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Mother of the year, page 6

Personally speaking



'Light from above'

A new book compiled by Editor Joe Burton of *Home Life*, Nashville, is entitled *Light from Above*. But it might well have been called *Light from Above and Here Below*, for it reflects light both divine and human.

The book is made up of experiences and insights of 25 different persons whose brief and incisive articles are reprinted from issues of *Home Life*.

Typical of the materials is "Are You Really Carrying a Cross?" by Annetta Hereford Bridges.

Crossbearing is not what a lot of us may think, Mrs. Bridges establishes, in several pointed examples with which she opens. It is not "caring for my mother, bless her old heart, who is 92 and can't move a muscle."

Crossbearing is not Joe, a husband with whom you have existed for years and who "has never held a job over three months in his life."

It is not caring for a retarded child, one who is beautiful but whose mind has stopped growing.

"Too many of us have the idea that life should be a bed of ease," writes Mrs. Bridges. "If or when it isn't we are bearing crosses. This simply is not true. The cross is another thing entirely. The Bible says that to bear a cross means to die to self and to come alive to God's will. It means that we should stop substituting our little troubles that we consider 'crossbearing' for obeying Jesus' command to take up his cross."

Crossbearing, says Mrs. Bridges, is "doing the will of God in preference to earning a better living." It is becoming idealistic and daring to demonstrate one's faith. It is "when we do anything because of Jesus' influence on us."

It is being willing "to send our sons and daughters and ourselves into the darkest holes of the earth" to do the work of Christ.

And what is the cost of crossbearing? asks Mrs. Bridges: "A saintly appearance? The world's pity? Loss of prestige? Lack of money? Ridicule? Perhaps. But what is the reward?"

It is "coming alive to our Creator," discovering that Jesus did not come to guarantee us

lives of ease, but "so that people like you and me can be great."

Thanks, Mrs. Bridges, for sharing your own light.

Erwin L. McDonald

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MOTHER of the Year for 1969 is Mrs. Sammie Alice McDonald Spann, North Little Rock who graces our cover this week. The life of inspiration she has led is described on page 6. We present her and her story to our readers with pride. She is typical of Christian mothers whom we salute on Mother's Day. We are grateful to all, who entered nominations. Our secret committee had a difficult task of choosing a winner from among the many worthy candidates submitted. To Mrs. Spann and all the wonderful mothers everywhere we wish a "Happy Mother's Day," with appreciation for all they have done and near to us.

\$7,000 for summer missionaries was raised by Baptist students recently. David McLemore, Arkansas A. and M. College, was elected president of the BSU officers from 14 campuses. Story on page 9.

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On the election of an Executive Secretary

Someone raised the question the other day, in private conversation: "Why not wait about electing an executive secretary until the meeting of the Convention next fall and let the Convention choose somebody?"

The reasoning back of the question seemed to be that the office of executive secretary is such a strategic position and the Baptist people are so concerned, that it would be better to allow the broader participation of Convention action.

There are several reasons why the choice cannot or ought not to be left to the Convention.

First of all, the executive secretaryship is not a Convention position, but a position of the Executive Board. Under Section 2 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State Convention the Executive Board is "empowered by the Convention as its business and legal agent to administer all business committed to it by the Convention, and to employ such paid agents as it may deem necessary in carrying out the missionary, educational, benevolent and financial enterprises of the Convention."

So, the election of an executive secretary by the Convention would be a violation of the Convention's own Constitution.

"But, cannot Baptists, being independent and self-governing, conduct their own business as they see fit?" someone may ask.

The answer is yes, so long as they do not violate or contradict the restrictions they have set for themselves, as in their Constitution and By-laws.

Provisions of the Constitution cannot be legitimately ignored or set aside by a mere vote to "suspend the rules." The only way the Constitution can be changed or amended is according to the provision of the Constitution itself. In the case of the Constitution of the State Convention, the requirements are:

Any proposed amendment must be presented in writing at a regular meeting of the Convention, upon the first day of the session, for consideration on any subsequent day, and "provided adequate publicity has been given in previous announcement." A two-thirds vote is required for adoption of a constitutional amendment.

Conceivably, then, the Convention could change its Constitution to provide for the election of the Executive Secretary by the Convention. But the wisdom of such procedure is something else.

The Convention, by its size and the nature of its organization, cannot possibly devote the time and attention to items of business as can the Executive Board. This is why the most of the major items of business acted upon at the annual sessions come in the form of proposals from the Executive Board. Frequently, matters of business proposed at business sessions of the Convention are referred to the Executive Board for study and later recommendation.

As the provision for the election of an executive secretary now stands, the Operating Committee of the Board has the responsibility of nominating someone for the place, for election by the Board. While the nomination by the Operating Committee is usually tantamount to election, the approval by majority vote of the Board is required. It is not likely that one nominated by the committee would ever be voted down by the Board, but this is always a possibility. And should the choice of the committee be rejected by the Board, it would be up to the committee to start over and eventually come back with another nomination.

It would be rather awkward for one body—the Convention—to exercise the hiring and firing power over an employee who would be answerable for the performance of his duties to yet another body—the Executive Board. And if the Executive Secretary were made answerable only to the Convention he would find himself in the untenable position of having personally to make innumerable decisions between Convention sessions that are now made by the Executive Board.

Any proposal to change to such an arrangement would, we believe, be a hard one to sell to the Baptists of Arkansas.

WORDCHECK: *emeritus*, an adjective meaning: honorably discharged; retired from active service, but still holding one's rank and title, is pronounced *e mir' i tus*, not *em' e ri' tus*!

The people speak

Likes the Pastor's Conference

The Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference is not an emotional jag for the preachers, not a political platform, not a megaphone for outlandish statements—it is so much more.

It is a spiritual refreshment for tired men of God. Instead of feeling too exhausted to attend the convention, it provides most of us with the enthusiasm for convention activities. In times past, sermons by R. G. Lee, W. A. Criswell, and a host of other great men have set thousands of hearts ablaze with a zeal for Biblical fidelity they might not have had if there were no pastor's conference.

It is an example of our belief in freedom of speech.

One writer claims that all kinds of ideas are presented at the Pastor's Conference. Of course!

Baptists have never been afraid of new ideas, pet peeves, or creativity in times past. Is someone becoming mis-

Bible in space

I would like to commend the crew of Apollo 8 on their faith, courage and convictions of reading the gospel in space, and encourage them, and others, to do this if they feel led of God to do so. This may be a means of reaching some people with the gospel.

I believe every Christian should support them in this through prayer, and let the world know about it—Wilma Glasgow, Oregon Flat Baptist Church, Harrison, Arkansas.

'Generation gap' Man's condition

The article, "The Generation Gap," by David Bowden, age 17, which appeared in the April 24 issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine denotes a great deal of insight on the part of this young man. May his tribe increase among both the young and older generations!—Jamie Jones, Fayetteville, Ark.

12th anniversary

Congratulations on your 12th anniversary as editor of the "Newsmagazine," which I read about in the March 6 issue. You have an enviable record there and in all your service for our Lord.

I read with interest the paper each week, and want to assure you of my interest and prayers as you continue to speak boldly for the Kingdom's sake.—Eleanor Anne Harwell, Minister Music Youth, First Baptist Church, Fairhope, Ala. 36532

trustful of our preachers now? In the age when men are crying for more dialogue, more communication among us, shall we tolerate a movement for less?

It is an excellent place to discover future leadership.

Would someone really be able to defend the old method of choosing convention leaders? If many are not allowed to choose their leaders, then the task will be done by a few.

In the age of the freedom surge, dare we choose our leaders by the concensus of a few church fathers?

The conference has been called "a platform of political hopefuls." Who can deny it? Who wants to? What young seminary graduate doesn't at one time or another have well up in his breast a dream that one day he may stand there?

There is so much basic hypocrisy among us about "electing only a man who doesn't seek the office." The fact

is that we elect the man who runs the most concealed campaign. At one convention many notes went out urging the brethren to vote for so and so because he isn't seeking the office, inferring that everyone or someone else was. One strategic Texas pastor received five phone calls from one of the "non-candidates" to assure that pastor that he wasn't seeking the presidency.

Away with the myth of the non-candidate.

Any pastor down in his soul wants to serve the Baptist fellowship and lead them to greater evangelism and enlarged mission activity. This hope faintly beats in the breast of the pastor of even the smallest church in our convention. But that hope is hardly possible without the Pastor's Conference.

The conference may not be better than some other methods to find leadership but it beats the smoke-filled room.—Jess C. Moody, Palm Beach, Fla.

Arkansas all over Golden wedding anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Wharton

College City Church recently honored Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Wharton on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Pastor Billy Walker presented the couple with a golden money tree. Friends had attached to the tree white birds holding gifts of money. Mrs. Wharton was presented a corsage.

Mr. Wharton is a former pastor of College City Church.

Flowers were sent by a daughter, Mrs. Calvin Thomas of Atlanta, Ga.

The Whartons are also parents of Jim Wharton, San Antonio, Tex., and the

late Bill Wharton, Little Rock.

