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Personally speaking



Still in touch

SINCE editors, preachers, and other "professional communicators" must hold onto at least a modicum of lucidity to continue in business, it is not too unusual for those of us in this broad vocational category occasionally to "have fears that we may cease to be"—lucid.

As I look back now at an experience I had a few days ago, I suppose it was not too remarkable that I wondered at the time if there were a loose connection in my cranium. (Some of my readers have had their suspicions of this all along.)

It is a little out of the ordinary, you will admit, for one to pick up the receiver of his telephone to dial a number and for him to hear a radio station's newscast—even before he has dialled the first digit. This happened to me the other day on our down-stairs extension.

But this was not the most disconcerting part of the situation. I could still hear the news even after I had pressed the cut-off buttons normally held down by the receiver when it is on its hook!

As I called the telephone repair service, I was not too sure the trouble was in the 'phone and not in my head. Hearing my complaint that the newscast continued to come over the receiver even when the telephone was disconnected, the repairman said what amounted to a sceptical "Oh, yeah, fellow?" But he did promise that he would be out soon to "take care of it." I wondered if he would bring a psychiatrist.

Frantically, I tried to get my wife to hear me upstairs and come down to serve as a witness. But by the time she arrived on the scene, there was nothing extraneous going on, even to my own perception. And while she was too thoughtful to say it, I sensed her feeling that I had been hearing things that really weren't there to be heard.

The telephone performed perfectly for the repairman. And as I repeated my story of the earlier abnormality, it sounded stranger and stranger, even to my own ears.

In desperation I suggested to the telephone man—out of my vast ignorance on the subject—that the telephone receiver itself must have been picking up the radio broadcast.

Imagine my relief when the repairman, open-

ing the receiver, exclaimed triumphantly: "Here's your trouble. A loose connection in the receiver was causing it to pick up the broadcast!"

"Well, they say that as long as a fellow worries about losing his marbles that he has not lost them yet—at least not all of them!"

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

ARKANSAS' Christian Civic Foundation has branded the proposed "mixed drink bill" as "extremely controversial," and has taken a solid stand against its possible consideration when the legislature meets in special session next month. Turn to page 7 for full details. For editorial comment on the same subject, you'll want to read "Open-bar bill," page 3. The editor also explains his reasons for opposing liquor-by-the-drink in a feature article on pages 5-6.

A SICK society, and getting sicker, one *News-magazine* reader thinks of our world in the United States today. She calls on all of us to band together in an effort to do something constructive about the rapidly rising crime rate, the loss of spiritual and moral values and the looseness of our ethical structure, in "The Challenge of crime," a letter to the editor on page 4.

A WORLD with no problems . . . sounds nice doesn't it? But Harriet Hall believes we're better people when we have problems and overcome them, through spiritual strength and belief in God. For her thoughts turn to page 11 and *Feminine Intuition*, "My strength through God's."

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Open-bar bill

THE so-called "mixed-drink" bill that the Governor is now considering for the February called session of the State Legislature is actually an open-bar bill and that is what it is being called by many leaders over the state. While the details of the bill have not been made public, and probably will not be until the last minute, you can be sure of one thing—it would provide for the serving of "liquor by the drink" in many a hotel and motel eating place where it is not now permitted by law.

Who is it that thinks Arkansas so desperately needs such a law? Among the leaders calling for it are the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce. And their main argument is that "it would be good for business." Incidentally, that was also their leading argument when they were trying to bring about legalized casino gambling. What it would do to the lives of the people is something quite beside the point.

State Representative Paul Meers of Little Rock has raised some good questions about the proposed bill, in a public letter to the Governor. "Would the passing of this bill serve as a reward to persons who have spent many years breaking our state laws?" asked Mr. Meers. He pointed out that the Internal Revenue Service indicates there are 101 places in Garland County alone that have federal coin-operated gaming device stamps. "Will there be any prohibition against these people in the mixed-drink bill?" asks Mr. Meers. And he adds that he thinks there certainly should be.

Answering an argument of the supporters for the "mixed-drink" bill that legalizing mixed drinks would improve law enforcement, Meers told of being offered liquor at a Hot Springs restaurant on Jan. 15 and added: "If the local police, the ABC [Alcoholic Beverage Control] agency and other law enforcement agencies are unable to prevent such flagrant abuses of the law now, how can we be sure they will be well equipped to do so in the future?" He said that he had not heard of any plans to expand the ABC staff or the state Revenue Department to cope with such a bill and the taxes it would be supposed to produce.

The Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, which has a board made up of church and civic leaders from all sections of the state, in its annual meeting here Jan. 15, took a solid stand against the proposed liquor law. (See story elsewhere in this issue.)

The Rockefeller administration has won the plaudits of a large part of the voters of Arkansas through its fearless cleaning up of illegal gambling in the state, particularly in Garland County. But the support thus gained would be greatly diminished by the inclusion of the liquor bill on the agenda for the special session of the Legislature. The Governor must know that there is no way for this to get on the agenda without his administration being given full credit. We trust that an administration so well begun will not flounder on the open-bar bill.

A new emphasis?

IS the church putting the emphasis on the wrong syllable?

Edgar C. Frierson asks some pointed questions and draws some interesting conclusions in his article "Training for the Midtwentieth-century Man," in the February issue of *Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

Says Dr. Frierson, who is coordinator of Education of the Gifted and Program for Learning Disabilities, at George Peabody College for Teachers, and an active Southern Baptist:

"If the goal of the church each year is to see how many people will be attracted into its frame of reference, into its particular way of carrying on Sunday activities, into its special way of behaving on Wednesday evening, then you can say that the organization is growing because more people may be doing that.

"But, instead of trying to get the world into the church, we should be taking the church into the world. We must counterbalance our New Church Members Orientation programs with an old member orientation program focusing on the world."

Dr. Frierson says we are training people to behave themselves properly in church but that the training mission of the church should also be to train Christians to behave in the world "without violating the spirit of love, the spirit of compassion, the spirit of oneness with Christ."

Dr. Frierson's point should be well taken by preachers and laymen alike. It may be that we need no less emphasis in our preaching and teaching on *what* Christians should do seven days a week, but more on *how* Christians can better be what they ought to be and do what they ought to do. And this is not to overlook the essential role of the Holy Spirit in Christian lives and affairs.

The challenge of crime

I am so deeply disturbed over the waves of crime in the many forms; the immorality and degradation that is engulfing society in our nation and the world.

I have prayed much that God would see fit to call out some one who is Godly enough and having the capability of aligning, organizing people who are concerned to band themselves together in a prayerful determination, to come out against the evils that are becoming so popular that the decent and moral ways of life are becoming almost obscure.

One of the most, if not the most, degrading, harmful and shameful sins of society today, is the exploiting, exposition, soliciting and encouraging immoral acts of sex.

We could mention many other immoral practices that are helping drag our society to the lowest depths, but nothing else in my opinion is practiced and brought to the attention of the general mass of people, children, youth and adults, as is sex in its lowest form.

There are very few T.V. programs (in comparison), that one can relax and watch throughout without seeing or hearing a display of immoral acts or language.

We see sex in its plain language gloated over and discussed in merriment by many theatrical and T.V. stars. Some of whom I and others have admired in the past, have become so engrossed in the idea of sex, that, this is now the highlight of their program.

I believe that if the Christian and moral population of our nation would make the effort for decency and morality as the devil and his cre are making for indecency and chaos we would see a difference in our society.

Our God has promised that if his people would humble themselves, seek his face and pray, he would hear from heaven, and he would heal their land.

Are we, who call ourselves God's people, afraid to become involved, in an effort to curb these terrible evils to society? Would we dare implore the great broadcasting companies to censure the programs that are broadcast over their networks?

I wonder how many Christians and moral-minded people would be willing to band together, to turn the T.V. off when those dirty commercials, involving practically nude women, dirty drinking parties and sex displays, which are a big part of so many programs. I would like to see it given a try.

Some one has suggested that to make America beautiful, they start out by cutting hair. That would be a big step, but another step which I think is more important would be attaching some tops and bottoms to the women's attire. And pinning some fig leaves together to cover the knotty knees.

As one old radio comedian would say of our society, "What a revolting development this is."—Mrs. W. F. Wilson, Rt. 2, Box 181, Cabot.

Vietnam and preachers

I praise God for a Sunday school superintendent with enough guts and grace to say what's on his heart about the war in Vietnam. [See "The People Speak," in our issue of Jan. 11.]

It is past time for God's people to see the terrible trouble we are in. Our Government could end this war if our leaders were not a bunch of spineless whelps. The only way to treat the Communists is with lead. They have proven over again that they hate our American way of life, but as long as we have these puny politicians, and yes, these pussyfooting preachers, we will continue to lose the battle in Vietnam and everywhere else. Also on all fronts: economically, politically and religiously.

To Lt. Col. Jack Mohr, I salute you, sir, for your stand. May the Lord bless you is my prayer. We need a dozen like you in the White House.

Also permit me to insert a word about the brand of preachers that are being stamped out on production basis today.

Too many are of the Obadiah strip, more concerned about their security than the security of their people and nation. Although Obadiah "feared the Lord greatly," he was still not in the class with Elijah.

They are ready to take the popular, or the more non-committal side. This (Obadiah) preacher is too busy either in the palace scratching the fleas on the king, or he is running after that cave crowd of little preachers who won't take a stand for God on any important issue. They call themselves standing neutral (but there "ain't" no such place) because Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me."

The question we face today is not, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" but, "Where are the Elijah's of God?"

While Obadiah was hobnobbing with King Ahab and that wicked queen, Jez-

ebel, the prophet, Elijah, was alone with God getting fired up for his stand for God on Carmel. This is the caliber of preachers needed in this dark hour. While the major part of God's people are squatting in the valley of indecision, our preachers with backbone and intestinal fortitude need to declare in straight, forthright terms the sins that are sinking us.

God help us to see it before it is too late!—Vaughn W. Denton, Pastor, Magnolia Baptist Church, Route 2, Crossett, Ark.

Bible as 'Lit' course

OLYMPIA, Wash.—The Washington State Supreme Court ruled 8-1 here that the University of Washington may continue to offer a course in the Bible as literature without violating the constitutional separation of church and state.

This, despite the appeal of Attorney Douglas Smith, representing Rev. Thomas W. Miller of Calvary Bible Presbyterian Church, Seattle, and the Rev. Harold Webb of Tacoma's Bible Presbyterian Church.

The ministers and a number of taxpayers and parents of students in the Lake Washington school district first took their case to the local and state school superintendents before it could be taken to the courts.

Judge Robert Hunter, dissenting, said the course "is religious instruction and constitutes a direct attack upon the religious belief of many taxpayers of this state, who profess that the Bible is the 'revealed word of God.'"

Pastor Miller said the decision would be appealed to the United States Supreme Court. (EP)



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Why I am opposed to liquor by the drink

BY THE EDITOR

As one who greatly appreciates democracy, I am nevertheless opposed to having the liquor-by-the-drink bill on the agenda for the February session of the State Legislature.

My reasons for opposing this bill are manifold.

In the first place, I regard the liquor business as illegitimate.

