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Personally speaking



Value of a man

Dr. C. Gordon Bayliss, who was my pastor for many years at Central Church, North Little Rock, tells the following experience in his book, now out of print: *And Be Ye Saved*. He has given his permission for me to use it here. Here it is in his own words:

In a Kansas town I invited two men who were sitting in a hotel lobby to go with me to church. I did not tell them I was a minister. One man thanked me and made excuses. The other man threw his tongue into neutral and started talking. What he had to say about churches, church members, and preachers, was not complimentary. He left nothing out.

I gave him plenty of time to use up his talking gas. After he had finished the monologue, I said, "Stranger, how much do you weigh?"

He informed me it wasn't any of my particular business, but he weighed 150 pounds.

I said, "Do you know the value of a 150-pound man?"

"No," he answered.

I told him the prewar value was \$1.68. I reminded him that 80 percent of the body is liquid, and that the other 20 percent, reduced to its chemical properties of sulphur, potash, iron, salt, etc., has a mere value of \$1.68.

"For instance," I said, "that hand-painted tie you are wearing cost at least \$5, and you have it around a two-cent neck. Those \$30 boots you are wearing cover up one-penny feet. You are wearing a \$25 Stetson hat on a four-cent head. No doubt you have an automobile that cost you at least a thousand dollars, that you use to carry around a body valued at \$1.68.

"You live in a house that cost several thousand dollars, to give shelter for your \$1.68 body."

He said, "Mister, I have never heard of anything like that."

I said, "Don't forget there is a man on the inside of that body, though, who will live as long as God lives."

He went with me to church and was converted on the third night of his attendance. I shook his hand eagerly and asked him what was the main

thing that led him to his decision. In a cunning sort of way he answered, "Well, preacher, it wasn't your preaching. I'll tell you if you won't tell it while you're here."

I promised, and he said, "It was that \$1.68 business. All my life I have worked hard to feed, clothe, and house a body that is worth \$1.68, and I knew all the time about that man on the inside of me. That's the reason I have become a Christian."

Erwin L. McDonald

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Guest editorial:

Don't blame them all

Highways to progress always have their bumps and their barriers. These give the timid and the uncommitted fresh opportunities to yelp about the pain of travel. It is the same for our churches as they move toward the spirit of Christ in race relations.

The Ku Klux Klan and the White Citizens Council once were major problems. They turned some aside with their verbal blasts and others with their threats of violence. Their influence is gone except in two or three states.

Our major problem now is with James Forman and his kind. No good can come from him and his Black Manifesto nor does he care. Militants must depend upon the dogmatic and the dramatic to survive. Forman has developed both in his demand for \$500 million plus future contributions from the churches.

We must not let Forman detract from our commitment to progress in race relations. We must

remember that he does not speak for the Negro race any more than the Klan spoke for the white race. A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, Bayard Rustin, Thurgood Marshall and others have spoken out in recent days against violence and extremists. Remember them as you wait for Forman to fade from the scene.

We make the appeal now since neither the Christian Life Commission nor any other agency has any major recommendation for our Southern Baptist Convention sessions in New Orleans. Last year's statement was sufficient for the time an attention is on implementation.

But, Forman or some of his representatives may appear with specific demands. Some would like to throw them outside and add a bit more to the expulsion.

The president and other officers of the convention will react, should a confrontation develop, in a Christian spirit and as they think best. It is for us to do as they advise in any crisis.

But do not blame the Negro race for Forman and his extremists. The white race would like to forget some of its own at the opposite extreme.—
John J. Hurt, in *Baptist Standard*

Sez Clabe

A lot of the unrest across the country today can be traced to the splitting of the atom. Folks had heard for a long time that the atom could not be split. Then we split it. Now there are a lot of folks that think it's only a question of time till we learn how to split rights off from responsibilities. And they are trying to live like it has already been accomplished.

These are great days to be living. The Apollo astronauts is back home safe—and the legislature is back home.

The athiests that was unhappy with Bible readin from the moon last Christmas can shet up now. With all the dirty words spit out by the latest moon travelers, the anti-religion element has had more than equal time.

Ever time they ship a neighborhood boy back home from Vietnam for burial we are reminded that the world is shrinking fast. And whatever hurts people on the other side of the world hurts folks back here.

The trouble with selling off your land for \$1,000 an acre is that when you go to buy some more from a neighbor, he expects a thousand for his.

Clabe Hankins

New Voice; Same Shadow



'Not God's will' say multitudes of people

The Astronauts of Apollo 9 and 10 have made their Lunar exploration.

The Caption of my message is not my utterance, but that of multitudes of people today. Some ministers of the gospel, Sunday School teachers, business men, and men and women of every walks of life.

Men are tampering with God's business were the words of the people when the horseless carriage was invented.

God did not intend for man to fly like birds, was the prognosis, when the Wright brothers made their initial flight.

It is not God's will, for man to go to the moon, was the oracle warning of the people. More so for the last decade. Not withstanding, that all these predictions are erroneous, man is ever intent to express God's will.

They speak with authority and understandeth God's thoughts afar off; Disregarding God's word.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isaiah: 55:8).

His thoughts, are not like man's but transcend them in every way. It would be a very poor God who could be fully understood by the human. That would be a very small Infinite, that can be measured by the finite. We cannot paint divinity, and we cannot fully understand it.

The God I believe in is not a small God, remarked John Glenn in an interview a few days before his great "Orbit Flight" around the world. And I believe we will go on to greater heights of attainments.

The great Dewitt Talmage's words from his sermon, "The Great Interview," referring to the great galaxy of stars in the heavens, are still timely:

"All the glittering worlds of tonight are only the dust of His chariot wheels."

Let us refrain from predicting God's will. To know God one need not reject truth which Science reveals or ever will reveal; one need not deny the reality of the physical: one need not say that matter is nonexistent or that it is opposed to spiritual reality. To know God, all one needs to do is to realize that within the physical, beyond the power of the mind to understand, beyond the ability of words to express, is life eternal, present here and now.—John L. Massey, 1102 W. Second St., El Dorado, Ark.

Black Manifesto causes concern

It was with great concern that I read the Camden News headlines last Friday concerning the Black United Youth demand for church reparations. I believe the objectives of the organization are twofold: (1) getting the \$500 million to further the spread of communism in our country and (2) causing dissension in our churches and therefore the downfall of the churches. The latter, as you know, is one of the basic aims of communism.

I have always loved my Negro

friends; and I certainly have no hatred of them now. But I do have a special hatred for all things that are now fighting our free enterprise system.

It is not often that I write a letter of this sort; but due to the seriousness of the matter, I feel that you may be in need of encouragement. Please, Dr. McDonald, try to get our church leaders to fight this ridiculous appeasement which would only lead to further appeasement.

If what I have read and heard is only a false alarm caused by newspaper propaganda, please forgive me for taking up your valuable time. Frankly, I believe our churches are facing the worst crisis in the history of our country. (Signed, but name withheld).

REPLY: Please read the guest editorial by Editor John J. Hurt, of BAPTIST STANDARD on page 3. Dr. Hurt points, we believe, to the positive, Christian position.—ELM

Apollo 8 stamps

Our people and churches ought to purchase Appollo 8 stamps (first class mail) and use them regularly.

This is a real Christian testimony everytime the stamp is used. We don't have too much opportunity like this. It is a miracle that stamp was distributed.—Dale Ward, Little Rock, Ark.

Some prayer objects

I have re-read Dr. Stagg's article in April 17 issue and Mr. Anderson's letter in May 22 issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine on the conflict in Vietnam.

If I were intelligent enough I could write a full page for your magazine on the points where my opinion differed from each of their's, but it would only add more mud to the water.

I would like to make four requests

For Pastors' Conference

Concerning the recommendation of the SBC Executive Committee to the New Orleans SBC that the 1970 SBC begin on a Monday, may I offer the opinion that such a move will not fill the meeting place of the 1970 convention through the final session.

Some of the sessions of the annual convention are always well attended. To be specific: the annual sermon, president's address, election of officers, Foreign Mission night, Home Mission night and at sessions when a controversy may arise.

Annual reports of the Boards, Institutions and Commissions are necessary, but they never have and never will crowd the convention. By their very na-

ture these reports offer little inspiration or enthusiasm.

Many Baptists have attended state conventions and evangelistic conferences. If these meetings continue as much as four days, a noticeable drop in attendance is evident during reports and in the last part of the convention unless a controversy develops.

Let us not destroy the Pastors' Conference which has proved its worth by its appeal to large numbers of pastors and others across the years. To eliminate this conference will not make the business reports at the convention more interesting or appealing to the messengers.—Bruce H. Price, Newport News, Virginia.

of the Christian citizens of the U.S.A.:

1. Pray for the military and political leaders of our nation.
2. Pray for the military and political leaders of all nations who are involved in the conflict in Vietnam.
3. Pray for all people everywhere who suffer physically, mentally, or spiritually because of this conflict.
4. While praying for them, forget the color of their skin, the slant of their eye, and their political affiliation. Remember that God created all people in His image, and Christ died to redeem all people.—Hellon Daniel, Fountain Hill, Ark.

Arkansas all over

First Church, Paragould, dedicates renovated sanctuary

First Church, Paragould, Prince E. Claybrook, pastor, recently dedicated its newly renovated auditorium, with Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, as guest speaker.