Former students of Professor Wharton will remember him as a dedicated teacher at Southern Baptist College. He joined the faculty there in 1946. Present for the celebration was Dr. H. E. Williams, president of Southern College, under whom Mr. Wharton has served.

Former pastorates of Mr. Wharton include churches at Rison, Mountain Home, Green Forest, Leslie, and Stephens.

The Whartons received gifts and other appreciation tokens from hosts of friends and relatives.—Reporter

Washington-Madison Association news

Ewell Logue, pastor at Gasville, has accepted the call of Second Church, Fayetteville as pastor. Mr. Logue formerly served for seven years as pastor of the Fayetteville church.

Glenn Jent recently became pastor of Liberty Church, Dutch Mills. Mr. Jent is doing graduate work at the University of Arkansas, where he is teaching some classes in English. The family, including Mrs. Jent and their eight-months-old son, are at home in the new parsonage, which the church purchased recently.

Lee Hobil, former missionary to Hong Kong with the Occidental Mission Board, is now serving Sonora Church as pastor. The Hobils have three sons.

Paul Wheelus began his seventh year as pastor of Elmdale Church, Springdale, on April 22. Some of the accomplishment of these years are as follows: 146 additions by baptism; 579 added by letter; budget increased from \$21,097.56 to \$83,267.13; mission giving increased from \$2,808 to \$9,649; Sunday School enrollment grew from 249 to 684; and the value of church property increased from \$105,500 to \$375,000.

The new work at Elkins Chapel got off to a good start with 48 in Sunday School and 37 in Training Union. Garland Morrison, pastor of Ridgeview Church, Fayetteville, sponsoring church, is planning a tent revival for the first week of May.

The property for this mission was purchased by the State Mission Board at a cost of \$4,500. The mobile church building which houses the mission belongs to the association and was purchased from First Church, Fayetteville, at a cost of \$4,000.—Alexander Best, Superintendent of Missions, Fayetteville, Ark.

Little Rock choir to sing at convention

The choir of First Church, Little Rock, directed by Dr. Jack Jones, has been invited to sing at the Foreign Missions night of the Southern Baptist Convention, in New Orleans, June 12.

The invitation came from Lee Roy Till, minister of music at First Church, Dallas, who is in charge of music for the convention.

The Little Rock group will do a portion of "Bethlehem," by the British composer Maunder, and Dr. Jones' special arrangement of "Amazing Grace," featuring trumpets and timpani.



NOTE BURNING: Pastor West (right) and Deacons Chairman Wendell Bryant burn a newly retired \$31,700 note, in a ceremony signifying the clearing of the indebtedness of Second Church, Conway.

Second Church, Conway, in dual celebration

Second Church, Conway, observed the 12th anniversary of the pastorate of William West on a recent Sunday with the burning of a \$31,700 note which had just been paid off, clearing the church of debt.

Mr. West came to the Conway pastorate in April, 1957, from the pastorate of Piney Church, Hot Springs. He is a former pastor of Chickasaw Church, McGehee.

The debt just retired was on an educational building erected in 1962.

Under the leadership of Pastor West, the church has grown from a membership of 476 to 980; the annual budget has increased from \$16,000 to \$78,000; and the value of the church property has increased from \$78,000 to \$308,000.

In addition to the educational building, which is valued at \$145,000, the church has built a \$25,000 parsonage.

The church auditorium has been redecorated, refurnished and carpeted and central heating and air conditioning installed. Four lots joining the original church property have been purchased and plans are now being drawn for early construction of a new sanctuary with a seating capacity of 1,000.

A reception was held, honoring Mr. and Mrs. West and their sons, Keith, Arlan, and Greg.

TITHE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

North Little Rockian is

1969 Mother of the Year

By THE EDITOR

God is with you any time and any place. Don't ever do anything or be any place that you would be ashamed for God to come and sit next to you in bodily form, because he is there with you in the Spirit.

This counsel given by Sammie Alice McDonald Spann, North Little Rock, to her six children as they were growing up was recalled by Mrs. Spann's daughter Peggie (Mrs. Jack Thompson Jr., Stuttgart) in her nomination of Mrs. Spann for the honor of Arkansas Baptist Mother of the Year.

And this, with many other revelations about their mother by Mrs. Spann's three sons and three daughters, led the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine secret committee to select Mrs. Spann unanimously for the mother-of-the-year award.

Mrs. Spann, a long-time member of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, K. Alvin Pitt, pastor, will be given special recognition in the morning worship service of her church on Mother's Day, May 11, at which time her new title will be officially conferred upon her by the editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

Mrs. Spann was born on a farm at Sardis, near Benton, on March 1, 1902. Her parents, James Andrew and Elizabeth Wilson McDonald, were Methodists and Sammie Alice joined the Sardis Methodist Church upon her conversion at the age of 11. She was an active and devout Methodist until after marrying a Baptist, Lenzie Silvanus Spann, on Oct. 3, 1920.

At the age of 21, she joined her husband's church, which was Fairview Baptist Church, and was baptized in Hurricane Creek. The Spann family joined Baring Cross Church upon moving to North Little Rock, in the late 1930's, and it was in this church that their children grew up.

"Patience personified is the term many have used for Mother as she reared six children and tenderly nursed our ailing Dad for 12 years or so until his death in 1966," wrote Dr. Fred Spann, director of the Department of Sacred Music at Baptist Seminary in Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil.

Dr. Spann and his twin brother, Dr. C. Edward Spann, minister of music at First Church, Perry, Fla., were converted at the age of seven.

Son Fred recalls: "I remember on the Saturday night when Ed and I were seven, after Mother had read and explained the Sunday School lesson to us

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MRS. SPANN

that we expressed an interest in knowing how to become Christians.

"Mother explained that this inquiry on our part was a sign that God's Spirit was leading us. She led us to the Lord. The next morning we made our decision public, in the church worship service."

Writes son Ed: "I can never remember when we didn't have blessings for meals. Nor can I remember a time when we didn't go to Sunday School, church, Training Union, and church on Sundays and to prayer meeting on Wednesday nights. These meetings were regular as the clock at our home—not that we were forced to go, but we wanted to go because it was a thing the family did together."

"Mother is always willing to help anyone she can," writes daughter Sylvia (Mrs. Eddie Winkler, Benton). "She never complains about anything and is always busy. She does handwork for other people. She crocheted an Afghan for one of her friends and she has crocheted at least four tablecloths for her children."

"Dad was a singer and Mother would always go and carry all of us with her, when he led the music for revivals," writes daughter Margaret (Mrs. T. L. Colclasure, Benton).

"When we were older, we had a family quartet and she had the problem of keeping all of us presentable to sing. She would make us clothes alike to wear when we sang. I never heard her complain about anything and she always has time if you need to talk—she is a good listener."

Writes son Franklin Dee from Alexandria, Va., where he is a civil engineer:

"Since Dad and Mother had already raised a family, with the youngest being 10-year-old twin boys, I sometimes wonder what their thoughts were when they learned they were going to have me. Whatever their thoughts, they showered unlimited love upon me and gave me a wonderful Christian home. They raised me in Baring Cross Church, where, when I was seven, they and my brothers and sisters, by their exemplary lives, led me to accept Christ as my Savior. Can parents give anything more precious than that to their children?"

Mr. and Mrs. Spann had their marriage crowned with the blessing of seeing all their children grow up to be godly men and women. All of their children continue to be active in their respective churches. "Proof," writes Missionary Dr. Fred, "of the effect of a Christian home!"

Mrs. Spann now has 16 grandchildren and an even dozen great grandchildren. But she is still very much "in circulation," continuing to teach in the Primary department of Sunday School and to take an active part in the Woman's Missionary Union and in the church services.

She has the reputation of being a superb cook, her specialties being chocolate layer cake and chicken and dumplings. Her hobbies include knitting and making patch-work quilts.

At the time of her selection as Mother of the Year, Mrs. Spann was visiting her son Franklin Dee and his family, in Alexandria, Va. She was rather bowled over when informed by long distance telephone of her new honor. She accepted the announcement with becoming humility and expressed gratitude for her selection.

Mr. Spann served for many years as a crane operator at the Missouri Pacific railroad yards in North Little Rock before being stricken by Parkinson's Disease. He continued to be regular in attending the services of his church as long as he was able to go.

Pastor Pitt recalled, in conducting Mr. Spann's funeral service, that he had fallen, on his last attendance of church services, but had gotten up and hobbled on into the church.

With Mrs. Spann's selection, Baring Cross Church becomes the first in the state to have two of its members chosen for mother or father-of-the-year honors. Ralph A. Holt, whose offices at Baring Cross have included chairman of deacons, Sunday School superintendent, Training Union director, Bible teacher, and director of the Teacher Training department, was Father of the Year in 1966.



BOBBY STOVER (right), editor of the *Ouachita University Signal*, accepts a \$100 check on behalf of the newspaper staff from **Sam Harris**, director of public affairs for the *Arkansas Gazette*. The *Signal* won the sweepstakes award during the recent spring meeting of the *Arkansas College Publications Association* by leading twelve colleges and universities in total contest points.