It is a business that is at cross-purposes with the broad and general purpose of government itself—which is to provide for the common welfare of our people.

The fact that the liquor business must be controlled—and this has been well established by the United States Supreme Court—testifies against its legitimacy. Any right the liquor business may have is not an inalienable right, but a right existing only at the sufferance of the state, and, therefore, is subject to such limitations, taxes, and controls as the state might see fit to impose.

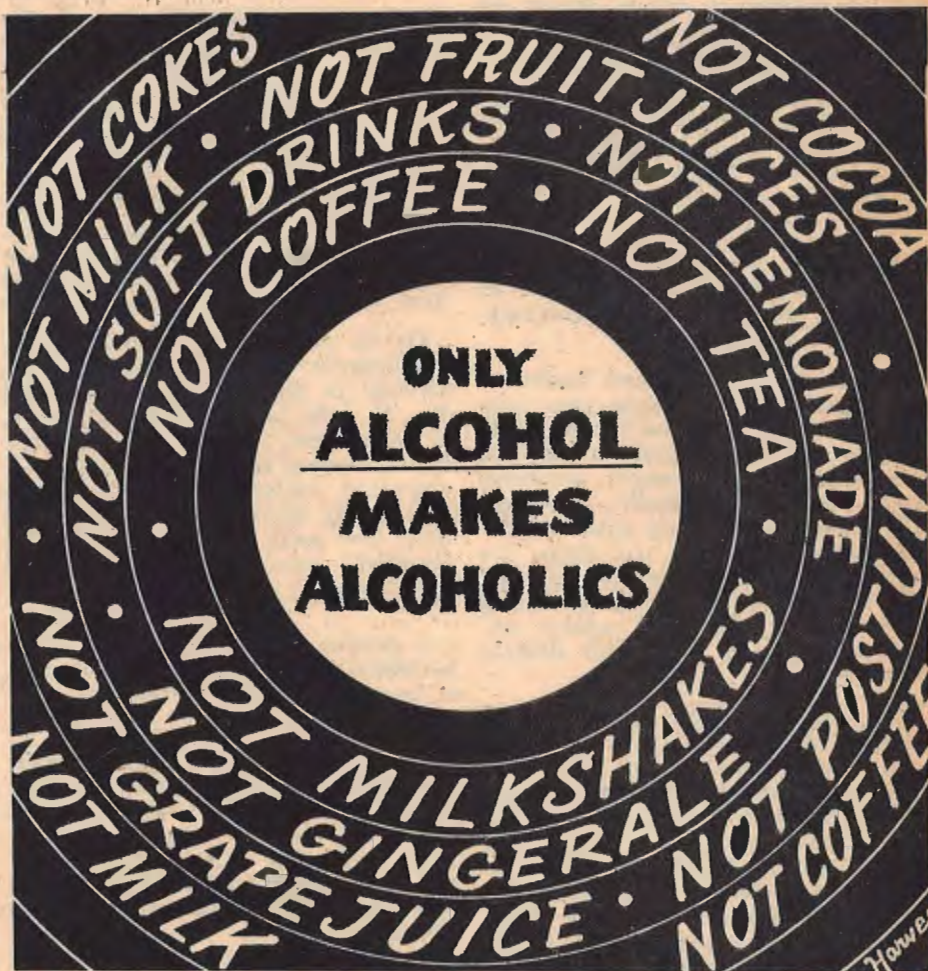
The decisions of the Supreme Court have determined that the liquor traffic is not just an ordinary commercial enterprise. It is a business that is injurious to public health, and injurious to public safety. So, no "inalienable right" is taken from the liquor industry when the government seeks by law to regulate its program.

Here is the specific ruling of the Supreme Court, in the case of *Crowley vs. Christenson*, in 1890, a position, incidentally, which has never been set aside:

"There is no inherent right in a citizen to sell intoxicating liquor by retail. It is not a privilege of a citizen of the State or of a citizen of the United States. As it is a business attended with dangers to the community, it may, as already said, be entirely prohibited, or permitted under such conditions as will limit to the utmost its evils."

Here are seven other reasons why I am against legalizing liquor by the drink:

1. Selling liquor by the drink results in much more liquor being consumed



than when liquor sales are restricted to package sales.

A survey in 1963, at which time there were 11 states selling liquor by package only, revealed that the package-only states had an average consumption of 0.92 gallons as compared with a per capita consumption of 1.63 gallons for the liquor-by-the-drink states. Thus the liquor-by-the-drink states showed 77.2 percent higher consumption than the package-only states, including Arkansas with the lowest per capita liquor consumption in the nation—0.68 gallons.

In Iowa, which legalized liquor-by-the-drink as of July 4, 1963, a comparison of liquor sales the last three years before liquor-by-the-drink with the first three years with liquor-by-the-drink showed an average increase in liquor sales of \$38,484,343.49 for the three

years following the voting of liquor-by-the-drink.

2. Making liquor available by the drink produces more alcoholics than does restricting the sales to package sales.

Figures compiled by the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies showed that in 1963 the number of alcoholics per 100,000 persons (age 20 and over) was 4,016 in the liquor-by-the-drink states and only 3,020 in package-only states. In other words, alcoholism was 33 percent greater in the states selling liquor by both package and drink than for the states selling liquor by the package only.

It stands to reason that the more liquor outlets there are, the more drinking there will be. A striking example is San Francisco, the "most drunken"

city in America, where, according to the city's public health director, Dr. Ellis Sox, alcohol consumption is 3½ times the national average, and the city has a licensed liquor outlet for every 143 of its inhabitants.

3. Making liquor available by the drink would greatly increase highway accidents and deaths.

With the increasing consumption of liquor that would come with liquor-by-the-drink, an increase in accidents and fatal accidents would be inevitable. For real impairment in driving ability due to drinking begins with only two drinks, for a man of average weight. Most authorities agree that the function of the brain of a drinker is impaired within 15 minutes after a drink and that two drinks make driving unsafe for two hours, and additional drinks make it unsafe for relatively longer periods of time.

4. Making liquor available by the drink results in more crime, with its rising toll of life, property, and higher cost of policing.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in any given year from 50 percent to 60 percent of all arrests are from the combination of the four categories most commonly associated with drinking alcoholic beverages (drunkenness, disorderly conduct, driving while intoxicated, and liquor law violations). Likewise, reports the FBI, 62 percent of all major crimes, such as rape, murder, aggravated assault, etc., are the result of the use of alcoholic beverages.

Georgia, which began legal sales of liquor-by-the-drink in 1964, showed a crime rate increase for all offenses of 35.6 percent from 1963 to 1965. In 1960, before liquor-by-the-drink was legalized, the crime rate for rape in Georgia was 14.5 percent lower than the national average. In 1965, after liquor-by-the-drink was legalized, Georgia's crime rate for rape had increased until it was 15.5 percent higher than the national averages.

The late Dr. E. M. Jellinek, regarded by many as the greatest authority on alcoholism in this generation, said:

"The death, crime and accident rate in a given community varies according to the beverage alcohol consumption; when alcoholism decreases, so do death, crime and accident rates; and the lifting of restrictions on alcohol is followed by a rise in commitments to asylums, hospitalization and delinquency."

5. Contrary to one of the chief arguments of the proponents of liquor-by-the-drink, this is not a deciding factor in attracting conventions, tourists, and business and industry.

A good example to disprove the necessity of liquor-by-the-drink can be seen in the favorable business situation in Hot Springs, where many lids have

been clamped on what used to be open violation of gambling and liquor laws. Said Charles Rixse, manager of the Hot Springs Convention Bureau, in a recent talk to the Hot Springs Exchange Club: Convention business is still on the increase in the city and although Hot Springs has been going through a period of transition no convention has been cancelled. During the first ten months of 1967, he said, there were 430 conventions held in Hot Springs, comparing with 171 in 1964.

In 1966, Tennessee, at that time having no liquor-by-the-drink, had 30 million out-of-state visitors, ranking close to the top in the nation in tourism.

Through information centers in key areas of Michigan in a recent year, 150,000 tourists were polled as to why they chose the state for their vacations. The results showed that by far the major interest was sightseeing, camping, swimming, fishing, and boating. There was no indication that the tourists went to Michigan to drink.

On the other hand, Louisville, which has liquor-by-the-drink, according to an editorial in The Courier Journal dated Dec. 19, 1966, had a big dip, dollarwise, in conventions for the year, dropping below the year of 1960. The number of convention visitors was reported as being less by 37,000 in 1965 than it had been five years previously. Liquor-by-the-drink obviously was not the answer here.

6. Despite the fact that more than \$5 billion is collected annually in taxes from liquor, liquor revenue is a liability, not an asset.

Enough information has been gathered to reveal that for every \$1 of liquor taxes collected, a state must pay out from \$3.50—in Massachusetts—to \$37—in Florida. (Arkansas actually paid out more than \$12 for every \$1 collected in liquor taxes for the year 1966.)

To cite another case, the Joint Interim Committee of the California State Legislature found that for 1953-1955 for every \$1 of beer and liquor tax received the state spent \$5.23 on direct, measurable costs.

7. Finally, legalizing liquor by the drink increases rather than decreases the difficulty of liquor control.

If the sale of liquor cannot be controlled in a limited number of outlets, how could we expect it to be better controlled if the number of liquor outlets were doubled? If liquor laws cannot be enforced with sales by the package only through legal liquor stores, how could there possibly be better control if sales were greatly increased by opening new liquor-by-the-drink outlets in bars, hotels, motels and restaurants?

The states that keep the firmest controls, permit the least advertising and

promotion, and limit liquor outlets to a minimum are the states that have the least social and economic problems resulting from the liquor traffic.

Saloon and tavern owners, whose profits increase with liquor consumption, are noted for either not being able or willing to control their own business.

Someone has pointed up two fundamental principles:

1. Social evils arising out of the consumption of alcoholic beverages are always in direct proportion to the amount of alcohol consumed.

2. The amount of alcohol consumed and the number of alcoholics produced have a direct relationship to the facilities afforded for the dispensing of alcoholic beverages.

[Much of the material for this article was lifted from the tract, "Liquor-by-the-Drink?," prepared and distributed by United Tennessee League, Nashville.]

Funeral chaplain

TULSA, Okla.—In what may be the first such appointment of its kind in America, the Tulsa branch of the Moore Funeral Home has added a chaplain to its mortuary staff.

He is the Rev. Charlie Martin, an Assemblies of God minister, who will be available on call to clients of the funeral home as the establishment's chaplain. Mr. Martin will serve in a pastoral role bereaved families without a church affiliation and as counselor to any of Moore's clients who may need his services.

Martin pioneered as an industrial chaplain at Sunray DX Oil Co. refinery, For a year following his retirement from Sunray DX, Martin served as the first associate chaplain at Hillcrest Medical Center. (EP)

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Ft. Smith church destroyed by fire

Fire of undetermined origin early Wednesday of last week destroyed the buildings of Immanuel Baptist Church, Ft. Smith.

Dr. James R. Zeltner, pastor, said that the church is considering the purchase of a building in another part of the city but that the congregation would be meeting for the time being in the United Commercial Travelers Building at 1022 West Dodson, near the church site.