Other events of the day (Sunday, May 18) included the ordination to the

ministry of Randy Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Maxwell, and presentation of a plaque of appreciation to Norman Kelley, general superintendent of the Sunday School.

The day was officially designated by the church as "Norman Kelley Day."

Mr. Kelley had served on the improvement committee that directed the renovation program, a program completed at an investment of \$36,000. Others on the committee were: Kenneth Hamilton, chairman; the late S. S. Lipscomb, Mack Harbour, Mrs. J. R. Hollis, and Mrs. Rufus Haynes.

The improvement project included complete renovation of the wall behind the choir; new panels and rails, including stalls for piano and organ console; relocation of the baptistry; the addition of two baptistry dressing suites; relocation of the organ chambers; and installation of new opera-style, upholstered choir chairs, new lighting fixtures including mammoth chandelier, new velvet-covered pew cushions, wall-to-wall carpeting, and repainting and refinishing of walls and pews.

The improvements were financed by special contributions from the church membership.

Participants in the ordination service for Mr. Maxwell included: Dr. Whitlow, who preached the ordination sermon; Hugh Cantrell, ministerial adviser at Ouachita, who led the ordination prayer; and Bob Grooms, Paragould, who gave the closing prayer. First Church presented the young minister, who is a ministerial student at Ouachita, a Thompson Chain Reference Bible.

Pastor Claybrook was a member of the council.

Mental Health Club names new officers

The Mental Health Club of Ouachita University has elected as new officers for the 1969-70 school year: Bill Walker, Pine Bluff, president; Ronnie Greenwich, Little Rock, vice president; Jan Bradley, El Dorado, secretary; and Bobbi Miller, Mountain Home, treasurer.

Elected to the board of the club were: Tommy Chaffin, Ft. Smith; Jerry Davis, Little Rock; Sharon Honeycutt, Fayetteville; James McMenis, El Dorado; and Joy Roswell, McGehee.



SANCTUARY of First Church, Paragould, which was renovated at a total cost of \$36,890.



NORMAN KELLEY DAY—Plaque presented to N. W. Kelley on May 18, 1969, by First Church, Paragould. Left to right in the photo are: Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, N. W. Kelley, and Prince E. Claybrook, pastor.

'No room for hypocrites here,' wrote Arkansan about to die

"There's no room for hypocrites over here," wrote L/Cpl. Robert L. Walters, U. S. Marines, Heber Springs, from Vietnam April 21, just a few days before he was killed in action. The letter, addressed to L. B. Jordan, pastor of Walters' home church—First, Heber Springs—was written from the field of battle, known by the soldiers as "the bush."



L/CPL WALTERS

Corporal Walters wrote:

"I don't know how much you know about religion over here I thought you might be curious as to how most men feel about it over here. Most of our services come right out of our own little testaments, given by ourselves.

"Most of us are closer to God now than we ever have been. We seldom get a Chaplain out in the field; so you can see why we depend on ourselves so much for religion.

"I think the Chaplain has the most satisfying job over here, because there's no room for hypocrites over here."

Reporting on the mission with which

he was engaged at the time of his writing, Corporal Walters said:

"Right now, I'm on an operation called 'Oklahoma Hills.' There are an estimated 10,000 Marines on this op. So far my company has done pretty well. We've found three village complexes, which were supposedly the command post for a regiment of NVA and Viet Cong.

"We confiscated over \$2,000 worth of medical equipment plus a few small arms, anti-aircraft guns, and enemy rockets. We found that some of the medicine came from San Francisco and Switzerland.

"I feel that maybe if we could stop communism in our own country that our battle over here would be a lot easier. It's really depressing to know someone back in the States is helping support the same people we're trying to destroy over here."

Malvern First honors Johnsons



FIRST Church, Malvern, honored Rev. and Mrs. Merle Johnson and their daughters, Marsha and Carla, with a reception recently as the Johnsons were preparing to move to Little Rock.

Mr. Johnson has accepted a call to the pastorate of University Church, Little Rock.

As a token of love and appreciation for Mr. Johnson's service as pastor of the Malvern church for the last three and one-half years, the church gave him a check in the amount of \$1,859. The check was presented to him by Dr. J. A. Rushing, chairman of deacons.

Arlie McDaniel receives D. D. degree

RIVERSIDE, CALIF., (Special)—California Baptist College conferred the honorary doctor of divinity degree on Arlie L. McDaniel, pastor of First Southern Church, Ventura, at the May 30 commencement exercises, in recognition of his contribution to the Southern Baptist denomination.

A native of Lonoke, Ark., Mr. McDaniel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McDaniel. As a teen-ager he was converted in services at Tomberlin Church, Coy, Ark.

When only 16 years old, McDaniel en-

listed in the 8th Cavalry and served from 1931 to 1934. He attended Hardin-Simmons University and Baylor University, receiving the A.B. degree from Baylor.

From 1942 to 1946 he served as chaplain, Army Air Corps, with duty in Saipan and Iwo Jima. He was released with the rank of major.

He returned to Arkansas, where he was pastor of several churches, the last being First Church, Mena. During his years in Arkansas he served on the

board of trustees of Central College and as a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

In California, he has studied two years at Golden Gate Seminary. His California pastorates have included Harvard Terrace Church, Fresno; Calvary Church, Richmond; First Church, Barstow; and Bethel Church, Escondido.

He was president of the California Baptist Convention for two years; president of the executive board of the California Convention; was both president and executive secretary of the board of directors of California Baptist Foundation; and president of board of directors of Child Care and Family Service.

The McDaniels are the parents of seven children: A. L. McDaniel Jr., pastor in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; Mrs. Ed Combs, Long Beach; Mrs. Kenneth H. Cyr; Alice, 17; Adrian, 15; Arden, 13; and Anson, 8.

Rice fellowship goes to Jimmy McCarty

Jimmy McCarty, senior physics and chemistry major at Ouachita University, has received a fellowship in nuclear physics from Rice University, Houston, Tex.

The fellowship is for one year, effective next fall, and can be renewed by Rice for additional study. His duties will "probably entail a lab assistantship or freshman physics instructor," McCarty said.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. McCarty, professor of physics at Ouachita. He graduated 'summa cum laude' from Ouachita, May 31, with B.S. degrees in physics and chemistry.



Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

Ready for marriage?

When one of our friends asked her pastor recently, "Do you think your son is ready for marriage?" he quickly replied, "He's as ready as he'll ever be." Now this might seem like an over-confident reply, but this particular pastor might have added, "I'm sure he is far from knowing all the answers, but this would probably be just as true a year or two from now as it is today."

Young people must remember that marriage is a promise—a promise of what is yet to be. They might well ask, "Am I willing to be unselfish in all the areas of marriage—mental, physical, social, and spiritual?" There is no sure-fire recipe for making good in all these relationships, for each wedding brings together two unique individuals. Marriage does not make two imperfect people into one sudden perfect whole. Each partner in marriage must realize that the other has a few imperfections. Before marriage, love is often blind to this reality. After marriage, it does not take long to discover certain blemishes in the knight in shining armor. She learns that he leaves a dirty ring in the bathtub or he lets his clothes fall in a messy heap on the floor. He learns that she, too, may not be the paragon of perfection he once thought. She squeezes the toothpaste tube in the middle instead of rolling from the bottom, and with her hair rolled up, she doesn't look like Miss America come lately.

If you are getting ready to be a June bride or groom, ask yourself these questions:

1. Am I more interested in getting happiness or in giving happiness for the other partner?
2. When disagreement occurs, is the door left open for further conversation?
3. Can I get through to his or her inner self?
4. Do I worry about a lot of needless things?
5. Do I always want my own way?
6. Have I really learned to say, "I'm sorry" when I'm in the wrong?
7. Have I learned to forgive his or her mistakes?
8. Have I the ability to laugh at myself?
9. Do I have the desire and determination to stay attractive on the inside as well as the outside?
10. Are we marrying only to please each other—or, are we trying to live together in a way that will be pleasing to God?



THE SHADLE FAMILY (left to right): Martha, Mrs. Shadle, Luther, and Butler Shadle—have set a record of attendance in Sunday School at First Church, England. The parents have 10 years' perfect attendance, and the children follow with nine. Their pastor, John R. Hagan, states that all are active in church work.

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

Laddie W. Hixon returns to state

Laddie W. Hixon has accepted the pastorate of Grace Church, Camden. Mr. Hixon was born in Poplar Bluff, Mo.



MR. HIXON He received a B. A. degree from Ouachita University and attended Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He has served as pastor of Calvary Church, Dexter, Mo.; Reader Church, Reader; Unity Church, Crossett; Garrett's Bluff Church, Arthur City, Tex. and Pleasant Mound Church, Dallas, Tex., from which he recently resigned.

Mrs. Hixon is the former Miss Sarah Pfeifer, Chidester. The Hixons have a daughter, Suzanne Renee.

Arkansan to serve church in Brazil

Rev. and Mrs. Dan W. Able, Forrest City, and Memphis, Tenn., will leave for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 9,



where Mr. Able will be interim pastor of the International Baptist Church. The Ables will stay in Rio a year, while the pastor of the church, Rev. William H. Warren, Southern Baptist Missionary, will be on furlough in the States with his family. A 1969 graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., Mr. Able has been serving as interim pastor of First Church, Sneads, Fla.

Able is a 20-year U. S. Army veteran, who retired from the Army on Jan. 1, 1967. Six of his military years were spent as a recruiting officer in the Forrest City area. His last assignment was as recruiting officer at Bradenton, Fla.

