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My spiritual magna carta

Across one end of my study, Mrs. McDonald has arranged a display of one of my prideful collections of the years—my diplomas, certificates, etc. I suppose there is nothing in that exhibit, including diplomas from college and seminary and an honorary doctorate that I value above my diploma from Russellville (Ark.) High School.

You see, I was a dropout from high school. The ninth grade was as far as our school went, at London. And when I finished that, neither my family nor I had the wherewithal for me to go on to Russellville High, eight miles to the east and the nearest senior high school.

I had given up ever going on and had grown what seemed to me to be quite old before I finally got together enough do-ra-mi to enter the tenth grade—in *March* of the school year of 1926, at the tender age of 18½! So I was 20½ when I clasped that big RHS diploma to my breast, as a member of the graduating class of 1928.

Aside from the fact that my high school diploma represents so much overcoming of seemingly hopeless situations, I value it for yet another reason. In my quest for an education, it was basic. It represented the great and necessary foundation for the rest of my formal education, including four years of college and three years for the standard course at seminary.

But even above my high school diploma I value my spiritual magna carta. There is no copy of this on my wall, but in my heart. And you, and you, and you have copies of it in books and countless millions of you, in your hearts. Here it is:

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings.

As new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby . . . —1 Peter 1:23-2:2.

Spiritually, this is the rock foundation on which I have built and am, with the Lord's help, building my life for time and eternity.

Erwin L. McDonald

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GOALS of \$4 million have been set in the fund raising campaign for Arkansas Baptists' two schools. The proposal came out of a meeting of the Steering Committee for the Higher Education Development program, held last week. See page 8.

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A DIRECTOR for the development program was appointed by the committee last week, also. See page 9 for a biographical sketch on this Blytheville businessman and layman.

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CHURCH STAFF members and Sunday School workers are urged to attend an "Outreach Institute" in April. See page 10 for the facts and a registration form.

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FIVE MISSIONARIES have been named by the SBC Home Mission Board. They are listed on page 15.

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A master stroke

The success of the Convention's Steering committee in securing the services of Alvin (Bo) Huffman Jr. to direct the Higher Education Development program is a master stroke. (For story and personality sketch of Mr. Huffman, see elsewhere in this issue.)

Mr. Huffman is ideally qualified for the assignment he now assumes. He has had a lifetime of remarkable achievements in business. He has demonstrated superb leadership in civic and community affairs. And, what is particularly pertinent he has served long and well and in many strategic positions in his church—First, Blytheville—and in his denomination, both in Arkansas and in the nation.

Mr. Huffman's basic concept of Christianity as involving total life commitment to Christ is a solid rock on which to build. His spiritual perspective is an inspiration.

In search of truth

The February issue of *People*, a leisure-reading magazine published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, dared to carry opposing viewpoints on the topic, "What about Abortion?" A Tennessee lawmaker, Kenneth W. Crocker, representative from Gibson County, was so impressed that he secured copies to mail to all members of the Tennessee House of Representatives.

Crocker, a deacon and assistant Sunday School teacher in First Church, Bradford, Tenn., wrote his fellow legislators: "Two viewpoints are presented with vigor from a Christian base. You will find the article helpful personally, I believe, as you face such legislation."

Different viewpoints from a Christian base.

A perennial issue

The question, Evangelism or social action?, seems never to be settled. For sometime now most preachers speaking on the subject have been saying that it is not a matter of one or the other, but of both.

Evangelist Leighton Ford of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association spoke wisely, we believe, in something he said the other day before a seminar at the New York conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. Said Mr. Ford:

Although the goals for the fund raising campaigns will not be voted on by the Convention until next November, now that they have been proposed—\$3 million for Ouachita and \$1 million for Southern College—the work program can become more definite and concrete.

Already the emphasis on the Cooperative Program, to continue throughout this year, is bearing fruit as numerous churches are reporting increases in giving and in the percentage of their budgets being channeled through this world mission channel of support.

We believe that Chairman W. O. Vaught Jr., of the Steering committee, was speaking prophetically when he said the other day that this period in the history of Arkansas Baptists bids fair to be one of the greatest.

How does that strike our ears? But how often it happens that devout Christians quote Scriptures to bolster opposing arguments. We ran into that here in Arkansas recently on the question of capital punishment.

Christians should always be big enough to search for truth, regardless of whether what is uncovered in such a quest builds up or tears down personal attitudes and/or prejudices. Surely looking at both sides of a controversial matter is the Christian thing to do. One thing we feel is less than Christian. That is for one professing Christian to brand another profession Christian as being lost and without hope because of a failure to agree on some controversial issue not even related to the plan of salvation.

"As Christians, our first priority must be evangelism, provided it is evangelism of the right kind."

Evangelism, he said, "must not be narrow, parochial, shallow, unrelated to the great ethical, cultural and social realities of our day. Rather, it must tie the Christian way of salvation together with the Christian way of life. Too often we have been content with an evangelism that has changed neither men nor society. A decision for Christ that does not produce a disciple of Christ is a fraud."

To answer a question

Rev. James L. Pleitz, former pastor of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, now pastor of the very fine First Church, Pensacola, Fla., complimented the executive secretary with this thoughtful letter:

February 15, 1971

Dear Friend:

Several of your articles in recent weeks have been most helpful. I'll have to say your article entitled "Growing Up Is Difficult" was one of your best! You gave me enough facts and inspiration in this paragraph to preach a sermon, friend. Keep it up!



DR. ASHCRAFT

Upon receiving such a fine letter I immediately gave this answer:

February 22, 1971

Dear Brother Pleitz:

If I can get some few other subjects off my mind I want to use the column for a series on "leadership." This would run many weeks and I hope to do it.

Your favorable comment encourages me. You, of course, can easily detect that I am preaching to myself in this column.

This answers a question. Many pastors and writers are often asked, "Was your sermon (or editorial) directed straight to me? Were you singling me out for a special message?"

Most preachers and writers are indeed preaching to themselves in their sermons or editorials. Only out of the deep human problems in one person's life may good answers come to the lives of other people. The prophet is identified with humanity and cannot disclaim his kinship with the human race.

God most often calls the person with the most problems, most weaknesses and who is the most human of them all into the ministry. This is wisely done so our leaders may be touched by common infirmities of all even as our Lord, and that divine power may be perfected through human weakness (II Cor. 12:9-10).

The executive secretary is a man acquainted with griefs and sorrows, is human in more respects than he is divine, has many weak places in his armor and has feet of clay. In the climate of his own problems and the corporate problems of over 1,000 pastors and their respective 350,000 members he struggles to furnish worthy leadership in the structure of the kingdom of God.

Perhaps from the ferment of this daily struggle to solve his own problems and to preach to his own needy heart someone else may pick up a sentence here and there to bless his own life. To play God or assume the prerogatives of God does not purify the human soul nor does it negate our identity with every problem of every other human being upon the earth. Someone must continue to preach even if he finds only himself to be his best listener.

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

Camps & Assemblies

New dormitory at Siloam Springs



Pictured here is the new dormitory used at the Siloam Springs Assembly for the first time last summer. The facility contains four dormitory-type rooms with rest rooms and showers, and will accommodate 25 campers per room.

Another new dormitory like this one is now under construction and will be ready for use in the summer of 1971. It, too, will house 100 campers.

These two buildings were built under the leadership of Ralph Douglas, pictured here in the dedication service last year. Seated and participating in the dedication are Lex Eaker, pastor, First Church, Sheridan; Tal Bonham, pastor, South Side Church, Pine Bluff and president of the state convention; and Executive Secretary Charles Ashcraft, Arkansas Baptist State Convention.—Lawson Hatfield, Director Arkansas Baptist Assembly

Missionary notes

Following a month's emergency leave in the States, Miss Martha Hairston has returned to Brazil (address: Caixa 1940, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil). A native of Warren, Ark., she was appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom C. Hollingsworth, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina, have moved from Olivos to San Fernando (address: Avenue del Libertador 1944, San Fernando, Buenos Aires, Argentina). Hollingsworth is a native of Gatesville, Tex. Mrs. Hollingsworth, the former Marcella Sullivan, was born in Monticello, Ark. While growing up she lived in Little Rock and Pine Bluff, Ark., and Dallas and Fort Worth, Tex. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1950.

Attendance of 300 expected for Nashville institute

Approximately 300 people are expected to attend the Little River Association Lay Institute for Evangelism to be held at First Church, Nashville, March 25, 26, and 27.

The cost for the week of training covers admission to five lectures and five seminars and a complete manual for each one registered. The lectures are designed to explain how one can experience a vital, meaningful Christian life. Communicating the Christian life effectively to others will be discussed in practical seminar sessions for men, women, and youth.

A large number of pastors and laymen are sponsoring the institute. James H. Cannon, pastor of First Church, Lock-

esburg, heads the Planning committee. James A. Gunter, Wilton, is chairman of the Pastor's committee. Other committee members are: Glen Power, Kenneth Twitty, Dick Tommey, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Starr, Rev. and Mrs. James H. Dean, Noel Leverett, and Mrs. David Lewis, all of Nashville.

The Lay Division of Campus Crusade for Christ International will conduct the institute. Campus Crusade is an interdenominational student and lay Christian movement.

Thousands of church members have been trained in Lay Institutes for Evangelism in cities throughout this country and other countries in recent years. Total cost of the training is \$5 per person.