The church auditorium, which had a seating capacity of 900, along with the library and educational building and all of the contents were reported a total loss. Both Pastor Zeltner and Kenneth Jones, minister of education and music, lost all of their personal books and music in the fire.

All of the church records were destroyed. At the request of the pastor, the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine is supplying him with the church mailing list of the paper as a start of a restored church membership roll.

The church plant was insured for \$400,000, with an outstanding indebtedness of approximately \$40,000.

Visiting scholars

Ouachita University has instituted a program of visiting scholars to strengthen the quality and depth of its academic program during the current year, Dr. Marvin Green, acting president, has announced.

The new program, partly subsidized by a grant from the United States Office of Education, has such outstanding scholars in their field as Dr. Nels Ferre, famous author and scholar in philosophy, who will teach during the first summer session of 1968; Dr. Waldo Braden, chairman of speech at Louisiana State, a past president of the Speech Association of America, who will lecture during the spring semester; and Dr. Roman Czerwinski of Parsons College, whose field is English and who has just completed the fall semester at Ouachita.

Other scholars who served during the fall semester are: Dr. Carl Kreisler, Parsons College, education; Professor James Smith, North Texas State University, music; and Dr. J. T. Sandefur, Kansas State College of Emporia, education.

Included in the group to come during the spring and summer are Shepherd Traube, Broadway producer and director; Dr. Guy Duckworth, University of Connecticut School of Music; and Sigmund Rascher, music.

Aside from the purely academic bene-

Christian Civic Foundation blasts bill providing for 'mixed drinks'

The Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc., in its annual board meeting in Little Rock Jan. 15, took a solid stand against a proposed "mixed-drink" bill being considered by Governor Rockefeller for consideration in the called session of the State Legislature early in February.

The CCF board adopted a resolution deploring the "adverse effect of the use of beverage alcohol upon our society," branding the proposed bill as "extremely controversial," and pledging to do everything within its power to prevent such bill from being placed before the legislature.

Dr. Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, was named chairman of a committee to confer with Governor Rockefeller and make known to him personally the action of the CCF board. Other members of the committee are Rev. David P. Conyers, pastor of Lakewood Methodist Church, North Little Rock; Dr. Alfred Knox, editor of Arkansas Methodist, Little Rock; James Gannaway, Little Rock attorney; and Editor Erwin L. McDonald of Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

The board passed a motion by Pastor Bob Edwards of First Methodist Church, Jacksonville, calling for a committee to be named by the CCF president, Dr. Horace E. Thompson, to look into the possibility of enlisting a wider participation of the various religious faiths in the Foundation.

Pastor Robert O. Beck of First Methodist Church, Stuttgart, questioned why there was no Negro representation on the board. He was told by Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, executive director of the organization, that the Foundation is open to all faiths, regardless of race, and that efforts had been made from time to time to enlist Negro participation.

Dr. Thompson was elected president for the coming year. Other officers are: Dr. McDonald, first vice president; Mrs. Edgar Dixon, Little Rock, second vice president; Mr. Conyers, third vice pres-

ident; Branch T. Fields, Methodist layman of North Little Rock, secretary; and Dr. Knox, treasurer.

Other members of the executive committee include: Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Jonesboro; Dr. South; Dr. Kenneth L. Spore, Altheimer; Dr. S. A. Whitlow, Little Rock; Rev. Fay Hutchison, Little Rock; Judge Edward S. Maddox, Harrisburg; and Rev. Carter Rogers, Little Rock.

Alcohol, so long in the saddle in the legislative halls of Congress, is fast becoming a controversial issue on Capitol Hill, Dr. Billy E. McCormack, executive director of the American Council on Alcohol Problems, said here as the guest speaker at the CCF board meeting.

This is cause for optimism, in the opinion of Dr. McCormack. He pointed to bills recently proposed to limit or abolish the advertising of alcoholic beverages on radio and television.

Even liquor manufacturers now are beginning to urge drinkers not to drive, recognizing that the drunken driven is their great handicap, McCormack said.

Hits child drinking

He struck out at the recommendations released recently from a so-called alcohol study made under sponsorship of the U. S. Health Department, recommendations of which included the proposal that children and young people be taught to drink in their homes with the view to helping them to "learn how to drink without drinking to excess."

He said that the Health Department has scheduled an international conference on alcohol and alcoholism for Washington next Sept. 15-20, and that the American Council on Alcohol Problems has set up a national conference in Washington for Sept. 11-13. A feature of the ACAP conference will be an address by the noted news commentator, Paul Harvey, on "What Alcohol Is Doing to the Fabric of Our Society." Constitution Hall has been rented for the occasion.

fits from the scholars program, Ouachita feels that it is good for students to have a chance to "rub elbows" with these renowned teachers and to have a

chance to get to know them personally and to discuss matters with them. Ouachita hopes that this can be a continuing program, Dr. Lindsey stressed.

Golden wedding anniversary

Camden extension center



MR. AND MRS. THOMPSON

Registration for 15 undergraduate extension courses and one resident graduate credit course for the spring semester is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the Camden Extension Center of Ouachita University.

Tuition is \$20 per semester hour whether taken for college credit or not. At least 10 persons must be enrolled in a class before it will be offered. Classes will meet one night each week at 7 p. m. on Tuesdays or Thursdays for each hour of credit. The resident graduate course will be offered on Wednesday night.

Undergraduate courses include Accounting 113, Elementary Accounting II, staff; GE 153, Hebrew Heritage, staff; GE 133, Freshman English, Prof. William Downs; GE 322, Teaching Modern Math, Prof. John Small; Sec. Sci. 343, Business Communications, staff; Business 413, Personnel Management, Prof. James McCommas; English 213, Survey of English Literature, Prof. Betty McCommas; Sec. Sci. 233, Elementary Shorthand II, staff; Business 443, Real Estate Principles, Prof. Harry Squires; GE 243, American Civilization, Prof. Clarence Allison; H. Ec. 413, Child Development, staff; Lib. Sci. 213, Children's Literature, staff; Music Ed. 202, Music for Classroom Teachers, staff; Business 313, Business Law II, staff; and Business 213, Principles of Management, staff.

The graduate resident credit course is Education 573E, Principles of Guidance, taught by Prof. Thurmond Watson.

The Camden Extension Center is located in the Old Post Office building.

To youth council work



MR. ELLIS

Walter Ellis of Malvern, a senior at Ouachita University, has been elected to serve on the Executive Board of the Governor's Youth Council. Ellis, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Ellis, 1004 So. Main St., Malvern, is also serving on the council's constitutional committee. The council was started by Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller as a means of finding out the opinions of the students in Arkansas.

Ellis, a sociology major, is president of the Student Senate, a member of Blue Key, and a member of Zeta Beta social club.

Lifelong residents of Greene County, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have been members of Paragould's First Church for 40 years. Mr. Thompson was a deacon for many years, and the couple still serves the church actively in many areas.

Their children are Merle Thompson, Lake Village; J. W. and Maurice Thompson, Earle; Homer Thompson, Blytheville; Mrs. Wett Shivley, Kennett, Mo.; Mrs. J. Ernest Howell and Mrs. R. B. Childress, Jonesboro; Ms. W. C. Hudgins, Amarillo, Tex.; Ms. Bob Demond, Memphis, Tenn.; and Mrs. Tommy Junper, Paragould.

Marvell calls pastor

Rev. Harold Taylor has been called to the pastorate of First Church, Marvell.

Mr. Taylor has been serving as pastor of North Maple Street Church, Stuttgart. (CB)

Little Zion Church, Mountain View, Mo., Nov. 26-Dec. 3; Jamie Coleman, Fayetteville, Ark., evangelist; 5 professions of faith, 4 for baptism, 1 by letter, 1 surrender to full-time service, 31 rededications; Enoch Duncan, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sam Thompson of Paragould celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 31. The occasion was marked by an open house reception at their home, hosted by the couple's ten children.

Karam named to board

Jimmy Karam, Little Rock clothier, has been named to the Board of Development of New Orleans Seminary.

Karam joins a group of interested men and women from across the nation who have pledged themselves to undergirding and supplementing the work of Christian education at the Seminary in New Orleans, a seminary official said.

The Board of Development is described as being concerned with both short and long-range programs of the institution's total development.

Chairman of the group is Wallace E. Johnson, president of Holiday Inns, Inc.

Revivals

Ridgeway Church, Nashville, Jan. 12-14; Rev. John Finn, association missionary, Booneville Association, evangelist; 1 profession of faith, 2 by letter, 10 rededications; Charles R. Stanford, pastor.

Chatham to Hope

First Church, Hope, has called Roy Chatham as minister of music and education. Mr. Chatham comes to Hope from Mayfair Church, Oklahoma City, Okla. Gerald W. Trussell is pastor. (CB)

Deaths

MRS. ADELE WILSON MALONE, Jan. 12, in Lonoke. A native of Dardanelle, she was the wife of James M. Malone Sr., member of the Public Service Commission and a former Lonoke County judge. She was a graduate of the University of Arkansas, where she majored in music, and taught music in Lonoke for several years.

Mrs. Malone was a member of the Basil Gather Chapter, DAR, Little Rock, and the Federated Garden Clubs and the Book Club, Lonoke. She was a member of Lonoke Church.

Survivors include a son, James M. Malone Jr., Lonoke; two daughters, Mrs. John O. Campbell, Harrison, and Mrs. James A. Latham, Shreveport, La.; two sisters and nine grandchildren.

ROBERT B. TUCK, 74, a retired engineer for the Missouri Pacific Lines, Jan. 14, in North Little Rock.

Mr. Tuck was a member of Baring Cross Church, Crescent Masonic Lodge, the Arkansas Consistory, Scimitar Shrine Temple, the Bedouins, George Thornburgh Chapter 460, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Brotherhood of Railroad Engineers. He was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Ruby Newton Tuck; two brothers and three sisters.



LICENSED to the ministry by University Church, Fayetteville, pastored by H. D. McCarty, are (standing, left to right) John Anthony, Hope; John Matthews, North Little Rock; and (seated) Rick Proctor, Wynne. All three were pursuing majors at the University of Arkansas in pre-med, engineering and law, respectively, until their decision was made to enter the ministry. They plan to enter Southwestern Seminary.

Smiley to Camden

John H. McClanahan, pastor, First Church, Pine Bluff, has announced the

resignation of Wayne Smiley as church organist.

Mr. Smiley has accepted a position as choral director of Camden's First Methodist Church. Mrs. Mary Diden is acting as interim organist for First Church. (CB)

Services for the blind

The State of Arkansas Department of Education sponsors a service for the blind and physically handicapped which includes a variety of talking books, such as the Bible, Readers Digest, Newsweek, and others.

The office for this service is located at 900 West Fourth St., Little Rock, and the phone number is FR 5-7245. A call will provide the information as to who can qualify for the material and how it is checked out. (CB)



SHOWN here is the parsonage recently purchased by Lakeside Church, Hot Springs, pastored by Don Sebastian. The air-conditioned brick structure contains three bedrooms and one-and-a-half baths, and is valued at \$16,000.



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Your state convention at work

Youth convention facts

The Youth Convention will be held in Robinson Auditorium, Little Rock, April 12, from 10:15 a. m. to 8:15 p. m.