The Ables spent last summer serving a church in Puerto Rico.

The year in Brazil required cooperation both with the church and with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

There are no language problems, Mr. Able said, since this is a fully English-speaking congregation. It is made up of embassy and military personnel and Point IV people (Americans being assisted to establish business and agricultural endeavors).

John W. Mahony licensed



New minister Mahony (left) and Pastor Hilton

John W. Mahony was licensed by Immanuel Church, El Dorado, to preach, on Sunday, May 18.

Roy Hilton, pastor of Immanuel Church, presented a certificate of license to the young minister at the close of the morning worship service, after Mr. Mahony had preached his first sermon.

A student at Hendrix College, Conway, Mahony has just recently announced his call to the ministry. He plans to continue his education in college and seminary.

Historic paper given OBU

Ouachita University's Riley Library has received an original copy of the New York Herald dated April 15, 1865, from Otto E. Davis, a former student, of Ponca City, Okla.

Davis, who attended Ouachita as a freshman in 1949-50, says that the paper, which was printed the day after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, was handed down from his grandmother, Mrs. Sena Davis, who was living in New York at the time of Lincoln's death.

"My grandmother gave the paper to my father just before she died in 1930," Davis said.

"History tells us that John Wilkes Booth, the alleged assassin of the President, died in a fire, but my grandmother said that she could have seen him hanged," Davis said.

The newspaper has a six-column format and heavy black column rules, indicating that the paper was in mourning. It is actually an "extra" edition published at 8:10 a.m. April 15.

Under the main headline, which announces the President's assassination, are six separate dispatches concerning the shooting. Two of the dispatches are from the War Department while the remaining four are Herald dispatches. The dispatches are apparently a running account of the night's events, with no condensation or correlation attempted.

Mrs. Juanita Barnett, director of Riley Library, said that she was glad the library now has the space to accommodate gifts such as Davis'.

Mike Kinsey moves to Oklahoma Church

Mike Kinsey, minister of music and education at Central Church, North Little Rock, has accepted a call to Central Church, Muskogee, Okla., where he will serve in the same capacity.

A native of Van Buren, Mr. Kinsey is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary. His wife, Winnie, was formerly from Fayetteville.

Dr. Henry C. Lindsey honored by OBU

A resolution of appreciation has been conferred on Dr. Henry C. Lindsey, vice-president for Academics and Dean of Arts and Sciences at Ouachita University, by the Board of Trustees of the University.

Lindsey, a native of El Dorado, recently announced that he has accepted a position with Mississippi State College for Women. On Sept. 1, he will assume the chairmanship of the Department of Speech and Drama, which is one of the largest and strongest departments in the state.

Lindsey came to Ouachita five years ago as Dean and has served as the chief academic officer for the University.

In its resolution the Board formally expressed its appreciation for his "unselfish service and his extremely competent execution of all responsibilities to Ouachita University."

Mixed drinks nixed by Ft. Smith voters

FT. SMITH—Residents of Ft. Smith last week disapproved the sale of mixed drinks here in an election called under the mixed-drink act passed by the legislature this year.

For	4,881
Against	8,262

The city Board of Directors had requested the special election to determine whether restaurants seating more than 50 persons and hotels and motels with more than 50 rooms would be permitted to serve mixed drinks.

[Editor's Note: We plan to carry a more detailed report of this election in a succeeding issue.—ELM]

Summer missionary in New York

Mary Beth Bowman, a junior psychology major at Henderson State College, has been asked to serve in New York as a summer missionary. Her work will be done in the inner-city of Queens and Brooklyn. The type of work will be coffeehouse and personal contact. The ministry is sponsored by the Maryland Baptist Convention. The Baptist Student Union at Henderson will raise funds to finance Miss Bowman's transportation and other personal expenses. Her food and lodging will be provided by the Maryland Convention.



MISS BOWMAN at Henderson will raise funds to finance Miss Bowman's transportation and other personal expenses. Her food and lodging will be provided by the Maryland Convention.

Mary Leder honored by Memphis nurses

Miss Mary Leder, of Ulm, senior student nurse at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., was recently elected "Miss BMH"



MISS LEDER

by the student body. This is one of the highest honors to which a girl can be elected during the 33-month educational program. To qualify, the student must have at least a 2.75 academic average for the entire 33-month period, demonstrate leadership ability, have a pleasing personality, and participate widely in student activities.

While attending the BMH School of Nursing, Miss Leder has been a student council representative, a representative to the Tennessee Association of Student Nurses, glee club vice-president, and was elected to "Who's Who" as the best all around senior.

She is a graduate of Stuttgart High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leder, Ulm.

After graduation on June 6, Miss Leder plans to work at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Baptist beliefs

Herod's estimate of Jesus

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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

"And Herod . . . set him at naught"—Luke 23:11.

Pilate had Jesus on his hands. When he learned that he was a Galilean, he sent him to Herod Antipas who was in Jerusalem for the Passover (vv. 5ff.). Pilate did not respect Herod's jurisdiction. He merely wanted to get off the hot seat.

Herod had longed to see Jesus. Not to hear him but to see him work a miracle or, to him, a magic trick (v. 8). When he questioned Jesus he was treated with disdain. Jesus knew his true character and ignored him.

Finally, Herod tired of the whole affair. If Jesus would not do a trick before him, he simply wanted to get rid of him.

So he "set him at naught." Or he regarded him as a zero. In a sense in his book Jesus had flunked the course. No miracle, no grade—a zero. So Herod mocked Jesus, put a kingly robe on him (more mockery), and sent him back to Pilate.

The tragedy of this scene is not Jesus but Herod. He thought that Jesus was on trial before him. When all the while he was on trial before Jesus—and before history. The truth is that it was Herod who flunked the course. He had the great opportunity to deliver Jesus from his foes, even to trust him as his Saviour. But in both counts he made a zero.

Men may set Jesus at naught, regard him as a zero in their lives. But when all of the grades are in they will reveal that the rejecters have made a zero. But Christ will be King of kings and Lord of lords.

of the teachers of those classes.

John Babcock led in a survey of the Bible and the study of Baptist doctrine in the Wednesday evening sessions. In addition, he studied with the group on Sunday morning in order that he also might receive his Teacher Training Diploma.

Mrs. Paul Snow was the teacher of Principles and Methods of Teaching on Sunday. She received her diploma in 1967.

Paul Snow is the minister of education at South Side.

Head Start to open at OBU

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., OBU president and chairman of the Summer Head Start board, has announced the Summer Head Start program will begin June 9 and will operate through Aug. 1.

Three centers are planned: OBU, Oklahoma, and Piney Grove. Approximately 170 children are expected to enroll.

The delegate agency Summer Head Start board will consider applications for the following positions: project director, teachers, teacher aids, social worker, social worker aids, bookkeeper-secretary, and cooks.



(Back row) Glen McClain, T. J. Scott, Richard Greer, John Babcock, Bible teacher; (Middle Row) Edwin Pearrow, Mrs. Sanford Lowery, Mrs. W. C. McRae, Mrs. E. O. Johnson; (Front Row) Paul Snow, minister of education; Mrs. Richard Greer, Mrs. Glen McClain, Mrs. James Hester, Mrs. Paul Snow, teacher of principles and methods.

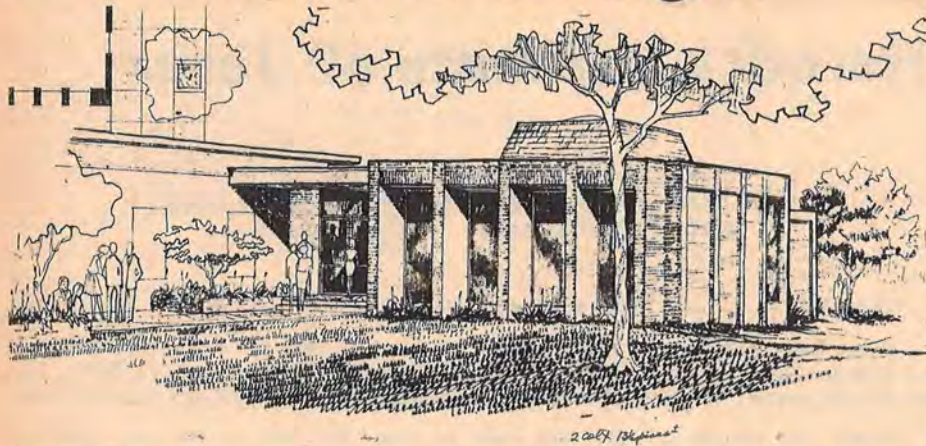
Teacher training graduation

Last fall twelve members committed themselves to six months of intensive training to prepare themselves to be qualified teachers.

In addition to studying the Sunday School lesson each week, they have completed five study course books. Much written work was required. "I am sure

that each has come to a better understanding of the words of the Apostle Paul when he said, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me,' was the remark of Mrs. Paul Snow at the graduation ceremony. They also did some observation work in other Sunday School classes and some practice teaching under the guidance

Student Center enlarged



ADDITION to the Baptist Student Center at Arkansas A&M College, Monticello, is shown in the above sketch by John Jarrad, architect. Plans call for the complete renovation of the present building, erected in 1954, plus the above addition of 1,250 square feet. Building Committee members include Dr. L. H. Coleman and Harold White, both of Pine Bluff; Don Williams and Mike Wolfe, both of Warren; Carl Overton, Hamburg; Homer Bradley, DeWitt; Noel Barlow, Dermott; and Kenneth Everett, Crossett.

