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One man's dream



Dr. Green

A Lawton, Okla., physician has his heart set on acquiring a U.S. Navy hospitalship. He is Dr. Charles Green, of Lawton, a pediatrician.

Dr. Green's unusual aspiration was stirred by his personal experiences as a volunteer physician helping to minister to the needs of underprivileged people for medical and health services.

On his first stint of service as a volunteer, in 1964, Dr. Green served for two months as a pediatrician on the teaching ship Hope (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere). This ship, which has now been operating for 10 years under the People to People Health Foundation, Inc., of Washington, D.C., was then stationed in Equador.

In 1969, while on a volunteer mission to Vietnam, Dr. Green had occasion to do considerable work with Vietnamese children aboard The Sanctuary, a sister ship to The HOPE.

Now Dr. Green envisions a hospital ship owned and operated by his denomination, Southern Baptists, as a floating hospital that could provide a merciful healing ministry of wide geographic range.

Having learned recently that the Government has scheduled the mothballing of The Sanctuary as of July 14, Dr. Green is now trying to find a way to acquire the ship and commission it for Southern Baptists. He knows that putting the ship into service will cost much less if the ship can be secured before it goes into retirement.

In a personal testimony last week before the Concerned Baptist Laymen, in Hot Springs, Dr. Green said that he believed the hospital ship could be manned by 60 physicians and 50 nurses, once it is acquired.

As one illustration of the kind of needs he envisions meeting through the ship hospital ministry, Dr. Green recalled the case of a little club-foot boy who came to him in Vietnam on home-made crutches the boy's father had made from limbs of a tree.

"I knew that the boy's only hope of correction was surgery aboard The Sanctuary," he said. "I also knew that unless I could arrange this for him he would always be hopelessly crippled."

Fortunately for the child, Dr. Green was able to arrange for the needed surgery and, a few weeks later, the boy was able to walk normally.

Anybody know where the Doctor can get a million dollars to float that ship?

Erwin L. McDonald

In this issue

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'Witness Involvement Now — WIN'

More than a new shot in the arm, Witness Involvement Now portends a new glow of health for Southern Baptist Churches.

Far more than an end in itself, WIN is a tapping of all the people of the churches in winning unsaved people to Jesus Christ.

And although printed materials and methods are a vital part of WIN, the new evangelism thrust is far more than booklets and brochures. For it calls for a deepening of the spirituality of church people, including an endowment of the Holy Spirit, in advance of and in preparation for personal witnessing.

John Ishee, editor of adult curriculum materials, the Church Training department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has had key responsibility for producing the special materials needed. The materials center on the local church, where church members train for winning lost people to Christ.

"WIN is to motivate, train and lead the church member to be an evangelistic witness as he is involved in today's world," said Mr. Ishee of the new approach. "It is not a program but a project. With this material a pastor can conduct his own WIN institute for evangelism."

WIN is described by Mr. Ishee as "Bible-centered, clear, simple, inexpensive, and practical." The materials are so tied to the Bible that using them without using the Bible itself would be a physical (and spiritual?) impossibility, according to Ishee.

The WIN materials are produced by the Church Training department of the Sunday School Board, in consultation with the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board of SBC. They are now available from the Church Literature Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Several strong points of the WIN approach are worthy of our prayerful consideration:

1. As already indicated, WIN is ours—Southern Baptists'—and this is no reflection on soul-winning materials and programs of other groups or denominations.

2. Institution of WIN calls for no new organization, but, rather, for the total church and its existing organizations. It can be used by any church, large or small, and regardless of type of church community, whether down-town, suburban, town, or rural. And whatever the organizational pattern of a given church, whether simple or complex, the involvement of the total church is essential.

3. WIN has the widest possible appeal, reaching to every last member of churches making use of it.

4. No hierarchy or outside organization is necessary. The purpose of WIN can be accomplished through the local church council, comprised of leaders from all organizations of the local church, working

with the total membership.

It is our prediction that WIN will constitute one of the brightest chapters in the history of Southern Baptists, not just for now, but for many years to come. The only way it could fail would be for us not to use it.

Guest editorial

Resenting a new book

A paragraph in a new book from Broadman Press rubs me the wrong way. I don't like it. I don't agree with it. This paragraph contradicts everything I ever believed about the conciliatory nature of God. The author uses prooftexts to make his point. He lifts Scriptures out of context to enforce his weak arguments. I fear what this one paragraph will do to the thinking of some readers.

No, I'm not going to tell you the title or author. I'm not going to protest to Broadman Press. I'm not going to call a special Bible conference. I'm not going to present a resolution at the Southern Baptist Convention. Why? For several reasons.

First, because Broadman Press never intends to endorse the contents of every book.

Second, because Broadman Press must serve a wide constituency of Baptist readers.

Third, because many Baptists conscientiously believe as this author does.

Fourth, because I know the author. He is far more dedicated than I. I can't begin to doubt his sincerity.

Fifth, because I believe that truth, despite the presence of error, will ultimately prevail.

So I don't go to pieces every time I read something I disagree with. Instead, I re-examine my own thinking. And I try, with the Spirit's leadership, to fit the pieces of truth together. —Robert J. Hastings, in an editorial in *Illinois Baptist*.

New department name at SSB

For a long time the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, has been doing much more than its name implies. In fact, the department's work is in Sunday School and ten areas other than Sunday School: Vacation Bible School, Bible study fellowships, correspondence Bible study, weekday Bible study, Bible Study courses, Bible conferences, family Bible study, new Sunday Schools and work with exceptional persons. So, effective Oct. 1, the department will be designated the Bible Teaching department. Sounds like a good change.

I must say it!

Good things come in bunches

Leadership series #7



Dr. Ashcraft

The simple procedure of rebuilding the walls and the gates of the City of God resulted in many allied, related good things. Housecleaning often brings blessings of another sort. When the walls and the gates were again tidy, the people amazingly became tidy also.

What began as an almost 100% material project now has changed into an almost 100% spiritual achievement. The project neces-

sitated a roll call, assignment of tasks, separation from the mixed multitude, standing up to be counted, purging themselves of usury and unfair treatment of their brethren, review of their history, the reading and explanation of the law, assembly for worship, taking a stand against mediocrity, public repentance of private sins, pin-point organization of all their resources and an open heart before God.

All this added together resulted in a great revival among God's people.

Great times of spiritual awakening and revival do not happen. They are often associated with many particulars often unnoticed by historians. Unity of action molds the philosophy of a people and blesses them not only as individuals, but as a people, so in the

church. Here are some things which will, if attended to, brighten any church's hope for a great spiritual revival.

While no attempt is made here to list them in any order of importance, they include proper observance of the ordinances, an honest effort at stewardship, cleanliness of the lives of the members, warmth of spirit and fervor, compassion for the lesser advantaged, disciplined attendance on divine worship, brotherly love in the fellowship, placing of the Word of God in its proper perspective in all church activities, the care and sacred use of church properties, the adherence to worship norms which exalt Christ, subservience of all activities of the body to the main purpose of reaching people, allowing the man of God his true image as the undershepherd of the flock, promptness in assuming your place of service, suitable attire to appear before God at your best, wearing a smile of praise upon entering the sanctuary, participation in the congregational hymn time, and kindness to the church staff.

Put all of this together and you may be surprised to see the power of God descend upon the people with souls coming forward to publicly acknowledge their faith in Christ.

Everything about a church has a tone of romance when all fitted together and spiritual blessings ensue. A nice dress, an appropriate tie, a neat appearance and a contrite heart do not pass the notice of God. Good things come in bunches—we should try it.

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

North Carolina Baptist institutions join in Cooperative Program drive

Nashville—In an unprecedented move, the heads of North Carolina Baptist colleges and social service agencies recently voted to donate to the Baptist State Convention \$30,000 for promoting increased Cooperative Program giving. Each institution has also agreed to make personal contacts with at least 50 churches. The minimum goal is \$1,000,000 a year increase for the next three years.

The idea was first suggested at the annual trustee orientation conference by Dr. Perry Crouch, executive secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. As a result of that meeting a sub-committee was formed and chaired by Bruce E. Whitaker, president of Chowan College. Other members of the committee include Norman Wiggins, president of Campbell College and W. R. Wagner, general superintendent of Baptist Children's Home.

Since no department, including that of Stewardship and Promotion, received any budget increase for 1971 due to a decrease in Cooperative Program giving,

the general secretary and his staff faced a real dilemma. However, in spite of the serious financial difficulties which North Carolina Baptist institutions are facing, the challenge to secure a general increase in the Cooperative Program every year for the next three years was accepted enthusiastically by the institutional heads.

Dr. Crouch was high in his praise of North Carolina institutions and explained that this was a "one-shot deal" and that he sincerely hoped that in the future further appeals to the colleges and social service agencies would not be necessary.

By assuming full responsibility of these extra funds, North Carolina Baptist colleges and social service institutions made it unnecessary to cut back on either state missions or Southwide distributions.

Coordinating the program will be Tom Green, director of Cooperative Program Promotion. Ten regional consultants will assist with the campaign for increasing Cooperative Program giving.

Ministers Wives set St. Louis luncheon

ST. LOUIS (BP)—The Southern Baptist Conference of Ministers' Wives will hold a luncheon meeting here Tuesday, June 1, at Third Church, carrying out the theme, "Meet Me in St. Louis." Featured speaker for the luncheon will be David Edens of Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., a marriage counselor, psychotherapist, professor and writer.

Edens, former minister of counseling at Trinity Church in San Antonio, Tex., is the author of *Why God Gave Parents Children*, *Sexual Understanding Among Young Married Adults* and *Making the Most of Family Worship*.

Musical entertainment will be presented by Mr. and Mrs. David Wilch of the Kirkwood Baptist Church of St. Louis.

Mrs. Malcolm Knight, Jacksonville, Fla., president of the organization, said tickets would be available in St. Louis on Monday, May 31. Advance reservations may be made by writing to the vice president of the organization, Mrs. Brooks Ramsey, 67 Crestwood Dr., St. Louis, said Mrs. Knight.

The Buddhists are coming!

When I first saw the words "Nichiren Soshu, Washington, D. C. Chapter," written across the side of the micro bus parked on the George Washington University campus, I stopped dead in my tracks and thought: here they come!

I knew those words were the official title of the 17-million-member fanatical Buddhist sect in Japan known as Soka Gakkai, the most powerful religion in the country and its third largest political party. Soka Gakkai means "value creating society." Through "Shakabuku," their aggressive, brain-washing methods of "evangelism," they promise material benefits here and now, to those who will follow "the only true religion," and they have for all intents and purposes dominated the religious scene in Japan and are biding their time for a political take over.

This I knew both from observation and from translating the one book to be published in Japan which had dared to expose them—entitled *I Denounce Soka Gakkai*, by Fujiwara Hirotatsu, well known political scientist. Both Mr. Fujiwara's life and the lives of his children had been threatened when he refused to withdraw his book from publication, but his steadfastness in the face of pressure made the book a best seller and shook up the Diet as well as the hierarchy in Soka Gakkai. The issue

was the separation of church and state, which is strongly protected in the new post-war constitution of Japan. Here was one author they could not buy.

Soka Gakkai is today called America's fastest growing religion, claiming some 200,000 families (they count only households), one thousand of them in Washington, D. C., where I'm quite sure, they intend to establish their strongest witness in this country, if for no other reason than because of the tremendous propanganda value in furthering their avowed aim of making Soka Gakkai the one faith of the entire world.

Once they have a strong base in the nation's capital, they can say that they have won America. I do not doubt that they will succeed here as they did in Japan, given the present apathy of the churches, the low standard of morals, and the acute spiritual vacuum now prevalent among the youth of our land.