Mr. Cavanaugh

Ouachita student is ordained

William F. Cavanaugh, a freshman in Ouachita University, was ordained to the ministry Sunday, March 7, at Woodlawn Church, Little Rock.

Mr. Cavanaugh is a native of Little Rock and a graduate of Hall High School in 1964. He is married to the former Connie Kirby of North Little Rock. They have two daughters, Kim, 2 years, and Neta, 10 months.

Mr. Cavanaugh is now pastoring Okolona Church, Okolona.

BSU group plans music presentations

Preparations are now underway for upcoming engagements by the New Mind Singers at Ouachita University. The singers, under the direction of Richard Askins, are preparing for a rigid schedule this semester.

The group will be singing about the life of Christ through the words of Ralph Carmichael and Kurt Kaiser in "Natural High." The work includes dialogue, action and life happenings.

About 35 members are now active in this effort, which is sponsored by the B.S.U. The first engagement will be March 17 at Second Church, Arkadelphia. The singers will also appear at El Dorado Immanuel Church in April.

Attends Nashville seminar

Jamie Jones, Fayetteville, director of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Arkansas, attended a seminar on "Case Studies in the Campus Ministry" recently at the Church Program Training Center of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.



Woman's viewpoint

BY IRIS O'NEAL BOWEN

Does a Christian sin?

"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him and he cannot commit sin because he is born of God . . ." 1 John 2:9.

This verse is a little frightening, isn't it? What is John saying here? A born-again child of God does not sin?

Well, at first glance it looks like that just about leaves us all out. Even if I have tried awfully hard today (because I had some unlovely moments yesterday), still the day is young. Am I going to be able to keep my big mouth shut for another long seven hours?

Does this mean I am not born of God, that I am not a Christian? Does it mean Christ died in vain because none of us is strong enough to resist every temptation?

But the same John who says we cannot sin has already said, "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." Then he says that if we do sin we have an advocate in the person of Jesus Christ.

How can we reconcile these two statements which seem to contradict each other?

Barkley, in his commentary on the letters of John, says the verb, "to sin" is in the present tense and indicates "continuous and habitual and constant action."

In other words, we must make every effort to avoid acts of sin, but if we do sometimes stray into sin, we have one who goes to God to ask forgiveness for our sins.

No Christian can be a deliberate and "all the time" sinner. His attitude will be one of trying to serve God rather than Satan.

As I have heard K. Owen White, who used to be my pastor, say, "Just because we are weak and can't always keep from sinning, that doesn't mean we can't keep trying, does it?"

Thank God for our advocate, Jesus Christ!

Suggestions and comments are welcomed. Mrs. Bowen may be addressed at 4115 Ridgeroad, North Little Rock, Ark. 72116.

'Revolution' held at Henderson State

The Henderson State College Baptist Student Union has begun what is hoped will be a continuing "Revolution of Response" to God and to our brother. The beginning of the "revolution" was a two-day special emphasis sponsored recently by the BSU and directed toward all students on campus.

Program personalities were: David George, pastor, First Church, Stuttgart; Charles McCullin, of the Home Mission Board; and Miss Becky Casteel, youth director, First Church, Pine Bluff.

Dr. George spoke to the students at two night meetings and at two luncheons held in the Baptist Student Center, concerning a revolutionary response to their God and to their fellow man, as well as themselves.

Mr. McCullin held interviews with several students interested in the work of the Home Mission Board and led a seminar on Christian Social ministries on Tuesday night.

Miss Casteel sang at each of the meetings. A highlight was a "mini-concert" by Miss Casteel. At this time she sang about a revolutionary response of love to God and man.

The "revolution of Response" was a part of the continuing ministry of the Baptist Student Union to the campus at Henderson State College.—Arliss Dickerson, BSU Director.

Roy Gean Law moves to Ozark

Roy Gean Law, pastor of Temple Church, Ft. Smith, for nearly five years, has resigned to become pastor of First Church, Ozark. During Mr. Law's tenure at Temple there were 150 additions, half of them by baptism. At the time of his move, Mr. Law was Sunday School director, chairman of the Seminary Extension Committee, and moderator of Concord Association. He is a church administration consultant of the Church Training department.

Mr. Law was born near Charleston. He is a graduate of West Ark College, Ft. Smith; Ouachita University, Arkadelphia; and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Mrs. Law, a native of Ft. Smith, is a district representative of the Arkansas State Convention Executive Board. She has served as state approved church training worker in the elementary and pre-school areas.

Mr. and Mrs. Law have two sons, Bryan, 8, and Barry, 4. The family now makes their home in the First Church parsonage, Faith Addition, in west Ozark.

Concord notes

Charles Skutt Concord moderator

Elton Pennington, pastor at North Side Church, Charleston, was elected Sunday School director for Concord Association. Charles Skutt, pastor, Spradling, Ft. Smith, formerly vice moderator, is now moderator, and Hoyle Haire, First Church, Booneville, is vice moderator.

Recent changes in pastorates include: Robert Hicks from Mt. Zion to First Church, Barling; Bill Williamson from Glendale to Branch; Frank Jones from Booneville, South Side, to Heber Springs;

Johnny Clayton to Excelsior; Hugh Gowen to Hackett, Memorial; and Charles Collins to First Church, Ft. Smith, as minister of music.

First Church, Lavaca, Bob Ebersold, pastor, has broken ground for a new auditorium.

Howard Halsell, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Don Cooper, associate secretary of the Sunday School department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, recently helped in a pastor-led Sunday School enlargement campaign. A total of 18 churches participated.—James A. Griffin, Superintendent of Missions, Concord Association

CONCERN *for people*



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM 1971

About people

John Murdock, assistant superintendent-treasurer of the Connie Maxwell Children's Home in Greenwood, S.C., has been named president of the Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists.

Meeting at the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village just west of Jackson, Miss., the national organization also elected two vice presidents—**M. W. Freeman**, superintendent of the Baptist Home for Children, Bethesda, Md., and **Harold Hime**, administrator of Buckner Baptist Children's Home, Dallas. Named secretary-treasurer was **Charles Wright**, ad-

ministrator of Texas Baptist Children's Home, Round Rock, Tex.

John D. Ratliff, associate executive secretary of the New Mexico Baptist Foundation and the New Mexico Baptist Church Loan Corp., has been promoted to head the agency.

W. C. Ribble, executive secretary of the foundation and loan corporation for the past 11½ years, has retired, effective Feb. 11.

"Prof" Ribble, as he is known to friends, was dean of the school of busi-

ness and chairman of the division of business and social studies at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., for 29 years. He also has been chairman of the economics department at Ouachita University, Arkadelphia.

Ratliff, 46, is a former Southern Baptist foreign missionary to Peru and Honduras. A native of Floyd, N.M., he is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University and Southern Seminary. He returned to New Mexico from foreign missionary service in 1967 as associate director in the department of missions for the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, a post he held before joining the foundation in October, 1969.

Cooperative Program '71

Those people in our churches who have given the most serious study to the Cooperative Program are almost unanimously and enthusiastically in favor of it. They do not wish to return to the days when all of our work was supported by special offerings. They remember that many of those offerings depended upon the emotional fervor stirred up by the message of the denominational representative speaking before the church.

They believe that a well-organized, systematic, and orderly plan of distribution of funds to all the causes dear to our hearts is better than no plan at all.

They like the Cooperative Program because it gives them a part in all the Lord's work every week. When they bring their tithe to the Lord's house on Sunday, they feel that they are world Christians. They do not have to hold back a part of the tithe and then try to decide which cause is the most important. They bring the entire amount and know that a portion of it goes to support every Baptist cause.

Cooperative Program Day April 18, 1971

The Cooperative Program is a Baptist program. It is our complete world plan for missions. It is missions in the local church, missions in the district, missions in the state, missions in the nation, and missions around the world. Through it every organization and activity has been enlarged. Through it every Baptist has a part in every activity that Jesus commanded. It enables Baptists to provide for each agency in proportion to its needs. As a result every Baptist program has prospered. Millions of Baptists and multiplied thousands of churches have made a strong impact on the world.

A double-page spread in our paper next week will highlight what the various departments of work of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention are doing this year in the special emphasis on promoting the Cooperative Program.

The April 1 issue of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWSMAGAZINE will feature materials for use in local churches in observance of Cooperative Program Day in Arkansas April 18.

Goals totaling \$4 million proposed as development director is named

The Steering committee for the Higher Education Development program of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, in a meeting Tuesday of last week:

1. Announced the appointment of a full-time director for the development program;

2. Agreed to propose that the Convention approve fund goals totaling \$4 million—\$3 million for Ouachita University and \$1 million for Southern Baptist College.

Directing the development program will be Alvin (Bo) Huffman Jr., Blytheville businessman and Baptist layman. As a member of the staff of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Mr. Huffman will have offices in the Baptist Building, Little Rock. He will begin his new work on a full-time basis as of July 1. While he and Mrs. Huffman will maintain their home and business connections in Blytheville, they will also have an apartment in Little Rock, at Quapaw Towers.

In a press conference held at the conclusion of the Steering committee meeting, W. O. Vaught Jr., chairman of the committee, officially announced the launching of a three-year campaign. Pastor of Immanuel Church and president of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Dr. Vaught visualized the occasion as one of the all-time big events in Arkansas Baptist affairs.