Beacon lights of Baptist history

Humor in the ministry

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

Humor is many-sided, good and bad. Because of this there are those who do not think it has any place in the ministry. But one's disposition of pleasantry, wit, bright ideas, cleverness, and ability to see the ridiculous has enabled men to live with difficult situations and to turn bad circumstances into good. The ready reply, a laugh at one's self, an anecdote at the right time, and broad sympathy has brightened many a day and helped many persons to take hope.

This ability was one quality that James P. Boyce, founder and first president of Southern Seminary, greatly possessed. Born into wealth, educated in the best schools of the nation, sensitive to art and culture, student and teacher of theology, he is not usually thought of in this respect.

To establish a theological seminary immediately preceding and following the Civil War, with all the turbulence of the times, called for a man of many faculties. Feelings ran high, and diverse opinions clashed on every hand. To weld men together, to marshal their support, to keep them listening long enough to get a hearing, to differ with them and still keep their good will, called for one with a great sense of humor.

Dr. John A. Broadus, in his memoirs of Dr. Boyce, gives many incidents of his wit and good sense of humor. One will suffice.

"His skill with the needle was well known to his friends. When a small boy he went to a dame's school and learned to sew, soon becoming so proficient as to make a complete outfit for his little sister's doll. In later years he would tell his children of this with great glee, explaining that he made 'leg of mutton' sleeves for the doll in imitation of what he saw worn by the young ladies. Once, when he was president of the Southern Baptist Convention, a brother had the misfortune to tear his pantaloons; and various gentlemen, dropping in at the president's room in the hotel, were much amused to find him mending the rent. The owner... whose name has not been kept in memory... differed with Dr. Boyce on some theological points; and upon warmly thanking him, received the good-humored reply, 'Ah, Brother . . . , I only wish I could mend your theology as easily.'"

*John A. Broadus, *Memoir of James Petigru Boyce*, (New York, A. C. Armstrong and Son, 1893) p. 49.

Don Faith ordained by Immanuel Church

Immanuel Church, Paragould, in the Greene County Association, ordained to the full work of the gospel, Don Faith, May 18.

The ordaining council was composed of ordained ministers, Eugene Ray, James Marler, Alfred W. Psalmonds, J. R. Wiles, and H. W. Johnston, and deacons, Chester Shirley, Ray Noel, Doyne Shaw, O. W. Gilbert, Carlton Fitzgerald, and Otho Meador.

Mr. Ray, pastor of Immanuel Church, was elected as chairman of the ordaining council and to lead in the examination of the candidate.

Mr. Johnston was elected as clerk of the council, and Mr. Wiles was selected to preach the ordination sermon and bring the charge to the candidate and to the church.

Mr. Psalmonds led the ordination prayer and Deacon Chester Shirley presented the candidate to the council and to the church.

Deacon Otho Meador presented the Bible to the candidate. Deacon O. W. Gilbert led the benediction.

From the churches

First Church, Stuttgart, has called Dr. David George as pastor. He comes from First Church, Shreveport, where he served as associate pastor. He is a graduate of Howard Payne College and Southwestern Seminary.

Miss Nancy Lee Turner, Springfield, Tenn., and Miss Ronda Helen Kentch, Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz., will serve Ouachita Association as summer missionaries, going to churches needing their help in their summer programs.

Park Place Church, Hot Springs, has called Earl Long as minister of education and youth.

Vista Heights Chapel, Hot Springs, has requested of Second Church, Hot Springs, that it be permitted to organize into a church on July 6. Approval was given in a recent business meeting of Second Church.

Vista Heights Chapel was begun about 11 years ago. Bill Williams, pastor for 11 years, resigned recently to move to First Church, Ola, Ark. The new pastor is Ken Martin from Ouachita University.

First Church, Mountain Home, has called Hamp Valentine as minister of music and education. He and his family were given an old fashioned "pounding" of food items upon their arrival.

PASTORS' RETREAT



CAMP PARON was well decked out in spring finery, complete with recently constructed concrete sidewalks, last week as pastors from over the state attended the annual Pastors' Retreat.

Three of the key program personnel are pictured (upper left): Myron C. Madden, director of pastoral care, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans; Wayne Ward, professor of New Testament at Southern Seminary, Louisville; and Mack Doug-

las, pastor of Riverside Church, Miami, Fla. (Also on the program, but not pictured here, was Harold Abbott, Dale Carnegie lecturer from Kansas City).

'An idea of what the new walks are like is seen (lower left), looking from the assembly auditorium toward the dining hall.

Top, right, Dr. Douglas speaks on "The Pastor Working with His People."

Bottom, right, a glimpse of three of the Paron cottages. (ABN Photo)

One sin as great as another?

By FREEMAN MCMENIS
Pastor, Union Church, El Dorado

It is often said by some Baptists that one sin is as great as another. This writer has heard it said by older Christians. It was stated by one of the discussion members at the Youth Convention as being taught by the Bible! Yet, despite the frequency of the statement, the Bible nowhere says that one sin is as great as another.

In the Old Testament law, recognition was made of the different degrees of sin or crime. (Some examples are in Exodus 21 and 22.) Punishment for some wrongs was "he shall surely be put to death" (21:15, 16, 17). Yet, for some other wrongs "he shall surely be punished" (21:20). For some, the law was "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" (21:23-25). For stealing, killing or stealing an ox, one had to restore "five oxen for an ox and four sheep for a sheep" (22:1).

If one were keeping another's animal and it be stolen or hurt, "he shall make restitution to the owner thereof" (22:12). If one borrowed from another and it be hurt or die, "he shall surely make it good" (22:14).

In the parable of the steward, Jesus said one servant would be "beaten by many stripes" whereas another would be "beaten by few stripes" (Luke 12:47-48).

Jesus said it would be "more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of Judgment" than for the cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida and

Capernaum, which had the "mighty works of God" done in them (Matt. 11:20-24).

Surely one must not be thinking who says that stealing an apple is as great a wrong as killing a man. To say maybe it is, in God's eyes, is to beg the question and to ignore the revelation of the nature of God.

Then, how did such ideas gain prominence? Probably it was a misinterpretation of such Scriptures as James 2:10-11 and of the book of Galatians.

In James 2:10-11 it is said that to "keep the whole law" except in "one point" is to break the law and be a law-breaker or transgressor and thus to need salvation. The moral law is like a chain—if one link is broken, the chain is broken. Thus, if one breaks the law in "one point," he cannot be saved apart from grace through faith.

In Galatians we find that if we were to be saved by law keeping, we would have to keep the whole law (3:10). But no one has done this but Christ. Thus, none can be saved by law keeping (2:16). To keep a part of the law such as circumcision is to avail nothing as far as salvation is concerned because one would need to "do the whole law" to gain salvation by means of law (5:1-3).

Jesus himself spoke of the "least commandments" (Matt. 5:19).

Thus, to call one sin as great as an-

other is to misuse the Scripture.

Related to this error is another—to think a thing is as bad as to say or do it! This, too, is a misuse of Scripture. Jesus taught that out of the heart or inner man comes wrong deeds (Matt. 12:35). This means that the thought is mother to the deed. It does not mean one is to abandon self control and say or do every evil thing that comes to mind!

Jesus also taught that there is more to the moral law than the actual letter. One must be more righteous than the Pharisees, who dotted all i's and crossed all t's. Not only are we not to kill; we are not to hate. Not only are we not to commit the act of adultery; we are to keep lust from our hearts. This does not mean that one had as well "go to the gates" as to desire to do so.

Self control (temperance in the King James) is one of the cardinal Christian virtues (Gal. 5:23, 2 Pet. 1:6, 1 Cor. 9:25). To say everything that comes to mind is to abandon self control and to yield to grosser sins.

Anarchy of soul or in a nation is suicide. One of the crying needs of America and the world is more self control.

This writer hopes he has charity toward all people but not toward all doctrines. It is false to say that one sin is as bad as another or to say you had just as well say it or do it as to think it.

Deaths

Floyd Pannell dies

Waymond Floyd Pannell, 52, pastor of Immanuel Church, Carlisle, and a veteran of World War II, died May 26 after an extended illness.

Mr. Pannell was a graduate of Ouachita University. He had been pastor at Carlisle since 1966. Former pastorates included Old Union and Pleasant Hill churches.

Mr. Pannell formerly served as moderator of Caroline Association and was a past secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Pastors' Conference.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Wright Pannell; a daughter, Mrs. Joyce Buckner of Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Lucille Burgner, Benton, and Mrs. Ruth Stafford of Mississippi, and three grandchildren.

Word has come of the death of MRS.

WILLIE D. BOYD, 76, on May 6, after a long illness.

A member of First Church, Newport, she was superintendent of the nursery department for 20 years. She was the widow of S. C. Boyd, a member and deacon of First Church until his death in 1941.

She is survived by one stepson, William C. Boyd; two daughters, Miss Bettye Jane Boyd, and Mrs. Kenneth Marlar, both of Newport; and two grandchildren.

JESSE L. ROBINSON Sr., 78, Little Rock, died May 26.

A retired projectionist, he was a member of Tyler Street Church and a past president and secretary of International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employes, Local 204.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mildred

Blackard Robinson; two sons, Jesse Leon Robinson Jr. and David W. Robinson; and a brother, Richard Robinson, all of Little Rock.