No longer confining their efforts in proselyting to the Japanese wives of American servicemen and their husbands—they now boast members in this country from all walks of life and are obviously determined to win large numbers of students—a group they have been very effective in winning in Japan.

Just as Soka Gakkai thrived among the masses in Japan who after the war found

themselves living in a spiritual vacuum—disillusioned, defeated and overcome with despair—they perhaps see a similar spiritual condition among the students on American College campuses today.

As I walked on, I heard the girls say—"Wouldn't you like to attend a lecture on Buddhism?" I wonder how many did attend—and why. — Worth Grant, Southern Baptist missionary in Japan, 1950-1970, now representative for Wycliffe Bible Translation, Inc., Washington, D. C.

The My Lai incident

Should Calley, his superiors, up to commander-in-chief, the army, or America be held responsible? Some civilians were killed. Do all armies do as we did? If so, there can be no claim that we behave any more humanely than other nations. If this is true, we should admit it.

If the Vietnamese are worth 45,000 Americans dead, and a quarter million wounded, which Vietnamese are worth this? Those killed as civilians are the same people our men are killed to save. If our military shoots and looks later, this should be reviewed. If war is passed as nasty business, this is one we did not have to fight, and if women and children are against us, we should review whether we are at the right place for the right cause.

Mankind must run out of war; or mankind will run out.

Blood makes me sick: mine, my family's, my brother Americans', and my brother Asiatics'.

I don't want Calley's blood. More blood will not atone for that already shed.

Some responsibility needs to be placed for killing children, women, and old men face to face and from the air.

I feel terrible inside about My Lai and Ft. Benning. Guilt and grief are mine, for my country and mankind. My conscience and the human in me ache. — Lewis E. Rhodes, Pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

On shaping the '70s

As I read our Executive Secretary's guest editorial (Ark. Bapt., April 15, 1971), I had a sad feeling. It is too bad more of our Baptist people won't drag themselves out of their own apathy and speak for themselves and write their own letter. We had an example of how powerful the public's voice is in the case of Lt. Calley. President Nixon heard it and felt it right to do something — there was a jury in that case, too.

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State Baptist paper 'discovered' in academic researching

I am not at all certain that I can get this typewriter to say what I would like for it to, for most of what I have on my mind and heart is emotional and not amenable to being reduced to black marks on paper. What I am feeling is gratitude for and pride in our state paper. In a way it is like a man's pay check: He gets it once a week and it doesn't look like much, but when he makes out his income tax return at the end of the year he gets a shock as to how much came in little by little.

A few months ago I spent a couple of weeks in Nashville doing research for my dissertation on the Southern Baptist Convention presidential addresses. A part of that research involved my examining the May, June, and July issues of the *Arkansas Baptist* and three other Baptist state papers for the 21-year period 1950-1970. As that portion of Arkansas Baptist history rolled before my eyes on a microfilm reader in two weeks' time, a forceful impact of awareness struck me as to how *much* the paper contains and what a service it renders to the readers and institutions of

the state.

The retirement and death of such leaders as Ben Bridges and B. H. Duncan rolled before me; Ouachita's desperate days of the early fifties—my own student days—passed in review.

Ordinations, revivals, programs, and personalities almost forgotten came to life in my memory, regenerated by a photograph or a news article. I recounted my own graduation from Ouachita, service in the Air Force, seminary work, return to the state after graduation, exodus to Kansas for five years, and return to teach here and work part-time with the music program of a nearby church.

The weekly "news" paper had become a historical document, and one of which I was especially proud when I compared it to the others I was examining. A new awareness came of how *much* comes into my home week-by-week through our paper, and a new gratitude for it, and for those of you who make it possible, was born within me. — Robert L. Hartsell, Southern State College, Magnolia, Ark.

The people speak

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As I read further in this same issue, however, I felt better. William E. Hull, dean of the School of Theology at Southern Seminary, is warning us against increased polarization. I hope we will listen and will shape the '70's as he mentions and not merely survive them in our little comfort circles with like-minded people. —Mrs. Ruby A. Fitzgerald, 5224 H. Street, Little Rock, Ark. 72205

W. Lee Prince to Memphis church

Arkansas native W. Lee Prince has been called as pastor of Union Avenue Church, Memphis, Tenn., effective June 1.

Mr. Prince is currently serving as associate pastor, South Main Church, Houston, Tex. He has been in this position since 1968. E. Hermond Westmoreland, also an Arkansan, is pastor of the Houston church.

Prior to going to South Main Church, Mr. Prince was pastor for eight years of Trinity Church, Seneca, S. C. Before that he pastored and served on the staff of four other churches, in addition to being a staff member at Ridgecrest.

Mr. Prince was born in 1934 in Helena, and grew up in Arkansas and Mississippi, where his father, Irving M. Prince, served as pastor of churches and as president of Central Baptist College. He is a graduate of Carson Newman College (1956), Jefferson City, Tenn., and of Southwestern Seminary (1959). He has taken postgraduate studies at the Institute of Religion, School of Pastoral Care, Houston; Union Seminary, New York City; and Princeton Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey.

While in Seneca, Prince was named "Young Man of the Year." He is listed in the 1965 Edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*. He has been selected for the Twelfth Edition of *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*.

Mrs. Prince is the former Robbie Ann Brown. She was born and reared in Westminster, S. C. She is a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina (1954) and has done additional work at Texas Wesleyan College and Southwestern Seminary, both at Ft. Worth. The Princes are the parents of two children, Keith, 10, and Suzanne, 8.

Resort ministry conference

There will be a special session for those interested in Resort Ministry at the Pastors' Retreat, May 17-19.

Progress report

Little Red River Association soon to be self-sustaining

In the past two church years (1968-69 and 1969-70) the Little Red River Association has been richly blessed in the area of stewardship. At the close of the year 1968-69 our association faced a \$72 deficit. In response to that situation our churches have made some remarkable achievements in this area. Gifts from the churches have increased by 25 per cent.

For several years Little Red River Association received \$175 per month from the Missions department of the Arkansas State Convention. In October 1970, we voted to receive only \$100 per month. We also passed a resolution to make our association completely self-supporting by October 1971.

The association has increased the missionary's salary \$500 per year, sent the missionary to the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver and has made provision for his expenses to the convention this year. Also, at our last annual meeting we voted to give \$1,000 to the Arkansas State Convention to help diminish the state budget deficit.

We have been able to purchase several items of office equipment, such

as a new mimeograph machine, typewriter and a filing cabinet.

We are presently engaged in a campaign to raise \$1,500 for a mission church in Brazil. The deadline has been set for May 30. At this time over \$1,000 has already been raised.

In the last two years the 18 churches of Little Red River Association have doubled their total gifts to the Cooperative Program of missions. In addition our special offerings (Lottie Moon, Dixie Jackson and Annie Armstrong) have increased by 50 per cent.

This progress in giving to missions has been the result of an increased concern for missions on the part of our pastors. Through their challenging leadership and presentation of mission needs our churches have responded in this way.

This proves to me that the Baptists of this association still believe in and want to support what we as Southern Baptists are doing through our cooperative efforts in the area of missions. — David Miller, Missionary, Little Red River Baptist Association, Heber Springs, Ark.

Superstar or Son of God?

By Tal D. Bonham

Pastor, South Side Church, Pine Bluff
President, Arkansas Baptist State Convention

A teen-ager asked me several weeks ago, "What do you think about 'Jesus Christ Superstar'?"

At first, I thought he was being blasphemous. Then I learned that he was talking about a popular 1½-hour rock opera which was recorded by a group of young artists from England. I became curious enough to listen to this exciting piece of music several times.

The only good thing about it is that it speaks of Jesus and the events surrounding his crucifixion. However, it does not necessarily follow the scriptural account of these events. Frankly, I like much of the music. However, "Jesus Christ Superstar" has four dangerous teachings and implications.

1. It questions the divinity of Jesus Christ. Never does it say, "Jesus Christ is the Son of God." It merely asks, "Jesus Christ Superstar, do you think you're what they say you are?"

2. It presents Christ as a superstar. It hints that he caused his own crucifixion as a part of a masterful public relations stunt. In this Jesus vs. Judas opera, Judas

concludes that Jesus is "a jaded, faded mandarin."

3. It leaves Jesus on the cross. The crucifixion is presented in such a way that you will never forget it. But not one word is said about the bedrock of our faith — the resurrection of Christ!

4. It presents Jesus as merely a great human being. The human side of Jesus is presented with overtones of blasphemy in a few places. Buddah and Mohammed are considered his equals.

But what's so unusual about all of that? These four attitudes are held by everyone who refuses to make Christ the Lord of life. If one will not let Jesus be the Lord of his life, he will find himself doubting the divinity of Christ; he will conclude that Jesus was, indeed, only a superstar; he will ignore the empty tomb and assert that Jesus was merely a great man.

What a joy to be a part of an organization — a Southern Baptist church — in which the greatest truth ever delivered to man is proclaimed: Jesus Christ, Son of God!

Ouachita elevates faculty members

ARKADELPHIA —Ouachita University board of trustees has announced the promotion of six faculty members to higher academic positions.

Those receiving promotions are Dennis Holt, Francis McBeth, William D. Downs Jr., Weldon Vogt, Quintus Crews, and William J. Megginson III.

Holt is being promoted from associate professor of drama to professor of drama. A native of Arkadelphia, he joined the Ouachita faculty in 1955. He holds the B. A. degree from Henderson State College and M. A. degrees in English and in speech and drama from the University of Arkansas.

McBeth, who is currently composer in residence at OBU, is receiving a promotion from associate professor of music to professor of music. He joined the OBU faculty in 1957. He received a bachelor of music degree from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and the master of music degree from the University of Texas.

A native of Little Rock, Downs joined the Ouachita faculty in 1966. He is being promoted from assistant professor of journalism to associate professor of journalism. He holds the master of arts degree from the University of Missouri, where he is now a candidate for the doctor of philosophy degree in journalism.

A member of the Ouachita faculty since 1965, Vogt is receiving a promotion from assistant professor of psychology to associate professor of psychology. He holds the master of religious education degree and the doctor of religious education degree, both from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Crews is receiving a promotion from instructor in physical education to assistant professor of physical education. A member of the Ouachita faculty since 1967, he holds the bachelor of science in education degree from Arkansas A & M College, Monticello, and the master of science in education degree from Henderson State College, Arkadelphia.

Megginson, who joined the Ouachita faculty in 1970, is being promoted from instructor in history to assistant professor of history. He received the B.A. degree from Mississippi College and the M.A. degree from George Washington University, where he is presently a doctoral candidate.

Former pastor and wife honored by Eudora churches, community



The L. C. Hoffs, with their \$1250 cake.

At an appreciation supper honoring former pastor and Mrs. L. C. Hoff, of Eudora Church, a group of friends of Eudora presented the Hoffs a number of gifts in appreciation of their seven and one-half years in Eudora.

The affair was held at the Steve Ball Lake Club House.

Mack Ball spoke in appreciation of Mr. Hoff's years as pastor of Eudora Church. Mrs. B. W. Bowman also spoke and presented the couple with a silver

bud vase and a silver compote dish engraved with the words, "With Love From Eudora Friends."

R. F. Peterson presented the Hoffs an unusual cake. The "icing" was made with \$100 and \$50 bills to the amount of \$1250. He said the Hoffs could "have their cake and eat it, too."

Other gifts included one from Zion Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in appreciation of Mr. Hoff's ministry to the total population of Eudora.

Ouachita graduate gets U. of Ill. scholarship



Miss Hawkins

daughter of Mrs. Anna B. Hawkins.