Fact number one: Good News—"A Christian folk musical." The climax to the Youth Convention on Friday night will be the 55-minute presentation of "Good News," with youth of Second Church, Little Rock, serving as the nucleus. Over 200 young people in the Little Rock area will participate.

One young person who saw this folk musical at Glorieta last summer said, "It is strictly fabulous!"

This is the exciting musical production created, composed and compiled for youth by youth, with the distinctive beat and freshness of folk music. It will be directed by Bob Oldenburg of Nashville, Tenn., who compiled and arranged the musical. Cecil McGee of the Sunday School Board will have charge of the dedication service following "Good News," which will conclude the evening service.

"Good News" is an opportunity for Christian teens to express and share the real fun and happiness of life in Christ.

Send \$1.00 to the Training Union Department for your "Wes Hall—Minute Man" hamburger supper at the Youth Fellowship (4:30-6 p.m.).—Ralph W. Davis

A special day

From Maine to Hawaii and from Alaska to Florida this coming Sunday will be a special day in many churches as they observe Baptist Men's Day. Observance of the day will not only give recognition to the men of the church, but will place special emphasis on missions and the involvement of men in mission actions.

Rare indeed is the church community that does not offer opportunities for Baptist men to become involved in mission action, especially if they understand the true meaning of missions. One of the objectives of Baptist Men's Day is to lead men to understand the real purpose of missions and to suggest ways that they may become involved.

Many churches will begin observance of the day with a breakfast and a discussion of missions as taught in the Bible. Where proper plans have been made the men will discuss together some of the opportunities in their own area and, of course, a period should be devoted to praying for the work of missions around the world.

If your church is observing Baptist

Four for 1968

Four Vacation Bible School clinics are scheduled for 1968: February 13: First Church, Ozark; First Church, Hope; February 15: First Church, Jonesboro; First Church, Pine Bluff.

Two representatives from the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board will assist in the clinics. Dr. James Barry, Weekday and Vacation Bible School consultant, will lead conferences for associational missionaries and VBS superintendents, pastors and staff members at Ozark and Jonesboro. Miss Dolores Baker, editor of Primary materials, will lead the Primary conferences at Hope and Pine Bluff.

Two faculties will give associational VBS teams training in leading conferences in associational clinics. Three hours of conference time will be devoted to this training.

The clinics will begin at 9 a.m. with free coffee and doughnuts. The general session will convene at 9:30, followed by conferences for general officers and age-group workers.

Each individual is to provide a sack

The cover



So, in the morning, when the east is strung with the bright harp-strings of another day: against whose glistening golden cords are sung all things that birds can sing or words can say: like a great page of music, whereto leaning even the dark trees with their cordage sing.

—Conrad Aiken

Men's Day we feel sure it will be a blessing not only to the men but to the church and community.—C. H. Seaton

lunch. Cold drinks and coffee will be furnished.

The afternoon session will begin at 1:30, closing at 4 p.m. Another conference period will be included in the afternoon session.

Associational VBS general and age group workers, pastors, missionaries and staff members should attend the clinic nearest them.—Pat Ratton, Consultant, Youth Work, Sunday School Department

What's new?

New concepts of WMU work, new organization patterns and new materials for use in implementing 1968-69 plans will be presented by a team of three from Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Feb. 22 at Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Comprising the team of interpreters will be Mrs. R. L. Mathis, promotion division director, Miss Laurella Owens, editor, YWA materials, and Miss Bernice Elliott, promotion associate, all of Birmingham, Ala.

The "target group" for the state interpretation meeting are members of the state WMU executive board and a team of at least six from each association, composed of the associational superintendent of missions, WMU president, WMS representative, and directors of YWA, GA and Sunbeam band.

Follow-up plans include interpretation meetings for local church WMU leadership in April in every association conducted by the associational team and members of the State WMU executive board who attend the state meeting on the 22nd.

Orientation in the new plans and concepts is available for every WMU leader, and will be particularly helpful for members of leadership (nominating) committees. Watch for your opportunity!

Victory!

To the \$55,000 goal for the 1967 Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions an additional \$10,000 was added upon the request of the Operating Committee of the executive board, Arkansas Baptist State Convention. This was done to provide aid for the 1968 Denver Evangelistic Crusade. An appeal went to pastors and information was given in materials used by Woman's Missionary Union organizations for use in observance of the Season of Prayer for State Missions. In response, gifts totaling \$65,342 were received, providing the special aid for the Denver Crusade, and the largest single Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions ever to be administered by the Missions and Race Relations Departments.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

Scholarship winner

Miss Rosemary Massey, Booneville, a freshman journalism major at Ouachita University, has been named winner of a \$100 journalism scholarship presented annually by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tudor, owners and publishers of Southern Standard Printing Co., Arkadelphia.



MISS MASSEY

OBU ranks high

A corrected department rating in religion has placed Ouachita University second only to the University of Arkansas among the colleges and universities in the state, according to an updating supplement to The Gourman Report.

In the earlier report, Ouachita rated 376 points, but the new report gives Ouachita 385 points, tops among the small colleges and universities in Arkansas.

The Gourman Report is compiled by Professor Jack Gourman of San Fernando Valley State College of California for the Educational Service Division of The Continuing Education Institute, Inc., Phoenix, Ariz. It includes 1,187 accredited undergraduate schools in the United States which are more than 10 years old.

The significance of the Gourman Report is that it is the first multi-dimensional study of American higher education and is based upon empirical and scientific research methods, according to an article in the June 27, 1967, National Review.

A general "Gourman Rating" for each institution is indicated by the number of points assigned. Ratings of specific departments and non-academic aspects of the college are also presented. Each institution, and the departments within it, are rated on the basis of a number of carefully selected, tested criteria.

General Baptists

DES PLAINES, Ill.—Statistics released by the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches for the fiscal year ending April, 1967, show that 33 new churches were received into the Association, bringing the total number to 1,264. The average membership per church is listed as 138.

Financial reports show that gifts to missions totaled \$6,287,174. Local church expenditures totaled \$15,951,800. The per capita missionary giving was \$36.05. Building expansion reached \$4,682,700. Total giving for all purposes amounted to \$26,921,674.

A comparison of these figures with similar ones of the previous year shows an increase in mission giving of \$572,115. Local current expense giving increased by \$1,396,492. (EP)



Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

My strength plus God's

Would you enjoy living in a world with no problems? At first this might sound inviting, but we know that even problems are good for something. If nothing else they give us the opportunity for the development of strength of soul.

Recently I heard an engineering student give a devotional in the university department of our Sunday School. He first mentioned many of the problems and pressures facing students today, then stated a formula for helping meet these difficult situations:

"My strength plus God's strength equals enough."

This formula could be applied to people of any age. We often think we are insufficient for the task before us. "I'm too tired," we moan, "or I just don't have the strength—or the time—or the patience." Frequently we have heard it said, "I don't believe I could stand it if I had to go through what (naming the person) has had to face."

Not long ago I talked with an older woman, a dear Christian, who faced possible surgery. She calmly said to me, "Whatever happens will be all right." Courage, patience, wisdom, and strength are hers. They can be ours if we claim the wonderful promises of God:

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31).

II Corinthians 12:9 reminds us, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19).

Do we really believe these promises? If we do, we possess a formula for handling any problem or meeting any disappointment or difficulty. This is saying a lot because life hands out sorrow, pain and even death, but God's great strength added to ours equals enough.

We can say, with the unknown author of a well-known prayer,

"Lord, give us the courage to change the things which can be changed, help us to bear with patience those things which cannot be changed, and give us the wisdom to tell the one from the other."

New subscribers

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BWC travel unrestricted

WASHINGTON—The threat of restrictions on travel of United States citizens to Europe has not interrupted plans for the seventh Baptist Youth World Conference in Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28.

President Lyndon B. Johnson proposed on Jan. 1 that Americans be encouraged to stay at home the next two years in order to curtail a drain of dollars from the country.

Questions immediately poured into the Baptist World Alliance office here. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Alliance and director of youth work, studied the President's statements and talked at length with government officials.

"I am convinced," Denny said, "that the president thinks too highly of experiential learning to discourage young people from attending an international meeting like the Baptist Youth World Conference in Berne."

He added that he believed congressmen, who may be asked to enact re-

strictive travel legislation, are fully aware that American youth "must be trained as international citizens if they are to take their places in building a better world. To do this, they must be exposed to fellow students from other parts of the world."

An estimated 6,000 youth from more than 60 countries are expected to attend the international Baptist meeting in Berne. Approximately 3,000 of the total expected will probably come from North America, Denny said.

Denny said that he has no objection to a tax, or even a ban, on purchases by American tourists overseas, but he believes a ban on travel for learning would be "seriously self-defeating."

"Our age has presented us with an opportunity to get to know our neighbors on this planet," Denny said. "We need to encourage our youth to travel and to learn from people and experiences, rather than restrict their learning to provincial boundaries." (BP)

Church sponsors news

JONESBORO, Ill.—First Church here is sponsoring a news and weather summary over a local radio station at 4 p.m. daily "in an effort to reach more people."

"The church has been overwhelming in support of the idea," said Pastor Boyd Preston. "It is a little expensive, but our people feel it has tremendous potential."

The church sponsors and pays for the five-minute news and weather summary. At the close of each program, Preston makes a one-minute comment, but he doesn't like to call it a commercial.

Preston gives four reasons for the church's deciding to use this approach for reaching people through radio:

1. Since the average church speaks to only a small minority of its community in any given week, the congregation needs to look for new outlets.

2. The usual "radio sermon" has a limited audience, primarily to shut-ins and those who are already Christians. "We are looking for a way to reach the modern-man-in-a-hurry," Preston noted.

3. Listeners need to understand that God is at work in today's news.

4. Each community must be reminded there is a church interested enough to

Oklahoma exceeds goal

OKLAHOMA CITY—A plan for bringing in additional funds for Oklahoma Baptists' only school and the 26 Baptist Student Unions supported by the state convention has cleared its first major hurdle.

Oklahoma Baptists topped their 1967 Cooperative Program budget goal of \$3.125 million by a total of \$143,162.

Benefiting from the budget surplus were Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, which received 75 percent of the amount over the budget, and Baptist Student Unions in the state, which received the remaining 25 percent.

In specific terms, Oklahoma Baptist University received \$107,331 above its regular Cooperative Program allocation of \$463,260. Student work will receive an additional \$35,790 over its regular allocation of \$92,000.

Last May in a special, called session of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, the convention voted to set up the plan. (BP)

try something new.

Preston gives a lot of the credit to station manager Don Mitchel, whom he describes as "a consecrated Methodist who refuses liquor, cigarette, and immoral films as advertisements." (BP)

Kansas paper grows

WICHITA, Kan.—The Baptist Digest, official weekly publication of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, has enlarged its format and size.

Instead of a weekly, eight-page 8½ x 11 magazine-size paper, The Digest has increased to tabloid size, 11 x 17, maintaining its eight pages.

The Digest has operated for 22 years in magazine style. The paper is currently without a full-time editor, with N. J. Westmoreland, executive secretary of the convention, serving as interim editor.