'New spirit' seen

"There is a new spirit of unity in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention from one end of the state to the other," Dr. Vaught said. "There is a determination in the hearts of Baptist preachers and Baptist laymen in all of the churches to achieve something great for world missions and Christian education in this three-year endeavor.

"Today we call on all of our Baptist people throughout the state of Arkansas to gird up their minds and hearts to attempt this great program which now lies before us."

In accepting the directorship of the campaign, Mr. Huffman stressed the campaign's spiritual aspects.

"Our tangible goal includes the raising of \$4 million for greatly needed capital improvements at Ouachita University and at Southern Baptist College," Mr. Huffman said. "To this end we dedicate our best efforts. But there is in this campaign, for all of us, a greater and higher incentive as we seek to motivate in ourselves sacrificial giving as an acknowledgement of the Lordship of Christ."

Stewardship emphasis

Emphasizing Christian stewardship still further, Mr. Huffman said:

"Throughout this development program we shall place emphasis upon stewardship of life in its totality—in all its facets and implications. The stewardship of possessions must ever be kept in proper perspective as it relates to the whole of life."

Himself a graduate of a Baptist college (Mississippi College), Mr. Huffman said, "I feel that the Christian community has a stake in Christian education as it relates to the total Christian cause that is all out of proportion to the total cost."

Declaring his enthusiastic support for education, including public and private education, Mr. Huffman saw "a special place for Christian education as a part of the total educational process, because of its particular role."

Three-phase program

As voted unanimously by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention last November, the three-year program will include three phases. Throughout 1971 there is to be "an all-out effort to increase Cooperative Program giving in the churches of our convention, with all institutions giving strong support."

Next year, 1972, has been designated for a fund campaign for Ouachita University. Subject to approval of the Convention in its annual session next November, the Ouachita fund goal will be \$3 million.

The year of 1973 has been designated by the Convention for a fund campaign for Southern Baptist College. With Convention approval, this goal will be \$1 million.

In a paper presented at the Steering committee meeting, Executive Secretary Charles H. Ashcraft, of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, emphasized that the underlying purpose of the campaign "is to strengthen the churches to grow in the grace of giving . . . to world

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CAMPAIGN LAUNCHING: Present for the official launching of the Convention's three-year campaign to advance the Baptist work in Arkansas, March 2, were: front row, left to right: Lendol Jackson, assistant to the president, Southern Baptist College; Executive Secretary Charles H. Ashcraft, of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, and vice chairman of the Steering committee; W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and chairman of the Steering committee; Alvin (Bo) Huffman Jr., Blytheville, newly named director of Higher Education Development for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and Daniel Grant, president of Ouachita University; back row, left to right, Editor Erwin L. McDonald of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine; Bill Downs, director of public relations, Ouachita University; Padgett Cope, pastor of Calvary Church North Little Rock, and chairman of the Southern Baptist College trustees; Ralph Douglas, Pine Bluff, former associate executive secretary and former business manager of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, member at large of the Steering committee; Ben Elrod, development vice president of Ouachita University; H. E. Raines, Crossett businessman, chairman of the Ouachita trustees; and Kenneth Threet, development director of Southern.

ALVIN (BO) HUFFMAN JR.

Alvin (Bo) Huffman Jr., the newly named director of Higher Education Development for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is a man of many facets. He is a business executive, a churchman, a civic and community leader, and a family man. And it would be difficult to determine which of these aspects stand out above others, for he is a well-rounded personality. But there is a depth of spirituality—not to be confused with piety—that always shows through, whether you encounter the man in church, on a golf course, in a business deal, or relaxing at home.

Bo, as he likes to be called, does not regard himself as a professional fund raiser. And he has a natural aversion to the spotlight of personal publicity. But he welcomes an opportunity "to promote a cause bigger than any of us." Obviously he is thrilled by the challenge of his new assignment.

While the new job will entail both fund raising and publicity, he sees the assignment as a unique stewardship opportunity. And he is thinking first of all of his own stewardship, but also of the stewardship of all the rest of us who will be involved.

As great as the need for the funds to be raised, Bo will lean over backward against high pressuring a gift or a pledge out of anybody. But he will hold onto a prospective giver for a long time to stress the totality of Christian stewardship, which he sees as something involving all that a person is, as well as all the person possesses. One of his key verses of Scripture is 1 Corinthians 4:2, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." He will make no apologies as he calls upon all of us Arkansas Baptists to "be found faithful" in our stewardship commitments.

Now for the biographic highlights of this unusual man.

He was born in the Yarbrow community, four miles north of Blytheville, on Oct. 3, 1915, a son of Alvin Huffman and Roberta Wilhelm Huffman. His father, a lumberman-planter, was a founder of Huffman Brothers, Inc., a building materials business which has been in operation at Blytheville since 1905, and which Bo now serves as president.

He is a graduate of Blytheville High School and of Mississippi College (Baptist), Clinton, Miss., from which he received the A.B. degree magna cum laude, in 1936. In college he was a cheerleader, president of the Glee Club, active in the International Relations Club and on the Baptist Student Union Council. He was named to "Who's Who among College and University Students."

Bo was married to Miss Virginia Myrick, a native of Bentonville, Ark., who

was reared in Memphis. Mrs. Huffman's father, C. E. Myrick, was a Baptist minister for more than 50 years, and her paternal grandfather, C. M. Myrick, was an outstanding Baptist minister and educator. Mrs. Huffman is herself a "product" of Christian education, being a graduate of Blue Mountain College, Miss.

The Huffmans have a son and a daughter. Their son, Alvin Huffman III, a graduate of the University of Arkansas and with a graduate degree in business administration from the University of Chicago, is assistant manager of the Insurance department of Farmers Bank and Trust Co., Blytheville, and vice president of Huffman Brothers, Inc. Their daughter, Emily, a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., is now Mrs. S. F. McLeod, Raleigh, N. C.

Except for six years, early in his career, at which time he headed Huffman Brothers Lumber Co., in Portageville, Mo., Bo has lived in Blytheville. During World War II, he served in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Bo's business interests include serving on the board of directors of the Blytheville Federal Savings and Loan Association. He is the immediate past president of the board of the Memphis Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and is currently a member of the board.

His civic and community activities and affiliations have included the chairmanship of the board of the Blytheville Public Library, and, currently, membership on the board of the Mississippi County Public Library. He has served as general campaign chairman of the Blytheville United Fund and is currently a

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Mr. Huffman

member of the Fund board. He has been on the board of the Mississippi County Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases Association and on the board of the Mississippi County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

In 1947, he was given the "Distinguished Service Award" by the Blytheville Junior Chamber of Commerce. Active in Rotary Club affairs since 1937, he is a past president of the Blytheville Rotary Club and is currently serving as governor of District 615 of Rotary International.

He is a member and former president of the Blytheville Chamber of Commerce and a former president of the Blytheville Development Council. He formerly served on the board of directors of the Southwest Lumbermen's Association; on the board of directors of the Blytheville Country Club; and on the Blytheville Public School board.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffman are active members of First Church, Blytheville. Bo is a deacon in his church and a past chairman of deacons. He formerly served as general superintendent of the Sunday School, as director of Training Union, and as Sunday School teacher. He currently heads a department in Sunday School. He served as chairman of the building committee for the erection of the present sanctuary of his church.

Mrs. Huffman is a member and former president of the Woman's Missionary Union of her church and formerly taught a Sunday School class.

Bo has also been active in Baptist denominational affairs. He currently serves on the Ouachita University board of trustees and has served as chairman of the executive committee of the board.

He is completing a three-year term on the board of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Ft. Worth, Tex., and currently represents the Radio and Television Commission on the board of the Southern Baptist Foundation, Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffman have traveled extensively, both in the United States and abroad. In 1967 they toured Spain and they also traveled over Russia and East Germany, by automobile without making advance hotel reservations.

In 1968 they took part in the Rhine-Ruhr Evangelistic Crusade, speaking in numerous churches and encouraging laymen to take more active part in church affairs.

They are to make a tour in April of the Middle East, at which time they will pay their first visit to the Holy Land. They plan to travel extensively in the

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Huffman

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Arab countries and to make stops in Greece and Italy.

As to hobbies, Bo rates himself as "a golfer of sorts."

Bo is listed in numerous biographical publications, including *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*.

You will like this fellow.—ELM

Goals

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missions through the Cooperative Program."

Dr. Ashcraft said that the churches of the Convention are being encouraged to give through the Cooperative Program on a percentage basis weekly and to increase their gifts on a percentage basis.

Committee personnel

The Steering committee for the development program was named by Chairman Vaught and Vice Chairman Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, in consultation with Daniel Grant, president of Ouachita University, and H. E. Williams, president of Southern Baptist College.

In addition to Drs. Vaught, South, Ashcraft, and Presidents Grant and Williams, the committee includes:

Tal Bonham, pastor of South Side Church, Pine Bluff, and president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; H. E. Raines, Crossett businessman, president of the Ouachita board of trustees; Ben Elrod, development vice president of Ouachita; Padgett Cope, pastor of Calvary Church, Little Rock, and president of the Southern Baptist College board; Kenneth Threet, pastor of First Church, Piggott, and development director of Southern Baptist College; and Ralph Douglas, Pine Bluff, retired business manager of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, member at large.