Sweepstakes award goes to Ouachita University Signal

Ouachita University's student newspaper, the *Signal*, won the sweepstakes trophy at the spring meeting of the *Arkansas College Publications Association* held at the Coachman's Inn, Little Rock.

In addition the *Signal* won an honorable mention in the overall category of general excellence and first place in the category of advertising.

The sweepstakes prize was awarded on the basis of most points compiled in individual categories. It included a certificate, trophy and a \$100 check awarded by the *Arkansas Gazette*.

Three *Signal* staffers received individual awards in six categories. Editor Bobby Stover, a junior from Dermott, captured two first place awards in the categories of straight news and interview, a second place in feature story, and an honorable mention in straight news.

Signal Sports Editor Tommy Thomason, a sophomore from Stamps, won first place awards in sports feature and sports column. Thomason writes a sports column called "Tiger Tales."

Glen McNeal, a sophomore from Hot Springs, received honorable mention in general column. McNeal, who is business manager of the *Ouachita yearbook*, is a

staff writer, on the *Signal*.

The ACPA convention was attended by more than 100 representatives and faculty advisors from 13 member colleges in the state. Keynote luncheon speaker was Henry Haines, editor of the nationally-recognized *Blytheville Courier News*.

Cynthia Wilson heads Academy of Sciences

Cynthia Wilson, Arkadelphia, a junior chemistry major at Ouachita University, became active president of the collegiate section of the *Arkansas Academy of Sciences* at the end of the meeting held in Fayetteville recently. She served as president-elect during the past year.

The collegiate academy is composed of students from the colleges and universities in Arkansas and offers students a forum where they can present the results of their undergraduate research.

The Senior Academy of Science is composed of professional scientists from Arkansas. In addition to sponsoring the collegiate and junior academies, technical sections are conducted in the various scientific fields.

Ouachi-tones perform at State PTA meet

The Ouachi-tones, a singing group from Ouachita University performed at the State Parent-Teacher Association Convention in Hot Springs April 25.

Directed by Mrs. Mary Shambarger, the Ouachi-tones sang selections from top Broadway shows. Some of the shows include: "South Pacific," "The Music Man," "Mame," and "Charade."

The performance was given in the Arlington Hotel.

Johnson called to University Church

Merle A. Johnson Jr., pastor of First Church, Malvern, for the past 3½ years, has resigned to accept a call to the pastorate of University Church, Little Rock, effective May 18.

A graduate of Ouachita University, Mr. Johnson attended Southern Seminary, Louisville, two years, and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, one year, receiving the B. D. degree from the latter. His pastorates have included Plumerville, Mineral Springs, and Lake Village, in Arkansas, and Worthington, Ind.

He is a contributor to *Upper Room Discipline*, issue of 1970, and is the author of a book manuscript now being considered by a publishing firm.

Mrs. Johnson is the former Miss Mary Catherine Hall of Alma. The Johnsons have two daughters, Marsha and Karla.



DR. CALDWELL



MR. JOHNSON

Dr. C. W. Caldwell named Helena interim

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Little Rock, formerly superintendent of missions and evangelism for the *Arkansas Baptist State Convention*, has been called as interim pastor of First Church, Helena.

In the three years since his retirement from the missions and evangelism department, Dr. Caldwell has served as interim pastor of three Little Rock churches—Sunset Lane, Forest Highlands (twice), and West Side—and of the North Maple Church, Stuttgart, and Harlan Park Church, Conway.

The use of the sword

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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

"But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip; and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one"—Luke 22:36.

Jesus has been pictured as an extreme pacifist. This view is based upon "Put up thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52). But is this what Jesus meant?

In the upper room Jesus reminded the disciples of previous instructions as they went on a preaching mission (v. 35). Carrying no provisions, they had been supported by those to whom they went. Then Jesus said, "But now." This contrasted the present situation with the previous one. There was now no one to whom they could look for support. They must look out for themselves. Then followed our text of this article. What did Jesus mean about buying a sword?

Some hold that the disciples were to take a sword for protection as they went forth to preach the gospel. Subsequent records do not show that they so understood Jesus. There is no evidence that they carried swords on their missionary journeys.

Perhaps a literal translation of Luke 22:36 will shed light on the problem. "But now the one having a purse let him take it, and likewise scrip; and the one not having either, let him immediately sell [aorist tense of point action] his outer garment, and let him immediately [aorist] buy a sword." If they had no funds with which they could purchase a sword, they were to sell their outer garments and buy one. And the aorist tenses of "sell" and "buy" show that they were to do so at once. Why this urgency?

Jesus would soon leave the safety of the supper room to walk through the dark streets and out to Gethsemane. Already Judas had gone for the officers to come and arrest him. But he would not be taken until after his rendezvous in the garden.

God had ordained that Jesus would die, but in a certain manner and for a specific purpose (v. 37). He would not die prematurely in the streets of Jerusalem at the hands of a mob. And he would not die until he had won the victory in Gethsemane. So he told the disciples to buy a sword immediately and at whatever sacrifice was necessary.

The disciples pointed out two swords in the room, probably those of the owner of the house. Jesus said, "It is enough" (v. 38) for the purpose. They were not to storm the Tower of Antonia in revolt against Rome. They were simply to guard him until he was ready to be taken.

Arriving at Gethsemane Jesus left eight disciples near the gate, taking the other three further into the garden. He told them to "watch" (Mk. 14:34). This word means to stand guard. Then Jesus went a little farther into the garden where he struggled in prayer. It would appear that Jesus established an outer and an inner guard in the garden.

Where were the two swords? Peter had one (Jn. 18:10). Did the outer guard have the other? When Jesus had won the victory he came forth to be taken. Seeing the officers, the disciples (outer guard?) asked, "Lord, shall we smite with the sword" (Lk. 22:49)? Peter did not wait for an answer. He drew his sword and cut off Malchus' ear. He was aiming at his head, but the servant was a good dodger. It was then that Jesus told him to put up his sword.

Jesus was now ready to be taken. But Peter did not understand. He did what he had understood Jesus to say. However, Jesus could have called heaven's angels to protect him had he wished (Matt. 26:53). But he no longer desired protection. Peter would simply get himself killed for no good reason. So Jesus told him to put up his sword.

From this we may deduce that while Jesus did not countenance offensive warfare, he did permit defensive warfare. On this basis police and defensive military forces are justified. Some things are worth dying for. Jesus cannot be classed with the "Better Red than Dead" crowd.

Anne Landes receives one-year scholarship

Anne Landes, Arkansas' reigning Junior Miss, has been awarded a one-year all-expenses-paid scholarship to Ouachita University.



MISS LANDES

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Todd Landes Jr., Magnolia, Miss Landes attends Magnolia High School where she maintains a 3.9 plus grade point average. She is a leader in all areas of her community and during the past year was named Arkansas' Ideal High School Senior for her

"... abilities and achievements in her school, church and community activities."

At Ouachita Miss Landes plans to major in Christian education.

Ronald L. Wilson is summer youth leader

Ronald L. Wilson, a junior at Baylor University, has accepted the position of summer youth director at First Church, Blytheville. Young



MR. WILSON

Wilson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wilson, Blytheville. He is a 1967 graduate of Blytheville High School, where he was valedictorian of his class, senior class president, and varsity basketball player making all conference forward his senior year. He was a senator at Boy's State; member of the Blytheville High School quartet, the National Honor Society, the National Thespians, the Beta Club, the Key Club, and sang in the church choir.

Last year he attended Southern State College, Magnolia, where he was active in campus, church and Baptist Student Union activities. He transferred to Baylor as a pre-medical major.

Last summer he was a Home Missionary Board appointee and served ten weeks in the Baltimore, Md. area.

His duties at First Baptist begin in June and will extend through August. His future plans are to finish Baylor Medical School and become a medical missionary.

Mr. Wilson's grandfather, the late John D. Bledsoe, was a pioneer preacher of Arkansas. He has an uncle and cousin who are active ministers in Arkansas, Rev. D. B. Bledsoe, Pine Bluff, and Rev. Ben Bledsoe, Atkins.

Students finance \$7,000 for summer missionaries

Two hundred newly elected Baptist Student Union officers from 14 campuses elected David McLemore of Arkansas A&M as their new state president at the annual Spring Leadership Conference, Camp Tanako, April 25-27. McLemore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. McLemore, Wilmar, Arkansas. The students also elected 25 of their fellow students to represent them as summer missionaries in a \$7,000 program financed by the students themselves.

Elected as vice president was Dean Shelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shelton, Little Rock, and a student at Arkansas Tech. Nancy Archer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Archer, Little Rock, and a student at Ouachita University, was elected by her fellow students as state secretary.