Westmoreland said that the increased size to tabloid would accomplish several objectives which could not be achieved through the magazine pattern, including a shorter production time from the date for submitting copy until the paper is mailed.

Previously there was a one-week production time, but the new service will permit final copy to be submitted for the photographic process at 5 p. m. on Wednesday and delivery of the finished paper to the homes of the readers on Friday or Saturday of the same week.

Westmoreland said that although more than twice as much space is available for the paper each week (a total of 600 column inches compared to the former 240 column inches), the cost is 25 to 35-percent less than the cost of the magazine format paper.

With the move to tabloid size, the paper also began providing the back page for local church pages, with special editions for each church that wants to utilize the space. Each church subscribing to the service submits its own photo-ready copy, for \$10 a week.

Westmoreland said that the Digest would seek to increase its circulation under the new format, but that it would probably be several months before a full-time editor could be employed. (BP)

The true tithe

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—Mrs. Odessa Hart Brown not only believed in tithing during her lifetime, she practiced it even in death. Mrs. Brown left one-tenth of her estate to First Church, Winston-Salem, where she was a member.

Value of the estate, all in personal property, was set at \$315,0728, meaning that the church would receive more than \$31,000.

Crusade of Americas

NASHVILLE—William H. Ichter, Southern Baptist missionary, Brazil, and W. Hines Sims, secretary, church music department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, have collaborated to produce the new English version of "Crusade of the Americas."

Mr. Ichter composed the music to the song. Words were written by a Brazilian Baptist poet, Mario Barreto Franca. Dr. Sims was asked to write the English version of the Crusade song.

The English version is available in hymnal-size song sheets at all Baptist Book Stores. Sims titled his version "Christ the Only Hope." The Portuguese title is "Campanha," meaning "campaign."

The English version's first verse and chorus read:

From the slopes of the Atlantic,
To Pacific's rugged shore,
Comes a mighty proclamation,
Bringing hope for evermore.
'Tis a message of salvation,
Of redemption for all men,
'Tis a message that Christ Jesus
Brings salvation from all sin.

Christ is the hope of our salvation,
Jesus Christ who saves from sin;
If you trust Him as your Saviour,
You can know His peace within.

About people

A. JASE JONES, who is on the staff of the Kansas City, Mo., Association, has been selected by a group of churches of several denominations to continue coordination of the chaplaincy work in hospitals and nursing homes in Kansas City.

In his new position, Mr. Jones will coordinate the work of a large group of laymen who have been serving as lay visitors to hospitals and nursing homes. (BP)

HAROLD L. SEBRING, dean of Stetson University's College of Law, St. Petersburg, Fla., has announced plans to retire effective Sept. 1, but will remain at the college to teach and write.

Mr. Sebring, former chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court, has been dean at the law school since 1955. (BP)

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Fear not the black bear

In some few areas in the United States wild, black bear are highly prized as tourist attractions and as huntable game. But in Arkansas the mere mention of a bear in the woods strikes a note of fear into most people. This is an unfounded fear not known to people where black bear are common.

No doubt most of the fear is the basic 'fear of the unknown,' but con-



tributing to it are the many stories that were told by old-timers which are actually no more than fabrications. Originally these bear stories were probably used as justification for killing any bear in sight. Stories about grizzly and other large ferocious bear have also caused needless fear of the black bear which is shy, retiring and afraid of man.

In the last seven years the Game and Fish Commission has trapped 206 black bear in Minnesota and Manitoba. These have been released in the Ozark and Ouachita National forests. The state's bear population is now estimated at about 750.

Hopefully, unfounded fear and the resulting killing of bear will be replaced in our state by knowledge of these fine game animals and they will be fully protected. Eventually a well established black bear population could be an aesthetic treasure, a tourist attraction and furnish limited 'quality' hunting.

Francis Cleveland Johnson

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

Francis Cleveland Johnson, son of the Rev. William B. Johnson, who was the first president of the Southern Baptist Convention, served on the mission field. In his parting speech at the first meeting of the Convention Dr. Johnson bared his heart: "I have a dear son at college, whom I have educated for the ministry; and who, it is probable, will become a missionary in China, or some other distant land. At first the thought was painful, but I am ready to make the sacrifice, if it please God to send him there. . . I have yet another son, whose feelings and whose education tend to the ministry. . . I may have to give up both."

Francis excelled as a student and served as a tutor in the William E. Bailey school at Charleston, S. C. When the Foreign Mission Board sought a competent student to give biblical instruction to native Chinese preachers Mr. Johnson's name was presented. His linguistic ability made him doubly desirable. He was appointed "Theological Tutor and Missionary" to China on Aug. 4, 1846. One present at this meeting said that when the young missionary was asked why he entered the ministry, he replied, "Why does the gosling when hatched go to the water?" He was ordained and set apart as a missionary, Jan. 31, 1847, in the First church, Richmond, Va.

The party sailed on the "Ashburton" on March 11, and arrived in Hong Kong on June 25, 1847. Complaint was made of the "bad treatment" received at the hands of the ship's officers.

Mr. Johnson saw the necessity of being identified socially with the Chinese. One of the missionaries had assumed the native costume. Francis wanted to live in the home of a native family. He lamented the impossibility of this but thought he could learn the language quicker and better this way. He felt the seclusion from the families and houses of the people the missionary's greatest obstacle. He was prophetic in his insight. Time proved right the principle in his expression, "The missionary must be willing to strip off Americanism and put on Chinaism; to encounter contumely and danger, and to find in Christ compensation for the loss of all other pleasures."

But Mr. Johnson was not destined to serve on the mission field. Bad health forced him to return to the United States Aug. 24, 1849. He spent the remainder of his life as teacher and pastor in the South.

He loved, believed and taught the Bible. To a troubled youth who sought counsel for salvation, on one occasion; he turned to Romans 10:9, and said, "Go to your closet, and on your knees, with open Bible, plead that promise; and God, who cannot lie, will save you."

His penetrating insight to one problem in his day is still applicable. Disturbed by the seeming indifference to the Bible, he wrote a friend: "O thou Son of God, Saviour of the world, and Head of the church! Thou are still spit upon and rejected and despised; and thy priceless word is naught, while a hundred little reviews, and magazines, and novels, and theologies, and sermons are of infinite value; and poor, ignorant little preachers are told they must and ought to read this and that; and religious papers and agents, and D. D.'s recommend this trash and that other trash, but thy word—the only, and to the exclusion of all else, light and life, comfort and strength, joy and solace, bread and water, wine and milk, clothing and shelter, glory and defence, all in all to the soul—is flung away, set aside, and despised and neglected."

¹H. A. Tupper, *Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention* (Philadelphia, American Baptist Publication Society), p. 109.

²Ibid, p. 112

³Ibid, p. 109

⁴Ibid, p. 115

'Red' dice on the rise

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A survey by Radio Free Europe shows that the never-dying urge to strike it rich is allowing Communist regimes in Europe to strike it rich.

In early days when Marxism was pure, says The Chicago Tribune, "gambling in all its forms was out-lawed by most Communist regimes. It was regarded as a bourgeois left-over that would have no meaning in a society in which dreams of better life would be fulfilled by the state."

The survey shows that all this is now changed. Every country in East Europe now runs a state lottery. Many operate state soccer pools along the lines of those in Western European countries. A few provide casinos for tourists, but bar their own people. There seems to be no hesitation about letting the people of other Communist lands have a fling at it, however.

In each case the state is the big winner, for "the house always wins."

Poles were seen to be the heaviest gamblers in Eastern Europe, with one estimate venturing a guess that the average Warsaw resident pays the equivalent of \$30 into the state lottery and pools each year.

The most popular ways for a Pole to take a flyer are on the lotteries and the pools, which bring the state about one billion zlotys annually, which is \$25 million at the official rate of exchange. (EP)

'Morally indefensible'

LOS ANGELES—Eight thousand UCLA students turned out to hear Eugene McCarthy describe the Vietnam war as morally and realistically "indefensible."

The Minnesota Democrat's low key and witty speech drew little applause as it criticized the indictment of five leading war critics, including Dr. Benjamin Spock, for counseling evasion of the draft.

"There is no traditionally American policy that gives justification to using military strength against backward peoples or against primitive peoples in any part of the world," declared the man who is challenging President Johnson for the Democratic presidential nomination. (EP)

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An important incidental

BY **HERSCHEL H. HOBBS**

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

"The deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man" (Acts 13:7).

The first stop of Barnabas and Saul in this initial missionary journey was the isle of Cyprus, probably because it had been the home of Barnabas (Acts 4:36). But our point of interest is the ruler of the island.

He is called "the deputy of the country." The word "deputy" renders a Greek word meaning "proconsul." This is an incidental note but it has an important consequence. There was a time when Luke's historical accuracy was called into question by this title. For it was once believed that no Roman ruler by this title was ever on this island.

Under the Roman system there were two kinds of provincial rulers. A "propraetor" ruled under the Caesar in areas where troops were necessary to preserve order. A "proconsul" ruled under the Roman Senate in more peaceful areas. No known record showed that a *proconsul* ever ruled Cyprus. If this were true, then Luke was open to criticism. If he were proved inaccurate here, his entire record both in the Gospel and in Acts would be under suspicion—along with the entire New Testament record.

But subsequent discoveries have changed the picture. For while it was true then in B. C. 30 Cyprus was ruled by a propraetor, it is now known that Augustus Caesar (B.C. 27-14 A.D.) had in B.C. 25 transferred Cyprus to the Roman Senate. Thereafter it was ruled by a proconsul. In fact an inscription dated A. D. 51-52 lists the names of proconsuls in Cyprus. One has been discovered dated A. D. 55 bearing the name of Paulus as proconsul, most likely the Sergius Paulus of Acts 13:7. It reads "in the time of the proconsul Paulus." Ramsay dates this visit of Barnabas and Saul as A. D. 47.

Now the point of this incidental reference is to show Luke's accuracy for historical details. He writes with the sense of a capable historian. And whereas many adverse critics have held Luke up to scorn, with the discovery of new evidence he has never been shown to be in error. Sir William Ramsay, once critical of Luke, after archeological research on the ground of Luke's writings declared him to be a historian of the first rank.

Thus this little incidental contributes to the authenticity not only of Luke's writings but to that of the entire New Testament. We can be grateful to Luke for this passing but vital detail.

Setting Men Free. . . by Bruce Larson, Zondervan, 1967, \$2.95

In an insistence on personal commitment to the Gospel of Christ and renewal within the church, the author shrugs off the accumulated religious trappings and probes deeply for the same spark that energized the New Testament Church.

Setting Men Free is a book for people "who take Christianity seriously in the twentieth century world of scientific and social revolution."

The Language of the King James Bible, by Melvin E. Elliott, Doubleday, 1967, \$4.95 (indexed, \$5.95)

Here is a concise, highly practical glossary explaining and translating every archaic or difficult-to-understand word or phrase in the King James Bible.

The Mountain That Moved, by Edward England, Eerdmans, 1967, \$3.50

This is the story of what happened in the gray Welsh town of Aberfan in October 1966, when a man-made mountain of coal slag slid indiscriminately over terraced homes and cottages for half a mile to the Pantglas Junior School. It tells of the heroic battle of more than 2,000 parents, relatives and friends who fought against time to rescue the 160 victims of a disaster reminiscent of Pompeii. The courage of these people witnesses to the great resources in man.