All were present for the meeting except Dr. Bonham, who has been ill, and Dr. Williams, who was in Washington for a meeting of the National Association of Junior Colleges. Others attending were Bill Downs, director of public relations at Ouachita; Lendol Jackson, assistant to the president at Southern; and the editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.



Your state convention at work

Sunday School

Leadership-outreach training scheduled for April 2-3

Specialized leadership-outreach training for Sunday School workers will be offered on April 2-3, by the Sunday School department. This Outreach Institute will be held in the Baptist Building, and two continuous sessions are scheduled as follows:

Friday evening, April 2, 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday morning, April 3, 8 to 11 a.m.

The program is designed for all outreach officers, pastors, other staff members, and all other Sunday School workers. Five conferences are planned: General Officers, Adult Workers, Youth Work-

ers, Children's Workers, and Preschool Workers.

An attendance limit of twenty has been set for each conference. The first 100 registrations will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis. The deadline for registering is March 19. Registration forms should be mailed to: Sunday School Department, 525 West Capitol, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.

Each conferee should make his own hotel reservations. A special rate is available at the Sam Peck Hotel: \$6.50 plus tax per person, two to a room. The mailing address for the hotel is 625 West Capitol, Little Rock, Ark.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

CHURCH _____

Number of persons to attend specific conferences:

General Officers _____ Youth _____

Adult _____ Children's _____

Preschool _____

Work with National Baptists

"Last summer our mission Vacation Bible School was a success, but we needed some literature that is more in keeping with the National Baptist program. Do you know of any National V.B.S. literature?"

Questions like this one can now be answered in the affirmative. For the past few years the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated, has published Vacation Bible School materials that are written especially for Negro churches. This literature is easily adapted to the type V.B.S. that we generally conduct and is especially interesting to the Negro youth, who relate to the pictures and the contents, especially to the character stories which are about famous Negro Christians.

While it may not be possible to purchase a complete supply of all the literature that is offered, a basic need can

be met for a few dollars that will enhance the appeal of your mission V.B.S. and will enable your workers to relate more to the Negro youth and adults with whom you work.

Write the Sunday School Publishing Board, 330 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37201 for the Vacation Church School Supplies order blank or write me at the state office and I will send you a copy of the order blank.

Camp Hart of the Hills summer schedule is as follows: June 28-July 2, Girls 8-12; July 5-July 9, Boys 8-12; July 12-July 16, Girls 13-16; July 19-23, Music Camp; July 26-July 30, Boys 13-16.

Plans are being completed to reach more than 400 National Baptist youth this summer. One of the nicest Christian gestures that can be offered in these

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Your state convention at work

The Southernaires to sing

The Southernaires, men's quartet from Southern College, will be a musical feature at the Baptist Men's Convention, meeting in Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, March 19-20. The quartet is composed of Terry Adams, Andy Can-

non, David Savage and Bill White. They are trained by Jack Ballard, Choral Director. Every feature on the program will be a challenge and a blessing to Baptist Men.

Program

Theme: Sharing Christ with One or One Thousand
Friday night, March 19

5:30—6:35 Dinner at church (reservations necessary)

Tommy Vise
organist

C. H. Seaton presiding
Ural Clayton, music director

Morris Smith
pianist

6:44 Musical meditations Mr. Vise—Mr. Smith
 6:50 Everybody singing led by Mr. Clayton
 7:00 Sharing God's Word Matthew 25:31-46; James 1:19-26; James 2:14-18 K. Alvin Pitt
 7:10 Sharing Christ through my tithe Harry Brewer
 7:20 Sharing Christ through personal witnessing G. W. Henderson
 7:30 Sharing Christ through music The Southernaires
 7:35 Sharing Christ through a mission action Sam Adkins
 7:45 Sharing Christ through the Cooperative Program—
 Dr. Charles Ashcraft
 8:00 Stand—stretch—sing led by Mr. Clayton
 8:05 Sharing Christ through music arranged by Mr. Clayton
 8:10 Sharing Christ through my church Richard Proctor
 8:25 Sing again (1 stanza) Mr. Clayton
 8:28 Sharing Christ through music The Southernaires
 8:40 Sharing Christ—Man's Priority Dr. H. E. Williams
 9:10 Benediction

10:55 Sharing Christ in business relations W. M. Keeling
 11:00 Stand—stretch—sing Ural Clayton
 11:15 Sharing Christ through music arranged by Ural Clayton
 11:20 Sharing Christ through world missions Sidney Carswell
 11:50 Benediction
 Plan to attend both sessions.

—C. H. Seaton

Saturday Morning March 20

8:49 The sound of music Tommy Vise and Morris Smith
 8:52 There's a song in the air Ural Clayton
 9:00 Sharing God's Word James Young
 9:10 Sharing through testimony Volunteers
 9:20 Sharing Christ through music arranged by Ural Clayton
 9:25 Sharing Christ through mission action Ronnie Hale
 9:35 Sharing Christ through pioneer area crusade James Young
 9:45 Sharing in cluster groups Everybody
 10:15 Singing Ural Clayton
 10:20 Sharing of cluster groups Chairman
 10:40 Sharing Christ with boys Richard Cox



National Baptists

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days is for our sponsoring churches to give a camp scholarship to the finest students who attend our mission V.B.S. School. The camp costs \$8.50 per pupil plus travel to and from Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock.

The Music Camp is of special importance since this is the first we have ever attempted. Youth eligible for this week will need to possess special aptitudes in music, which can be determined by local leadership.

Your prayerful assistance is requested as we seek to enlist these National Baptist youth in our camp program. If you have any suggestions or questions, please write to me.—Robert U. Ferguson, Director, Work with National Baptists

Parental influence seen as extensive

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP)—Parents who had feared their influence with teenagers was small should be encouraged by a nationwide survey of 40,000 high school students.

The "Outlook of Youth" study, developed by the Human Learning Research Institute of Michigan State University, indicates that the combined influence of mother and father significantly outweigh peer group influence in formation of adolescent attitudes and values.

Religious leaders, however, do have cause for concern about their influence with youth, the research indicated.

Youth for Christ International, which

sponsored and conducted the survey, released these preliminary findings during its annual national staff convention here.

The study indicated that religious leaders are not significant authority figures in any area except religion.

Graham to speak at NAE meeting

WHEATON, Ill. (EP)—One of the featured speakers at the 29th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Los Angeles April 20-22 will be Evangelist Billy Graham.

Some 1,500 evangelical leaders representing 36,000 churches are expected at the convention, whose theme is, "Jesus Christ—Lord of All."

PULASKI HEIGHTS CHURCH

Little Rock

PROGRAM



MRS. HOGAN

TUESDAY MORNING

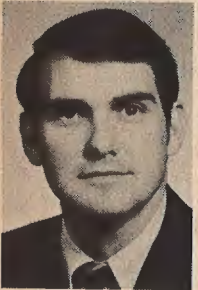
Mr. and Mrs. Don Orr, Missionaries to Colombia in the first of a series of "Music and Missions"

Dr. Charles V. Petty, Associate Secretary, Christian Life Commission of Texas speaking on Critical Issues

Miss June Whitlow, Promotion Director of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Presenting Opportunities for Involvement -

Mrs. Joseph M. Pipkin, "Missionary-at-Large" Assisting Dentist-Husband During Summers on Mission Fields

Mrs. C. S. White, Accomplished Organist and Office Secretary, Arkansas WMU



DR. PETTY

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Maurice Anderson, Missionary Nurse and Teacher in Hong Kong

Dr. W. O. Vaught, Director of Financial Campaign for Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Symposium of other missionaries "In Our Midst"

Mrs. Pipkin, "Missionary-at-Large" in the Home



MISS WHITLOW



MRS. PIPKIN

BOX LUNCH for Tuesday may be reserved by sending \$1 to State WMU Office, 210 Baptist Bldg., Little Rock 72201 by March 22.

Theme
"FREE INDEED"
Mrs. J. A. Hogan,
President

Annual Meeting

MARCH 30-31

(10 a.m. Tuesday through Wednesday noon)

FEATURES

TUESDAY NIGHT

Dr. Petty, One of America's Outstanding Young Men, 1970, Speaking on Critical Issues Faced By Youth

The Orrs, First Music Missionaries Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coad, Music Missions Volunteers

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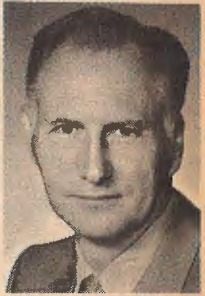
WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Orrs, Seminary Teachers, Recording Artists, Parents of four

Mrs. Pipkin, "Missionary-at-Large" Serving in Church and Community

Miss Whitlow, Native Arkansan and Outstanding Conference Leader

Mrs. Anderson, Native of Norway Transferred to Hong Kong after service in Canton, China and Hawaii



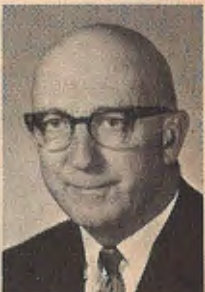
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By March 22

Ivory Coast Baptists dedicate building

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (BP)—The first French-language Baptist congregation in the Ivory Coast dedicated its building here, with the vice president of the Republic of Liberia, William R. Tolbert Jr., as the principal speaker. About 250 members, guests and dignitaries attended the inaugural ceremony.