Miss Hawkins received a B.S.E. degree in elementary education at commencement exercises May 8 at Ouachita. She is interested in eventually working as a medical librarian.

A 1967 graduate of Eliza Miller High School in West Helena, Miss Hawkins ranked third in a class of 155. She received a one-year scholarship to Oua-

Janet Marie Hawkins, Helena, a Ouachita University graduate has been notified that she is one of 20 students selected to receive a full scholarship to the Graduate School of Library Science at the University of Illinois. She is the

chita and a grant for the remaining three years.

Baptist annuitants invited to luncheon

More than 100 persons are expected to attend the 11th annual Annuitants Luncheon hosted by the Annuity Board during the June meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Mo., according to R. Alton Reed, Annuity Board president.

The Luncheon will be held at 1 p. m. on Wednesday, June 2, in the Crystal Room of the Sheraton Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis.

"All retired or disabled pastors and denominational employes, or their widows, who receive benefit checks from the Annuity Board are invited to attend," Reed said.

Special recognition will be given at the Luncheon to the oldest annuitants, both man and woman, attending. Persons desiring to attend may secure tickets at the Annuity Board's booth in the Convention exhibit area.

Lay involvement in evangelism stressed at Hot Springs meet

By the Editor

Something tremendous happened last weekend in Hot Springs.

Just what it was that happened and what difference the event will bring to pass remains to be seen. But the consensus of the 185 Baptists in on special meetings Thursday night to Saturday noon at the Royal Vista Inn was that they had experienced a spiritual revival.

Even the ad hoc committee of Baptist laymen who planned the meeting were never sure what to call the conference. For lack of a better tag they called it "Concerned Baptist Laity." One thing sure, from the program that unfolded, was that Arkansas Baptist laymen, and laywomen—at least those present for these meetings—are concerned over the need for greater lay involvement in the church's primary task, winning people to Jesus Christ.

Although I was present for only two of the five sessions—the first two—I was aware personally of the great spiritual impact of the occasion. But this evangelism conference was no different in this regard from the annual conferences we have had for years under the sponsorship of the Evangelism department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

CAMERA SPOTLIGHTS: Top, ad hoc committeemen Digby, Adams, Dr. Miller, Power, Ward, Dr. Sawyer, Heflin, and Douglas.

Second: Pastor Charles Smithson of First Church, Nashville, (center) did not need his "loud" sport coat to set him apart as the only pastor present for the opening session of Baptist laymen. With him are Paul Power, Little Rock, left, and Glenn Power, Nashville.

Third: Professor Ray Robbins, New Orleans, deals with a key Greek verb, in his Bible discussion.

Bottom: part of the conference attendees, at the Friday morning session.

This time the conference was completely in the hands of laymen, with the laymen doing the "preaching," but the of laymen, with the laymen doing the "preaching," but the for greater involvement of everybody in evangelism. It was my personal feeling that the witness borne here by lay speakers was no less eloquent or fervent than that on occasions when the speakers have been mostly preachers.

Perhaps one result of the Hot Springs meeting will be evidence of a diminution of any gap that may have existed in the past between the clergy and the laity.

In searching for direction for the future, the leaders of the Hot Springs conference passed out cards to all present, asking for specific suggestions. Approximately 80% of the cards were filled out and returned. There was general agreement that those attending the conference sessions had experienced revival and that another and similar meeting should be held at a time and place to be determined in the future. It was suggested that there should be more church women involved in the program and that there should be less formal speaking and more general and open discussion of questions and contemporary situations.

The ad hoc committee was asked to continue to serve and to give direction to the proposed future meeting.

There was a general feeling, reflected by the survey, that the move to involve greater lay participation in evangelism should be channeled through the local churches. There was a strong emphasis throughout the meetings that lay evangelism must be church-centered as well as Bible-centered.



A special panel composed of Chief Justice Carlton Harris, Little Rock, of the Arkansas Supreme Court; Federal Judge Orén Harris, El Dorado; Charles Bernard, Earle businessman; and Ray Robbins, of the faculty of New Orleans Seminary, turned out to be one of the highlights of the conference. The panel was kept busy for more than two hours dealing with various questions put to it by members of the conference.

At the close of the panel discussions, Dr. Robbins, by popular request, remained for more than an hour of special Bible discussion.

Comprising the ad hoc committee are James Sawyer, Benton; Jay Heflin, Hunter Douglas, Dale Ward, and Paul Power, all of Little Rock; Walter Simpson and Tom Digby, both of North Little Rock; Travis Adams, Russellville; and John Miller, Camden.

Russell Newport, Springfield, Mo., businessman directed the music for the conference. Dr. Robbins conducted Bible study at the beginning of each session, dealing with an introduction to the Sermon on the Mount.

Other program personalities included: Bill Pinson, of the faculty of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; G. W. Blankenship, Little Rock businessman; Russell C. Wisener, Ft. Smith businessman; Mac Glover, Malvern attorney; Alvin "Bo" Huffman, Jr., Blytheville businessman; Jack Buras, young Prattsville millionaire; Frank Hickingbotham, Little Rock businessman; Jack Stack, Meridian, Miss., oil producer; Marvin Vines, Little Rock, of the Radio Station KAAY staff; Charles Ashcraft, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Jerrell McCracken, Waco, Tex., publisher; and Calvin Bradford, Ft. Smith physician.

The cover



Speeding soulwinner witnesses to police

On his way to the meeting of Concerned Baptist Laity in Hot Springs last week, oil producer Jack Stack, of Meridian, Miss., saw in his rear-view mirror the approach of an Arkansas State Police car.

Discovering that he was driving 75 miles an hour at the time—more than was legal for the highway he was traveling—Mr. Stack drove over to the side and stopped, before the patrolman had turned on his siren.

"I am guilty!" he told the policeman, before the officer could speak the first word.

This approach obviously took the patrolman by surprise.

In the conversation that followed, the policeman decided not to write a ticket, on the assurance from Mr. Stack that he would "watch it."

With that settled, Mr. Stack said to the patrolman:

"I am real sorry for what has hap-

Woman's viewpoint Take a headache

By Iris O'Neal Bowen



Mrs. Bowen

Maybe I heard him wrong, but from what a radio announcer said the other day, the majority of doctors are now advising headaches for their patients. I distinctly heard the man say, "What do most doctors recommend for the relief of pain? Take a headache...!"

Thinking how I had always heard that the cure is sometimes worse than the disease, I went on about my work, pondering which sort of headache my doctor might prescribe should I get a slipped disc, for instance.

"Take this to the pharmacy," he would tell me. "It's a prescription for tension. If that doesn't work, we will try something a little stronger. We might have to put you in traction!"

Or, say the family has been on a long trip and we get home so stiff we can hardly wobble these old bones to the telephone to call the doctor.

"Take fatigue," he advises. "It can do a lot of things to you!"

"Aw, Doc, you give me a headache!"

"Yep!" he answers cheerfully, and hangs up.

My pondering time by then overdrawn, I forgot all about headaches till a lady I knew drew me up short a few days later with the statement that she had been "taking migraine tablets for quite a while, now!"

"Surely not!" I exclaimed. "Migraine is not a pill. It is a kind of headache!"

"I guess I know what I am taking. The bottle is right there in my purse. It's what the doctor told me to take in place of aspirin, because it is twice as strong as aspirin!"

"Well, from all the evidence, migraine does carry a pretty hefty wallop, but what is it supposed to cure?"

"Right now," she said, "I am taking it for this cold, but it is good for a lot of things!"

By the time I had talked her into getting out the bottle to see what she was taking, accepted her apologies and explanation as to why she thought they were migraine tablets, saw her to the door and bid her a pleasant goodbye, I was in a state of collapse. So I just took a migraine and went to bed.

I didn't even call the doctor!

pened. Here I am on my way to a Baptist evangelism meeting to give my witness on soul-winning and I have sinned before you and the Lord. Now my witness to you is hurt by my own wrongdoing."

He asked the policeman to forgive him and, learning that the man was not a Christian, went on to urge him to accept Christ as Savior.

"We were both greatly shaken by this experience," Stack reported to the Hot Springs meeting.

Larry Williams joins Crossett church staff

Larry Williams has been called as minister of youth and music by Mt. Olive Church, Crossett: He is a native of Hope and a graduate of Ouachita University, with a degree in church music.

Mr. Williams served 2½ years at Eudora Church, and has also served churches at Dumas, Hope, and Dallas, Tex.

Ouachita University awards degrees to 258 at commencement exercises

ARKADELPHIA—A record total of 258 students were candidates for graduation from Ouachita University in commencement exercises May 8.

Graduation ceremonies were held at 5 p.m. on A.U. Williams Field.

Graduates, their degree field and hometowns are as follows:

BACHELOR OF ARTS: Mike Anderson, math and religion, Little Rock; Michael Atkins, political science, Hope; Tommie Ayers, accounting, Hot Springs; Jerome Barbour, business administration, Langhorne, Pa.; Carolyn Barnes, sociology, Portageville, Mo.; Rebecca Barron, English, North Little Rock; Jackie Beacham, business administration, Irving, Tex.; Otis Blackwood, history, Fulton; Mark Bowles psychology, Arkansas City;

James Boyette, business administration, Camden; Henry Bradley, political science, Alma; Edwin Buffington, political science, Ashdown; Jack Case, business administration and economics, England; Bobby Cassidy, accounting, Hot Springs; Tom Chambers, political science, Benton; Linda Clay, political science, Springdale; Judith Clowers, math, North Little Rock;

Robert Crouch, political science, Van Buren; Jack Cook, religion, Little Rock; Barry Culp, psychology, Gurdon; Larry Darnell, religion, Arkadelphia; Robert Bradley Dickson, religion and philosophy, Pine Bluff; William Dull, religion, North Little Rock; Debbie Dumas, psychology and sociology, El Dorado; Michael Eagan, political science, Benton;

Joe Edds, accounting, Little Rock; Ronald Evan, political science, Little Rock; Randel Everett, speech and religion, Springhill, La.; John Finley, political science, Ashdown; Gail Flaig, art, Arkadelphia; Gay Flaig, English, Arkadelphia; Bobby Fowler, religion, Spokane, Wash.; John Gentry, business administration, Ashdown; James Gilbert, psychology, Texarkana;

William Givens, sociology, Lewisville; Larry Glover, religious education, El Dorado; Terry Glover, religion, El Dorado; Ruben Goatcher, religious education, St. Louis, Mo.; John Goff, psychology, Hot Springs; Victor Gore, religion, Hot Springs; Euodias Goza, business administration, Detroit, Mich.; John Green, drama, Arkadelphia; Robert Green, religion, North Little Rock;

Cynthia Haggard, sociology and political science, Harrison; Rick Hampton, political science, Capitola, Calif.; Carol Hargis, English, Warren; Joseph Hastings, religion, Little Rock; Arnold Harrington, business administration, Ft. Smith; Paula Hendrix, office administration, Little Rock; Harris Herron, religion, Gurdon; Robert Huckabee, political science, Arkadelphia;

Randy Hyde, religion, Paragould; James Jones, physical education, Glenwood; James Kelley, business administration, Benton; John Kiesling, accounting, Jacksonville; Frederick Palmer, art, Hot Springs; Burton Pate, political science, Texarkana, Tex.; Marvin Peters, religion, Jacksonville; Robert Post, physical education, Dekalb, Tex.; Connie Quick, sociology, Arkadelphia; Dennis Ramsey, political science, Hope; LeElla Ratcliff, drama and English, North Little Rock;