The author, a religion editor in England, was an eyewitness to the almost incredible tragedy of the children of Aberfan.

Pastor's Annual 1968, by T. T. Crabtree, Zondervan, 1967, \$3.95

Dr. Crabtree, pastor of Putnam City Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., offers helpful suggestions here for a complete preaching program for the whole year. Outlined are sermons for 52 morning and 52 evening services, mid-week meditations and programs, services for special days, funeral meditations and scriptures, thoughts and themes for observance of the Lord's Supper, wedding ceremonies, and offertory prayers.

As the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine is quoted on the book's jacket: ". . . used as a research book and not as a crutch, this book will be most helpful for any pastor."

The Awesome Power of the Listening Ear, by John Drakeford, Word Books, 1967, \$3.50

It has been suggested that a good sub-title for this book might be: "How to win friends, make money, build a career—in fact, do almost anything you want to do—by learning how to listen."

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Auxiliary Presents Check for \$1,950



The Auxiliary to ABMC has reached its goal to furnish a room in the new Coronary Intensive Care Unit. Mrs. James G. Sawyer, president of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. Ray Wilson, general chairman of the Fund, present a check for \$1,950 to Mr. Gilbreath. The presentation was made during the Employees' Christmas party in the Medical Arts Cafeteria, Friday, December 22.

1967 In Capsule

ABMC was 47 years old in 1967. Approximately 475,000 patients have been admitted and treated during this period with 40 percent of the admissions coming from outside of Pulaski County. 1967 was no exception to this pattern with patients from all 75 counties being referred to the Center and admitted and treated. It was a typical year. But it was also a year of new capabilities, new accomplishments and a continuance in the pursuance of excellence.

Volume 14 of the Buzzer recorded the 1967 history as follows:

January Members of the medical staff successfully performed a pulmonary embolectomy on Maj. Joseph P. Jones of the Little Rock Air Force Base. The clots were removed from his pulmonary arteries, thus reestablishing the blood supply to the lungs for re-oxygenization. Also in January, a myocardial revascularization was successfully performed on 64-year-old Charlie Evans of Manila, Arkansas. The revascularization was accomplished by implanting four inches of the internal mammary artery into the muscle wall of the anterior part of the heart.

February Memorial Hospital announced that 20 beds on the fourth floor would be used for extended care patients. In order to be admitted, the patient must be responsive to a restorative care program.

March The Center received its new IBM 360 computer. Don Moore said this was the basic equipment for a total hospital information system. The first Corporate Association meeting was held March 7. The Corporation was formed as a result of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's passing a Resolution separating the Convention from the Center. The Auxiliary to ABMC held a tasting luncheon March 20 and raised over \$500 for its various programs.

April Special dedicatory services were held April 27 for the Raymond L. Lindsey Memorial swimming pool. Mr. Lindsey was a member and former president of the Board of Trustees.

May State College of Arkansas in Conway announced that it would offer a degree in Nursing and that it would use the clinical facilities of ABMC for their program. Memorial Hospital issued a report on its "First Five Years". The report pointed out that the hospital had become an integral part of the community health facilities and had made a significant contribution to the economy.

June The 1957 Class of ABH School of Nursing held a reunion. Twenty-two members of the original class were present. The Coronary Catheterization Laboratory installed several thousand dollars worth of new equipment to enable the staff to catheterize the arteries supplying blood to the heart muscle.

Approximately 700 students attended the ABMC's "Play Hospital" during the school term just ended. The "Play

Hospital" received national publicity with a combined circulation of approximately 21 million.

July A two-day symposium for Operating Room and Central Supply personnel was sponsored by ABMC. Sixty delegates attended, representing hospitals in every section of the state. The July issue of the Buzzer was the last issue edited by Sara Murphy. Mrs. Murphy had edited the Buzzer since October, 1952.

August David H. Daniels, Jr., former night orderly in the Operating Room, received his MD from the University of Arkansas School of Medicine. The laboratory received a new Tissue Processor, enabling the pathologist to give the doctor a report the following day.

September The Student Union Building received a new aluminum exterior costing \$8,000. Earl and Jo Ann Goatcher returned to the hospital on a year's leave of absence from a Baptist Mission hospital in Thailand. The September Buzzer noted that 220 Vacation Bible School students toured the Center and Candystripers volunteered over 11,000 hours during the three summer months. Also, new storeroom catalogs listing approximately 3,500 items were distributed to departments this month.

October Coverage of the Emergency Room by Medical Service Group began this month. The Board of Trustees announced plans to build a 500-bed facility by 1971 on the University Avenue property owned by the Center.

November ABMC and Memorial Hospital exceeded United Fund goals and raised \$9,590.22. The Supreme Court upheld the Convention's action to separate from the Center.

December Second annual meeting of the Corporation was held to hear reports from the Board of Trustees and to fill vacancies. The Center announced it will start a blood fractionation program and will be able to store blood for an indefinite period of time.

Patient Questionnaire

ABMC is again distributing patient questionnaires to approximately 3,000 patients when they are discharged from the Center. The questionnaire is handed to the patient by the Unit Clerks in the Patient Accounts office at the time of discharge.

This questionnaire consists of 20 questions covering most of the services performed for the patient. The patient is asked to fill it out at his leisure and mail it back to the Center in the self-contained envelope. It requires no postage for the return mailing.

The form will be coded to determine the age, sex, type of admission, etc. of the patient. Identity will remain anonymous, and the patient need not sign it unless he desires.

Attends Second Corporation Meeting



Pictured above are the Corporation members who attended the second meeting held December 5, 1967, in the Student Union Building at the Center.

Front row, seated, left to right: Rev. F. E. Goodbar, Little Rock; Rev. Harold White, Pine Bluff; Rev. R. H. Dorris, North Little Rock; O. A. Cook, Little Rock; Rev. Doyle Lumpkin, Lavaca; Rev. Charles Lawrence, Little Rock;

Shelby Blackmon, Little Rock; Rev. L. H. Roseman, Little Rock.

Second row, seated, left to right: R. A. Lile, Little Rock; Hardy Little, Jonesboro; Rev. Homer A. Bradley, Dewart; W. M. Freeze, Cash; Rev. H. L. Lipford, Mabelvale; Dr. Thos. L. Harris, North Little Rock; J. Leo Armstrong, Little Rock; Jacob L. King, Hot Springs; Ray M. Wilson, Little Rock.

Third row, standing, left to right: Rev. W. H. Hicks, Little Rock; Kenneth Price, North Little Rock; Rev. Wayne Smith, Arkadelphia; Rev. D. C. McAtee, Smackover; Dr. Sam C. Reeves, Arkadelphia; Floyd Chronister, Searcy; Rev. Lehman F. Webb, Hot Springs; Clarence W. Jordan, Hot Springs; B. J. Daugherty, Little Rock; Dr. Don B. Harbuck, El Dorado; John R. Thompson, Little Rock.

Coronary Care Unit Opens

Arkansas Baptist Medical Center opened a three-bed Coronary Intensive Care Unit the first of the year. The Unit is located in the Intensive Care Unit on the fifth floor. Three semi-private cubicles have been built with well-mounted brackets for the monitors.

The cubicles are so arranged to allow direct observation and quick access to all patients. The permanent monitoring equipment is not scheduled for delivery until the last of January. In the meantime, the patients are being monitored with portable monitors on floor stands.

When the central station console arrives, personnel in the Unit will be able to monitor the patients from the central station. The console receives information monitored by the bedside units and permits central station personnel the capability of continuous monitoring of every patient.

The versatility of the equipment

makes information available at the patient's bedside as well as the central station. During periods of rest, each patient's condition can be monitored from the central station, thereby eliminating unnecessary trips in and out of the cubicle. During periods of emergency, the necessary data is available from the patient's bedside unit as well.

Also available immediately to each patient in the Unit are: an electrical machine for regulating the heartbeat; direct blood pressure apparatus; mechanical breathing equipment; and counter shock equipment for defibrillation and cardiac arrest.

The Unit is designed for patients suffering from: known or established acute heart infarctions; impending acute heart infarctions; suspect acute heart infarctions; serious arrhythmias or condition disturbances which may require electric counter shock or other procedures; and acute congestive heart failure.

Lab Receives New Analyzer

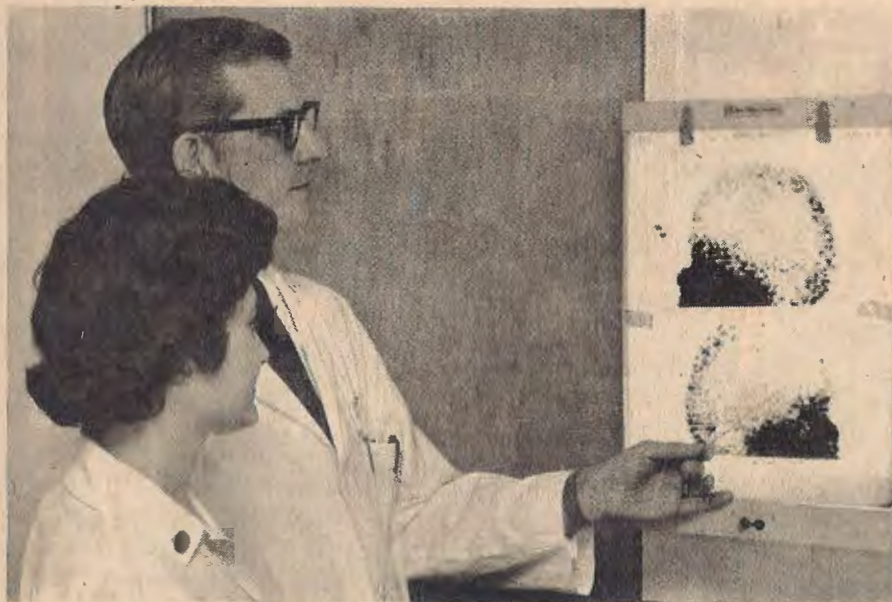
Mrs. Lora Parnell, hematology section chief, announced that the Section had received its new Sequential Multiple Analyzer (SMA-4). The analyzer will automatically perform a white blood count, red blood count, hemoglobin and hematocrit in one minute. To do the test manually required approximately 15 minutes. Mrs. Parnell said that with the SMA-4 they were able to achieve a much higher degree of accuracy than is possible with other methods.

Mr. Odare Murphree, clinical laboratory supervisor, said the new analyzer is a real step forward in improving the quality, speed and precision of tests ordered on patients hospitalized at ABMC. These four tests represent 80% of the work load in the hematology section.

Murphree said the acquisition of the analyzer is another important step in the overall plan to continue to upgrade the quality of laboratory tests performed at the Center.

Employee of the Month

"Little Peggy" Proud of Beautiful Scans



Peggy J. Echols and Dr. John Lane discuss scans.