CHARLES LEE GEORGE, 80, Springdale, died May 26.

A pioneer in the Northwest Arkansas Poultry industry, he was president of the C. L. George and Company Poultry Company, and a member of the board of directors of the First State Bank.

A native of Elm Springs, he was a member of First Church, Springdale.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Willie Lowe George; a son, Gene George, Springdale; a daughter, Mrs. Joe Redwine, Dallas, Tex.; two brothers, Martin and Bill George, both of Springdale; and a sister, Mrs. Hal Huffmaster, Springdale.

**Larry Guy Chesser
ordained to ministry**



GUY, CHESSE AND FATHER

Larry Guy Chesser was ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday afternoon, May 18, in First Church, Carlisle. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Chesser, Carlisle, and pastor of Chambers Church, near Carlisle. His father is pastor of the Carlisle Church.

J. M. James, superintendent of missions in Caroline Association, led the questioning of the candidate, and Paul E. Wilhelm, superintendent of missions in Clear Creek Association, preached the ordination sermon.

Don Chesser, an uncle of the candidate, led the ordination prayer, and Rex Northcutt of the Chambers Church, presented a Bible to his pastor in behalf of the Chambers Church.

Charles Chesser served as moderator of the ordination council and Truman Jennings, Carlisle, served as clerk.

The young minister is presently a junior in Ouachita University and plans to continue his ministerial education in one of the Southern Baptist seminaries when his college education is complete.

**Circle-K men's club
slates new officers**

Charles Olmstead, Rison, has been elected president of Circle-K Men's Service Organization for the 1969 fall term at Ouachita University.

Other officers elected were: Dale Tucker, West Helena, vice president; Johnny Pattillo, Pine Bluff, treasurer; James Franks, Pine Bluff, recording secretary; Tommy Chaffin, Ft. Smith, corresponding secretary; and Larry Torgerson, Gurdon, sergeant-at-arms. William D. Downs Jr. was re-elected as organization sponsor.

**Susan Woodfin wins
OBU art award**

Susan Woodfin, a sophomore art major from Camden, has won the Annual Purchase Award at the 1969 Annual Student Art Exhibition at Ouachita University.

The painting, a landscape scene, will be placed in the permanent collection in Riley Library.

The exhibition included oil paintings, water colors, collages, ceramic sculpture, crafts, and wood sculpture. It represented the students' work for the 1968-69 academic year.



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June 30-July 5

July 7-12

July 14-19

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North Pulaski RA's elect



RA OFFICERS elected by North Pulaski RA Association recently are, left to right: Richard Wiseman, recorder, Steve Glaze, president, Charles Fuller, vice president, and Ozzie Berryhill, RA leader. The election took place during a two-day campout on Greers Ferry Lake.

CHURCH TRAINING DEPARTMENT

LOOK WHAT'S AHEAD

Church Training Department Conferences At Siloam

—The Training Program of the Church will be taught at each of the three assemblies at Siloam this summer. Conference leaders will be Robert Holley, Lehman Webb and D. B. Bledsoe. They will discuss organization and curriculum for the church training program including the three divisions of church training with brief preview of organization and materials for the 70's.

—Library conferences will be conducted during the first two assemblies at Siloam Springs. Mrs. Robert Chambers of Lepanto will be conference leader during the June 30-July 5 assembly and Mrs. Robert Tucker of West Helena will be the conference leader during the July 7-13 assembly. They will teach "The Church Library Development Plan" for two forty five minute periods each morning and participants may receive study course credit. These conferences are provided for all church librarians and all who are interested in beginning a church library.

—A Vocational Guidance Counselor will be provided by the Church Training Department at each
District Retreat

Fifty district and state approved workers along with our eight DR's (district representatives) will meet at Petit Jean Park from Monday noon to Wednesday noon, August 18-20, 1969, for a leadership retreat. During this time all of our workers will be brought up to date on what's ahead for the 70's. Definite plans will be made for their participation in the thirty eight leadership schools planned for 1970. We shall discuss such matters as the new concept of training, the pace of change and how to prepare people for change, and the innovations soon to be seen in the new age groups. This will also be a time of fellowship for all the workers.

Mark Your Calendar!

October 30, 1969 is the BIG day for church leaders—the State Training Union Workshop. There will be fourteen separate workshops from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

Here they are:

1. Church Recreation Workers
2. Church Library Workers
3. Church Secretaries
4. Vocational Guidance Counselors
5. Associational Missionaries and Directors
6. Workers with Mentally Retarded
7. Church Administration Consultants
8. Nursery Workers
9. Beginner Workers
10. Primary Workers
11. Junior Workers.
12. Intermediate Workers
13. Young People and Adult Workers
14. General Officers



Our District Representatives: Holley, Tucker, Holston, Webb, Davis, McAtee, Newberry, Haley, Hacker, Not Shown, Harold Ray.

of the three assemblies at Siloam Springs this summer. He will be available to counsel during the afternoon with young people regarding their vocational choices and will lead a conference on church vocations after supper each evening. He will also meet with those who make decisions for church vocations in the decision services and prepare a display of vocational guidance materials for the assembly.

1970 Is Almost Here

With the assistance of our eight DR's and fifty other workers from the eight districts, we plan to conduct thirty eight associational leadership schools in thirty three associations during 1970, using the new division manuals that will be available by January 15, 1970. We hope to reach the other ten associations with one-night conferences during 1970. In these schools leaders from our churches will be able to learn about the new grouping grading system, new organizations and new curriculum for the training program of the church.

Five leadership conferences will be conducted in each school for the leaders of the pre school, children, youth, and adult division and the general officers.

DO IT TODAY!

Many opportunities are lost and important decisions are not made because they are put off until tomorrow. So it is with fulfilling a boy's dream and desire to attend Royal Ambassador Camp. Many will keep putting it off until it's too late to make reservations.

There is still time to make reservations for camp the week of June 16-20, but reservations for this week must be made by June 10.

The final week of camp will be June 23-27, and the last day to make reservations will be June 17. Now is the time to make reservations to be assured of a place in camp this year. All reservations and registrations should be mailed to C. H. Seaton, Brotherhood Department, 208 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark., 72201. They are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Forms for use in making reservations were mailed to all counselors and pastors several weeks ago. Additional forms may be secured by writing to the above address.

Royal Ambassador Camp is an experience that can change the life of a boy. Decisions are made in camp that have a lasting influence for good in the life of boys and in the promotion of the Lord's work. This year there will be several young men working in camp who were not only saved as campers some years ago, but who also found God's plan for their lives. If you are a boy, give God a chance at your life; if a parent, give your son an opportunity to have a profitable week of Christian fellowship. If you are a pastor, lead the boys in your church to take advantage of a week of missionary education, Christian fellowship, and an opportunity to get close to God and hear Him speak.—C. H. Seaton

Baptist film is shown in Japan

"The Old Testament Period," an abbreviated, 30-minute version of "The Inheritance," a film produced jointly by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Broadcasting Company, was televised by the Japan Broadcasting Corporation on May 4.

Several Baptists who saw the program praised it highly, reports Rev. Worth C. Grant, Southern Baptist missionary living in Tokyo.

The showing of the film on the regularly scheduled nationwide "Religion Hour" had been negotiated by Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, and officials of the Japan Broadcasting Corporation during Dr. Stevens's recent visit to Tokyo.

ARKANSAS GA CAMP

**Baptist Camp Paron
Paron, Ark.**

June 30-July 5
July 7-12
July 14-19
July 21-26
July 28-Aug. 2

JUNIOR Camp
Ungraded Camp
Ungraded Camp
Ungraded Camp
INTERMEDIATE Camp

Director: Miss Sara Wisdom

For information concerning price, registration, etc., write WMU Office, 210 Baptist Building, Little Rock 72201.

Reservation list grows for Siloam Springs

Three weeks of assembly opportunities are just ahead for Arkansas Baptists. The program has been planned and promoted. Reservations are coming in. Bus loads of young people will soon be on the road. Families, leaders, members, pastors, missionaries will assemble under the spreading walnut trees for inspiration, study and fellowship.

The morning speaker, music director and evening speaker for the assembly are listed in that order as follows:

First week, June 30-July 5: Bruce Cushman, Richard Hamm and Hugh Bumpus. It is suggested that attendance come from the Northwest, West Central and Southwest Districts.

Second week, July 7-12: Lehman Webb, Archie McMillan and Dale Cowling. Attendance zone suggested is Central and North Central Districts.

Third week, July 14-19: Jim Tillman,

Amon Baker and Jerold McBride. Northeast, East Central and Southeast Districts constitute the suggested attendance areas.

Of the nine persons listed two speakers are from Oklahoma, Hugh Bumpas, pastor of Oklahoma City, and Jerold McBride, pastor of Ponca City.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Bagby, missionaries to Brazil, will be assembly missionaries.

A contemporary musical for youth, **Purpose**, will be produced each week, directed by the assembly music directors.

For rates and accommodation information or to make reservations, write or call Dr. Ralph Douglas or Mrs. Erlene Bauer at 525 West Capitol, (Phone 376-4791) Little Rock, Arkansas.—Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary.

New subscribers

Three months free trial received—new church:

Church	Pastor	Association
East Side, Pine Bluff	Don Nall	Harmony

Received new budget:

Brownsville Church, Lonoke	Caroline
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Home Mission Board adds 15 missionaries

ATLANTA—Fifteen persons—including two former foreign missionaries, several international natives and a former Southern Baptist Home Mission Board staff member—have been appointed recently as career missionaries by the denomination's homeland missions agency here.