Ernest Reames, physical education, Paris; James Reynolds, political science, Little Rock; Robert R. Riggins, accounting, Buckner; Donald Robbins, religion, Fairfield, Ill.; Joy Roswell, psychology and sociology, McGehee; Marjorie Royston, psychology, Hope; H. B. Savell Jr., religion, Donaldson; James Sherrill, psychology, Arnold, Mo.; Robin Smith, history, North Little Rock; Cliff Springer, religion, Little Rock; James P. Stafford; math, Arkadelphia;

Roger Steed, psychology, Prescott; Mike Steffy, commercial art, Pine Bluff; Loretta Strother, English, Memphis, Tenn.; Tommy Thomason, journalism, Stamps; Rebecca Tompkins, English, North Little Rock; Susan Todd, office administration, Quitman;

Samuel Varnell, physical education, Crossett; Thomas Ward, political science, Little Rock; James Watson, religion, Arkadelphia; Allen Williams, political science and sociology, Benton;

Robert Wilson, political science, Arkadelphia; Zane Wilson, psychology and speech and drama; Robert King, sociology, Monticello; Joe Kirby, English, Gurdon; Dianna Kirk, history, Morrilton; Theocis Kitchen, business administration, Wilmot; Nancy Lawrence, psychology, Mena; Linda Luck, economics, Washington; Richard McBryde, accounting, Pine Bluff; Jane McCallum, journalism, Wasco, Calif.;

James McClellan, accounting and business administration, Little Rock; Donald McCutcheon; business administration, Cranston, R. I.; Earl McKinney, accounting, Berryville; Paul McNabb, history, Cleveland; Artemia Manriquez, sociology, political science and Spanish, Chicago, Ill.; Perry Joyce Mason, office administration, El Dorado; Janis Mays, sociology, Camden; David Maxwell, religion, Paragould; Tim Melton, psychology, Colonia, N. J.;

Frank Mitchell, business administration, Inola, Okla.; Mike Moore, accounting, Little Rock; Homer B. Moran Jr., history, Eudora; Martha Morrison, accounting, Poyen; Charles Murphy, physical education, Paragould; Rebecca Carson Murphy, psychology, Pine Bluff;

Dennis Murray, psychology, El Dorado; Joe Alan Niven, history, Dermott; Sharon Baldrige O'Brian, office administration, Godfrey, Ill.; Thomas Olson, political science, Lake Worth, Fla.; Lillie Newburn Owens, sociology, Arkadelphia.

~ PoYee Wong, sociology, Hong Kong; Richard Lamar Wooten, sociology, Marvell;

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: Beverly Bear, home economics, Gurdon; Mark Bowles, biology, Arkansas City; Carolyn Brogdon, home economics, Glenwood; Lan F. Burch, biology, Hughes; Sharon South Coppenger, mathematics, North Little Rock;

George Ramey Deere, business administration, Smackover; Anna Eaves, psychology, Arkadelphia; Linda Marie Gamble, math and chemistry, Grand Cane, La.; Jimmy Gilbert, physics, chemistry and math, Fulton; William Grigson, chemistry and biology, Little Rock; Janice Bridges Hamby, home economics, Arkadelphia; Ruth Ashley Hendricks, home economics, Donaldson; Sarah Payne Jines, home economics, Malvern; Rebecca Johnston, home economics, Batesville; Lee Kuyper, chemistry and math, Arkadelphia; Karla Sue Lamb, home economics, Arkadelphia; Sue Redd, political science and physical education, Little Rock; Robert Reeder, mathematics, Florissant, Mo.; Jamie Kay Spargo, biology, Arkadelphia;

Phillip Westfall, biology, Arkadelphia; Charles F. Wilkins III, biology, Russellville;

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION: Sharon Huneycutt Arrington, English and psychology, Hope; Lola Avent, home economics, Blue Mountain, Miss.; Greta Beck, elementary education, Harrison; Sheran Belshan, elementary education, Springfield, Va.; Carol Bollinger, physical education, Brookshire, Tex.; Carol Brandon, sociology, Piggott; Glen McNeal, journalism, Memphis, Tenn.;

Kent Oliver Brown, history, Morehead City, N. C.; Rhonda Bryant, elementary education, Arkadelphia; Edward J. Bull, physical education, Kennebunkport, Maine; Marsha Bunden, elementary education; Corning; Sherry Chastain, elementary education, Benton; Bobby Cheetwood, physical education, El Dorado; Ronald Coble, physical education, Van Buren; Larry Darnell, religion and speech, Arkadelphia; Relda Dodwell, elementary education, Gurdon; Lelia Fenstermaker, physical education, Sparks, Nev.

Nancy Fray, elementary education, North Little Rock; Rebecca Fulbright, English and speech-drama, Malvern.

Tanya Garner, elementary education, Little Rock; Peggy Glover, elementary education, Smackover; Ann Graves, elementary education, Dumas; Judy Grider, English, Gould; Carol Gumper, physical education, Hermann, Mo.; Larry Haltom, English, Little Rock;

Kathy Harness, English, Harrison; Julie Fawcett Harris, English, Ashdown; Rosemary Massey Harris, journalism, Booneville; Janet Marie Hawkins, elementary education, Helena; Dianne Heard, elementary education and psychology, Booneville;

Rebecca Helms, physical education, Little Rock; Lynda Henry, elementary education, Gurdon; Amy Lowery Heslip, elementary education, North Little Rock; Rebecca Hodges, physical education, North Little Rock; Martha Hogan, elementary education, Marianna; Ronald Hughes, social studies, Bismarck; Martha Hays Hurst, elementary education, Van Buren; Sarah Jean Jacks, English and social studies, Sparkman.

Beverly Bluhm Johnson, elementary education, Stuttgart; Dara Johnson, English, Damascus; Mary Matthews Johnson, journalism and Spanish, Little Rock; Tom Jones, physical education, Murfreesboro; Kaye Duahn Justice, English and speech-drama, Pine Bluff;

Patsy Langley, elementary education, Florissant, Mo.; James Lough, physical education, Seagoville, Tex.; Eva Mae McDore, speech-drama, Chidester; Gail Mitchell, elementary education, Glenwood; Glenda Moreton, elementary education, Alma; James Moore, physical education, Reddington, Calif.; Marz Newton, English, Warren; Kathy Otwell, physical education, Malvern;

Stephen Peoples, physical education, Ft. Smith; David Perry, social studies, Ft. Smith; Brenda Powell, elementary education, North Little Rock; Eddie Ray Reddick, elementary education, Rector; Sherry Gail Reynolds, social studies and speech-drama, Gurdon;

Lenora Ann Risher, elementary education, Camden; Michael Rogers, physical education, Aurora, Ill.; William Ross, physical education, Paragould; Larry Russell, chemistry, Hot Springs; Juanita Sartain, elementary education, Quitman; Sally Seid, elementary education, Memphis, Tenn.

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Donald Webb Jr., elementary education, Greenwood; Patricia Weeks, English, North Little Rock; Norma Williams, elementary education, Arkadelphia; Wanda Faye Williams, English, Little Rock; Janice Wilson, psychology and speech-drama, Batesville;

Larry Wood, physical education, Flint, Mich.; Susan Woodfin, art, Camden;

BACHELOR OF MUSIC: Jim Barnes, piano, Hartford; Laura Sue Byrum, voice, Longview, Tex.; Ouida Eppinette, piano, North Little Rock; Deborah Mashburn, piano, Bay Minnette, Ala.; Marilyn Rauch, flute, Arkadelphia;

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION: Sharon Fields, choral music, Mena; Helen Gennings, choral music, Batesville; Douglas Kellner, instrumental music, Florham Park, N. J.; Keith Mangrum, instrumental music, Harrisburg; Ginger Murdoch, choral music, Atkins;

Judy Nichols, choral music, Pine Bluff; Brenda Oliver, choral music, Pine Bluff; Chris Robinson, choral music, Shreveport, La.;

MASTER OF ARTS: James Robbins, theory and music composition, Hot Springs;

MASTER OF MUSIC EDUCATION: Tillman Byron Blann Jr., choral music, Dermott;

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION: George Baker Jr.; education, Arkadelphia; Janet Benson, social studies, Arkadelphia; Eva Dixon, elementary education, Stephens; Hattie Forehand, social studies, Arkadelphia; Ella Jane Sutley, elementary education, Arkadelphia; Wanda Q. Williams, biology, Arkadelphia.

Mission revival in Minnesota called 'greatest thing ever'



Top row: Virgil Merrell, Fulford Tyson, Bobby Moore (pastor), Claude Yager. Bottom row: Bryan Collins, Dave Killian. Not pictured, Geroge Crone.

First Church, Forrest City, recently sent six of their men with their pastor to conduct a mission revival in Minnetonka, Minn., at Glen Lake Church. There were 20 professions of faith during the week. The men did soul-

winning visitation during the day and gave their testimonies in the evening services. The members of the Glen Lake Church said this mission effort was the greatest thing ever to happen in their church. — Church Reporter.

Paul Roberts takes Louisiana pastorate



Dr. Roberts

Paul Roberts, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, for the past 12½ years, resigned Wednesday of last week to accept a call to the pastorate of University Church, Lake Charles, La.

Dr. Roberts closed out his work

with the Little Rock church last Sunday and will begin his new work as of June 1.

A native of Alvarado, Va., Dr. Roberts is the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Roberts. He was a newspaperman for 14 years before entering the ministry, formerly serving as general manager of the Johnson City (Tenn.) *Chronicle*, a morning newspaper, and *Staff*, an afternoon newspaper.

He received his education at Tennessee State University, Johnson City;

Mars Hill College, N. C.; and University of Richmond, Richmond, Va. He is married to the former Miss Martha Elswick of Johnson City, Tenn. He and Mrs. Roberts have a daughter, Carol, now Mrs. Richard Hill, Little Rock.

Dr. Roberts was pastor of First Church, Lake Charles, La., and president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention at the time of his call to Little Rock First Church. He has served on the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; on the board of trustees of Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; on the executive board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and on various denominational committees.

During his tenure with the Little Rock church, a total of 2800 new members have been received and the church offerings have increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per week. The church has acquired an eight-acre new building site in the Pleasant Valley community of western Little Rock and expects to begin construction of a new church plant in the next few weeks.

LR Ouachita Club plans May 14 luncheon

The annual Dutch-treat luncheon of the Little Rock Ouachita Club will be held May 14 at 12:30 p.m. at Paul's Lamplighter, Mrs. Lance Hanshaw, hostess for the event, has announced.

Co-hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. Homer Moore, Mrs. S. H. Daggett, and Mrs. David White.

Officers for 1971-72 will be installed at the meeting.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. D. B. Allen Jr. at 225-4544, Little Rock.

Missions

Lay movement stresses personal evangelism



Mr. Elliff

It has been my privilege to attend the 11th lay-witnessing clinic of the Home Mission Board Evangelism department. Approximately 300 lay members of the East Point area of Atlanta participated. It was truly exciting.

Our leaders have

carefully studied all the many lay witnessing techniques now being used before putting together our program and materials. Both programs and materials are open-ended. They will be updated and improved constantly.

One thing is clear: personal evangelism will be our emphasis "from now on." High school and college materials (not yet finalized) will have priority since the Lord is working mightily with our young people.

Brother Reed is busily engaged in setting up clinics to train pastors and other leaders. Within 18 months every Southern Baptist pastor will have had opportunity for such training. It is advisable to get the training before trying to use the materials. This may be disappointing since most of us want "instant" action on nearly everything.