ABMC has justifiably been proud of its Radio-Therapy Section of the Radiology Department. The Buzzer has dutifully recorded the history and growth of this section from its acquisition of a Cobalt Unit (the 13th such unit in a general hospital) to the new \$35,000 Gamma camera. In this issue of the Buzzer, we salute Peggy J. Echols, A.R.R.T. (American Registry Radiologic Technologist) Supervisor of the Nuclear Medicine section of the Radiology Department. Peggy is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the section, thereby permitting the progress we have heretofore recorded to become a reality in meeting the needs of the individual patient.

"Little Peggy" came to ABMC at a very young age—she was born here. Peggy says that she feels like a part of Baptist and belongs here. Soon after finishing Joe T. Robinson High School, she came to work doing chest films in

the Admission Office and ECG's. After about a year of doing these jobs, she entered the Center's School of X-Ray Technology. Six weeks before she was to graduate, she took maternity leave. Following the birth of Tony in July, Peggy made up the six weeks school she had missed and was graduated. She also passed her registry examination that year on schedule.

As a full-fledged technologist, Peggy came to work in the Diagnostic Section of the department in 1960. At this time, she recalled, the Isotope Laboratory was just started and doing an occasional thyroid uptake. Peggy resigned in 1963 and returned in 1964. In the meantime, Deborah was born.

When Peggy returned to the department in 1964, the Isotope Laboratory was beginning to show growing pains. The Center had purchased a radioactive scanner and the Section was doing 200 to 300 radiation therapy

treatments a month, plus five to ten scans a month. By 1965, the work load had jumped to 90 scans a month, and Peggy became supervisor of the Section.

Today the Section utilizes approximately \$100,000 of sophisticated equipment, and the staff consists of: four technologists, two EEG technicians, one porter, one doctor and one resident. The Section averages 180 scans a month, 200 to 300 radiation therapy treatments, 100 Ekograms and 110 EEG's.

Peggy says the entire field of Radiography is growing so rapidly that it is beyond her imagination what it might be able to do for the patient in the immediate future to say nothing of the next 20 to 50 years.

Study Pathology

In the special field of radio-active isotopes, Peggy says, "we are able to take a picture of the organ and study the pathology in the organ. This could not have been done with any other diagnostic technique except surgery. As new isotopes are developed, we are able to add other organs to the list which we are able to scan and study." She was especially excited about a new isotope to scan the pancreas. Peggy said the isotope alone costs \$80, "but we have done a few and they are beautiful scans."

Peggy, Rita Mankin, Sharon Bradshaw and Jeanne Perry, all technologists in the Section, are taking additional courses in math and physics and plan to take the examination for a special Registry in Isotope Technology. This is typical of the attitude of the employees in the Section working for "Little Peggy." She is a wife, mother, leader, supervisor, professional technologist and a loyal, dedicated employee. The Buzzer salutes Mrs. William R. Echols (Little Peggy) as Employee of the Month.



Peggy working with radioactive isotopes

Medicare Price Tag Was \$2.5 Billion First Year

The Social Security Administration's Office of Research and Statistics reported that the first full (fiscal) year of Medicare carried a \$2.5 billion price tag for hospital benefits, and an additional \$700 million for the supplemental insurance benefits (Part B).

Sixty-six and a half million patient-care days were provided for more than five million Medicare patients admitted to short and long-term hospitals during the first full year of the program.

Public funds accounted for payment of 22 percent of the personal health care provided in the country during fiscal 1966. In fiscal 1967, the figure

had jumped to 32 percent; amounting to \$12.8 billion.

During 1967 ABMC provided approximately 41,600 days of patient care to 3,600 Medicare patients. Medicare patients totaled 18 to 19 percent of the total admissions to the Center during 1967. Charges for these patients amounted to a little over \$2 million with the Center receiving approximately \$1.8 million payment. This resulted in a loss in charges of \$250,000. The average length of stay for Medicare patients at the Center in 1967 was 11 days as compared to 17 days nationally.

Work first, then play

BY BOBBIE JO WILLIAMS

"Bob, go down to the mailbox and get the mail, please," said Mother.

Bob tied his shoes and ran out the door. He jumped off the front porch. Gypsy, his dog, pricked up her ears and started chasing him. Down the steep hill they ran until they came to the hard-surfaced road, where the mailbox stood.

Yep, the little metal flag was down. The postman had come. There was only one letter.

Bob said, "Gypsy, we ran down that hill for nothing. Well, almost nothing. Just one little letter."

Then he noticed the name on the envelope—Bob Davis.

"Hey! That's me!" he shouted to the whole world. "Come on, Gypsy, let's see what it says!" They charged up the hill, down the driveway, and over three steps onto the porch.

"Mother, Mother! I got a letter. Read it to me."

Mother smiled and took the letter. She read:

Dear Bob,

When my father goes on a business trip, he will be in your town a few minutes. If you can come to the hotel for me, I can stay with you over the weekend. I hope it will be all right. I will be there Sunday afternoon.

Love,
Steve

"Oh, boy! Oh, boy!" Bob was jumping up and down. That's tomorrow!"

"You'd better give your room an extra good cleaning this morning," said Mother. "Give Gypsy her breakfast first. After you clean your room, take my grocery list to the store. It's on the cabinet."

"OK, Mom," said Bob.

But he went straight to his toy box. He pulled out the highway set with all the cars and road signals.

"We can play cars with this," he planned to himself. "And with this Indian headdress and my cowboy suit, we can play Indians and cowboys. This football and helmet will come in handy—and this ball and bat. Here is my catcher's mitt, too."

For an hour Bob sat in the middle of what became a big pile of toys on the floor. His room was not cleaned. Gypsy was not fed. The grocery list was still on the cabinet when the telephone rang.

Mother talked on the phone a few min-

utes, then called, "Bob, that was Steve's father. He changed his plans."

Bob jumped out of the toy pile and ran into the hall.

"Aw, Mother, isn't Steve coming tomorrow?"

"No," said Mother. Then she laughed. "He's already here."

Bob's face brightened. "When is he coming?"

"We will go for him right now. Since you have already fed Gypsy and cleaned your room, we will pick up the groceries on our way home."

Bob dropped his head.

"What's wrong, Bob? Don't you want to go with me to meet Steve?"

"Yes, Mother, but my work isn't done. Gypsy isn't fed, and my room isn't cleaned. I will have to stay here and clean my room."

"I'm sorry, Bob, but you are right. We can't bring a guest to a dirty room."

Mother left without Bob.

As he cleaned his room he thought, "Why didn't I do my work first? I could have been with Steve by now."

When Mother and Steve returned, Gypsy was happily curled under a shade tree, full of a good breakfast. Bob came running out to take Steve's suitcase. He proudly led Steve into a nice clean room.

Bob thought, "Work first, then play, that's the way to start a day."

Nature's safety measure

BY BRIERLY ASHOUR

We hear much about safety measures taken to help people. There are some safety measures in the animal world, too. You may wear light clothing at night because you want to be seen when walking by the roadside. But for animals, it is often safer not to be seen. So nature gives them fur and feathers the color of the trees and grasses in which they live. In this way they are protected from stronger animals. They are protected from hunters, too.

Animals who live in the Arctic regions wear white all year. It is hard to see a snowy owl or a polar bear in the part of the world where they live, for they are white like the snow that covers the ground.

Some animals change color with the season. In winter they wear white. When the snow melts, they become brown, like the ground over which they run.

The baby deer has white spots on his back so that he looks like blots of sunshine and shadow as he hides in the forest waiting for his mother.

Many birds have feathers the color of the grass in which they build their nests. The prairie chicken and the grouse both build open nests in the grass, but their color hides them.

Some insects are green. You have to look closely to see them on the stems and leaves of plants. Aphids—or plant lice, as we sometimes call them—cling closely together on the stems of the plants upon which they feed. Their green color protects them.

The measuring worm stretches flat on a brown twig to keep out of sight. Other caterpillars hide on the under side of leaves, where their yellow and green color keeps them from being seen.

This is one of nature's best safety measures for protecting creatures. We call this safety measure protective coloration.

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The peril of unbelief

BY C. W. BROCKWELL JR.

Life and work

January 28, 1968

Hebrews 4:1-11

A current television commercial emphasizes various kinds of warnings confronted daily, such as bills, sirens, indifference, preoccupation and loss of memory. In a sense, our entire nervous system is one big warning.

God has from the beginning posted his warnings. He told Adam and Eve about the deadly danger of eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They didn't believe him and started a chain reaction of unbelief. It applies to all sinners, the saved and the lost, the repentant and the unrepentant.

Let's be afraid!

The Hebrew Christians were too casual about their relationship to the Lord, as many are today. They were letting God's will for their lives flow by them. Beginning with Hebrews 3:7, he tried to warn them of the impending danger.

Let's be afraid of too many blessings! God had blessed them but they were taking these blessing for granted as if they deserved them. When God blesses us he always watches to see if we can handle those blessings. Sometimes he takes them away to make us stronger and more dependent on him. Character can develop more in adversity than in prosperity.

One generation of Israelites lost its sense of mission and God passed it by. It is a good exercise to think through what God has saved you to do. He is not just trying to fill Heaven, he is also trying to help each person be the best that he can be. Only in God's will can a person be genuinely happy and useful.

Let's be afraid of any unbelief! The further the Israelites were from Egypt, the more afraid they became. They worried so much about their enemies in Canaan that they forgot God. Also, they became more concerned about their security for the moment than the lasting joy of the promised land.

Sin deceived them into thinking they could go into Canaan when they wanted to. Fortunately, God opens doors for us and only then can we go in. You may recall that when God pronounced judgment upon them, some did try to go in and were defeated. When God says it is too late, it is too late indeed!

But all of this grieved God. He is never glad when we sin, no matter how

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much we may boast before falling. He suffers with us even while administering punishment. Every parent ought to understand something of that.

Let us therefore fear!

The rest that remains

A group of people can hear a gospel message and react very differently. Some hear indifferently, cynically, mockingly or critically. But the kind of hearing that makes a difference is the kind that mixes words of truth with faith. "The promises of God are not merely beautiful pieces of literature; they are not merely sweet sayings which mean nothing; they are promises on which a man is meant to stage his life and by which he is meant to dominate his action" (William Barclay).

"To establish his meaning of the word 'rest' the author uses it in three connections. His first reference is to the rest of God at the completion of his creative work (4:4). His second reference is to the rest promised to the children of Israel upon their arrival in the land of Canaan (4:5). That this rest was not the one which the author has in mind is seen in the fact that David promised yet another rest. . . Thus the third reference to rest pertains to the experience for which the Hebrew Christians are destined under the leadership of Jesus, the Joshua (synonymous names in Greek and Hebrew) or Saviour of the better revelation" (H. H. Hobbs).

So actually they are told that a Sabbath type of rest remains for them. He means by that that since God started doing creative redemptive work on the Sabbath, so must they. God rested from

his labors on the Sabbath but he did not cease his activity. He began working through men such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, and a host of others. Finally, he worked through Jesus Christ and obtained this Sabbath rest for all who trust in him. Thus Christians find rest in Jesus (Matt. 11:28) but it is not the cessation of activity. It is in doing the redemptive work of God.

Unbelief is the enemy of all men, lost or saved. To the lost, it leads to eternal separation from God. To the saved, it leads to an unfulfilled life of service. God has already provided the blessings of service. We have only to claim them. Unbelief is the only thing between us and these blessings.