Summer missionaries elected were Janet Arnette of Southern State College who will serve in Little Rock; Larry Atkins, Southern Baptist College, to serve with the migrant project in Washington-Oregon; Cynthia Bollinger of Henderson State College who will serve in the Arkansas GA Camp; Teresa Clark, Arkansas State University, Ar-

kansas GA Camp; Katy Dayton, Henderson State College, Washington-Oregon; Carol Doak, Arkansas State University, Arkansas GA Camp;

John Douglas, Arkansas A&M, Washington-Oregon; Ronda Finnigan of the University of Arkansas who will serve in Canada; LaVerne Gray, Arkansas A&M, Washington-Oregon; Connie Hammons, Henderson State College, Arkansas GA Camp; Don Henry, Arkansas State University, Washington-Oregon; Lynn Horton, Southern State College, Washington-Oregon; James McCrary, Southern Baptist College, Little Rock;

Robert Madison, Henderson State College, Alaska; Vivian Patton, Southern State College, Arkansas GA Camp; William Polk, Arkansas A&M, Washington-Oregon; Oma Jean Robbins, Arkansas State University, Little Rock; Jay Rodgers, Henderson State College, Washington-Oregon; Laurie Thompkins, Ouachita University, Kansas-Nebraska;

Marvin Joe Young, Henderson State College, Panama; Betty Ward, Southern State College, Arkansas Children's Home; Ruth White, Arkansas A&M, Washington-Oregon; Mary Elizabeth Zies, Ouachita University, California; Sandra Sawyer, Southern State College, Washington-Oregon; and Mary Jane Sullivan, Southern State College, Washington-Oregon.

Park Hill ordains Willard Zeiser

Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, ordained Willard Zeiser to the ministry in a special service Sunday evening,



MR. ZEISER

April 27. After presentation of the candidate by the church clerk, Jim Raymick sang "The Greatest of These is Love." Mr. Zeiser made a statement of his conversion and call to the ministry. Dr. Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Church, presented the Bible, a prayer of dedication and the ordination sermon.

The benediction was given by Bill Westenhaber.

Mr. Zeiser joined Park Hill as minister of education and junior education on Jan. 15. He was youth director of First Church, San Angelo, Tex. prior to that time.




He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. He and his wife, Juel, have one daughter, J-Lynn, age 2.

A breath of life

Ah, it is May. The air is alive with perfumed petals and tiny iridescent wings. Hearts pulsate with the breathing earth; feet dance to the tempo of the swinging boughs; tender leaves, like bits of torn green lace, are tossing and turning in the urgent air. From a balmy tower the robin flings down his sweet love song, While the pigeons form a blue shadow against the long leap of the sky. Everywhere — life — in turning soil and tumbling leaf and swelling bark; in tiny creatures winged or furred or scaled, everything quivers and clamors with life— Ah, May is life.—Alice King Formby

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Golden Gate Seminary's 25th Anniversary

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

The Golden Gate Seminary is celebrating its 25th anniversary. This institution is located across the bay from San Francisco on Strawberry Point.

I recall vividly the first time I heard of this school. It was in May, 1944. I had just accepted the pastorate of Gambrell Street Church, Ft. Worth, Tex. When I arrived on the field I learned that the student music director of the church had resigned. A short while afterwards I went to see Dr. Edwin McNeely, professor of voice in Southwestern Seminary, about helping me find a director.

We were sitting on his front porch discussing my problem when a car stopped in front of his house. A man got out and made his way up the walk. Coming up the steps to the porch he extended his hand in greeting and said, "I am Isam B. Hodges. I'm looking for Dr. McNeely."

We introduced ourselves and Mr. Hodges continued, "I am pastor of the Golden Gate Church in Oakland, Calif. We are establishing a seminary there and I am looking for someone who can head our music department. I've come to see if you can help me locate a man to fill this position."

That was my first knowledge of the school. I never dreamed it would be my privilege to serve this school in any way. But I moved to Benton in 1950 and that spring was named on the board of trustees of this institution, where I served the next 12 years.

Golden Gate Seminary was organized in 1944, by Mr. Hodges and his church with the assistance of Dr. Dallas Faulkner and his church in San Francisco. They secured a charter and opened their first session in the Golden Gate Church that year. The California State Convention accepted the responsibility for its administration in 1945 and moved it to Berkeley soon afterwards.

In 1950 the Southern Baptist Convention was asked to take over administration of the institution. The school moved to its present site on Strawberry Point, overlooking San Francisco Bay, July 1, 1959.

Three presidents have served the Seminary: Isam B. Hodges, 1944-46; B. O. Herring, 1946-1952; Harold K. Graves, since 1952.

Arkansas Baptists have played a larger part in Golden Gate than many realize. President Hodges was an Arkansan. Dr. Durwerd Deere, who died last year, a native of Malvern, served several years in the Old Testament division of studies. Dr. A. J. Haight, Monticello, taught Greek for several years, and was librarian at the time of his death.

The Seminary stands as a lighthouse there in the Bay. It is one of the landmarks one sees as the ships put out to sea, and one of the first as they return. Though many do not understand its significance, its influence is being felt more and more on the West Coast.

About people

David Fite, returning to his home in Waynesboro, Ga., after four years in a Cuban prison, said he needs time to "get used to being free again. I have to re-learn the American way of life and I want my children to know and be proud of their country," said Fite in an interview with the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle. His three sons include one now four years old who had never before seen his father's country. The two others, now 10 and 12, don't remember it, for they were babies when they went with their parents to Cuba in 1960.

The superintendent of missions for the Denver Baptist Association in Colorado, George Gaskins, was elected as president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society, Nashville, Tenn.

Elected vice president of the society was Spencer King, chairman of the history department at Mercer University, Macon, Ga; re-elected as secretary was H. I. Hester, former vice president of Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., now retired in Liberty, Mo.; and re-elected treasurer was Davis C. Woolley,

The ones that
didn't get away



DR. S. A. WHITLOW, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention (right) helps Jesse Reed, of the Evangelism department of ABSC, exhibit two prize Walleyes Reed landed recently on a fishing excursion to Greer's Ferry Lake. The larger of the two, weighing 12 pounds, is being mounted by Worthen Bank, host for the occasion, for exhibit in the Worthen fishing lodge.—Polaroid Photo by Lawson Hatfield



executive secretary of the Historical Commission.

A former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, J. D. Grey has been re-elected president of the New Orleans Metropolitan Crime Commission. Grey is pastor of First Church, New Orleans. He will head an influential group of New Orleans citizens in the organization which refers to itself as a "watchdog" group "primarily interested in attaining and maintaining a crime-free, corruption-free New Orleans."

Wallace E. Johnson, Memphis, Tenn., president of Holiday Inns of America, Inc., was recently elected to the new post of chairman of the board of the Laymen's National Bible Committee. Johnson served as chairman of National Bible Week last year. He is chairman of the executive committee of Religious Heritage of America and is a leading Baptist layman.

Crusade follow-up should begin now

Crusade revival preaching is over. Posters and outdoor billboards are being taken down, but the Crusade is still on. Hundreds of our churches were blessed with good revivals. Scores of souls have been saved and have been baptized, or will be baptized, into our churches. We praise God for this!

Was your church able to reach the lost on your church field? What are your plans for evangelism in the future? Have you sewn the seed? If so, you will reap. Galatians 6:7 "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:9 "And let us not

be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

How are the new members being received into the church? Are you giving them a warm and hearty welcome? If they come into cold churches, they will not grow spiritually. They should be visited by the pastor and other church members. Give them the Church Covenant. They should attend the new members class for several Sunday nights. New Member Orientation is a must for these new babes in Christ.

Observe "C" Night in the church. "C" Night is the time of commitment, con-

servation and challenge. Use the Church Training Department to train those new members to be good personal witnesses. God gives each new convert his "first love," the desire to see someone else saved. Now is the best time to get them trained and committed to giving out "the Good News."

Follow the Crusade revivals with summer revivals, such as area-wide meetings, youth-led meetings, open-air or neighborhood revivals, tent revivals, laymen-led revivals, or regular church revivals.

Major on evangelism in your summer camps. Win boys and girls to the Lord in Vacation Bible Schools. All of these activities should be a great climax for the Crusade of the Americas.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

Vacation Bible School report time is near

The first V. B. S. report for 1969 has been received by the Sunday School Department. The report came for the First Church, Cash, in Mt. Zion Association.

Carl White is pastor at Cash. He reports a very successful school. Their school was held in the afternoons after the public school was out for the day.

The school closed with a church-wide cookout at the Mt. Zion Association Camp. Parents' Night was held on Sunday evening.

Congratulations to Pastor White and his leadership.

Would you believe—they sent two copies of their V. B. S. report to the Sunday School Department, 525 West Capitol, Little Rock, 72201. We know that all other schools will do likewise.—Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School Secretary.



Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

Mothers are special

Recently a visitor in our church said, "Harriet, your mother is a very special person. She continually amazes me." I had to quickly agree, of course.

Not long ago I asked a group of small children, "Why are mothers special persons?" The answers were interesting:

- "She is the one who knows how to find it when I lose something."
- "She takes care of me when I get the chicken pox."
- "She makes my brother stop hitting me."
- "She cooks and sews and cleans the house and tells us what not to do."
- "She knows how to fix chicken and chocolate pudding."
- "Mother makes me a birthday cake and puts candles on it."
- "She takes me to the doctor when I have to get four stitches."
- "Mother keeps things from getting in a great big mess."