Let me urge you to pray for our Southern Baptist Convention leaders. We are moving to the New Testament emphasis on personal evangelism for our major thrust in reaching the world for Christ. Of course, there are so many advantages to using our own Southern Baptist materials and techniques that they are worth waiting for. Literally hundreds of the keenest-minded Baptist laymen are testing and helping write the materials. It is amazing how much more simple laymen can be than preachers! — J. T. Elliff

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Students elect officers, honor layman

Students attending Spring Training Conference at Camp Paron recently elected new state officers, appointed 35 summer missionaries and honored Jimmy Shults of Pine Bluff as "BSU Man of the Year."

Officers are Gary Smith, Arkansas Tech, president; Randy Shipman, Southern Baptist College, vice president; and Denise Lucas, Arkansas State University, secretary-treasurer.

Three students will be serving as summer missionaries outside of the United States. Brendene Jeans, Arkansas State University, will serve in Canada; Becky Hutchison, Arkansas College, in Jamaica; and Henry Robinson, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, in the Bahama Islands.

Eight students are going to individual mission points within the United States. They are Martha Blanchard, Southern State College, California; Dana Bunn, Henderson State College, Minnesota; Ikey Distretti, Arkansas State University, Kansas-Nebraska; Glenda Monk, Arkansas State University, North Dakota; Irma Russell, Arkansas A&M, St. Louis; Sarah Shumpert, Arkansas State University, Virginia; Freddie Smith, Southern Baptist College, Florida; and Cheryl Sorrels, Henderson State College, Illinois.

Working with migrants of the Washington-Oregon area will be C.W. Martin, Arkansas A&M; Diane Carter, Arkansas State University; Alana Fletcher, Henderson State College; Mary Gates, University of Arkansas at Little Rock; Sharon Pegg, Arkansas State University; Randy Harbour, Southern State College; David Humble, Southern Baptist College; Mike McCulley, Arkansas State University; Stephen Midkiff, Southern Baptist College; and Joe Rhodes of Arkansas College.

Participating in a special work project at Beebe will be Emery Oesch, Arkansas State University, and Charles Wright, Arkansas State University at Beebe.

Serving at the Arkansas Children's Home are Sandra Gray, Southern Baptist College; Alice Todd, Arkansas A&M; Danny Jackson, University of Arkansas; and Tommy Monk, Southern Baptist College.

Mr. Schults, president of Oaklawn Farms, is the second recipient of the Student award. The award cited Mr. Schults' faithfulness in his own Baptist congregation, his involvement in community affairs, and his interest in missions.

Students from 19 Arkansas campuses attended the three day meeting.
— Tom J. Logue, Director



ELECTED — Randy Shipman, Southern Baptist College, vice president, Gary Smith, Arkansas Tech, president and Denise Lucas, Arkansas State University, secretary-treasurer.



HONORED — Danny Jackson, BSU President at the University of Arkansas, congratulates Jimmy Shults after the presentation of "BSU Man of the Year" award.

Stewardship conference stresses creation, lordship; not tithes

By Al Shackleford

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)—Southern Baptists need to emphasize the creation of God and the Lordship of Christ rather than the law of the tithe as the basis for their stewardship emphases, a nationwide conference of Baptist leaders was told here by a battery of speakers.

More than 160 pastors, professors, state and Southern Baptist Convention leaders attended the conference at Glorieta Assembly. It was the first such national stewardship conference held in the denomination.

Those attending examined in depth, over a four-day period, "the biblical truths bearing on the Christian's role in the material world" and sought to discover "what should be the response in this economic order."

If suggestions coming out of the conference are followed, there may be a shift in emphasis in Southern Baptist stewardship programs for Baptists to go beyond "the tithe" to a theological understanding of the total stewardship of life and possessions under the Lordship of Christ. There could also be more emphasis on the motivation for stewardship rather than on the amount of monetary contribution.

Cecil Ray, director of stewardship for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said in one of the 14 papers presented that "in the New Testament there is really only one distinctly Christian motive—that is in response to one's love for Christ and others." He also noted that it is easier to present rule of the law than to present the meaning of the Lordship of Christ. "It is simply easier to demand the tithe."

During the conference, four speakers presented independently-prepared papers on the same subject, "The Christian and the Tithe." Although there were some slight differences and understanding of the Christian's relationship to the Old Testament legalistic tithe, all agreed that a Christian's giving under "grace" should exceed giving under the "law."

Jerry Horner, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., stated, "The New Testament nowhere tells us to give less than a tenth and, while taking care to avoid a legalistic system, we should beware lest we fall into a reckless and haphazard system. "Christ did not die on the cross to enable us to give 2 per cent instead of 10 per cent, and the word 'grace is not a cloak of covetousness to do less instead of more.'" Horner said.

Stating that any argument for tithing

in the New Testament is "very weak," Horner said that one-sixth of Jesus' saying dealt with money, but he never mentioned the tithe in his teaching concerning the attitude of a person toward his possessions. "In fact, Jesus mentioned tithing only twice, and both instances were negative pronouncements pertaining to Jewish legalistic piety....

"The scriptures do not give the direct and unambiguous attestation to the tithe that many of its advocates presupposed," Horner said. Jesus made a higher demand than the law of the tithe, expecting his followers to commit all their resources to the service of God, not just a tenth, he added.

Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Church, Nashville, pointed out that though he said little about it, Jesus was a tither. "Even the enemies of Jesus never accused him of not paying tithes," Paschall said. "If he had been neglectful at this point surely they would have exulted in this obvious shortcoming."

Both Paschall and William Hendricks, professor at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, pointed out dangers in over-emphasis of the tithe to the extent that it becomes the end of stewardship rather than a small part of stewardship.

Hendricks listed among such dangers the implication that the tithe is a legal requirement for becoming "Christian," that God will bless a person materially for tithing, that a person pays his full obligation to God by tithing, or that the promise of giving (or withholding the tithe might be used as an economic pressure in the church, especially to control the pulpit.

Brooks Wester, pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., told the conference that tithing is currently a controversial issue in religious circles. "There are those who declare tithing to be an integral part of the Christian life and as required of every Christian. There are others who reject tithing as being Old Testament legalism that leads to a self-righteousness of spirit in the one practicing the tithe," he said.

Wester concluded that tithing can be presented from the biblical message as being a spiritual exercise that honors God in his ownership. "Tithing is basically an act of worship that declares the greatness of God and the work of a man when he is obedient to God," he said.

In the panel that followed, Wester said he was impressed that four men could have worked nearly two years on the same subject and reached similar

positions.

Other papers during the four-day conference dealt with God's relationship to material things in creation and redemption and a Christian's view of material things. Interspersed with the 14 messages were Bible studies and discussion sessions in small groups.

In another major paper, Malcolm Tolbert, professor at New Orleans Seminary, said that Jesus' primary concern in his teachings and attitudes toward material wealth was an emphasis on the danger of worshipping material possessions in a form of idolatry.

"A man can tithe and still be an idolater," Tolbert said. "In fact, his tithing can deepen his idolatry if it relieves him of a sense of responsibility to God for the rest of his possessions."

Tolbert concluded, "The Bible teaches us to love God and people and use material things; however, the common tendency is to love possessions and to exploit God and people."

Jack Taylor, pastor of Castle Hill Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., said that God created things for his glory, man's good and Christ's exaltation.

J. Leo Green, professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., discussed stewardship in relation to creation, saying God created material things to serve his sovereign purpose and to serve the needs of man.

"But man has become the victim of his own victory," Green said. "In dominating creative things, he has become dominated by things."

James Leo Garrett, professor at Southern Seminary, said that whether material things are good or evil may depend on man's usage of them. "Christians as stewards of material things can participate responsively and joyfully in the transformation of material things into spiritual reality through Jesus Christ, his gospel, his spirit, and his church," Garrett said.

Morris Ashcraft, professor at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, urged Baptists to base their stewardship on the belief that God is creator of all. "Since God owns the world and all that is in it, it is highly unlikely that he keeps his ledgers on the basis that 10 per cent is his and 90 per cent is ours," Ashcraft said.

Richard Cunningham, professor at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., stressed that biblical stewardship also requires the Christian to exercise strong leadership responsibility in the use of the funds contributed.

Such responsibility includes efforts by Christians to insure the use of the money efficiently by the local congregation; to make sure the local church does not retain too high a per

cent for its local ministry, and to assure effective and conclusive use of the funds at state and national levels, he said.

Henry Parker, pastor of First Church, Orlando, Fla., added that a part of this responsibility is the Christian's role in society as a citizen and taxpayer. Man's stewardship includes responsibility to deal with the problems of poverty and hunger, war and oppression, graft and dishonesty, and ecology and pollution, Parker said.

The conference grew out of a request made by stewardship secretaries and foundation executives for state conventions and was planned and coordinated by a committee of state secretaries and foundation executives and the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission.

Conference on missions set for St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (BP)—"Laymen in Missions" will be the theme of the Baptist Men's Conference scheduled at Southwest Baptist Church here on Monday, May 31, prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, June 1-3.

Primary purpose of the meeting, according to W. J. Isbell, director of the men's department for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, will be to present ideas on how Baptist laymen can become involved in mission outreach.

The conference will also provide an opportunity for laymen attending the SBC as well as local laymen from the St. Louis area to attend a national Southern Baptist men's conference, Isbell said. Four major addresses will highlight the program, which is scheduled from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on May 31.

Speakers are Jack Stanton, associate director, Evangelism Division, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; James Johnson, a computer expert from Arlington, Tex.; Dr. Timothy Pennell, professor at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N. C.; and Fred Rhodes, deputy administrator of the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.

Texas 'Explo '72'

DALLAS (EP)—A color film produced by the Evangelical Communications Research Foundation here will be released soon to spread the news about the June 12-17, 1972, "Explo '72," to be sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ in Dallas.

Following an opening shot and statement by evangelist Billy Graham, the film provides a visual tour of the city—from Fair Park and the Cotton Bowl, where much of the activities during Explo '72 will take place, to Memorial Auditorium and downtown Dallas.

Nine staffers named as part of New Mexico reorganization

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (BP)—Nine staff members appointed in implementation of a new organization structure have been approved by the State Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico. Seven of the nine appointees had previously been on the staff of the New Mexico convention, with most of them receiving new assignments under the reorganization plan.

Bert Edmison, assistant administrator of the Mexican Baptist Children's Home in San Antonio for the past ten years, was named director of the Division of Special Ministries for the New Mexico convention. He will succeed Walker Hubbard, who is retiring as superintendent of the convention's children's home in Portales, N. M.

Felix Wagner, pastor of Wayside Church, Miami, Fla., was named director of the Division of Mission Ministries. A native of New Jersey, Wagner was pastor of Baptist churches in Oklahoma, and North and South Carolina before taking the Miami church in 1963.

Ed Storm Jr., formerly state Sunday School Secretary for the New Mexico convention, was named director of the Division of Educational Ministries. A native of Indiana, Storm has been on the convention's staff since 1953. His associate in the new division has not yet been named.

Miss Vanita Baldwin, executive secretary of the New Mexico Woman's

Missionary Union since 1961, was named as associate in the Division of Mission Ministries. She is a native of Florida.

C. Eugene Whitlow, editor of the *Baptist New Mexican* and secretary of public relations for the convention since 1967, was appointed director of communication ministries. He is a native of Arkansas.

J. D. Ratliff, executive secretary-treasurer of the New Mexico Baptist Foundation and Church Loan Corp., was named director of the Division of Foundation and Church Loan Ministries. He is a native of New Mexico and former foreign missionary to Peru.

S. M. Mayo, Baptist Student Union director at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, N. M., was given additional responsibilities for directing the BSU program at Western New Mexico University, in Silver City, N. M.

Likewise, Don Wiley, BSU director at University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, was given added responsibility for directing the BSU work at Highlands University, Las Vegas, N. M.