May God grant us the sight to recognize our disguised enemy and the faith to overcome it.

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The Saviour and the lost

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International

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John 4:7-38

Chapters three and four set in contrast two examples of Jesus' methods in guiding people into a life of religious faith. In the previous chapter he was dealing with Nicodemus, a sophisticated, morally upright religious leader who came to him seeking instruction. In the present chapter Jesus talks with a degraded, common woman of another race and another religion who met him by chance at the community watering place.

In the former case Jesus told Nicodemus that all men must experience a spiritual rebirth in order to gain entrance into the kingdom of God. He awakened the man's interest, instructed him, challenged him, and left him to think about his condition. Jesus was content to plant the seed in his heart and wait for it to germinate slowly, but eventually it bore fruit unto salvation (John 7:50-52; 19:39-42).

In the present case Jesus delicately guided the woman to discover that he was aware of her sinful life and yet respected her as a person. Her con-

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science was awakened and her emotions stirred; and when she intimated that he might be the Messiah, and when he said that he was, she believed on the spot and hurried away to bring others.

1. Jesus opened the conversation. In passing through Samaria Jesus and his disciples paused for refreshment at Jacob's Well. While the disciples went into the village to purchase food, Jesus sat down to rest beside the well. A delicate situation arose when a Samaritan woman came to get water, but he solved the problem by speaking respectfully to her. She was surprised that he spoke with her because (1) they were strangers, (2) they were of opposite sex, and (3) they were of different races. Men did not talk with women in public places, and Jews did not talk to Samaritans—except to curse them—anywhere.

2. Jesus deepened the conversation (v. 10). In answering her question of

surprise that he asked her for water, Jesus said in effect: "If you knew (a) who it is that you are talking with, and (b) what it is that God has to give, you would have asked and received living water." In this deepening thought he delicately suggested (a) that he was not an ordinary person, (c) that that gift was "living water."

3. She avoided deep water (v. 11). She chose to ignore his references to "the gift of God" but challenged him on his dignity by asking if he considered himself to be greater than Jacob who dug the well; and she questioned his ability to draw such living water when he had nothing with which to draw. She carefully repeated his expression "living water" but just as carefully continued to think of it as literal water, asking where he would get it.

4. He contrasted the two kinds of water (13-15). Jesus said that literal water quenches thirst temporarily, but the water which he gives quenches thirst forever. Moreover, this water will create in one an artesian spring which gives eternal life.

That water she wanted to satisfy her thirst and end the chore of coming to draw water. Perhaps she saw deeper into his meaning; but, as is common with degraded people, she took a light view of it all.

5. It would be inaccurate to say he condemned her sin, and it would hardly be accurate to say that he exposed her sin, (16-18). All he did was to let her know that he knew of her moral conditions. This he did by suggesting that she bring her husband; and when she said that she didn't have one, he informed her that she had had five and at the present had only a common-law husband. Perhaps she expected to hear his scorching words of scorn; but when she knew that he knew, and yet did not condemn her, her conscience was awakened.

6. She deliberately evaded the issue (19-20). When the finger of her own conscience was pointed at her own heart, the woman became desperate and sought to shift attention elsewhere. It is useless to speculate on the degree of her sincerity when she recognized him to be a prophet, and then she drew out the central difference between the Samaritan and Jewish beliefs concerning the true place of worship.

His answer must have been the world's best blend of truth and tact. He said that (1) The time is coming when you will worship God neither in Jerusalem nor in Samaria; (2) Regarding

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the differences between Samaritans and Jews, you are wrong and the Jews are right; (3) The time has come for men to worship God in spirit and truth; and (4) God is spirit, and men must worship him in spirit and truth. Jesus could be truthful without being tactless, and he could be tactful without being untruthful. Jesus looked upon people who were victims of deep sin like a physician looks upon a patient who is afflicted by a dreaded disease.

7. The woman expressed her general faith that the Messiah (Christ) was to come. Jesus directly identified himself as the Messiah, and she manifested her faith by going into the village to tell of her discovery.

8. Jesus told his disciples that his diet was to do the will of the Father (31-38). He directed them to see the white fields. The woman had seen an opportunity for witnessing; and as a result of her witness, they saw many coming out of the village seeking Jesus. The disciples had been in the same village but apparently had not done any witnessing. A Christian can do some good in this life and can help some people to find the good life if he will look for it and make use of his chances.

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WE have so many activities, I'm just too tired for the worship service on Sunday.

—ARK-E-OLGY by Gene Herrington

A Smile or Two

Consideration

A considerate husband is one who remembers to oil the lawnmower for his wife before he goes out to play golf.—Jack Herbert

Not like home

A third-grade pupil counseled his younger brother, just getting ready to enroll in school: "Remember, in school when the teacher says, 'No,' she means it; it's not like around home."

Purse strings

Many girls are getting men's wages now—but, then, they always have.

A woman went into a small town post office recently and asked for 50 cents worth of stamps. "What denomination?" asked the clerk. "Well," came the angry reply, "I didn't know it would ever come to this, but if you nousey government people have to know, I'm a Baptist."

Only alternative

Psychology tells us that it is bad to be an orphan, terrible to be an only child, damaging to be the youngest, crushing to be in the middle, and taxing to be oldest. There's no way out except to be born an adult.—Education Commission, Southern Baptist Convention

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Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adns.
Alexander First	45	49	
Berryville Heights	142	58	2
Camden			
Cullendale First	409	120	
First	410	111	
Crosssett			
First	447	126	3
Mt. Olive	210	106	2
Dumas First	243	58	
El Dorado			
East Main	267	149	
Ebenezer	138	65	
First	701	446	1
Victory	54	41	
Forrest City First	270		2
Fort Smith			
First	1174	374	14
Towson Avenue	138	94	6
Gentry First	157	66	
Gurdon Beech Street	129	67	2
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	137	38	
Northvale	90	44	
Hicks First Ashdown	40	30	
Hope First	416	137	5
Hot Springs			
Lakeside	88	32	4
Piney	157	82	
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	120	98	
Berea	106	54	
First	446	131	2
Marshall Road	322	163	3
Jonesboro			
Central	309	129	2
Nettleton	153	67	
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	160	61	
Geyer Springs	433	163	1
Life Line	420	127	5
Rosedale	218	74	1
Magnolia Central	648	220	1
Monticello			
First	277	130	
Second	204	89	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	549	143	1
Southside Mission	22	23	
Calvary	380	161	
Gravel Ridge First	151	94	2
Runyan Chapel	74	62	2
Harmony	52	27	
Indian Hills	128	68	2
Levy	419	138	1
Park Hill	672	215	2
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	207	86	
First	729	181	3
Green Meadows Mission	67	20	
Second	195	71	
South Side	697	249	
East Side Mission	62	43	
Tucker Mission	6		
Springdale			
Berry Street	92	54	
Elmdale	235	66	5
First	352	83	
Van Buren			
Oak Grove	141	85	
Second	50	36	
Vandervoort First	50	34	
Warren			
First	342	90	
Southside Mission	69	52	
Immanuel	174	59	
West Memphis			
Ingram Blvd.	180	75	



Hits inefficiency

TORONTO, Ont.—If the average small business were operated as inefficiently as many congregations, it would go into bankruptcy, the United Church Observer charged in an editorial here.

The official publication of the United Church of Canada said a good many floundering congregations have been poorly organized and incompetently administered.

Citing a typical congregation, the Observer said it has a fine minister, dedicated layman, substantial membership, good buildings, but declining attendance. Its Christian education program was chaotic, the people unhappy and restless and its budget unbalanced.

"All sorts of theories are advanced," the Observer said. "Times have changed. The congregation needs to be re-structured. The traditional patterns of worship have become irrelevant. Preaching has had it. The community has changed—they're mostly Roman Catholics, or living in apartments, or away for the week-end."

However, the Observer said, a little homework—usually disclosed there were more Protestants in the community than during the previous decade, the schools have added more classrooms, the new shopping plaza has doubled its sales and young people hang around the corners in such numbers they have become a nuisance.

"And nearby there is a new congregation that is prospering," the Observer said. (EP)

'Baptists and baptism'

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—An in-depth editorial feature on Baptism is contained in the winter issue of Review and Expositor published here.

A series of six articles, written by faculty members of Southern Baptist Seminary, joins a dialogue within the Baptist community on the subject of baptism.

Dale Moody establishes the relevance of the entire discussion in his article, "Baptism in Contemporary Discussion."

"Baptism in the New Testament," by New Testament Professor William Hull, co-editor of the issue, begins the in-depth examination of the topic.

For the historical perspective, E. Glenn Hinson reports on "Baptism in Early Church History," while "Baptism in Baptist History" is examined by W. Morgan Patterson, also a co-editor for the issue.

97 percent 'believe in God'

PRINCETON, N. J.—Against the harsh aspects of today's society comes news that out of every 100 adults interviewed by the Gallup Poll, 97 attest to a belief in God.

Apparently the American people aren't as ready as their theologians to say that orthodox religion is becoming outmoded and that it is no longer possible to believe in a Supreme Being.

While the finding is impressive, it should be pointed out, the pollsters say, that "some people say they believe in God because they think it is the 'right' answer to give."

A majority said they "strongly" believe in God and receive a "great deal" of comfort and support from their beliefs. Most believe in a personal God—a "Heavenly Father who watches over each of us and can be reached by our prayers."

In the period of a year, more than eight in 10 persons will attend church at least once, the survey showed. Most Americans say they pray "regularly," and the proportion who state no religious preference whatever is less than 10 per cent of the total populace.

American Institute of Public Opinion summed up its findings thusly: "To be sure, some Americans think of God as little more than an 'oblong blur,' but others believe we can have a clear notion of what God is like—through the Bible or the life of Jesus." (EP)

Pornography study

MINNEAPOLIS—A prominent Disciple of Christ layman who will head the nation's new Commission on Obscenity and Pornography expects the group to take a "serious, open-minded look" at the relationship between pornography and anti-social behavior.

William B. Lockhart, dean of the University of Minnesota Law School who was appointed by President Johnson to head the 18-member commission, said pornography and obscenity are topics about which "we actually know very little and have guessed a great deal."

He said he accepted the assignment, "despite its obvious difficulties," because he feels there is "great need for enlightenment on this subject."

Dean Lockhart has long urged research into pornography's effect on the public, and particularly on the young. (EP)

Clock calls to prayer

NEW YORK—An electric alarm clock, run by a tiny battery, has been developed as a prayer aid.

It's called the "prayer accutron," and programs its buzzer to sound an alarm system to coincide precisely with a regular daily schedule of prayers. (EP)

"Baptism in Theological Perspective" is considered by Wayne E. Ward.

On the more practical side, James W. Cox contributes "Baptism in the Worship Service." (EP)

PR evangelist

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—After five years of "gaining practical experience in the business world," Jerry Beavan is back in evangelical harness for 1968 with his own public relations and consultant services firm here.

A specialist in the field, Beavan re-joined in 1962 after 13 years with Evangelist Billy Graham as director of public relations and director of crusade planning and organization. (EP)

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