More than half will work under the leadership of the agency's department of language missions. They are Mr. and Mrs. Theo Patnaik working with internationals in the San Jose, Calif., area;

Mr. and Mrs. Cass Vincent, who will work with the Polish in St. Paul, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Arnold, who will direct work with internationals in Baltimore; and Mr. and Mrs. David Donald Benham, who are working with Indians in Tuba City, Ariz.

Beverly Hammack, Southwest City, Mo., is being assigned temporarily to the Sellers Home for Unwed Mothers and Adoption Center in New Orleans. Miss Hammack later will be re-assigned, probably as an area director of Christian social ministries.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Isaac Armitage have been assigned to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Mr. Armitage will direct youth and family services.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ewing Chandler were appointed to Fresno, Calif., where he will serve as superintendent of missions of the Mid-Valley Baptist Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brogan of Mississippi are working with National Baptists in the Mound Bayou, Miss., area.

The Benhams are natives of Fayetteville, Ark.

Mr. Benham is a graduate of the University of Arkansas. He was a public school teacher in Ft. Smith, and served in 1966 as a student summer missionary to Arizona.

While attending Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, recently, he served as pastor of the Ft. Worth Indian mission.

Mrs. Benham attended Westark Junior College, Ft. Smith. She also was student summer missionary to Arizona in 1966. (BP)

'Moon Mission' is new tract

"Moon Mission" is the title of a new tract published by the American Tract Society, Oradell, N. J.

The tract was written by Frank Denton, designer of the space suit umbilical cords which will be worn by the first astronaut to stand on the moon, possibly in July.

'Someone missed him'

"If Sirhan had met Jesus in San Antonio, do you suppose he would have shot Kennedy in Los Angeles?"

With this aching question, Pastor Jimmy R. Allen closed an article in the church newspaper at First Church, An Antonio, Tex., USA. He reminded members that Sirhan B. Sirhan, recently given the death sentence for the 1968 slaying, had once attended the San Antonio church's Sunday School. (Allen was not pastor then.)

"We missed him," wrote Allen. "Our chance to change things came and passed and we did not know it was there. A dark-skinned little boy sat through Sunday School classes for three years at a great Baptist church but someone missed him. His name was Sirhan Sirhan, and at age 24, he shot and killed Senator Robert Kennedy. In a welter of words and the shudder of grief throughout our nation, the persistent thought keeps recurring . . . "someone missed him."



MOON MISSION

We in the United States are engaged in one of the most exciting scientific programs the world has ever known. As we gaze upwards and observe the vastness of our universe, we should remember the verses of scripture read by our Apollo 8 astronauts as they circled the moon on Christmas Eve. It was from the opening chapter of the Bible where it tells how God, in the beginning, created the heavens and the earth. Our astronauts, with all their scientific knowledge and personal courage, realized within themselves how insignificant they really were as they traveled through the vastness of outer space around our closest planet, the moon.

As King David, the Psalmist, rightfully expressed it,

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou are mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? (Psalm 8:3, 4)

During a moon mission, astronauts aboard the Apollo (command module) leave the mother ship and enter the lunar module (LM), at which time they affix their space suit umbilicals. The umbilical supplies the astronaut with the necessary oxygen and pressure to sustain his life. Without it, in a space environment, he would perish instantly. One portion of this "life line" consists of an electrical cable which the astronaut connects into a mating receptacle on his space suit. This provides him with a means of 2-way communication and enables him to relay back to Mission Control Center all strategic data concerning his heart (EKG*). Since the Bible says in Leviticus 17:14 that the life of all flesh is the blood, it becomes quite obvious why the condition of the astronaut's heart is constantly monitored.

As the designer of the electrical portion of the

space suit umbilicals, I had one thing in mind when assigning the reference designations P316 to the plug of the Commander's umbilical and P317 to the plug of the LM pilot's umbilical. I realized that in order for the astronauts to have perfect communication with Mission Control and the Apollo command module they would first have to connect into mating receptacles, located on the front of their space suits, which would assume the reference designations of J316 and J317. This means that the astronauts will have perfect communication with the earth through J316 and J317.

No other reference designations could so completely picture the meaning of John 3:16 and John 3:17 which together make up the "eternal life line" message of the Bible. Listen to what these two verses tell us:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:17)

The central message of the Bible can be condensed into these two verses. Eternal life can be yours by simply believing these two verses with all your heart. Not only can you have perfect communication, but also perfect communion as well as peace with God if you claim these two verses as part of your life.

Just as the space suit umbilical is the "life line" for the astronauts, even so the Lord Jesus Christ can be your "eternal life line" if you will only connect John 3:16 and John 3:17 into your heart.

Your eternal life depends upon it. Won't you do it today?

Frank M. Denton
Designer, CAEC

*Electrocardiograph

Georgia church gives up new building to further its multi-racial ministry

DECATUR, Ga.—A Baptist church which has struggled for 10 years to minister in a racially-changing neighborhood has voted to abandon plans for a move to new buildings, and center its ministries in old facilities.

Oakhurst Church, here, signed a 10-year lease with Southern Bell Telephone Co., for a \$400,000 building which the church had occupied since 1960. It had been designed to be the first unit of a sanctuary-educational complex, the plans for which have now been abandoned.

The phone company will pay the church \$54,000 per year on a 10-year lease, with options to purchase the buildings on the first, fifth or 10th anniversaries of the lease.

Pastor John Nichol said that the \$54,000 will pay the church's annual debt payment, plus taxes, and give a \$10,000 cushion for the church budget.

Renovation has already begun on the

church's older facilities, one block south of the new facilities. "We hope to renovate our old building in such a way as to insure adequacy for our long-range program," Nichol said.

The older building has been the center of an extensive week-day ministry which Oakhurst Church has maintained for about 10 years. The church has many Negro and Spanish-speaking members, including several Cuban refugees.

In an editorial praising the action of the Oakhurst congregation, Editor Jack U. Harwell of *The Christian Index* said, "Congratulations, Oakhurst, on your failure to complete your building program!"

The editor added: "Would to God more churches would capture some of the sacrificial spirit of the Oakhurst people. Would to God more pastors would lead their flocks to see racial change as an opportunity to witness instead of a warning to flee. Would

to God more laymen would come to know their role as creators of a Christian rather than custodians of property." (BP)

Run marathon for summer missions

BLACKSBURG, Va.—Thirty Virginia Polytechnical Institute students ran a 120-mile marathon from Blacksburg, Va., to Eagle Eyrie Baptist Assembly near Lynchburg, Va., to dramatize the fact that they had raised \$1,500 for the Virginia summer missions program.

The students left Blacksburg at 5:30 a.m. on Saturday and arrived at Eagle Eyrie at 3 p.m. the same day.

Each man ran four miles, passing a baton containing a check in the amount of \$1,500 made out for summer missions.

Most want clergy to stay quiet

NEW YORK—Most American Christians want their clergymen to stop trying to be moral leaders on social issues, according to a new study of prejudice in the churches.

Professors Charles Y. Glock and Rodney Stark, research sociologists at the University of California in Berkeley, have found in a five-year analysis of prejudice and church belief in the United States that:

From 75 to 90 per cent of Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders and clergymen are working actively against racial and religious discrimination.

The majority of church members, however, are not only prejudiced but also "deny the right of the churches to challenge their prejudices."

Racial prejudice is higher among members with conservative theological views and among members "who participate in church activities, private devotions, and the like."

The traditional Christian image of man prompts such persons to blame the miseries of the disadvantaged on the latter's own shortcomings.



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Stamps



for

our

letters



By ENOLA CHAMBERLIN

Chester looked up from putting a new stamp in his album.

"Do we have a national Stamp Day or a national Post Office Day?" he asked.

Marie glanced up from her book. She thought a moment. "I don't think so. I've never heard of our having those days."

"Well, we should," said Chester. "We could celebrate one day for both on July 1. That's the day our first stamps were sold back in 1847."

"If we haven't always had stamps, how did people pay to send letters?" Marie wanted to know.

"The people who sent them didn't pay. The people who received them did," Chester told her.

"Suppose a letter came to someone and he didn't want it. Did he have to pay for it?" asked Marie.

"No, he could refuse to pay but then, of course, he didn't get the letter."

Marie shook her head. "I don't suppose many people refused to pay for letters," she said.

"But they did," said Chester. "So many people refused that the Government had to provide a place for the unclaimed letters. That's how the dead-letter office came to be."

"We still have that today," said Marie.

"Yes, but not for letters that are not paid for. Today it is for letters the Post Office Department can't find owners for without opening the envelopes."

"No one other than people in the dead-letter office is allowed to open a letter addressed to anyone else. The Government surely takes good care of our mail for us, doesn't it?"

"It has improved in many ways besides through the use of stamps," said Chester. "Do you know that in the ear-

ly days the number of sheets of paper sent and not the weight of a letter determined how much postage you had to pay?"

"Didn't it make any difference how big or how little the sheets were?"

"No, and the clerks were allowed to peek to see whether there was more than one sheet."

"How could they do that without opening the letters?" asked Marie.

Chester grinned. "That was before we had envelopes," he explained. "People just folded the sheet or sheets and stuck them with a dab of wax."