Glenn McCoy, BSU director at Highlands University, was named BSU director at Eastern New Mexico University, Portales.

The appointments were made jointly by the property and personnel committee of the State Mission Board and the executive director of the state convention, with the full board approving.

California Baptists oppose legislation

FRESNO, Calif. (BP)—The executive board of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California adopted resolutions opposing legislation authorizing licensed prostitution in the state, a state lottery or other forms of gambling, and aid to parochial schools through a "voucher system" or any other method.

The board, meeting here, also accepted the resignation of the editor of the California Southern Baptist and adopted a record mission offering goal for 1972.

J. Terry Young resigned as editor of the paper after eight years, effective June 30. He will join the faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The board approved a Cooperative Program goal for 1972 of \$1,460,000, an increase of \$70,000 over the 1971 budget goal. Of the total, 26 percent will go to world mission causes of the Southern

Baptist Convention. Final approval must come from the full convention next fall.

In the resolutions, the board expressed opposition to a bill proposed by Assemblyman LeRoy Greene providing for state licenses for houses of prostitution. Greene said he introduced the measure after a poll of his constituents indicated that 69 per cent of them favor such legalization of prostitution.

The resolutions opposed at least five different measures currently before the state legislature.

The board took note that the California legislature is considering bills "extensively designed to aid parents of children attending private schools (which) in fact channel public funds into parochial schools.

The resolution expressed opposition to "the implementation of any educational voucher system or any other system which would permit the use of public funds either directly or indirectly by private of church-related elementary and secondary schools.

Lynn is appointed to position of System Associate Executive Director



H. T. Lynn

The Board of Trustees of the Baptist Medical Center System has appointed H. T. Lynn to the newly created position of Associate Executive Director. In announcing this appointment, J. A. Gilbreath, Executive Director, stated that Lynn would have management responsibilities for the centralized departments within the Baptist System, as well as responsibilities in the development of the new medical center and its 213-acre campus.

Lynn, a native of Kentucky, came to Baptist in 1958 from Hillcrest Hospital in Waco, Texas. He is a graduate of Baylor University, a Fellow in the College of Hospital Administrators, past-member of the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Hospital Association, and has membership in other professional organizations. He is a member of Immanuel Baptist Church and the Downtown Lions Club.

He is a past member of the National Board of Directors of the Hospital Financial Management Association and has served as a consultant to the University of Michigan School of Industrial Engineering.

The Baptist Medical Center System operates Memorial Hospital, Baptist Medical Center, and is developing a third hospital on property located at the junction of the proposed I-430 and Wilbur Mills Expressway. With the completion of the new hospital, anticipated for the fall of 1973, the System will operate approximately 1,100 beds.

Under the Systems concept, maximum

use is made of centralized services. Planning, development, accounting, public relations, pastoral care, computer, laundry, purchasing, and warehousing are but a few examples of the areas responsible to the System, thereby eliminating the problem of duplication in an effort to improve efficiencies and control costs.

News from the Baptist Medical Center System

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Visitor loses \$100, Found by employee

When a person loses \$100 it's usually "losers weepers, finders keepers," but not for one man who recently visited Baptist Medical Center.

Jimmy B. Loman of Pensacola, Florida was at BMC to visit his father, J. P. "Pitt" Loman of Little Rock who was a patient.

The younger Loman stopped at the Medical Arts Drugstore to buy a package of "Silly Putty" for his three-year-old daughter back in Florida. Apparently a \$100 bill fell out of his wallet when he made the purchase.

L. T. Baltimore, an employee of the Housekeeping Department found the bill and turned it in to Clerks Ralph Jennings and Judy Obergfell.

Mrs. Obergfell remembered the man and they decided that he must have been the one who dropped the money, but they did not know his name or where he had gone.

Meanwhile, Mr. Loman discovered that instead of "Silly Putty" he had purchased modeling clay. He returned to the Drug-

Gifts to BMC

Recent memorial contributions to the Building Fund of Baptist Medical Center were received from the following: Dr. and Mrs. M. D. McClain, in memory of Dr. William Cottrell; Mrs. Merle Ansley, in memory of Dr. Glen Holmies and Mr. C. H. Peach, Jr.; Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Scruggs, in memory of Mr. H. P. Maddox, Jr.; and, in memory of Mr. Garland Harp, contributions were received from: Betty Byers, Cleo Selph, Mary Harris, Mary Jane Wilson, Mary Jane Soderlund, Connie Bain, Margie House, Pat Thomas, Sharon Simpson, Martha Wiedower, Marie Klein, and Marilyn Logan. Also in memory of Mr. Garland Harp, contributions were made to the Coronary Care Unit of BMC by: Rosemary Finley, Maxine Lawhon, Diana Huddleston, Shirley Perry, Estelle Kusepert, Iva Jackson, Lynne Reed, Nancy Hughes, Carmine Brannon, Ruth Thompson, and Marion Adkins.

store and was recognized by Mrs. Obergfell.

When he was asked if he had lost anything, Mr. Loman checked his wallet and discovered the loss.

The money was returned to its rightful owner and he left for Florida, convinced that Arkansas has some very honest people.

Three receive new positions

A reorganization and creation of three new departments in the Baptist Medical Center System has been announced by Associate Executive Director H. T. Lynn.

The departments were formerly sections of the Administrative Services Department but will now become individual departments and the managers of these areas have been elevated to Department Head status. Departments included in the change are:

Department of Computer Services, Don Moore, Director; Department of Accounting Services, Allen Smith, Director; and Department of Management Systems, Kent Olson, Director.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWSMAGAZINE

PLAY HOSPITAL

OVER 5,000 CHILDREN HAVE VISITED
THIS UNIQUE BMC AUXILIARY PROJECT

Play Hospital, in its eighth year of conducting make-believe tonsillectomies, has shown over 5,000 children what it's like to go to the hospital. The hour-long program, presented by the Baptist Medical Center Auxiliary, takes a child through a series of make-believe steps and shows him how a patient is admitted, taken to his room, prepared for surgery, taken to the operating room and, after recovery, released from the hospital.

The basic idea behind Play Hospital is to eliminate a child's fears by showing him exactly what will happen and explaining the reasons for each act. After a child knows what is in store, it is much easier for him to accept his hospitalization.

The children in the five year old classes of kindergartens from throughout the area are invited to attend as a unit. There are three sessions of Play Hospital each day and each session will have from 30 to 100 children. The activity is held for one week in the fall and one week in the spring, each year. More than 1500 children will visit during 1971.

When a kindergarten group arrives at Play Hospital, three children are selected to play the mother, father, and patient. As the rest of the children watch, they are taken to a pretend admission office, ride a make-believe elevator, and are taken to their room. In their room (which is the stage area of the meeting room) they are weighed, given a gown, and put to bed. During this procedure, a volunteer in a nurse's uniform explains to the children the routine involved in preparing for an operation. The laboratory technician visits the "patient" and explains why she needs a sample of his blood. She pricks her finger and shows how the blood is drawn up into a tube. The nurse then tells the children what the various instruments such as the otoscope (the doctor uses it to look into your ears) are used for in the examination.

A make-believe doctor then visits the patient, looks at his throat, and tells him his tonsils need to be taken out. The "patient" is then taken on a carriage to the make-believe operating room where more volunteers dressed as nurses show the children what happens. They explain how the anesthetic is administered and tell them that there is nothing to be afraid of when the mask



ABOVE — Every patient who enters the hospital is given a blood test. The lab technician and nurse demonstrate how this is done.

is placed over their face. They also explain that the operating room staff wears green uniforms and caps and masks to protect them from germs.

After the pretend operation, the child is wheeled back to the area of the stage that serves as his room. He is shown a tray of snacks which he is allowed to eat while recovering. After a simulated night, the make-believe doctor visits the patient for a post-operative examination.

After the examination is complete, the "doctor" announces that the "patient" is ready to go home. He then gets out of the bed and gets to ride in a wheel chair as he is discharged from the hospital.

Before the children leave, each child is given a sack especially prepared by the Auxiliary with mementos of their visit to Play Hospital. This includes a balloon, tongue depressor, hospital straw, surgical mask, and other items.

Each year, more and more children visit Play Hospital and come away with a feeling that the hospital is not the scary place that they thought it was. The Baptist Medical Center Play Hospital serves an important role in reducing the post-operative trauma in children.



ABOVE — The students line up outside the hospital's Student Union Building. The second floor of the building has been turned into a mock hospital for the week. When they enter the building they will be greeted by a

volunteer and three of the children will be selected to play mother, father and patient. After a brief explanation of the purpose of a hospital the children are led upstairs and seated.

Ethiopian newspaper praises Baptist missionaries' work

ADDIS ABEBA, Ethiopia (BP)—The largest circulation English-language newspaper in Ethiopia has published an article by an Ethiopian newsman commending the work of Southern Baptist missionaries in Ethiopia for their emphasis on helping people help themselves.

In an article in the Ethiopian Herald, Melaku Kifle examined the work of Southern Baptist missionaries in the highlands of the Menz District. There the missionaries are working among people faithful to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

He asked: "How can missionaries from the West work with an indigenous church in Africa which is traditionally Christian without undermining her authority and structure?"

Answering his own question, Kifle said: "The Baptists working in the highlands of Menz are, by no means, missionaries in the classic mould. They are 'laymen abroad' who are indeed of a different type...Their emphasis is on self-help, self-sustained growth, and ultimate self-sufficiency."

Kifle pointed out that the mission team operating in the remote highlands of his country is organized to meet the specific needs of "a community steeped in tradition who live by farming and who lack basic health care."

The Southern Baptist agriculturalist missionary is experimenting with a variety of crops and trees which might grow in the area, Kifle continued, and the mission veterinarian plans to see if better breeds of animals can be produced.

The team physician is trying to set up throughout the highlands health centers where he can treat and refer patients. Toward this end, the Baptist mission built and equipped a health center at Mehal Meda and turned it over to the government. The clinic now belongs to the community.

"The Baptist Mission from all apparent circumstances perceive very well what their purpose should be," said Kifle. They want to be of use to the people for a limited amount of time—only as long as it takes to teach these people the knowledge and skills which will improve their way of life and give them greater self-sufficiency.

"In short, they are working themselves out of a job," he said. To become entrenched in an area, to foster in the community a dependency upon the mission, to force their authority and structure upon an alien culture—these would be "false and dangerous goals which would work against the good of all concerned."

The aspect of Baptist work which "amazed and gratified" Kifle is the level of Baptist cooperation with the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Menz.

"At no point have they interfered with the traditional church structure in the area," he said, "Rather, they have used it as a base of support for their own special work in the community."

The missionaries are teaching Orthodox deacons to weave rugs, and they attempt to work out through the church fathers in Menz any problems with the people. The prevailing attitude is that "we are all Christians and, therefore, we can all work together in Christian fellowship," Kifle noted.

Recognizing that Southern Baptists are a strongly evangelical people, he asks: "How can these people fulfill their special mission to bear witness to Christ?"

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By Russell Raymond Vorhees



DOING something for others is learned by many people early in life. This precept is not confined to boys and girls or even to adults. In the great world of animals, birds, and insects, one finds living creatures which continually do something for others of the natural world. Often the kindness they render to others is the result of their search for food for themselves.

The king crow is a well-known bird found in India. It feeds on insects. These birds have found that insects are often on the cattle roaming in the fields and pastures. Thus, the sight of king crows searching for insects on the backs of the cattle is common in India. The birds get something to eat and at the same time they render a service to the cattle by removing insects that annoy.