There were other things that make a mother special, but these represent a composite opinion. Recently our adult Training Union was having a discussion on "Parents are Teachers." Missionary Tommy Halsell was invited to join the discussion. He gave a personal illustration.

"As a teenager," Dr. Halsell said, "I had the wanderlust. With a boy friend I hitchhiked to a great many places." ("I don't recommend this now," he added) He continued the story by saying that although he sent a postcard to his mother every day, she knew only where he had been, but not where he was at the moment. His testimony concerning her faith was that she prayed, "Dear Lord, bless Tommy, wherever he is."

Jesus thought his mother was special—worthy of his love and concern. One of his last acts at the time of the crucifixion was proof of this. "When Jesus therefore saw his mother, . . . he saith unto his mother, 'Woman, behold thy son,' and to John he said, 'Behold thy mother.'" (See John 19:26, 27).

Thank God for mothers who are v.s.p.—very special persons.

Good seeds

The apple tree he would not see,
But he thought of another's need
And those who came all blest the
name
Of Johnny Appleseed.

In this same way, if we today
Good seeds of love have sown,
In the hearts of men our memory
then
Will live when we are gone.

—Carl Ferrell

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



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MISS EVELYN GEORGE
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Jackson, Mississippi

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The Child and the Church

The Child As A Learner



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First Baptist Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma



MISS ELSIE RIVES
Sunday School Department
Sunday School Board
Nashville, Tennessee

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Message On
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DR. S. A. WHITLOW, Executive Secy.
Arkansas Baptist State Convention

SWAPPING OF MINISTRIES

BRINGS MANY CHANGES

By THE EDITOR

Editor's Note: Recently in Arkansas on a series of preaching engagements was A. M. Stewart, pastor of Lochee Baptist Church, Dundee, Scotland. Pastor Stewart has developed a remarkable ministry of evangelism in recent years as he has come to the States to conduct revival meetings. This year, accompanied by Mrs. Stewart, he was on his sixth such mission to the United States. Following is an interview I had with him a few days ago, while he and Mrs. Stewart were guests in Little Rock.

Mr. Stewart: When I am asked to speak about my visits to the United States of America, it gives me a sense of joy and a consciousness of a peculiar privilege.

In 1959 a group of American ministers came over to Britain. They called themselves "The Venturers." As secretary of my local association, it was my responsibility to make arrangements for the coming of a Baptist preacher from Arkansas to conduct a revival in the city of Dundee. The guest minister was Lewis Clarke, then of Maple Avenue Church, Smackover, and now pastor of First Church, Marianna.

After the campaign and after Mr. Clarke had returned home, he invited me to come to the United States to conduct meetings or services in some 20 churches. While I was here one church after another asked me if I would come back and lead them in revival.

At that time I felt that would be quite impossible, since my home was 4,000 miles from the state of Arkansas. I was quickly informed that if I was prepared to come that a number of churches would be willing to have me, which would make the plan economically possible.

Before I left the States on the first visit, which was 1960, I was fully booked for the time I could afford to come and lead churches in revival. This became a practice every alternate year. Each time I came I was booked two years ahead. I am here this year because of the Crusade of the Americas. For last year I was invited back again to a church I had been preaching in to lead them in this revival.

Quite a lot has happened as a result of "The Venturers" coming to Scotland. First of all, I came in 1960. In 1961 there was a group of Arkansas ministers who came over to Scotland. Some of them were leading in revival and Lawson Hatfield was speaking on the association level to the churches there on the all-age Sunday School. That was followed up with the Baptist Union in Scotland promoting this thing and the result is that today we have some 25 per cent of our churches operating the all-age school. And the Baptist Union of Scotland has recommended that these churches use Southern Baptist material.

A further result of my coming to America was that my son, Alistair, took up the music ministry of the church in Scotland. And today, as the director of music, he has introduced the Southern Baptist music program to the churches through published materials and holding of music conferences.

Not only has this happened, but in the Baptist Union of Scotland next year we shall be holding our first simultaneous evangelistic revival. This is something that has never been practiced in Scotland heretofore.

Many things happened on both sides of the Atlantic as a

result of that first visit of the American preachers in 1959. It would take a very long time to tell of what has happened and a great lot of thought to jot down many of the developments that have taken place in Scotland as a result of these visits.

The Editor: How many different states have you preached in?

Mr. Stewart: Since I first came to America to preach, I have had the privilege of preaching in nine different states. This means that I meet not only people of different states but of different thought, of different outlook. And while Baptists may be essentially the same everywhere, they all have their own individual characteristics. This makes the ministry so much more interesting. My coming to the States all these years has made possible for me a much wider ministry than I could ever have hoped to have had if I had remained in Scotland all the time.

If I consider the number of people I have reached by my ministry, not only from the pulpit of the churches where I have preached but through the radio services I have conducted, I realize that it is impossible to calculate the number of people to whom I have had the privilege of ministering. This is a particular joy to me, but I am conscious also of a tremendous responsibility.

The Editor: How is it that you are able to have this time for your trips to America?

Mr. Stewart: In order to come to America to lead in revival, I asked my church to permit me to take my annual vacation in the month of April. The church agreed to do this and to allow me to take half my vacation one year and carry forward the other half to the following year. On an every-other-year schedule, this has given me six weeks for each visit to the States.

The Editor: You have a month off for vacation each year?

Mr. Stewart: Each minister in Scotland has one month off for vacation. In most churches, not only do they have a month off in the summer but also a week in the spring and another in the autumn.

The Editor: You have been speaking about what this has meant to you personally as a Scottish Baptist. I wonder, from your viewpoint, what you think the Baptist churches of Scotland may have contributed to those of us who have been over there. As you think of what Baptists are like in the States as compared with what they are like in Scotland, what are some of the strengths you see in Scotland that could be helpful to us in the States?

Mr. Stewart: Baptists the world over are pretty much the same, in that they all claim to have their independency.

One of the differences which prevails in Scotland is the manner in which membership of the churches is obtained. You are familiar with the methods you have in your own churches, how that after the preacher has preached and the invitation is given that people desiring church membership come forward and are accepted for baptism and fellowship.

We in Scotland do not operate this way. First of all, the individual will make a personal decision for Jesus Christ and will be dealt with by the minister of the church. The pastor will then advise the candidate for church membership to read

particular portions of scripture. He will suggest some literature to be read concerning believer's baptism and church membership. And when the individual has read the material given and portions of Scripture advised, he will come to the minister and they will confer. The minister will seek to ascertain whether or not this person has really had an experience with the Lord.

If the individual requests baptism, two members of the church will be appointed to confer with him. They will try as far as they know how to assure themselves that this person is a fit candidate for baptism and church membership. If satisfied that such is the case, they will recommend at a church meeting that the candidate after baptism be accepted into church fellowship.

The Editor: What is your feeling about the participation of the congregation in worship in Scottish churches as compared with ours? Do you have more participation, in Scotland, from the man in the pew than we do here?

Mr. Stewart: I wouldn't think that we have more participation, in that there are not a greater number of people participating, but I think there is a greater percentage of people participating in our services. For example, when we sing, we always rise, and it is expected that everyone in the congregation will sing. This is the secret of our good singing, which is highly complimented by visiting American preachers and church musicians.

The Editor: Do you think there is more responsive reading of the Scriptures in your average service than in ours?

Mr. Stewart: I wouldn't think so, but I would think there are more Bibles open in the Baptist churches of Scotland than there are in the Baptist churches in America. I get the impression that most Baptists in America prefer just to listen to their ministers read the Scripture rather than to follow the reading in their own Bibles.

The Editor: Another thing I would like for you to comment on is prayer as a part of the worship service. Do you

see any difference in your churches as over against ours? Is more public prayer used in your service than in ours?

Mr. Stewart: The services in the Baptist churches in Scotland are conducted wholly by the minister. This may not be a good thing but it does mean that the minister is responsible for the service. When it comes to prayer, the minister is well advised in his student days that he ought to prepare his prayers. He is counseled to think of the people with whom and for whom he is praying. As a pastor he needs to be conscious of the needs of these people as he leads them in prayer. Whether or not the members will be following in the prayer is not for me to say but this they are certainly encouraged to do.

The Editor: I notice one difference when you have your benediction at the close of the services: the minister and all of the people continue in silent meditation for some time after the prayer has ended as far as its public expression is concerned.

Mr. Stewart: That is true. This is something that has been taking place for a very long time. Indeed, I can not remember a time when it did not take place. The whole idea behind it is that from start to finish we seek to impress our people that this is an act of worship, that God has met with us, or, perhaps even more correctly, we have met with God. When the service seems to be concluded by the benediction, each member will remain in his pew, with bowed head, as he breathes a prayer. Then he will quietly move out of the church.

The Editor: What about the opening of your services? Here in the States we Baptists are inclined to visit and talk after we get into the place of worship. What is it like in the Scottish churches in this regard?

