of the Urban League, Parent-Teachers Association, National Congress of Jewish Women, Illinois Council of Churches, United Methodist Church, NAACP, American Jewish Congress, state Chamber of Commerce, Illinois Association of School Boards, and the United Front of Peoria, Ill.

All cited reasons why the state should not subsidize private schools. Black spokesmen said funds were not adequate for existing public schools, let alone a dual system. A Jewish representative said private schools tend to encourage separatism, suspicion and isolationism.

The president of the Illinois Baptist State Association, Charles L. Chancy of Palatine, Ill., who called together the "Baptist Pilgrimage," testified that America is too polarized to allow any and every group to start its own school at public expense.

fornia, and the Lake Mead Baptist Association is a part of the Arizona Baptist Convention.

At the present, the fellowship includes 37 churches and approximately 8,000 members. Nevada Baptists hope they will have reached by 1980 the minimum requirements of 50 churches with 12,500 members or 70 churches with 10,000 members in order to qualify as a state convention in the SBC.

Seminarians train for social ministry

ATLANTA (BP)—Nine recent seminary graduates will be involved this summer in a first-of-its-kind training program for missionary appointees.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of Christian social ministries, the program will extend over a three-month period and feature extensive training in the essential aspects of Christian social ministries.

Warren Rawles, assistant secretary of the department, was primarily responsible for planning the program, which he hopes will fill an experience void often present in appointees fresh from seminary.

"We find that the student upon graduation from seminary, though academically prepared, is not experientially prepared," he said. "We want to show these appointees that there is more to Christian social ministries than just weekday or community activities."

Bible Society honors Mississippi layman

NEW YORK (BP)—A Baptist layman from Gulfport, Miss., blind for the past three years, was honored by the American Bible Society here for being instrumental in distributing more than 100,000 scriptures to survivors of Hurricane Camille, last August.

The Bible Society paid tribute to John Calfin Broom, 42, a former U. S. mailman, and member of Handsboro Baptist Church of Gulfport.

Broom was coordinator for the Camille Scripture Distribution Project, following the devastating destruction of Hurricane Camille.

Broom was presented with a set of the Bible Society's new cassette recording edition of Today's English Version of the New Testament. He also was elected an honorary life member of the organization.

Public funds for pornography fight

WASHINGTON (BP)—A staff member of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission proposed here that government funds be provided to train school teachers to present sex education "in a positive, healthy and effective manner."

In testimony before the President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography, Harry N. Hollis, director of special moral concerns for the SBC Christian Life Commission, said that one of the positive ways to deal with the influence of pornography in the country is to have responsible programs of sex education in every school.

Hollis testified that such programs are needed in addition to the education on sex that is offered in homes and churches.

Both in his testimony and in answer to questions from panel members, Hollis said the ultimate solution to the problems of pornography will be found not in laws but in people. The best way to handle this is "through the home, the schools and the churches," Hollis stated.

Counselors are named

NASHVILLE (BP)—James R. Bergman, dean of students at Georgetown (Ky.) College and A. Donald Bell, professor of psychology and human relations at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, have been named counselors for Southern Baptist assemblies this year.

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