Another much smaller bird, known as the crocodile bird, is found in the valley of the Nile River. Crocodiles also are plentiful there. Often one sees these crocodile birds on the backs of crocodiles. They are picking parasites and insects from the bodies of the reptiles.

More than that, these birds go right into the mouths of the crocodiles. They pick bits of food from between the teeth and from the tongues of the crocodiles. The crocodiles apparently know the birds are friends doing a kindly act for them. No harm comes to these birds.

Ants are known for their well-organized colonies. Not so well known is the fact that one kind of agricultural ant has developed specialized workers which are known as soldiers. These soldier ants have enlarged jaws. They do nothing but crack seeds for the other ants to eat. This is a specialized and organized group that does something for others.

Ants seem to have other humanitarian instincts by which they do something for others. When an ant is injured, the news of the injury to one of their own is passed along to the ant colony. Immediately there is a rush of ants to the spot where a fellow ant lies injured.

If the injured ant is partly buried, the ants set to work at a rapid pace to remove the debris. If the injured ant has fallen into a hole, the other ants carefully lift out the injured one and put him on safe ground. If the injured ant needs food, this is rushed to him. Heavier bits of food are carried to the injured ant by a company of other ants.

The vizcacha is a large rodent or gnawing animal found on the vast, treeless plains of South America. It belongs to the chinchilla family. It is a burrowing animal that digs its way into the plains where it goes when danger threatens.

Groups of these animals assemble on the pampas, as the treeless plains are called. To guard against an attack by their enemies, they post a sentry to warn the others of approaching dangers.

The hermit crab is a strange and interesting fellow. He is born in the sea but without a protecting shell. The first thing he does after birth is to come out of the sea and begin to search along the shore for a discarded shell. Usually there are many shells whose inhabitants have died.

When the hermit crab finds a shell that looks about right, he backs into it if possible. If it fits, he keeps it as his shell for the time being. As he grows, he outgrows his shell just as boys and girls outgrow their clothes. When that happens, the hermit crab must start another search to find a larger shell that will fit him. Finding it, he discards the one he is outgrowing and uses the newly found shell.

Often sea anemones have fastened themselves to the surfaces of the shells. These plants live on the remains of the hermit crab's food.

The sea anemones have a sting which protects hermit crabs from attacks by small crustaceans. These are a group of water animals with hard shells and jointed bodies. The hermit crab and the sea anemones clinging to the shell used by the crab thus form a sort of doing-something-for-others society.

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SOMETHING FOR OTHERS

Deaths

In this column will be reported deaths (not obituaries) of members of Arkansas Baptist State Convention churches. Those reporting deaths should do so promptly. Give name, age, date of death, name of church, position.

Azor T. Osburn, 55, Stuttgart, May 8. He was an implement salesman and a member of First Church.

J. Edgar Parrott, 77, editor and owner of the *Tuckerman Record* for 35 years, April 24. He served as a deacon, church clerk and church treasurer of First Church, and was Sunday School superintendent for 35 years.

Mark Partin, 49, a member of Levy Church, North Little Rock, May 5. He owned a sheet metal company.

Everett Skelton, 67, Fayetteville, May 1. He was a retired vice president of First National Bank of Fayetteville, and a deacon in University Church.

Clinton F. Dehls, 82, Cord, April 5. He was a deacon at Cord Church and a retired farmer.

James Edward Ryan, 59, Little Rock, May 3. He was a member of First Church.

The bookshelf

Science and the Bible, by Bolton Davidheiser, Baker, 1971, \$3.95

The author catalogs many "facts" of science and chronicles many unscientific methods utilized by some scientists to "prove pre-conceived theories."

Let's Know the Bible, by John W. Cawood, Revell, 1971, \$3.95

The author is chairman of the Doctrine and Pastoral Studies department of Philadelphia College of Bible. He presents "a concise presentation of the exact meaning of the Bible, clear, reverent, and wonderfully readable."

What Is the Man?, by David A. Redding, Word, 1970, \$4.50

"What is the man?" is asked of 20 well-known biblical and historical figures and answered in the stories of their lives. Though all were different, Mr. Redding emphasizes, all shared one unifying characteristic: they were men of God.

The Third World and Mission, by Dennis E. Clark, Word, 1971, \$3.95

Drawing on his own experiences in overseas mission service, Mr. Clark insists that it is time to take a fresh look at today's world mission scene. "Whatever moral superiority Western Christendom may have shown in the past does not exist now in the minds of thinkers in the Asian, African, and Latin American nations of the Third World," he declares.

Dennis J. Poret, 28, Little Rock, May 1. He was a member of Second Church.

Mrs. Frances Funston Brumfield, Little Rock, May 1. She was a member of Second Church and an employee of the State Health Department.

Jehovah's Witnesses report increases

TULSA (EP)—As many church groups decline, the members and contributions of the Jehovah's Witnesses¹ sect are increasing here. Both are up 10 per cent in the north-central Oklahoma area, according to Lester M. Dugan, district supervisor.

Dugan made the announcement at the opening of a three-day circuit convention at Edison High School here.

He said the number of Jehovah's Witnesses actually engaging in the house-to-house ministry each month in the circuit had increased 10 per cent to 100,228. The number of full-time ministers rose 18 per cent, to 65.

The Letters of John, by Dale Moody, Word, 1970, \$3.95

This commentary by this Southern Baptist Seminary professor is written for use as a textbook—by the inquiring reader-student and by small groups for study and discussion.

A Fool at Forty, by George Patterson, Word, 1970, \$4.95

Mr. Patterson did what many must have thought was a foolish thing when he settled his wife and children in rented quarters and, at age 40, went off with a television film crew to one of the most inaccessible spots on earth. This is a thrilling report of what happened on that round.

Faith Under Fire, by Donald B. Strobe, Word, 1969, \$4.50

The fault with our Christian faith today is not in our faith but in a feeble commitment to our faith, declares Author Strobe. "We have the right words, but the world will not listen," he says. "It will not believe that Christ is the central point of reference for all mankind until it begins to see our creeds translated into deeds, our good intentions translated into intentional goodness, our resolutions translated into revolutions and our 'Good News' translated into new goodness." This book looks into the future of the church and finds new directions for its ministry in a changing world order.

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ZONDERVAN



God's love for people

By Vester E. Wolber

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In earlier portions of the book, Hosea repeatedly thought of God as a faithful husband and Israel as a cheating wife, but in the opening of the passage marked off for this study God is portrayed as a loving Father and Israel as disobedient children.

Divine love versus human rebellion (11:1-2)

1. God's love for Israel anticipated their establishment as a nation. During the childhood of the race, while the children of Israel were in Egypt as slaves, the Lord loved them and called them.

When individual Israel (Jacob) was an aged man, God directed him to take his family to Egypt; but when collective Israel (the children of Israel) was yet in her childhood, God called them out of Egypt. Their departure from Egypt marked the first beginning of national Israel, but the people actually became a nation when the covenant was ratified between them and the Lord.

2. Although God in love kept calling his people unto himself, they kept going away from him. In departing from the Lord, the children of Israel were spurning his love. They disregarded their covenant with him and despised his love for them. In the contractual love between God and Israel, most of the love was flowing in one direction. Israel did not return God's love, and did not really accept and treasure God's love for them.

3. Man is a loving creature, and if he does not love God he will expend his love in some other direction: he will love himself excessively, or material values, power, or prominence. In the case in question the people of Israel channeled their love toward Baal gods.

God's tender loving care (11:3)

The sin of Israel was sin against love. Continuing the father-child imagery, the Lord reminds Israel that it was he who taught the nation how to walk. In the youthful days of Israel's history — in the wilderness experiences — God tenderly cared for his people.

(1) He carried them in his arms as a father carries a small child that can't walk fast, or far, or long. (2) He healed their hurts and treated their bruises. They were not aware that it was the Lord who healed them, and often they attributed their health and prosperity to Baal.

(3) He led them in love and compassion, ever concerned with their wellbeing. (4) God adjusted their yokes and eased their discomforts. Finally (5)

he stooped to feed them — a most apt description of divine condescension to meet man's needs on his own level. The ultimate expression of this stooping of God was in the Incarnation of Christ.

Disciplinary judgment (11:5-7)

The prophet foresaw the captivity and deportation to other lands. The rebellious nation had violated its covenant relationship with God and had moved in headstrong rebellion so far away from him that the Lord had already determined to let the people be carried away. He had only to withdraw his protective hand and permit the movements of history to engulf them.

The prophet's justification for their punishment was that (1) the people of Israel were bent on turning away from God, and (2) they refused to return unto him despite the warning from the prophets and despite the warning judgments from God. Therefore (3) they were to be devoured in warfare and "appointed to the yoke."

Love that will not let go (11:8-9)

Hosea had discovered that his love for Gomer was unconditional, so that he could not give her up; and it was through his love that would not give up that he discovered God's unyielding love for his people. He understood God to say "How can I give you up, O Ephraim! How can I hand you over, O Israel!"

1. The love of God does not forestall his justice, but it does tinge his judgment with mercy so that it is redemptive. He condemns that he may redeem; He chastizes that he may forgive.

2. The text says that in compassion the heart of God recoils within him. The expression does not mean that there is an inner conflict within God, but that in compassion God suffers over the plight of his people. It was this vicarious suffering of God that moved him to redeem through Christ.

3. The text also says compassion is an attribute of God and not a characteristic attribute of men: men have only that degree of compassion which they get from God. John wrote that we love because God first loved us (1 John 4:19): he would also agree that we have compassion for other people because God first had compassion for us.

It is because God is God, the Holy one of Israel that he cannot destroy without

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Hosea 11:1-9; 14:1, 4-6

mercy. Compassion is the normal expression of the holiness of God.

The promised return (14:1,4-6)

The prophet foresees a return unto the Lord by his people. God promises to heal their unfaithfulness and to love them freely. The conversion experience brings about in one a spirit of obedience and love. The Lord promises to heal their character, love them as his own, and bring them to prosperity and joy.

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A nation in the hand of God

By C. W. Brockwell, Jr.

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During a testimonial service we were discussing how a Christian should handle a crisis in his life. Nearly everyone spoke about praying, turning to a friend, reading the Bible or staying completely calm. But one experienced saint blurted out the truth we all wanted to admit. He related a personal experience and said "I just went all to pieces!"

Jeremiah is believable because there was no pretense in his heart. This series is really more like a journey into the soul of a man of God. There are many surprises but there is certainly no generation gap. It is as if he were our contemporary.

Judah's problem

Standing in the shadow of Sinai, a group of ex-slaves heard God predict: "If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation" (Ex. 19: 5-6). The people became permanently intoxicated with those words. They never forgot the promise God made. So much did they hold God to his promise that they completely overlooked the moral condition of obedience. No matter how bleak things looked, they consistently believed God would overlook their sins. Many of their kinfolk are still around today.

Jeremiah's problem

Jeremiah was pro-Josiah and anti-Jehoiakim. He could appreciate Josiah's sincere effort to turn the nation back to God even though most of the religious devotion deteriorated into patriotic zeal. But Jehoiakim's attitude toward God turned him off. Jeremiah felt alone, unwanted and puzzled.

Was God still in control? Why did he let Josiah die so young? Why would a sovereign God permit a man like Jehoiakim to undo all the good Josiah had done? Jeremiah just could not see God at work any more.

God's problem

God sees all, knows all, rules over all. His only problem is communication with his creatures who see nothing, know nothing, and generally make a mess of everything they touch. Yet he gives man a large degree of control over his own life.

Jeremiah must be shown the invisible hand of God at work in a bad situation. Judah must be shown the true conditions under which God will bless any people. God will never be the unconditional ally of any nation

regardless of their moral conduct.