Representing the Ivory Coast were two of the country's three ministers of state and the vice president of the national assembly. The ambassadors of Liberia and the United States also attended.

Articles about the event reporting Tolbert's remarks appeared on pages one and two of the *Daily Fraternaliste*, official organ of the ruling Democratic party of the Ivory Coast.

H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, brought greetings from that agency, and John E. Mills, missionary field representative for West Africa, sketched the five-year history of Southern Baptist work in the Ivory Coast.

Other speakers included the mayor of Treichville, an industrial district here, and the pastor of the Methodist Church in Treichville.

The newly dedicated building, completed last spring, is located in the district of Marcory, a largely residential area near the downtown business section of the capital of Ivory Coast. It was built at a cost of \$45,000, supplied entirely by the SBC Foreign Mission Board. Missionary D. Edwin Pinkston, Crossett, Ark., is pastor.

Worship service attendance on Sunday mornings averages about 100. Nineteen new believers have been baptized into the church since it was begun in 1967 as a chapel in a rented room, Pinkston said.

Worship services, Sunday School classes, Bible studies and classes for new Christians are conducted in French, the official national language, except for one worship service each week in the More language.

Weekday ministries include classes in sewing, health, English and biblical studies as well as games and recreation for children and youth and a library-reading room. Home and hospital visitation ministries also are conducted.



*Home missions? Good idea.
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I'll just pull out whatever
I have in my pocket and . . .*

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about the high cost of touching spiritually
and socially isolated non-Christians
about whether he cares enough to do
something significant about it
about his family's potential and priorities
for sharing.

Dollars casually tossed in the collection plate don't mean much to the giver. They may not mean enough for the nationwide Southern Baptist mission strategy. The gift thoughtfully planned and prayerfully offered means greater satisfaction for the giver and greater effectiveness for the receiver.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Graham urges consistency on sex, overpopulation concern

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. (BP)—Evangelist Billy Graham, speaking to 3,000 students at Gardner-Webb College (Baptist) here, said that youth who are so concerned about overpopulation should "first stop engaging in back-seat sex relations before you criticize overpopulation."

"You young people want to stop wars, and that is a good idea," Graham went on. "But what are you doing about the killing on our own highways? Half of the more than 50,000 highway deaths involve drinking drivers, and half of these are teenagers."

"It is easy to debate and argue," Graham added, "but it is hard to become committed to something worthwhile."

Graham labeled today's generation of young people "the uncommitted generation" and charged that they are quick to blame society and look for a scapegoat for their own failures. He issued a plea for youth to commit their lives to Jesus

Christ, who "can give you young people everything you want."

Graham spoke to the students at the Baptist college during dedication ceremonies for the R. Patrick Spangler Hall, a \$400,000 men's dormitory named for a Shelby, N. C., businessman who currently is chairman of \$1½ million capital fund drive for the school. Spangler had led a 1965 fund campaign that raised \$2½ million for the school, and is a former chair-

Five missionaries named by SBC Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP)—Five missionaries, four of whom will be involved in Christian social ministries and another in cooperative efforts with National Baptists, were recently appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The five and their respective places of service are: Floyd and Ida Emmerling, Detroit, Mich.; Ernest MeHaffey, South

man of the board of trustees for Gardner-Webb.

At a luncheon following Graham's address in chapel, an oil portrait of Spangler was unveiled. State Senator Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles of Greensboro, N. C., was speaker at the luncheon.

Citing the need and importance of Baptist and private colleges as "vital to the state and nation," Bowles advocated state grants to students at private colleges to allow more young people to take advantage of such an education. "As a member of the Senate, I assure you that I will be working to that end in this session," Bowles said.

Carolina; and Marshall and Mary Moore, Indianapolis, Ind.

Emmerling, now director of the Detroit Baptist Center, is responsible for establishing a program of community ministry and involvement. A native of Cabot, Ark., he graduated from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He has been a teacher in the Bayou Meto Public Schools of Jacksonville, Ark., and was pastor of several churches in Arkansas Oklahoma and Michigan.

Mrs. Emmerling is originally from North Little Rock, Ark. She holds a degree from Southwestern Seminary.

MeHaffey increases to 13 the number of state directors of work with National Baptists. He will be responsible for fostering cooperative efforts between member churches of the three national Baptist Conventions, which are predominantly black, and the Southern Baptist churches in South Carolina.

The North Carolina native attended Mars Hill College, Furman University and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. His most recent pastorate was First Church, Chesnee, S. C. He is married and the father of two children.

Moore is director of Christian social ministries for the Central Baptist Association of Indianapolis, Ind. He is directly responsible for the planning and implementation of all work related to the Christian social ministries among the churches and their auxiliaries in the Indianapolis area.

He and his wife are natives of Conroe, Tex., and graduates of Baylor University, Waco, Tex. Moore earned his seminary degree at Southern Seminary, Louisville. He has been minister of youth and education at Northerest Church, Waco, Tex., and Hazelwood Church, Louisville.

Mrs. Moore is a public-school teacher with two years' experience in the Louisville public schools.

Baptist beliefs

Opposition to the Gospel

BY HERSHEL H. HOBBS
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
past president, Southern Baptist Convention

"But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spoke against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming"—Acts 13: 45.

At the close of the synagogue service on the sabbath day, Paul and Barnabas were requested to preach again on the next sabbath day. The King James Version reads that the Jews left the synagogue, and that this request came from the Gentiles who had been present (v. 42). However, the best text reads that as Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue the request was made by all who were present, both Jews and God-fearers.

However, on the next sabbath day the synagogue was packed. But the Jews were hostile (v. 45). They spoke against the gospel, even spoke insultingly (blasphemed) against Paul and Barnabas.

Who were these "Jews?" They may have been the rabbis. Or they could have included all the Jews who during the week had been stirred up by the rabbis. In the light of verse 46 the latter was probably true.

So in the face of this opposition, Paul and Barnabas stated the necessity of preaching to the Jews first (cf. Rom. 1: 16). But when they rejected the gospel, they said "Lo, we turn to the Gentiles" (vv. 46 f.). These Jews had their chance and spurned it. Opportunity scorned is opportunity lost.

The Gentiles, on the other hand, rejoiced and glorified God (v. 48). This was not due to the loss of opportunity on the part of these Jews. Rather it was because Gentiles were included in God's purpose of grace. Such was contrary to Jewish teaching. But here the Gentiles learned that they did not need to become Jews before believing in Jesus. They could be saved as Gentiles in a direct confrontation with God in Christ.

This is the glory of the gospel. Jesus is the Saviour of all men, regardless of race or other human relationship, who come to him in faith. It is the Christian's duty to, preach the gospel to all men. Whether they receive it or reject it is up to them.

Save your used magazines for us

BMC AUXILIARY NEEDS CURRENT MAGAZINES . . . The Baptist Medical Center Auxiliary is making a request for current magazines, to be distributed throughout the hospital by volunteers, to patients and to the waiting rooms. These magazines should not be more than two to three months old. Magazines should be brought to the north or south information desk in the hospital.

News from the Baptist Medical Center System

The information on this and the following page is provided and paid for by the Baptist Medical Center System

BMC Auxiliary plans style show

The BMC Auxiliary is planning a style show and tasting luncheon, to be held in the Student Union Building, March 30, beginning at 12 noon. The style show will be presented by Kay's House of Fashions.

LIMITED ADMISSION

Tickets are limited to 200, and will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis. They will go on sale in the north lobby of the hospital, Friday, March 12.

FAVORITE DISHES

Members of the Auxiliary are preparing one of their favorite dishes to be sampled at the show. Cookbooks containing these recipes will be sold on the day of the show.

DEADLINE SET

Auxiliary members who have been asked to send in a recipe should send it to Mrs. Grace Snelling, c/o Department of Informational Services, Baptist Medical Center, no later than March 12.



RECEIVE SERVICE AWARD PINS — Pictured above are Memorial Hospital employees who received service award pins at the annual employee awards banquet, held February 19, at the Park Hill Baptist Church. From left to right, they are: Alcibee Tharp, Jessie Johnson, and Charlotte Mitchell who received five-year pins; and Mary Tharp who received a ten-year pin representing ten years of service in the Baptist Medical Center System.

Memorial Auxiliary gives service awards

Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary met for its regular meeting, January 27, at Memorial. Badges for six months or more satisfactory service were awarded to the following volunteers: Mrs. Hazel Evans, Mrs. Nelle Guenther, Miss Virginia Owens, Mrs. Harriett Williams, Mrs. Jean Ambort, Mrs. Allene Alverson, Mrs. Vista Baults, Mrs. Roberta Crabtree, Mrs. Peggy Flemister, Mrs. Jerry Gadberry, Mrs. Joanne Holman, Mrs. Betty Keyes, Mrs. Lorraine Lambert, Mrs. Ozella Lassiter, Mrs. Geneva Lewis, Mrs. Faye Oates, Mrs. Katherine Simpson, and Mrs. Jewell Teeter.

Mr. Paul Madden, program supervisor for the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, was the guest speaker.




Memorial contributions to the Building Fund of Baptist Medical Center have been received from Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lile, in memory of Mr. George D. Millar of Searcy, and Mrs. Sam Evans. A contribution, in memory of Lance Edwards, was received from Miss Martha Seaton and Mrs. Corinne Langley. Contributions to the BMC Intensive Care Unit, in memory of Dr. William Cottrell, were received from Dr. Agnes Kolb and from Mr. and Mrs. Everett Tucker, Jr.