Mr. Stewart: In every Baptist church, whether in America or in Scotland, because of our friendliness we are inclined to sacrifice something of the reverence that we ought to have in our services from the beginning to the end. But in my own particular church we seek to discourage unneces-



WILL IT SHUT? That was the big question, left, for Pastor and Mrs. Alex M. Stewart, Dundee, Scotland, as they packed for their homeward trek after a preaching mission in Arkansas and some other states. The happy, relaxedness of the Stewarts, right, gives the answer—they did get the lid to close!—ABN Photo



PASTOR AND MRS. ALEX M. STEWART

sary talking prior to the commencing of the service. We seek to counsel our people that when they enter the church they should, as far as possible, be quiet and prayerful and thoughtful concerning the service that is about to begin. This does not always happen but we constantly work at it. We try to impress upon the people that we have come to keep an appointment with the Lord, and that the Lord calls for silence in his presence.

The Editor: I'm going to put you on the spot now. Would you be willing to give your observation on how effective you feel that Christianity is as carried over into the lives of the people from day to day? Are you able to make any distinction between the quality of the life that the average Baptist in Scotland lives from day to day as compared with what you have observed among us here in the States?

Mr. Stewart: That's a very difficult question to answer because of the fact I do not assume that I know enough about the lives of the individual members of the churches over here. One thing I will say, in Scotland there is always a disciplinary clause in the constitution of the church. And it is the responsibility of the minister and his deacons' court to bring members before the court whose lives are questionable.

There was a time when that was practiced. It is not practiced as it ought to be today due to the fact that so often the quality of the court is such that it could not conscientiously question someone else. However, one of the things I do notice about the churches in America is this: When I first came here to lead in a revival or to preach in your churches in 1960, I noticed that the people showed a concern for the lost. I noticed that they sought to reach people to bring them under the sound of the Word. That is not as obvious today as it was then.

I sometimes get the impression that good Christian people in the Baptist churches will congregate at the time of revival and be satisfied with having a good meeting. That is, they enjoy the ministry of the Word, they will testify that they have been blessed, but while we have been in revival they have not somehow or other been reaching others. Consequently, the number of people won for the Lord during revival is much less than it ought to be.

The Editor: How is it in Scotland, on this matter?

Mr. Stewart: This situation prevails in Scotland, too. In Scotland there was a time when a church would have a revival once, if not twice a year. At that time they would engage full-time evangelists if possible. But because so many of the evangelists were interested only in preaching—not in visiting or working at reaching people—the people seemed to lose interest in evangelistic work. It is not a common practice in the churches in Scotland now to have evangelistic services as such.

I commented earlier that we are engaged in the Baptist Union of Scotland in planning our first ever simultaneous revival. This will take place in April next year. The idea is that each church will invite another church's minister, or, if they prefer, someone outside their own community or even outside the country. But it will be interesting to know just what effect this will have. It is my hope and prayer that we will get back to an evangelism that really works in reaching people in a way that it has never done before.

The Editor: How many Baptist churches are there now in Scotland?

Mr. Stewart: We have 157 churches, with a total membership of 18,000. For the past several years we have been losing membership. We are making an honest effort to arrest this decline or tendency to decline and to bring a new day to the experience of the Baptists in Scotland.

The Editor: Now I'd like to ask, in conclusion, is there any special word you would have for Southern Baptists?

Mr. Stewart: There is only one word that comes to my mind and I might not be the person to give it. I am giving it simply because I have been asked. It is this: I have a growing feeling that the Baptists of the world ought to be uniting; that the Baptists of the world ought to be rethinking the message that has been committed to them, their distinctive witness that they have for the world.

In these days of ecumenicity, we are in desperate need of speaking the same language, and living the same quality of life so that what we say will be understood.

If we Baptists would understand better why we have been called to be Baptists and if we would seek unification of the Baptists of the world to present our one witness to the world, I am certain that we would have a ministry that would be telling for God and most certainly for good.

Baptists win top religious public relations awards

WASHINGTON—Southern Baptists and American Baptists dominated the winner's circle in the annual Creative Communications Awards sponsored by the Religious Public Relations Council meeting here for its 40th anniversary convention.

Of the 16 awards presented by the council, Southern Baptists won six awards and an American Baptist won two top honors.

The top award of the organization, the Paul M. Hinkhouse Memorial Award, went to Lester C. Garner, public relations director for the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication, Valley Forge, Pa. The Hinkhouse honor, presented for outstanding

graphics design, was a \$150 cash award.

Honorable mention in the Hinkhouse award went to John D. Bloskas, communications director for the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, Dallas, for the board's annual report; and to Stephen C. Tippens, public relations director for the Methodist Publishing House, Nashville. Each received a \$50 cash award.

Three awards went to Floyd A. Craig, public relations director for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville. Craig won first place honors in photography and public relations campaign categories (both for the commission's promotion of Race Relation Sunday), and third in writing,

for an article on "New Breed of Missionary," written jointly by Craig and Jim Newton, assistant director of Baptist Press, Nashville.

Newton won second place in the photography category for a Baptist Press Photo taken by Craig, while the two were on a reporting trip to South America last summer.

Second place in the public relations campaign category went to John Earl Seelig, assistant to the president at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, for the seminary's 60th anniversary and the seminary president's 10th anniversary observance.

During the last four years, Southern Baptists have won 25 of the 68 awards presented by the Religious Public Relations Council to its members for outstanding communications efforts.

'Upward' Creative Arts winners

NASHVILLE—Winners of the 1969 Upward Creative Arts Competition have been announced by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Entries in the sixth annual competition came from high school youth 13-17 from throughout the nation. They were judged on suitability of subject matter for inclusion in Upward magazine; on creativity, depth of thought, style, clarity of expression and spiritual significance.

William Stephens, editor of Upward, a leisure-time magazine for youth, has announced the following winners:

Fiction: First award, Janelle Buchanan, Fayetteville, Ark., member of Fayetteville First Presbyterian Church, \$15. Second award, Dan C. Wall, Kettering, Ohio, member of Kettering First Church, \$10.

Essay: First award, Christina Delgado, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., member of Ft. Lauderdale First Church, \$10. Second award, Robert Larry Parker, Raleigh, N. C., member of Forest Hills Baptist Church, Raleigh, \$5.

Poetry: First award, Julie Emily Ford, Atlanta, member of West Manor Church, Atlanta, \$7.50. Second award, Mark Gallien, Martin, Tenn., member of Martin First Methodist Church, \$5.

Black-and-white drawing: First award, Debby Quinton, Kevil, Ky., member of La Center Church, Kevil, \$10. Second award, Susan Frances Perry, Raleigh, N. C., member of Forest Hills Church, Raleigh, \$5. (BP)

God, my help

Sometimes I have a problem
And don't know what to do.
Then I'm very glad, dear God,
That I can talk to you.
You can always understand
Temptation to do bad,
And you also seem to know
The things that make me sad.
You can give me strength to keep
From doing what is wrong.
You always give me comfort
So I'm not sad for long.
So when I have a problem
I'm glad, God, you are near—
Ready, any time I ask,
To give me strength and cheer.

—By Lois Ann Williams

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JOT, cartoon star, to be on TV special May 11

JOT, star of the Southern Baptist television cartoon of the same name, plays a leading role in an American Broadcasting Company TV special to be telecast nationally May 11.

The subject of the show, children's programming for television, will be introduced by Dr. Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Radio and Television Commission. The Commission produces the 4½-minute JOT color cartoons.

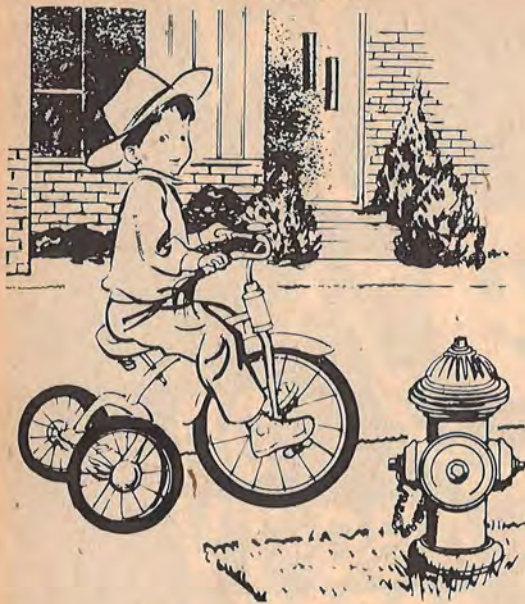
Pointing out that the average child between three and five years of age watches TV thirty hours a week, Dr. Stevens says that TV could be a positive medium for strengthening human values. To make it be this, he says, producers of children's programs must first see children as they really are and try to speak to them in their language.

Mrs. Ruth Byers, writer/producer of JOT, explains how the Commission's study of "children as they are" led to the birth of the JOT cartoon and the animated circle who plays the title role.

Footage from several of the thirteen JOT episodes is shown to illustrate how JOT communicates with children. Some examples of how children communicate with JOT also are presented through excerpts and drawings from the more than 150,000 letters JOT has received from tots across the nation in the year he has been on the air.

Network release time for the program will be 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Check ABC affiliated station logs for correct local time.

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is

coming



"How many days until our company comes?"