Judah's solution

As soon as Jeremiah raised his voice in protest over her sin, Judah tried to shut him up. "Get him out of here," they screamed at each other. "We have our own priests and wise men—we don't need his advice."

Judah never saw her real problem. So her solution was not even close to the truth. No one has ever been spared God's judgment by silencing a prophet. A church may criticize, ostracize, or penalize her pastor (for any number of justifiable reasons) but if she silences him, the truth of what he speaks remains.

Judah had her mind made up and Jeremiah only muddled the stream. God was on her side and that was that!

Jeremiah's solution

"Beat the tar out of them, God!" Jeremiah was stunned and deeply hurt by the rejection of his own people. Did they think he enjoyed telling the truth about his own country? Did they believe he only wanted to stir up trouble?

"Let their children starve to death and let the sword pour out their blood! Let their wives be widows and be bereft of all their children! Let their men die in epidemics and their youths die in battle" (Jer. 18:21—*Living Psalms and Proverbs*).

Jeremiah spoke out of disappointment and bitterness, to be sure, but it was far more than a personal vendetta. It was the cry of a mortal man to the Eternal God to not let his enemies run over him and defeat his purpose. The only trouble with Jeremiah and ourselves today is that we cannot see far enough ahead. So we panic.

God's solution

First, God let Jeremiah discover the truth for himself. Jeremiah had no doubt seen the potter at work often. But only now did he make a connection between the potter's task and God's. The truth was so startling to him that he broadcast it to the people of Judah. So God permitted Jeremiah to blanket his people with what really were comforting words—words of great joy to a repentant people.

Now when Judah waxed cold and Jeremiah waxed hot, a spiritual thunderstorm erupted. Again, God let Judah express herself and Jeremiah himself. God, though almighty, will not suppress his servant's struggle with reality. Later, Judah would see the folly

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of her ways and plead forgiveness. Jeremiah would feel compassion for his spiritually blinded people and bring them great encouragement.

But that is another story.

'PK's' not rebels, says college poll

NASHVILLE (EP)—Children of clergy men are not rebelling against society or their families when they reach college, a poll indicates.

Taken recently among college-age children of Presbyterian and Disciples of Christ ministers in Texas, the study indicates on the other hand that these children find some areas of disagreement with their upbringing.

"They rate their attitudes as more liberal than their parents," according to poll taker Houston Hodges, executive for the campus ministry of the United Campus Christian Life Committee of the United Methodist Church.

"The children said they felt they were more liberal than their parents and perhaps slightly more liberal than their classmates," Hodges said.

Focuses attention on primary mission

FT. WORTH (BP)—If the church in America degenerates, it will be judged by something worse than Communism, an evangelist from India told an audience at Southwestern Seminary here.

Akbar Abdul-Haqq, associate evangelist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, compared the Christian church in America today to the degenerate church in Europe of the Middle Ages.

"Just as a degenerate church in Europe of another day was brought under the judgment of invading Moslem hordes and plunged into the Dark Ages, so the Christian church today that gets sidetracked from its primary mission is in danger of judgment," Haqq said. He defined the primary mission of the church as prayer and ministry of the Word.

The Indian minister warned the church of today against attempting to become another United Nations or Peace Corps. "We have some other responsibilities, but we must not lose sight of our primary task," he said. "The church has a great task, for the church is the place God has chosen to shake hands with man through Jesus Christ," he said.

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A smile or two



Cathy Joachim

"Of course your father was a snake in the grass... what else?"

Enough to Make Him Stop?

A gentleman on a bus was smoking a foul-smelling cigar. Turning to the little lady sitting next to him, he asked, "My smoking won't bother you, will it?"

"No," she replied, "not if my getting sick won't bother you."

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Does the going seem a little easier lately? Better check. You just might be going downhill.

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Or Maybe Five

Father: "Did I hear the clock strike three when you came home last night?"

Son: "Yes, Dad. It was going to strike eleven, but I stopped it so it wouldn't wake you up."

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Although unpaid bills are by no means rare, they are, nevertheless, collectors' items.

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A neat trick

A traveling salesman had just purchased the last sleeping-car reservation and was leaving the ticket window. An elderly woman rushed up and cried. "I have to get on that train. It's a matter of life or death."

Always gallant, the salesman turned over his ticket to the distraught woman. That night his wife received a telegram: "Delayed unavoidably. Have given berth to an old lady."

Large offering goes to burglars

An unusually large offering Sunday at First Church, Little Rock, resulted in a big haul for burglars who broke open the church safe that night. An estimated \$5,000 was taken as a drill was used to open the safe.

The amount was unusually large because of an increased attendance due to Mothers Day and because it was the last service with Pastor Paul Roberts, who has resigned to take a Louisiana pastorate.

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P-R Man, No Doubt

After a speech a famous lecturer, noted for his tact, was approached by a little white-haired woman who told him how much she had enjoyed his talk. "I take the liberty to speak to you," she admitted, "because you said you loved old ladies."

"I do, I do," was the gallant reply, "and I also like them your age, my dear."

Attendance report

May 2, 1971

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adn.
Alexander, First	51	26	
Banner, Mt. Zion	31		
Berryville			
First	146	47	2
Freeman Heights	123	41	3
Rock Springs	98		
Booneville, First	285	227	
Blytheville, Calvary	244		
Camden, First	429	86	
Charleston, North Side	88	52	
Cherokee Village Mission	116	25	4
Crossett			
First	497	139	3
Mt. Olive	275	156	1
Dumas, First	257	63	1
El Dorado			
Ebenezer	128	34	
Temple	47	30	1
Forrest City, First	503	191	
Ft. Smith			
First	1222	516	11
Grand Avenue	735	235	12
Moffett Mission	27		
Haven Heights	260	137	3
Gentry, First	179	84	
Hampton, First	129	77	1
Hardy, First	46	22	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	201	42	
Helena, First	263	91	
Hope, First	443	144	4
Hot Springs			
Mtn. Valley	74	40	
Lakeshore Heights	117	35	
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	128	58	
First	394	116	1
Marshall Road	382	138	
Jonesboro			
Central	456	144	
Nettleton	264	112	2
Lake Hamilton	84	19	1
Lincoln, First	164	50	4
Little Rock			
Geyer Springs	682	249	1
Life Line	651	180	2
Luxora, First	57	23	
Magnolia, Central	672	200	6
Marked Tree, First	189	74	2
Melbourne			
Belview	122	76	2
First	158	64	
Monroe	75	15	
Monticello			
Northside	117	83	4
Second	43	26	
North Little Rock			
Calvary	360	131	1
Central	232	50	
Gravel Ridge	176	87	
Levy	451	145	4
Sixteenth Street	47	44	
Park Hill	774	165	4
Paragould, East Side	259	121	4
Paris, First	357	75	1
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	218	84	21
East Side	189	89	1
First	716	145	3
Green Meadows	57	22	
Second	197	74	2
Springdale			
Berry Street	125	50	
Elmdale	458	140	
Mission	20		
First	693	182	2
Strong, First	146	69	1
Texarkana, Beech Street	461	112	
Trumann, Corner's Chapel	96	67	
Van Buren, First	355	120	
Mission	43		
Vandervoort, First			
Warren	43	32	
Immanuel	245	81	
Westside	81	56	3
West Memphis			
Calvary	235	100	
Vanderbilt Avenue	99	53	

Capital punishment process upheld by Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Supreme Court upheld in two combined cases the procedures used by juries to impose capital punishment in the 38 states which presently allow the death penalty.

In so doing, the court said: "In light of history, experience and the present limitations of human knowledge, we find it quite impossible to say that committing to the untrammelled discretion of the jury the power to pronounce life or death in capital cases is offensive to anything in the Constitution."

Justice John Marshall Harlan delivered the 42-page opinion, settled by a six-to-three vote of the court. Justices William Joseph Brennan Jr., William O. Douglas and Thurgood Marshall dissented.

Still not settled by the court is the question whether the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution, with its ban on "cruel and unusual punishment," forbids the death penalty under any circumstances. The court has not indicated when, or if, it will rule on several cases asking for such a ruling on appeal before the Supreme Court.

The main question before the court in *McGautha v. California* and *Crampton v. Ohio* was to decide "whether the federal Constitution proscribes the present procedures" for sentencing done by juries in capital cases.

Both *McGautha* and *Crampton*, the two claimants, said that "absence of standards to guide the jury's discretion on the punishment issue is constitutionally intolerable." Both were sentenced to death for first-degree murders.

In upholding the rights of juries to determine their own procedures in imposing the death penalty, the court said that the states "are entitled to assume that jurors confronted with the truly awesome responsibility of decreeing death for a fellow human will act with due regard for the consequences of their decision and will consider a variety of factors . . ."

For a court to attempt to catalog the appropriate factors in this elusive area, the opinion continued, "could inhibit rather than expand the scope of consideration, for no list of circumstances would ever be really complete. The infinite variety of cases and facets to each case would make general standards either meaningless 'boiler-plate' or a statement of the obvious that no jury would need."

Justice Brennan, in a 64-page dissent, said that the court, in these two decisions, was faced with "nothing

more than stark legislative abdication.

"Not once in the history of this court, until today, have we sustained against a due process challenge such an unguided, unbridled, unreviewable exercise of naked power," he said. Almost a century ago, the court found an almost identical California procedure constitutionally inadequate to license a laundry, he added.

"Today we hold it adequate to license a life," Brennan said, declaring that he would reverse the death sentences for both claimants.

Brennan continued that the court's opinion "rests upon nothing more solid than its inability to imagine any regime of capital sentencing other than that which presently exists."

According to Citizens Against Legalized Murder, a New York-based organization, there are 648 prisoners, including seven women, presently on death row. There are 99 in California, 78 in Florida, 43 in Texas and Louisiana, 42 in Ohio, and the remaining 343 in 33 other states.

New Baptist church uses Jewish temple

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (EP)—Sounds from the Temple Emanu-El are often the strains of an old Baptist hymnal, because of an experiment in brotherhood.

For the four months of its existence, the Baptist Church of the Covenant here has met in the Jewish temple. The church was formed when some 300 members of Birmingham's First Baptist Church walked out in protest over the church's refusal to admit a Negro and her daughter to membership.

"Of all the groups that have responded to the plight of the people who left the First Baptist Church, the Jewish community has been the most solicitous," J. Herbert Gilmore, pastor of the new Baptist congregation, told Associated Press.

He explained the reason: "These people know what prejudice, suffering and discrimination is all about. They've lived with it for centuries."

Mrs. Winifred Bryant is a charter member of the new church. She, with her 12-year-old daughter, Twila, were refused membership in the all-white First Baptist Church here after being attracted to the church through a neighborhood tutoring program it sponsored. Two more blacks have been given membership and three others have applied.

Transfusion saves Jehovah's Witness

SEATTLE (EP)—Superior Court here ordered blood transfusions for a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect who was dying.

Jerry Myer McClintock, 24, is improving from a close brush with death after the law blocked his father's order not to give the young man blood from the hospital bank at Providence Hospital.

Physicians said McClintock had the lowest blood count known to them, lower than any recorded in medical literature. The patient, hospitalized for a bleeding ulcer, was suffering from pneumonia.

Bookstore picketed for 'obscene' stock

GREENVILLE, S. C. (EP)—Nine women, five lay preachers and an ordained minister picketed the Carolina Bookstore here trying to close it. The group continued its "preach-a-thon" in front of the store, declaring that it is not fit for business because of its offensive stock of reading.

A circuit court judge is considering an appeal from the bookstore owners of an order by city council to revoke the business license on grounds that obscene materials are sold at the store.

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