GEORGE FISHER ENTERTAINS — At the recent Memorial Hospital employee awards banquet George Fisher entertained the employees and their guests with some of his famous editorial cartooning.

BMC Medical Staff Officers

Medical staff officers for Baptist Medical Center for 1971 include the following: Dr. H. A. Ted Bailey, chief of staff; Dr. Bill G. Floyd, vice chief; and Dr. James L. Smith, secretary. Sectional officers are: EENT, Dr. James L. Smith, chief; Dr. Ellery Gay, vice chief, Dr. Billy M. Chandler, secretary; Anesthesia, Dr. Fay Barnhard, chief; Dr. Agnes Kolb, vice chief; Dr. Joseph P. Ward, secretary; General Practice, Dr. Forrest Miller, chief; Dr. E. C. Reed, vice chief; Dr. Harlan Holmes, secretary; OB-GYN, Dr. James L. Hagler, chief; Dr. Max McGinnis, vice chief; Dr. Allen McKnight, secretary; Pathology, Dr. R. A. Burger, chief; Dr. Douglas Young, secretary; Pediatrics, Dr. John Teeter, chief, Dr. Lloyd Warford, vice chief, Dr. Dale Briggs, secretary; Psychiatry, Dr. Aubrey Smith, chief; Dr. John Howard, vice chief; Dr. R. H. Whitehead, secretary; Radiology, Dr. John Lane, chief; Dr. John Joyce, vice chief, Dr. George Brenner, secretary; Surgery, Dr. John Satterfield, chief, Dr. Ben Lincoln, vice chief, Dr. L. P. Fraiser, secretary; Medicine, Dr. James R. Rasch, chief, Dr. Roy Brinkley, vice chief, Dr. Purcell Smith, secretary.



... BMC medical staff officers for 1971, pictured above from left to right, are: Dr. James L. Smith, secretary; Dr. H. A. Ted Bailey, chief of staff; and Dr. Bill G. Floyd, vice chief.

BMC "Information Service" is latest computer advancement

Baptist Medical Center System has reached another milestone in their continuing program toward a total hospital information system.

The IBM System 360 Model 40 Computer is already being utilized in a number of new ways to provide information to the system.

INFORMATION SERVICE

One of the most dramatic of the new uses is the patient information service installed at the two information desks.

Through this device called a video display terminal, which looks like a combination of a television set and a typewriter, it is possible to ask the computer questions concerning the location of a patient, provide a minister with a list of all patients in the hospital who are members of his church, and give a doctor a complete list of his patients who are in the hospital.

MATERIAL AVAILABLE

The material provided at the information desk is a by-product of the information stored on the computer when a patient is admitted to the hospital.

When a patient enters the hospital all the information provided in his admission is entered into the computer in the patient accounts department. This information is then stored on disks which are similar to a number of phonograph re-

cords stacked on top of each other. When a hostess would like the room number of a patient she types a code letter and then enters the patient's name. If she doesn't know the correct spelling of a name she can enter the name as it sounds phonetically. The computer contains a program that automatically searches out all names that sound like the one typed and lists them, together with room number and address on the screen of the video display unit.

UPDATED REGULARLY

If the patient has been transferred or discharged this information is entered into the computer and will be included in the information displayed.

A computer program provides the instructions for this operation. The program also provides for an almost instantaneous search and listing for a minister who wants a complete list of names of members of his church who are in the hospital or the doctor who would like to check the room numbers of his patients.

OTHER USES

Other uses for the computer system include the collection of patient account information and the listing of hospital charges. Units in the Radiology and Laboratory Departments are used to enter information on tests and x-rays which are run and this information is automatically posted to the patient's bill.

Insurance billing which can sometimes be a complicated process has been simplified through the use of computer programs.

A unit is now being installed in the hospital's Personnel Department to provide information coverage for employee records. Other units are scheduled for the Pharmacy, Purchasing, Central Stores, and Storeroom areas to provide complete inventory control.

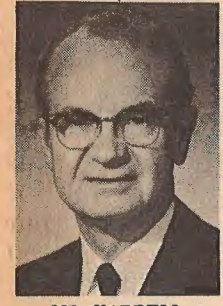
NURSING STATIONS

Another fascinating use for the units which is scheduled for the future is at a nursing station. This unit would serve as a reminder to nurses concerning patient medications and provide doctors with instant information concerning their patients.

The goal of the total hospital information system is to maintain the same high level of patient care while helping to hold the line on hospital costs. New ideas are continually evolving throughout the system to make better and more efficient use of the materials that are available in the Baptist Information System.

Heart attack fatal to W. A. Harrell

NASHVILLE (BP)—William A. Harrell, 67, longtime secretary of the church architecture department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, died Feb. 26 at Baptist Hospital after apparently suffering a heart attack while attending a Downtown Kiwanis Club luncheon. Harrell, who joined the board in December, 1926, served as associate secretary for department young people's and adult



MR. HARRELL

Sunday school work until 1933. He was associate secretary of the Baptist Training Union department of the board from 1933 until 1940 when he assumed his position as head of the architecture department.

Honored last Dec. 11 with a retirement dinner at First Church, here, was scheduled to retire March 31.

Prior to coming to the board, Harrell was a field worker for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

A native of Grandview, Tex., he attended Decatur Baptist College, Decatur, Tex., (now Dallas Baptist College), Dallas; Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; and George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville.

The architecture department head wrote two books, *Planning Better Church Buildings and Providing Adequate Church Property and Buildings*. He also co-authored several Sunday School and Training Union books and manuals.

He was married to the former Louise Jarrell, Dec. 16, 1928.

He had traveled to Cuba, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, Asia, the Phillipine Islands, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand and Australia in the interest of church buildings programs, as well as covering almost every state in the United States.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and served as a deacon, usher and teacher in First Church, Nashville.

Survivors include his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Susan Smart, Austin, Tex.

Baptists die in plane crash

Two members of Springdale First Church were killed Saturday in the crash of a light plane at Harrison. They are Mrs. Shirley L. Roark, 22, and Miss Donna Colleen Letsch, 17. They were employed on the office staff of Dr. Phil L.

Deal, a Fayetteville orthodontist who was the pilot.

Others killed, besides Dr. Deal, were Mrs. Janet L. Mize, 22, Springdale, Miss Janet Bowerman, 18, and Mrs. Mary S. Hungate, 27, both of Fayetteville.

Mrs. Roark is survived by her husband, Army Capt. David O. Roark serving in Vietnam; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lambreth L. Lloyd of Springdale; two sisters, Mrs. Larry Williams, Eudora and Miss Lana Sue Lloyd, Springdale, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lloyd and Mrs. Lucille Weiser, all of Springdale.

Mrs. Letsch is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Letsch, Springdale; a brother, David Letsch of Virginia; a sister, Mrs. Bobby Burnett of Minnesota and her grandmothers, Mrs. Murl Letsch, Springdale and Mrs. Eba Raney, Tulsa.

Jack C. Copeman

Jack C. Copeman, Little Rock, a retired construction superintendent for Pickens-Bond Construction Company of Little Rock and the Hatcher Construction Company of Arkadelphia, died March 3. He was a member of Calvary Church. He

had supervised the construction of the Army-Navy Hospital at Hot Springs.

Survivors are a son, Jack Copeman Jr., Hot Springs; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Craig and Mrs. Dell Moody, Little Rock, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

H. P. Maddox

H. P. Maddox, 86, a Harrisburg attorney and businessman, died March 2.

A native of Kentucky, Mr. Maddox moved to Harrisburg in 1906. His family organized the Bank of Cherry Valley which opened in 1907, and Mr. Maddox had been a member of the Bank's Board of Directors for 64 years.

During the 1920's, he served as Poinsett County judge and frequently served as a special circuit and chancery judge. He was a member of First Church and was a Mason.

Survivors include two sons, Edward S. and H. P. Maddox Jr., both of Harrisburg, and three daughters, Mrs. Raybon Sullivan and Mrs. Roger Shepherd, both of Jonesboro, and Miss Vivian Maddox, Wisconsin.

Beacon lights of Baptist history

Boldly tell

BY BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.
Pastor, First Church, Benton

For those taking renewed interest in witnessing, Timothy Richard, missionary to China during the last century, exemplifies a model to follow. He looked for a point of contact in every man he met, and, finding seekers after God everywhere, won them to Christ.

Though he began his work in 1870 he was very modern in his methods. He used every means to spread the gospel. He loved all new innovations and played with them like a school boy, but used them to extend the Kingdom of God.

He wrote leading articles for Chinese newspapers. He cultivated friendship with Chinese leaders. He led in the Reform movement in 1898, and many experts said he did more than any other to reform China. He supported the organization for relief in the great famine of 1876-78.

In the Boxer Rebellion of 1900, in which over 200 missionaries were slain, three Governors of Provinces sought his counsel. He was so beloved that when he returned to China from England in 1900. He was received at the railway station by the president, vice-presidents, and representatives of the Assembly.

He was an idealist and dreamer but not an impractical one. In 1905 he dreamed of a federation of the leading nations. The dream was scorned until after World War I when the nations formed the League. He pleaded for reform of missionary methods, contending that nationals could influence their fellowmen in the Christian cause.