Mother laughed. "Do you know you have asked me that question about ten times this morning?"

Marilyn laughed, too. "I guess I'm excited!"

Marilyn remembered the day when Mother got an important letter in the mail. Mother smiled when she read it.

She said, "We're going to have some special company next month!"

"Do I know them?" Marilyn asked.

"No, Dear. They were friends of Mother and Daddy before you were born. We haven't seen them for many years."

"Do they have any little girls?"

"No, but they have a boy who is just your age."

Marilyn jumped up and down. "Oh, goody! What is his name?"

"His name is Matthew."

Daddy was also pleased when he read the letter that evening. "Say, it's been a long time since we have seen the Clemens. We'll have lots to talk about!"

Every morning when Marilyn woke up, she wondered, "Is this the day when our special company is coming to visit?"

One morning, while Marilyn was eating breakfast, Mother said, "The Clemens are arriving tomorrow!"

Marilyn began to ask questions.

"Where will they sleep! Does Matthew like to play in sandboxes? Will he bring his teddy bear?"

Some questions Mother could answer. "Mr. and Mrs. Clemen will sleep in our spare bedroom. Daddy has borrowed a cot for Matthew to sleep on."

But Mother did not know whether Matthew had a teddy bear. She was quite certain he would enjoy playing in the sandbox, however.

The next morning, Marilyn was not as excited as before. She acted strangely and did not smile or ask any questions.

"What's the matter, Marilyn?" Mother asked. "Don't you feel well?"

Marilyn did not answer. She could not tell Mother what made her feel so funny. Mother felt her head to see if she had a fever.

Finally, Marilyn asked, "Mommy, what if Matthew doesn't want to play with me?"

Mother did not laugh at Marilyn's question. She took Marilyn on her lap.

"Do you want to play with him?"

"I think so. If he doesn't hit . . . or yell . . . or cry!"

"I don't think he will do those things, Dear. He may be tired because they have traveled many miles. But it won't take long for him to get acquainted. You wait and see!"

Mother was expecting the Clemens to arrive for supper, so she was busy all afternoon. After her nap, Marilyn tried to help her Mother. She picked up her toys. She helped pick some flowers from the garden to put on the table. She put napkins beside each plate.

Just a few minutes after Father arrived home, they heard a car drive up. A man, a lady, and a little boy got out. Marilyn hid behind Mother and peeked around. The little boy was just her size, as Mother had said.

Mother and Daddy rushed out to meet the new people. Daddy and the man shook hands. Mother put her arms around the lady and hugged her. The little boy looked frightened. Marilyn felt sorry for him.

She went up to him and said, "Hello, Matthew."

"How did you know my name?"

"I know all about you. You are four years old, just like me. Do you like to play in sandboxes?"

"Oh, yes! And I like to swing and ride trikes and do lots of things!"

Marilyn no longer felt strange. She walked over to Matthew and took his hand.

"Come into the backyard. Let me show you my sandbox. And I have two swings, one for you and one for me!"

Mr. and Mrs. Clemen smiled at Marilyn. So did Mother and Daddy.

"Run and play for a few minutes, children. I'll call you when it's time for supper!"

Marilyn was so happy that her new friend had come to visit.

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The bookshelf

Lorenzo de'Medici and the Renaissance, by the Editors of Horizon, Narrative by Charles L. Mee Jr.; Consultant, John L. Walker, American Heritage Publishing Co., Inc., 1969, \$5.95

This book is the 31st title in the Horizon Caravel series of illustrated histories for young readers. Among its 122 pictures, 54 in color, in this book are reproductions of drawings, paintings, and sculptures by such Florentine masters as Donatello, Ghirlandaio, Fra Angelico, Leonardo da Vinci, Botticelli, and Michaelangelo.

Lorenzo de'Medici, banker and poet, international diplomat, machine politician, and patron of the arts, stood as an arresting figure at the heart of the Renaissance.

This book is more than the story of the life of one man—it is the story of an era—an era like ours today, a time of rapid change, with many old values and traditions crumbling.

Between Sundays, by Richard G. Halverson, Zondervan, 1965, \$2.95

Dr. Halverson, Minister of Fourth Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., has a deep conviction that "Christianity is made for the road—not for the sanctuary." Here is a book ideal for the bedsides of both the sick and the well, for it deals with the "nitty-gritty" of life.

The Cooking of Scandinavia, by Dale Brown and the Editors of Time-Life Books, Time-Life Books, New York, 1968, \$4.95

Another in Time-Life's Foods-of-the-World series, this volume offers a wide selection of facts, illustrations, and recipes from Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland.

The boundary lines between the countries of Scandinavia are not sharply drawn, and "as far as food is concerned, we share a special culinary tradition," writes Hroar Dege, chef, author, and director, Norwegian Food Center, Oslo, in the introduction.

Through an "inter-Nordic kitchen" Scandinavians share their food delights among themselves. And through this delightful book they will now share them with the world.

We Spoke for God, by John Calvin Reid, Eerdmans, 1968, \$3.50

This is a companion volume to Dr. Reid's We Knew Jesus and We Wrote the Gospels. Written from the viewpoint of Isaiah and Jeremiah and several of the minor prophets, it should capture the interest of anyone interested in a new understanding of the prophets.



The roadrunner in Arkansas



THE roadrunner is more in the public eye—in TV cartoons and on Arkansas highways—as it extends its range eastward within our state.

The roadrunner or chaparral cock, as it is sometimes called, is a bird of the arid Southwest which has apparently extended its range eastward and is now commonly found over the western half of Arkansas. Many have been seen in the capitol city. They are 22 inches long and their color is olive streaked with tawny brown and buff-white; whitish below, streaked on the chest, long tail feathers, and a slight top knot.

Roadrunners feed mostly on lizards, frogs, small snakes and insects. At times they will catch, kill and eat small birds. Many hunters want to believe that roadrunners are a serious threat to quail but this assumption has not been proven.

Roadrunners can fly but seldom do. Their habit of running along the roadway in the Southwestern states, where they are very common, accounts for their name.

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Revivals

First Church, Mena, April 13-20; Jesse S. Reed, Little Rock, evangelist; Franklin Haygood, singer; 19 for baptism, 8 by letter, 6 professions of faith, and 1 for special service. Dillard S. Miller is pastor.

First Church, Barling, April 13-20; Weldon Barnett, Salina, Kan., evangelist; Sardis Bever, music director; Mr. Delmar Bullington, pianist, and Mrs. William Weaver, organist; 7 professions of faith, 2 by letter and 30 rededications. Sardis Bever is pastor.

Park Hill Church, Arkadelphia, April 14-20; David Blase, Chanute, Kan., evangelist; Miss Camille Bishop, song leader; 12 for baptism, 1 by letter and numerous rededications. Don H. Tallison is pastor.

Cadle Avenue Church, Springdale, held its Crusade of the Americas revival April 20-27; Glendon D. Grober, evangelist; Danny Plummer, song leader; 7 professions of faith, 2 by letter, and 4 rededications. Raymond H. Reed is pastor.

First Church, Murfreesboro, Harold Brewer, pastor of First Church, Ashdown, evangelist; Robert Hall, minister of music, First Church, Henderson, Tex., singer; 5 professions of faith, 2 by letter, 2 by statement and many rededications. The pastor is Gaines Armstrong.

Calvary Church, Benton, April 6-13; Jesse S. Reed, Little Rock, evangelist; Mark Short Sr., Paris, Tex., singer; 5 by baptism, 7 by letter, 2 professions of faith. Oscar Golden is pastor.

Ridgeway Church, Nashville, April 14-20; Joe Cervine, Texarkana, evangelist; 6 by letter and 7 rededications. Charles R. Stanford is pastor.

"Nagged by Spirit,"

layman now preaches

C. P. (Pat) Thompson, a layman from Dallas, Tex., who says he responded to the "nagging" of the Holy Spirit, was recently licensed to preach by Immanuel Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain.

Thompson, working for Chrysler Corporation in Madrid, says he believes God led him to Spain for a purpose and directed him to join the English-speaking Immanuel Church. In a testimony before the congregation, describing God's leading in his life, he said, "The Holy Spirit nagged me."

A week after his licensing, Thompson announced his plans to speak at the church's mission in Seville. Besides teaching a men's Sunday School class, he is taking a course in theology from the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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The Bible in the language of the people

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Nehemiah 8:1-3, 8;
Habakkuk 2:2;
Acts 2:1-12

Archaeological discoveries have shown that the New Testament was written in the common language of the first century, the everyday language of business and community life. This fact constitutes a mandate for every generation to translate and interpret the Bible in the plain language of the day.

The events which transpired on the first Christian Pentecost also indicate that God thought it important for men to hear the Gospel in their native tongue. Any message which speaks to a person's religious experience can best be understood and assimilated if it comes to him in his native tongue, because it is in that language that he does his thinking.

Manifestation (Acts 2:1-4)

Jesus was put to death during the annual Feast of the Passover. Fifty days later came Pentecost, which was observed at the beginning of the harvest season.