"I'd have used a long, long sheet of paper when I wanted to write," Marie declared.

"If there were any long, long sheets of paper in those days."

"That's right; things were a lot different then."

"Still another difference was the amount you paid on letters," Chester went on. "Today you can send a letter across the United States, to Canada, Alaska, or Mexico on the same stamp that you would use to send it to the next town. In those early days you paid according to how far the letter was going. At one time the cost was six cents to send a letter thirty miles."

"But it was harder to get that letter those thirty miles than it is to have one sent a thousand miles today," said Marie.

"Yes, and it took longer, too. Often men had to walk and carry those letters although most of the time they drove or rode horses."

"If they walked or rode a horse, they couldn't take many letters at a time," said Marie.

"That's right, and the roads were dusty wallows in summer, muddy wallows in winter."

"Still the mail always went through."

"Well, mostly. Sometimes it was held up by floods. Remember, we didn't have many bridges in those days."

Marie shook her head. "I don't think I would have sent a long, long sheet of paper after all. Those postmen had enough to contend with without anyone's trying to make it harder for them."

Chester nodded. "That's why I think we should have a national Stamp and Post Office Day. That would help people to remember what the post office and the men who run it have done for us."

"Maybe sometime we will," said Marie. "In the meantime, we had better get to work, or we won't have our lessons for tomorrow."

Chester put away his stamp album, and both children started studying their lessons.

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Umbrellas

Bright umbrellas are so nice,
 Sky-blue and sunset-red;
 It's so much fun to skip along
 With a green one overhead.
 Pink parasols are pretty
 For a stroll along the street;
 When you go to call on friends,
 A purple one looks neat.
 Drab ones are wonderful—gray
 or brown.

If April rain is pattering down!

—By O. J. Robertson

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The bookshelf

Our Amazing World of Nature—Its Marvels & Mysteries, by Reader's Digest, Reader's Digest Association, Pleasantville, New York, 1969, \$8.98

The entire field of natural history is covered in this 320-page, profusely color-illustrated volume by the editors of Reader's Digest.

Included in 100 articles on the marvels of nature is much about the beginnings of life on Earth; interesting revelations about the incredible "inner space" of living cells; the winged wonder of a bird; the small miracles of green things growing at your doorstep; the awesome explosions called earthquakes; and the splendor of the night sky, to mention just a few items.

The divisions of the book include: "The Miracle of Living Things," "The Life of the Sea," "This Planet Earth," "Worlds Without End—Sun, Moon and Planets," and "Invitation to Wonder," a division dealing with some riddles, such as the Loch Ness Monster; with protecting our heritage; and with enjoying the world around us.

As Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson has said of the book, it is most timely, coming at this time of "widespread effort to preserve wild places, to depollute our environment and to build anew with better ecological sensitivity."

New paperbacks include:

From Tyndale House: **Happy Hang-up!**, by Bill McKee, \$1; **Mission Impossible**, by Wesley E. Smith, \$1.45; **How the World Will End**, by Salem Kirban, \$1.95; **Evolution and the High School Student**, by Kenneth N. Taylor, \$1.

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From Pegasus: **Religion, The State & The Schools**, by John M. Swomley Jr.

From Zondervan: **Those Who Love Him**, by Basilet M. Schlink, \$1.95; **Is the U.S.A. in Prophecy?**, by S. Franklin Logsdon, 95c.

From Westminster: **A Christian Look at Secular Society**, by Gerald H. Slusser, \$2.50.

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Tariri, My Story, as told to Ethel Emily Wallis by Tariri, Peruvian Indi-



The smallmouth bass



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Smallmouth bass are found in the cooler lakes and streams in the Ozark and Ouachita Mountain areas of the state. Sometimes called a brownie, the smallmouth is highly prized because of its fighting ability when hooked. Most of the smallmouth caught in the state weigh less than two pounds and anything over four pounds is considered a big one. The state record smallmouth weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was caught out by Bull Shoals Lake on April 1, 1969, by Acie Dickerson of Lakeview.

Smallmouth do not have a lateral stripe as found in the other two black bass.

Most smallmouth bass are caught on artificial bait, minnows, or crawfish.

The smallmouth is dark brown on the back, shading down to light yellowish-brown below with darker blotches that form vague vertical bars.

an Chief, Harper & Row, \$3.95

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Life and Work
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I John 4

By DR. L. H. COLEMAN, PASTOR,
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The study of the epistle of I John is one of the most interesting and enriching perusals in the entire word of God. Last Sunday's lesson was one of the best studies of the entire unit. Be sure to get a good grasp of I John 3 before you begin your reading and study of I John 4.

I. False doctrine (I John 4:1-6)

John has as his primary undercurrent in the entire epistle the teaching of love. Alongside this theme is his insistence upon doctrinal purity. John knew the church was threatened with false teachings (Gnosticism) and he wanted to keep the gospel pure. Christianity must never be blended with pagan and heathen doctrines.

In this passage John instructed the readers to "try the spirits" (v. 1) because there were "the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error" (v. 6). The need to test the spirits (note the idea of trying metal in acid or putting something to the acid test) grew out of the fact that "many false prophets are gone out into the world" (v. 1). The message of the false prophets is not true. False teachers of religion are rampant today such as those who claim man just happened, those who reject parts of the Bible, and those who have added to the Holy Scriptures.

John defines partially what he means by "false prophets." He tells us how to "test the spirits." In John's presentation he seems to portray the Spirit of God leading and guiding the search and teaching of truth and evil spirits or the spirit of Satan leading and guiding in the search and teaching of error. Verse 2 strongly emphasizes "the Spirit of God." The true prophet will confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh; he will attest to the reality of the incarnation of Christ or the truth that God became flesh. Verses 2 and 3 are a slap at the Gnostics and their false teaching about Christ. Please find a Bible dictionary or a good reference book and study the views of Cerinthus of Ephesus. This will throw some light on false doctrine about Christ and the incarnation.

We see another reference to anti-christ in verse 3. (Please go back and read the May 25 lesson for comments on the subject of anti-christ.) One other

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observation might be made on the subject. Antichrist is connected with someone within the sphere of nominally being identified as Christian. Of course, the person is not genuinely Christian and certainly not converted. John affirmed again that the spirit of anti-christ was present in his day.

Verse 4 is tremendous. This must have been very encouraging to John's readers. The simple followers of Christ have more real knowledge than the Gnostics and were not to be ensnared by their delusions. The Christians would triumph. The shout of victory was on their side. God is more powerful than Satan! The Christian will overcome.

II. The supremacy of love (I John 4:7-21)

There are three words in the Scriptures equated with God—light (I John 1:5); spirit (John 4:24; and love (I John 4:8, 16). What a great truth: God is love! In verse 7 John turned back to the main theme of the epistle. John stated and restated the great truth and command to "love one another." This evidently has not taken root in the lives of many so-called Christians. Has anything been taught more in our churches and preached more often from the pulpit than this theme? Yet there are church drop-outs in every church because they hate someone in the place of leadership in the church of which they are members. Get in church work as a vocation and learn again and see repeatedly the reality of hate. A Chris-

tian can knife a person better than a non-Christian because he does it so sweetly, gently, and with a smile. If a group of people band together for the sake of spreading the gospel and carrying out the Great Commission do not love, they are not a church, just a social club.

Love is so essential to the very nature of God. If a man does not have love in his heart, he is no child of God. Verses 8 and 16 ("God is love") are fine to teach the little children but some adults could stand another dose as well. The expression "God is Love" is the deepest thought in all the Bible. Its meaning will ever grow in the mind of a growing Christian and still remain unfathomable. Love is not just an attribute of God; it is the very essence of God.

Verse 9 (Reminds you of John 3:16, doesn't it?) stated that the distinguishing manifestation of love is focused in the atonement. The cross demonstrated the kind of love God has. This same love should be implanted in our hearts. Christ's act of redemption at Calvary is an exhibition of God's love. No one can have greater love than Jesus evidenced when he died on the cross.

Love should be as much a part of our lives as money is a part of a bank and flowers are a part of a garden. We have every reason to love one another because of God's love for us.

In verse 18 note the reference to "perfect love." Perfect love means love that has been finished, completed, or full-grown. John so conceived of the doctrine of love that he concluded it is the nature of love to drive out everything else that is foreign to the nature of God. Because our love for God is in a complete state, fear has been banished from the heart.

Verse 20 teaches three things:

1. The love that man has for God is not to be identified exclusively with the love that man has for man.
2. The love of man for his fellowman conditions his love of God.
3. The love a man has for God transcends the love a man has for his fellowman.

Onward

Today we have another chance
For yesterday is dead
And nothing comes of looking
back

So why not look ahead

The sun is shining in the sky,
The day is fresh and new,
So put the dead past out of mind
And make your dreams come true.

—Etta Caldwell Harris

The unity of the Bible

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International
June 8, 1969
Gen. 12:1-7;
Deut. 26:5-9;
Joshua 24:2-8;
Luke 24:25-27;
Acts 13:16-33;

The uniqueness of Israel's religious history was that God repeatedly spoke to his chosen people—to every new generation and in every new situation. So repetitious were these revelations as to constitute a continuum of revelation, and that is what made it unique.

The God of the Old Testament was a God of action, one who by his mighty acts revealed himself and enabled man to find his God even as he found himself. The unity of the Old Testament grows up out of the unity of God's purpose as he hovered over Israel from one generation to another. The unity of the Old and New Testaments is the unity that inheres between a promise and its fulfillment, like the unity in life which connects the roots and fruits of a tree.