Timothy was a son of a blacksmith in a remote Welch village. The family was large. The youngster was denied every opportunity that boys have today. However, he obtained an education, by way of borrowing every book in the village. In time he was converted, baptized, and completed his college work at Haverfordwest.

Desiring to be a missionary to China he applied to the Baptist Missionary Society. When this shy, slow-spoken young man appeared before the Committee for appointment they nearly rejected him. This possibility aroused him.

"Suppose we should reject you?" they asked, "What would you do?" "go to China," he replied. "But, how?" they queried. "Swim," was the laconic answer. Startled, the Committee accepted him.

*Ronald W. Thompson, *Heroes of the Baptist Church*, (London, The Kingsgate Press, 1937), p. 100-4.

Fussy Jenny Wren

By THELMA C. CARTER

So you couldn't find the singing alarm clock that awakened you even before early spring! Did you look in the rotted, hollow limb of the old apple tree? or under the eaves of your house? or in the pocket of the old sweater? or in the hat you tossed up on a tree limb and forgot?

If you searched for the owner of the morning song, you probably found the friendly little bird known as the jenny wren or the house wren.

The wren is a small bird about five inches in length and brown in color with white or gray breast. She is a friendly bird, preferring to make her home near people, but a fussy house-keeper, tolerating no dirt in her nest of feathers, grass, and spider webs.

Keeping a careful watch over her six to eleven eggs or her young baby birds, she will attack



a sparrow who dares come near her home. She will fly at, challenge, and scold much larger birds until they are glad to escape.

"Fussy, Fidgety Jenny Wren"

was the name given to this bird by our early colonists. Pioneers welcomed Jenny for they knew what a wonderful help she was in ridding gardens and fields of insects.

The sun is scarcely up when Jenny Wren begins her morning musical. Faster and faster the bubbling notes come as this small bird begins her search for insects. If you would have your flower beds and gardens free of many insects, you will gladly welcome this little bird.

To listen to Jenny Wren's song and to see the good she does, you cannot help but think of God's beautiful world. You'll probably say with the psalmist, "Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works . . . they are more than can be numbered" (Psalm 40:5).

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Wonder plant

By THELMA C. CARTER

Look at an alfalfa plant with its dainty purple or yellow flowers. You wouldn't guess that this erect plant may have a main root growing into the earth to great depths. Sometimes this root is seventeen feet long.

Alfalfa is one of the best forage plants on the earth. It is good for hay, pasturage, and silage.

The name alfalfa was given to this plant by the people of Arabia. It means "best fodder." The name developed when the plant proved to be hardy in spite of droughts, heat, and cold. It is a favorite forage plant for the famous Arabian horses and other

animals. In England, alfalfa is known as lucerne.

Plant historians tell us that alfalfa has been grown for forage for a longer period than any other field plant. It had its origin in the dry, hot areas east of the Mediterranean Sea in the midst of the Holy Land. The Roman people are known to have brought alfalfa into most of Europe.

Alfalfa came to the United States when the Spanish people brought it into Mexico with their horses and cattle. Colonists from other countries across the seas introduced alfalfa into the eastern United States in the beginning of our country.

George Washington and Thomas Jefferson tried to grow this wonder forage on their estates. Their soil contained too much acid, however, and did not contain the necessary minerals for the plants' growth.

Alfalfa grows best in the Western and Midwestern states of our country which have long dry periods and whose soils are rich in certain minerals. Grasshoppers, leafhoppers, and weevils, along with hazards of climate and plant diseases, are alfalfa enemies.

Alfalfa is really a type of plant that is different. It gathers life-giving nitrogen from the air instead of the soil as many other plants. It uses what it needs and sends the remainder into the soil, thereby enriching the soil.

Alfalfa grows from one to four feet in height. It grows abundantly in the proper soil, making possible a harvest of from one to thirteen crops of hay in one growing season. It is truly a wonder plant.

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The bookshelf

Children and Conversion, edited by Clifford Ingle, Broadman, 1970, \$4.50

Dr. Ingle, who has been professor of church administration and religious education at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, since 1959, provides guidance, in this book, for deciding when and how to lead children to Christian decisions. He feels that many leaders are now acting superficially in leading children to make professions of faith prior to genuine Christian commitments.

The Power to Bless, by Myron C. Madden, Abingdon, 1970, \$3.50

Through illustration and case material, Dr. Madden relates dynamic psychology to Christian theology to increase understanding of the major factors in personality development.

One Way to Change the World, by Leighton Ford, Harper & Row, 1970, \$3.95

The Christian Revolution begins in each man's soul, but it extends from that center to the ends of the earth, contends Mr. Ford, a Presbyterian minister and vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He sees as one of the ironies of our time "that evangelical Christianity has become associated with support for the status quo."

What's New?, by David A. Hubbard, Word, 1970, \$2.95

Mr. Hubbard writes about the "new things God is doing today—now." He points to dramatic changes God is bringing into human life and history.

Toward Creative Urban Strategy, compiled by George A. Torney, Word, 1970, \$5.95

Ghettos in the central city, urban decay, hunger, discrimination, unemployment, poverty, identity frustration, riots, looting—by-products of urbanization—must be a top priority concern and involvement for the church, the people of God, contends Mr. Torney.

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Forgiven and forgiving

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International

March 14, 1971

Matthew 6: 9-15;
18: 21-35

John wrote that we love because God first loved us (1 Jn. 4:19). The lesson which we are studying this week teaches that we forgive because God first forgave us. The evidence that we have been forgiven is that we have an attitude of forgiveness toward other people.

Background passage (Mt. 6:9-15)

Jesus planted forgiveness in the very center of his entire redemptive enterprise. It is through the door of forgiveness that man enters into the presence of God "to know him and enjoy him forever," and it is with that borrowed glow of forgiveness in his heart that he mingles among other men to initiate and encourage good will among men.

Jesus stressed forgiveness more than any other item in the Lord's Prayer: He taught us to ask God to forgive us; he implied that the forgiveness of others is a prerequisite for experiencing God's forgiveness; and in a supporting comment singled out the one item of forgiving others and said that God will forgive the forgiving, but will not forgive the unforgiving. Just as James taught that faith without works is not real, Jesus taught

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that forgiveness that fails to produce a forgiving spirit is not genuine.

How often shall we forgive (Mt. 18:21-22)

1. Peter's question reflects a desire which he had inherited from rabbinical practices to reduce all religious obligations to minimal standards. It assumes, falsely, that the experience of forgiving another is painful, but forgiveness is in reality a matter of spirit or disposition more than it is an act. The question suggests a grudging reluctance to forgive—an attitude which all but precludes any real forgiveness.

2. Peter's suggested answer to his own question merely parroted the legalistic regulations of the scribes who thought they were being generous in setting the limit at seven.

3. But Jesus' answer threw out the numbers game entirely. In the expression "seventy times seven" he meant "the sky is the limit." Forgiveness is not a matter of arithmetic and it is not subject to bookkeeping.

The unforgiving servant (23-35)

We usually think of Jesus' parables as being true to life—the sort of stories that might have been true events—as contrasted with fables which are not true to life and could not have happened. We must not stress overly much, however, the commonality of the events: some of them were quite uncommon. It was not often that a prodigal's father welcomed a wayward son as did the

father in Jesus' greatest parable, and it is not likely that any ancient king who, through some combination of dishonesty and mismanagement by a servant, had suffered the loss of the equivalent of several million dollars, would readily forgive him just because he pledged to pay the full amount. Here was an unusual king, and here a rascally servant. Together they managed to pile up and absorb an unusual deficit. As one looks at our national debt he is inclined toward the idea that some of that king's descendants may have become presidents, and some of the descendants of the servant may have become federal officeholders in the U. S. A.

1. The debt of the crooked servant was so staggering that he could not possibly pay. His ardent plea for patience indicates that he never really experienced the forgiveness of the king; but merely accepted his pardon.

2. The basic contrast in the story is between the conduct of the king, who in compassion forgave his servant an enormous debt which he could never pay, and the conduct of that servant who, without compassion, would not be patient with another servant who owed a small debt which he would be able to pay.

3. The peers of the wicked servant readily noticed the inconsistency between his experience and his conduct. Such inconsistencies are always glaringly apparent.

4. The king called him in, chewed him out, and sentenced him to prison. "You wicked servant!", he said, "should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" Here is the punch line of the parable. It demands that the same quality of mercy which flows to us from God must in turn flow from us to our fellow men.

5. In his final application of the story, Jesus said that his Father will deal harshly with us if we do not forgive our brother. This final word constitutes his full answer to Peter's question. He spells it out for him in terms that ought to sound in our ears loud and clear: forgiveness is not to be looked upon as an unpleasant chore; it is at the very heart of the redemptive experience—so much so that the heart that cannot forgive cannot be forgiven.



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Life and Work

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John 6: 66-69;
13: 3-10

This is the sixth lesson in the unit, "Helping People with Problems." These lessons are giving us a real insight into the person, work and ministry of our Lord. The lessons have focused upon Christ's dealing with the lost and also the training of his disciples.

Today's lesson deals with Simon Peter, the spokesman of the Twelve. Peter's life was like the spiritual, "I'm sometimes up and I'm sometimes down." His spiritual history had many valleys along with the mountain peaks.