1. Preparation had been made. Ten days before Pentecost Jesus went back to heaven, after having instructed his followers to wait in Jerusalem until they were spiritually empowered for witnessing.

While waiting for God to fulfill his promise, the disciples stayed and prayed and maintained close fellowship; and when the day of Pentecost arrived, there were 100 who were "together in one place."

2. Unusual phenomena accompanied the advent of the Spirit. Suddenly there was an extremely loud sound, a sound such as a windstorm would make. The word which is translated as "wind" is elsewhere translated as "breath" or "spirit," but the context makes it quite clear that in this passage it should be translated as "wind." Luke does not say that the people who were present heard a wind, but only that they heard a sound such as a wind might make.

A second phenomenon appeared as tongues, like fire, touched down upon each of them, perhaps in appearance like prongs of lightning. Each Christian was personally empowered for the task assigned. Thus, the multiplied individual preparation rebounded in the

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direction of universality.

The third phenomenon was strangest of all: they began to speak in other languages as prompted by the Spirit. Numerous efforts have been made to explain, or in some instances explain away, this remarkable event.

Three men in history inaugurated great periods of miracle working: Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. For the most part these miracles were kingdom miracles which served as "signs" of divine authority, power, and revelation. The miracle at Pentecost was an on-the-spot announcement that the Kingdom was breaking out in all the world. Here the spiritual power which Jesus had acquired in his death and resurrection was utilized for redemptive purposes. In order to prepare the setting for his redemptive powers to work effectively, he performed a minor miracle by enabling men to speak and bear witness in languages not their own.

At some point, as events of the day unfolded, the scene shifts from the upper room where the nucleus of the church had assembled to what seems to have been the courtyards of the temple where thousands of Jews assembled. In order that these Jews who had come to Jerusalem from all about the Mediterranean Sea might hear and grasp the

Signs of spring

I see spring all around me
In the grass so bright and green,
In pretty blooms of redbud
And dogwood that can be seen,
In golden dandelions
Appearing here and there,
In new leafy outfits
The trees so proudly wear,
In colors of the goldfinch
Flying toward the sky,
In robins and the redbird
Who stop to rest nearby,
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Gospel, the first experience of glossolalia was granted.

The tongues at Pentecost can hardly be identified with the tongues which Paul discussed and discounted in 1 Cor., chapters 12 and 14. However difficult it may be to understand exactly what happened at Pentecost, Luke clearly implies that God did what he did in order that men might hear and understand more clearly the message which the Apostles spoke. To the contrary, the tongues of Paul's day gave uncertain sounds which could not be readily understood (1 Cor. 14:7-9). The apostle discounted such words at the rate of two thousand to one as compared with rational expressions (1 Cor. 14:19).

Amazement (2:5-11)

Present in the audience were men from about fifteen different provinces located in the regions north, south, and east of the Mediterranean Sea. They were amazed, perplexed, and bewildered when they saw and heard what happened, thought upon it, and failed to find any satisfactory explanation for it. They were amazed that each man heard in his own native language the "mighty works of God" (2:7, 12).

Meaning (2:12)

Amazed and perplexed, the Jews recognized the hand of God in the events and expected to find meaning in what he did. "What does this mean?" they asked.

1. It meant that God was honoring his word. He had promised that in the last days he would pour out his spirit upon all flesh.

2. It meant that Jesus was keeping his promise. He had promised his disciples that he would return to them.

3. It meant that the Christian religion was on the way to become a universal religion. God poured out his spirit "upon all flesh," and the converts at Pentecost carried the Christian message back to their own provinces.

4. It meant that the Christian message was to be carried directly to the minds of men in plain language.

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Curtain time

There was a funeral recently in the South End of London which was attended by many old time comedians who had gathered to say a last farewell to one of their members. During the ceremony, one man looked up at his neighbor and asked, "Ow old are you, Charlie?"

"Ninety," replied the old-timer.

"'Ardly worth goin 'ome, eh?"

See-worthy

Jones: "I'm in an awful fix!"
 Smith: "What's the matter?"
 Jones: "I've lost my glasses, and I can't look for them till I find them!"

Chronic cure

First Doctor: "Has your son's college education proved of any value?"

Second Doctor: "It sure has. It cured his mother of bragging about him."

Just about the time a woman thinks her work is done she becomes a grandmother.

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adns.
Alicia	58	54	
Arkadelphia, Shiloh	19	10	
Berryville			
First	114	58	2
Freeman Heights	82	36	
Camden			
First	412	90	1
Second	108	85	6
Cherokee Village	56	28	2
Crossett			
First	539	175	1
Mt. Olive	287	120	
Dumas, First	241	80	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	85	24	
Ebenezer	160	65	4
Wesson	33	21	
Forrest City, First	563	142	4
Ft. Smith, First	768	338	5
Gentry, First	181	69	4
Green Forest, First	144	64	
Greenwood, First	209	103	3
Harrison, Eagle Heights	176	77	3
Hope, First	421	171	
Hot Springs			
Lakeside	127	102	2
Piney	168	86	
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	140	111	1
First	400	110	2
Marshall Road	298	166	1
Jonesboro			
Central	402	140	2
Nettleton	255	100	3
Lake Hamilton	96	41	
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	155	86	
Geyer Springs	568	234	12
Life Line	449	195	9
Rosedale	180	50	
Manila, First	188	67	
Marked Tree			
First	148	46	
Nelwander	128	54	
Monticello			
Northside	104	61	2
Second	212	110	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	507	159	2
Southside Chapel	38	15	
Calvary	408	170	4
Central	244	138	2
Gravel Ridge	162	111	2
Harmony	89	26	
Highway	181	92	
Park Hill	748	165	8
Paragould, East Side	296	158	
Paris, First	252	189	5
Pine Bluff			
First	668	178	
Green Meadows	75	28	
Second	186	87	
Watson Chapel	222	82	
Springdale			
Berry Street	69	42	
Candle Avenue	127	44	6
Elmdale	246	117	
First	805	120	2
Tillar, First	48	86	
Van Buren			
First	289	178	4
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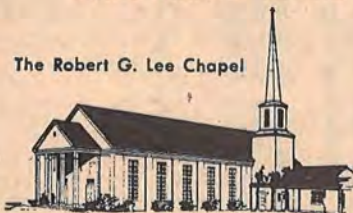
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HARRY MAANSUS, Vasa, Finland, student body president at the Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, breaks ground for the seminary's new apartment building. When completed early next year, the building will accommodate 10 to 12 married students and their families, meeting what seminary president John D. W. Watts considers an urgent housing need. It is the first seminary building that will not be located on the main campus; it is going up on Baptist-owned land ½ kilometer from the campus. (European Baptist Press Service Photo) Photo)

State aid studied in Holland

Two contradictory proposals for the handling of government grants to religious groups are being considered by the government of Holland, according to a report from the European Baptist Press Service.

Under one proposal, named for Mayor Van Walsum of Rotterdam who originated it, the government would give aid to all religious denominations, instead of just the seven denominations presently receiving aid. The 3½ million guilders (\$970,000) now distributed to the Roman Catholic, Dutch Reformed, Lutheran, Mennonite, Armenian, Israelitic, and Old Catholic bodies, would be increased to 50 million guilders (\$14 million) and the distribution would be made to all denominations with more than 10,000 members. Distribution would be on the basis of membership.

The number of churches (denominations) qualifying for aid under the Van Walsum plan would be 16.

A counter proposal, by the Netherlands minister of finance, would discontinue all government aid to religious

bodies. A terminal payment of 60 million guilders (\$16.8 million) would be given to the seven denominations now receiving aid.

Although Baptists number less than 10,000 baptized believers, Van Walsum would include children, as is the practice in the other denominations, giving the Baptists a count of 17,591.

Editor J. van Dam, of the Dutch Baptist weekly newspaper, *De Christen*, has written that Baptists should not take the money proposed by the Van Walsum plan. This would be a turning back of 95,500 guilders (\$27,000) per year. Under the plan, if any denomination declines its prorated share, the money will be prorated among the denominations remaining.

A third alternative would be for the government to continue its present plan of giving to the seven denominations currently aided. This plan has been in effect since the early 1800's and was started in consideration of considerable church properties confiscated by the government.

Death penalty kept

The biennial effort of church groups and others to abolish capital punishment in North Carolina has failed again. The North Carolina House voted, 68 to 38, to table a bill which would end the death penalty.

Negro anniversary

A Negro Episcopal church in Philadelphia—St. Thomas Church—recently celebrated its 175th anniversary. The church was organized in 1794 by a congregation of freed slaves. Accepted as a parish by the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania in 1865, the church claims the distinction of being the nation's first black Episcopal church.

The organizers of the church have been cited by Negro historian W. E. B. DuBois as "the first organized group of Negroes in the United States."

With 2,400 confirmed and 3,300 baptized members, St. Thomas is one of the largest Episcopal congregations in the nation.

For 'holy living'

The National Holiness Association, meeting recently in St. Louis, received into its membership the 465,000-member Church of the Nazarene. The association announced plans for "expanding and extending" its program of "spreading the gospel of 'holy living' throughout the United States."

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