The call and the covenant (Gen. 12:1-7)

God called Abram to depart from Haran and explore a new territory, the land of Canaan. Abram's challenge was to complete the journey on which his father had started (Gen. 11:31). God promised to make him into a great nation and to make for him a great name; the Lord also indicated that he would make Abraham an issue in the world, so that those who bless him would bless themselves. When he was in the midst of the land, God appeared to him and said, "To your descendants I will give this land."

Rescue and redemption (Deut. 26:5-9)

Having directed a series of plagues upon Egypt to rescue his people and having delivered them safely through the desert experiences, Moses instructed his people to express gratitude to

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God for his mighty acts of redemption.

(1) Jacob, a wandering nomad, went down to Egypt with a small company (70 people). (2) The Egyptians enslaved and afflicted them. (3) They prayed to God, who heard and responded to their cry. (4) Using his mighty arm in signs and wonders, God secured their release and brought them to the borders of a land "flowing with milk and honey." Joshua, in his farewell address, retold the story (Josh. 24:2-8).

Israel was reminded through various prophets to remember and be grateful for the mighty work of redemption in delivering Israel from bondage.

From Egypt to Antioch (Acts 13:16-33)

When Paul went to Antioch of Pisidia on the first mission journey and was invited to speak in the Jewish synagogue, he gave an overview of religious history from Israel's servitude in Egypt to Jesus' resurrection at Jerusalem.

(1) God rescued his people from Egypt and took them to Canaan. (2) He drove out seven nations and established Israel in the land. (3) After several centuries, he established a monarchy with Saul as King, followed by David. (4) A descendant of David was Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. (5) The people in Jerusalem did not understand the Old Testament prophecies concerning Jesus but fulfilled them by condemning him. (6) God raised him out of death.

(7) In his name the message of salvation is preached (13:38).

Paul's sermon is a classic of historical preaching. Salvation history is God in action to redeem his people. It shows that when God parted the waters of the Red Sea to permit the Children of Israel to escape from slavery, that was but the first in a long series of redemptive deeds, the last being the raising of Jesus out of death as the first fruits of a mighty harvest.

The old Bible and the new Lord
(Luke 24:25-27)

On resurrection Sunday Jesus appeared to two men as they trudged homeward in sorrow and perplexity. He called them "fools" and chided them for being "slow of heart to believe" what the prophets had written. Jesus had a way of calling men bad names in such a loving manner as to make them feel that they had been complimented. In calling them "fools" he meant that they were not using the sense that they had. Their reluctance to believe the Old Testament indicates that they had been thinking over reports of Jesus' resurrection but had been refusing to believe them.

Jesus explained to them that the Old Testament bore witness to the suffering and resurrection of the Christ, and he expounded other Scriptures concerning himself. When God enabled them to recognize him as Jesus, they understood more fully the prophetic writings.

The Bible has one central theme—God's purposed redemption—and one heroic character, Jesus the Redeemer.

About people

Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, has recently been elected to the board of corporators of the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund, a non-denominational life insurance company for clergy and their families.

William H. Pitt, stewardship secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for the past nine years, has been named director of the endowment and capital giving service of the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission, Nashville, Tenn. He will be responsible for church and institutional fund raising by the Stewardship Commission on request from Baptist churches and institutions in cooperation with state conventions.

James H. Currin, a staff member of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana for the past six years, has resigned effective June 30 to become pastor of Northside Church, Indianapolis. He also plans to do graduate study at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis.

After serving as pastor in Tennessee, Indiana, and Kentucky, Currin became Indiana Baptist state Sunday School secretary in 1963. Two years ago he assumed the position of state missions secretary for the Indiana convention.

John W. Moon, pastor of First Church, Tuskegee, Ala., for the past eight years, was recently elected to the position of state annuity secretary for

Alabama. He succeeds Claude T. Ammerman, who headed the Ministers Retirement department in Alabama for 10 years and is now head of Alabama's Church Ministries division.

James E. Wood Jr., professor of religion and director of the J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State program at Baylor University, will be in Vienna, Austria, this summer to present a paper at an annual meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee and Study Commissions.

Dr. Wood, a member of the Commission on Religious Liberty and Human Rights, will deliver a paper entitled "Reconciliation and Religious Liberty."

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A Smile or Two

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First	874	103	
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Know-how

Good judgment comes from experience, and experience—well, that comes from poor judgment.

Name-calling

A preacher coming into a new location was invited to join one of the civic luncheon clubs. In introducing him, the speaker facetiously said they were electing him to be the "chief hogcaller" for the club.

In responding, the preacher said: "Gentlemen, I certainly appreciate the very great honor you have conferred upon me. When I came to this community, I had expected to be shepherd of a flock; but of course you know your crowd better than I do."

Heir raising

A politician was waiting for the news of his new heir in a San Diego hospital. The nurse rushed in and said: "Congratulations, your wife just had triplets."

"I demand a recount," he said.
—Coronet 2/69

Good guess

Mother: "I think my son is home from college."

Neighbor: "What makes you say that?"

Mother: "Well, I haven't had a letter from him in three weeks, and the car is missing!"—Scope, 1/69.

Bright lad

Small boy to Mother: "Can I help Dad put on the snow chains? I know all the words."

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Bibles confiscated at Russian border

Two young men, both Baptists, were removed from a tour group at the border, interrogated for four hours, and denied entry into Russia after custom officials found 50 Bibles in their suitcases.

The incident occurred at the border between Russia and Finland, where the Leningrad-bound tourists underwent customs and passport check. So reported *Veckoposten*, weekly Swedish Baptist newspaper, whose reporter talked with the pair on their return to Stockholm.

The newspaper described one as an engineer, the other as a student. The engineer had visited Leningrad before and attended Baptist church services while there. It was then the need for Bibles became apparent to him.

The entire tour group was detained

while police questioned the two Baptists carrying Bibles. The young men contended they were not trying to conceal them, although during a search in which they were stripped of all their clothing, another Bible was found.

Several personal letters were also confiscated then. The letters were addressed from persons in Sweden to acquaintances in Russia.

The two young men said they showed their examiners a copy of the United Nations Charter of Human Rights. This was an effort to refute charges that bringing in Bibles constituted an illegal act.

The Russian officers only laughed at them and said that Russia has its own laws, the two Swedes told *Veckoposten's* interviewer. There is no shortage of Bibles in Russia, a border-guard ad-

vised them. Bibles, he said, could be ordered by mail or bought in the churches.

"If there is no lack of Bibles in Russia, then why do you want to take them away from us?" they asked in response.

The tour, minus the Bible-bearing Baptists, continued on its way to Leningrad. The two young men returned to Sweden.

Veckoposten observed that a Slavic Mission in Stockholm sent 40,000 Bibles to Russia last year and claimed that almost all of them reached their destinations. In addition, 30,000 hymnals and 20,000 Bibles printed last year for Russian Baptist churches have been or are being distributed, a Russian Baptist leader declared a few weeks ago. However, there are at least 550,000 Baptists in the USSR. (EBPS)

After burial coffees at Dutch church

A Dutch Baptist church which calls its building "The Window," has opened its window to provide a community service that is also helpful to the church.

The building, located along a main road in a residential area of Hengelo, Holland, is just across the street from a large public cemetery.

Following local custom, members of a bereaved family and friends have coffee together after the burial. People at "The Window" decided when they entered a new building eight years ago that they would make it available for after-burial coffees.

Pastor F. E. Huizinga said that arrangements to use church facilities are made through the local undertaker. And, he added, most of the burials involve non-Baptists.

The custodian's wife supervises the coffees, lasting about 30 minutes. The church rents its building for the coffee time, which helps the church meet its own expenses while at the same time it becomes better known to non-Baptists.

(When the burial involves a Baptist family, church facilities are available without charge.)

Such rentals yield about 5,500 guilders (over \$1,500) a year, which the church uses to reduce its debt.

The building was designed, Huizinga said, as a place where people could pray and drink coffee. "We didn't want a building in which they feel captive," he emphasized.

The name, "The Window," was chosen with care, to denote the church's interest in looking out to the world and letting the world see into the church. "Names like 'Bethel' have no meaning to people today," according to Huizinga. "The Window" is easy to remember."

The church caters for about 200 funeral coffees a year. (EBPS)

Japanese women won to Christ

Southern Baptist Missionary George H. Watanabe, who has served for the past six months as interim pastor of Rokko Baptist Church, Kobe, Japan, reports the first two baptisms of his Japanese ministry.

A college co-ed and a housewife were baptized on Easter Sunday, he writes. As expressions of gratitude, the husband and family of the housewife gave their piano to the church, and the family of the college student gave the bench from their own new baby grand piano. (The church, which had been using an old pump organ, had just initiated a piano fund.)

Mr. Watanabe is the son of Japanese immigrants to Hawaii. He and his wife also a native of Hawaii, were appointed missionaries in December, 1967. After they complete language study in Kobe, Mr. Watanabe will do general evangelistic work.

New EPA officers

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—Dr. Sherwood E. Wirt, editor of *Decision* magazine, published in Minneapolis by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, was elected president of the Evangelical Press Association here.

He succeeds Paul Fromer, editor of *His* magazine, published by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in Chicago, who had served for the two previous years.

Norman Rohrer was re-elected to serve another year as EPA executive secretary. (EP)

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