Peter was excellent in asking relevant questions. In picturing the robust, impetuous Peter we have overlooked the "thinking Peter." He was a man full of human emotions and possessing tremendous personal power, yet with his weak points. At times he was troublesome to his friends and suffered from moral weaknesses. All of us are very familiar with his denials of Christ.

Today we study one passage picturing the spiritual strength of this unusual man and another indicating spiritual weakness.

Peter's profession of profound faith (Jn. 6: 66-69)

This passage denotes the beginning of a period of unpopularity in the ministry of our Lord. Previously multitudes were following Jesus. In turn, Christ made greater and greater demands upon his followers. Many were leaving Jesus. They would not accept Jesus' challenges. Verse 66 is a statement denoting the fact that many, thrilled at first by Jesus' personality, words, and deeds, had decided to have no further part in his kingdom and program.

Please view verse 67 from the perspective that a certain pathos must have

"Baptists Who Know, Care"

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been in the voice of our Lord. He asked the Twelve, "Will ye also go away?" In other words, Christ wanted to know if their loyalty would be unquestioned. He asked the Twelve if they would "stay hitched."

Peter's reply to this question is a remarkable one. His response represents a high-water mark in faith. Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" In other words, where else would I go to find God or to find Someone to meet my deepest needs except Jesus? He was not on search for a "better God." He had found his Saviour, Messiah, and Redeemer. Jesus was his "all in all."

He found in Jesus what he needed to reach the deepest needs of his very soul. Then he continued, "Thou hast the words of eternal life, and we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the son of the living God." This reminds us of Peter's great confession in Matthew 16: 16.

Note Peter's positive assurance of faith. Truly Peter was at his best on this occasion. He had found eternal life and joy in Christ and made no attempt to hide his inner feelings about his Lord. Thus, his expression of faith in the passage under consideration was nothing less than brilliant.

Jesus' Washing the Disciples' Feet (Jn. 13: 3-10)

There are very few occurrences in the life of our Lord which so reveal his character as the washing of the disciples' feet. This incidence emphasizes humility in service and also the love of Jesus. The background of this passage is Christ's facing his death. Specifically Christ washed the feet of his disciples during the paschal meal on a Thursday or the evening before his crucifixion on Friday. Jesus knew that his time had come, that he had come from God, and that he would go back to his father. In this significant hour Christ chose to demonstrate humili-

ty and make an object lesson out of service.

Please note a difficult passage in the lesson. At first Peter refused to allow Christ to wash his feet. Jesus told him that if he refused this washing he would have no part with him. Peter did not understand the paradox of a slave-king. Upon being rebuked by Jesus, Peter went to the other extreme and wanted the washing to include also his hands and head.

Jesus gave a miniature parable: the person who has bathed completely before going out to dinner does not need to wash his entire body again, for he already is clean "every whit." All that would be necessary was the washing of one's feet. Even so, Peter was already clean from his previous commitment to Christ; however, he needed further cleansing in his attitude and spiritual understanding. This conversation between Jesus and Peter illustrates the dynamics of a maturing, growing faith.

Conclusion

We need to have faith, but also we need deeds or works to prove or demonstrate our faith. Are we strong in our belief, yet perhaps weak in the application of our faith?

Also, we need to catch the spirit of humility demonstrated so vividly in the life of our Lord. Truthfully, we are for the most part everything but humble. We can "strut-sitting down." Our affluent society has tended to make us self-sufficient and somewhat arrogant. We need to practice humility in the same manner as Jesus. Nothing really ought to be said concerning the fact that "foot-washing" is not a church ordinance. Simply stated we should be humble enough to wash our brother's feet. Are we?

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THE UNSEAMLY A smile or two

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Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "Taxes are what we pay for a civilized society." More and more, though, people are asking whether we're getting what we pay for.

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One of the paradoxes of life is that the young are always wishing they were just a little older and the old are usually wishing they were a whole lot younger.

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Some people have tact, and others tell the truth.

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Most women you meet are the generous kind; and in case you may have any doubt of it—just note how one gives you a piece of her mind at a time when she's practically out of it!

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Definition: Race Horse—An animal that can take several thousand people for a ride simultaneously.

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Medical science is doing a great deal to lengthen human life, but it will never get women past 40.

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Be tolerant with a person who disagrees with you. After all, he has a right to his ridiculous opinions.



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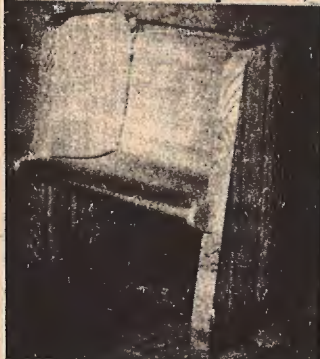
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In the world of religion

Religious upsurge seen in sports

NEW YORK (EP)—Religion and athletics are running hand-in-hand as never before, with every major sport showing the effect, according to Newsweek Feature Service. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes now numbers 100,000 members and puts on half a dozen extended revivals in as many cities every year.

An example of the current shift toward spiritual emphasis is the practice of the once-boistrous Chicago Cubs. They now schedule regular prayer sessions with the benign approval of Leo Durocher.

Athletes in Action, agency of Campus Crusade for Christ, is active in sponsoring revivals among athletes around the country.

"I am happy to know," says Donn Moomaw, the ex-UCLA All-American who now heads the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, "that 13 of the last 22 Rose Bowl Queens have been committed, enthusiastic Christians—and this fact fills me with optimism."

Newsweek says the fabled Vince Lombardi was one of the moving forces behind the new athletic religiosity. He allegedly told his players they had three responsibilities: to God, to their families and to the Packers.

Wisconsin backs 'released time'

MADISON, Wis. (EP)—The lower house of the Wisconsin legislature voted overwhelming approval of a constitutional amendment authorizing "released time" for children in public schools to attend religious instruction.

The state senate, according to the bill's backers, is expected to concur. That will leave the fate of the measure up to the voters in a statewide referendum April 6.

The assembly's surprising 86-11 vote raised speculation that some members of the lower house, concerned about upcoming elections, wanted to soften the impact when they later oppose an equally controversial plan for the use of state funds to pay tuition grants to parents of non-public school students.

The tuition-aid measure has not yet had a test vote and is expected to be delayed until after Gov. Patrick J. Lucey's budget proposals are filed.

Lutheran giving in slight decline

MINNEAPOLIS (EP)—Receipts for mission efforts of the American Lutheran Church totaled \$20,964,459 in the fiscal year ended Jan. 31, a decline of \$115,744,

according to George S. Schultz, executive secretary of the ALC's board of trustees.

The decrease was about 1 per cent less than the 1969 total of \$21,080,194.

Dr. Schultz said that the decrease in benevolence income was more than offset by receipts of \$582,485 for "Project Neighbor," a 1970 fund drive for special crisis causes.

Also received as non-budgetary income, Dr. Schultz said, was \$3,649,893 for the LIFE (Lutheran Ingathering for Education) campaign, providing funds for church educational institutions.

"This has been a good year for us," Dr. Schultz said. "Our people have continued to show a high degree of interest in the national programs of the church."

Democracy, morality related, says Graham

RALEIGH, N. C. (EP)—Evangelist Billy Graham, addressing a joint session of the House and Senate of the North Carolina Legislature, urged the legislators to take a lead in a major religious change in the nation.

"Democracy, to be successful, must have a moral basis," he said. "Morality will not come without religious faith. I think we are on the verge of a religious awakening among the young people. Something is happening religiously to young people. I think it's because they've tried all the options. It's the young people who are beginning to turn to Christ."

BULLETINS

BERKELEY, Calif. (EP)—Students at the University of California at Berkeley will be able to major in religious studies beginning this fall. The new major in the College of Letters and Science will lead to a bachelor of arts degree—the first time a degree in such a field will be offered in the 97-year-old school.

PASADENA, Calif. (EP)—Christian teachers and educators in public schools of America are uniting in greater numbers and are showing steady signs of increased influence on the educational scene, according to the National Educators Fellowship, the only national professional organization for Christians in public education.

NEW YORK (EP)—United Methodist women gave \$710,303, less in 1970 to the denomination's Board of Missions than they contributed a year earlier. When this drop in giving was combined with a 1969 deficit, the Women's Division was \$1,037,333 in the red at the close of 1970.

Church use of Bible declines

NEW YORK (EP)—"The Bible is in a very bad way in the church," says James D. Smart, professor of biblical interpretation at Union Theological Seminary.

In *The Strange Silence of the Bible in the Church*, published by Westminster Press, Dr. Smart sees irony in the outpouring of good versions of the Bible and a dearth of preaching from it.

"There has been an increasing frustration of preachers with the Scriptures as a basis for sermons, a steady decline in the educational use of the Bible in the church, and a mounting ignorance of the contents of the Bible among members of the church," he said.

He scores blindness on the part of scholarship and in lay circles, along with a failure of clergy concern.

"The voice of the Scriptures is falling silent in the preaching and teaching of the church and in the consciousness of Christian people," he declares.

Girl witnesses through letters

CANTON, Ohio (EP)—Ann Lind conducts a letter ministry which has grown to such proportions it now reaches around the world.

The correspondence idea of the slender collegian began after she and other young people closed The Cellar, a coffeehouse they operated in the basement of her church, John Knox Presbyterian.

The Cellar was closed when its constituency graduated from high school and moved away to many parts.

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