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**Arkansas Baptist**

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## Personally speaking



### This old house

Editor C. Ray Dobbins of *The Cumberland Presbyterian*, Memphis, recently wrote of an experience he had while taking a walk at noon. Read him:

"During my noon walk I stopped to watch a common practice of 'making way for progress.'

"It was a stately old house that had stood for some fifty years. No doubt it had fulfilled the dreams of a family who took great pride in its becoming their home.

"Through the years it had served other families. In less than two hours it became a heap of rubble.

"Two giant bulldozers with gaping mouths—with their long steel teeth bared—had approached the house from either side, and like two behemoths, in an angry duel, slammed into the structure. With their correlated lunges into the sides and the foundations and the timbers, the roof buckled, the walls collapsed and fell with a mighty crash, sending clouds of dust high into the air.

"They hadn't even taken time to remove the doors, the windows, the pipes—or even the bathtubs—and in a few minutes these were all a mangled mass of rubble.

"It doesn't take long to destroy.

"In the matter of moments chaos was created out of order. A half century ago a veritable army of workmen had poured their best talents into creating a house of beauty and usefulness. From many kinds of raw materials they had fashioned a pleasant habitation for people. Hours and days and months of tedious and artistic labor were correlated to bring this house into being.

"That which had required the concentrated labors of many for a long time was negated in the matter of minutes and hours.

"It doesn't take long to destroy . . ."

I wish we had space for Editor Dobbins' application of this to war and its senseless sacrifice of human life . . . To Esau and his reckless destruction of his birthright. . . "It doesn't take long to destroy."

*Erwin L. McDonald*

## IN THIS ISSUE:

AN ARKANSAS chaplain in the Army has extended his ministry to civilian churches in the Republic of Vietnam. Chaplain Kenneth G. Robertson, of Tillar, preached in a morning service of the Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh church, Vung Tau. Read about it on page 5.

THE NEW budget approved by the Executive Board Aug. 20 is the largest in the history of the Convention. It will give increased assistance to mission causes in the United States and abroad. It will also provide scholarships for ministerial students and wives. More details are given on page 6.

ON PAGE 9, an account of a Paragould church and its help to the deaf is given. East Side Church includes from 15 to 25 deaf Baptists in both Sunday School and regular services. The daughter of the pastor acts as interpreter for the group.

INVOLVEMENT OF Christians in formulating governmental policies is discussed on page 12. Professor Daniel R. Grant, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, contends that these matters should be of concern to all Christians.

DETROIT IS seen through the eyes of a young Arkansas Christian; in her letter on page 15. Summer service with the Human Relations Association evoked some searching thought on her part.

PUBLIC RELATIONS in the laundry? It works for Raymond P. Wiggs in Arkansas Baptist Medical Center's laundry. His interest in patients and his work make for lasting appreciation. See page 18.

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## Hart extension

Some not fully informed on the situation leading up to the Executive Board's action asking Dr. Clyde Hart to serve for a year beyond his scheduled retirement might question the wisdom of making this exception to the retirement policy.

Under the policy adopted by the Executive Board a few years ago, retirement is permissible for Board employees at age 62 and required at age 65. Since Dr. Hart will have his 65th birthday this year, he was due to retire as of Dec. 31.

Two factors figured in the action—the great success Dr. Hart has had in working with Negro Baptists across the years and his wide acceptance by the Negro communities, and the fact that there is no one initiated in the work and ready to take over at the end of the year.

It was felt that the months just ahead will likely be crucial in race relations and that this would be no time for the Race Relations Department to be vacant of a director accepted among the Negroes.

It is significant that the motion asking Dr. Hart to serve during the coming year while he trains a leader to succeed him, asked that this sort of step be taken well in advance, wherever special leadership and training is indicated in scheduled retirements in the future. This will have the effect, it would seem, of guarding against the Hart case becoming a precedent to be used in extending tenure to others reaching the age of 65.

## October goal

The new Baptist Building, edging toward completion at 525 West Capitol Ave., in the next block west of the present Baptist Building, is now promised for occupancy by mid-October, about three months later than the first date set.

Building contractors are just not as reliable as they used to be—and as Brooks Hays' Dover character would add—"and they never was!"

It would be premature to try to tour the new building at this stage. But enough can be seen from the street to indicate the finished product is going to be well worth waiting for.

## Morals breakdown

Three-fourths of the people of the United States feel that life is getting worse in terms of moral degeneracy.

This was revealed in a Gallup Poll taken recently. Seventy-eight per cent of the people inter-

viewed said that they felt morals are declining across the nation; eight per cent said morals are improving; and two per cent had no opinion.

An even half of the people expressed the opinion that life is getting worse in terms of religion, and 26 per cent said religious conditions are improving.

This compared with a Gallup Poll of 1960 that showed twice as many people feeling that life was "better" in terms of religion as those saying "worse."

Perhaps a part of the problem is that so many money-makers, familiar with the weaknesses of people, are appealing to those weaknesses in the interest of their own profits.

Poor Richard's admonition against overspending—"Ere fancy you consult, consult your purse"—might apply in the realm of sinful indulgence. Every sin has its price tag, and the wages of sin still is death.

## Prayer not banned

The Supreme Court is still being knocked for "outlawing prayer in public schools," despite the fact that no such ruling has been handed down. What the Court did rule, as we have said here before, was that school teachers cannot be required to "pray" "prayers" written out and handed down to them by governmental authority. The "prayer" that was ruled out by the Court was one that had been written by the Board of Regents of the New York State public schools and handed down to teachers to be "prayed" publicly.

In ruling out such "prayers" the Court upheld a vital aspect of separation of church and state.

So far there has been no ruling against private and voluntary prayer in public school or anywhere else. It is even permissible to pray while getting one's facts straight on what the Court really handed down.

## Down in Arkansas

PRESIDENT L. H. Davis of Arkansas A. M. & N. College, Pine Bluff, speaking to the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

"I've been a Baptist, a Negro, and a Democrat all my life, and I have never known any way to change any of these. Somebody asked me why I was a Baptist. I told them that Baptists believe that once you are in Christ you are always in Christ. I just feel it is safer to be a Baptist!"

Thanks for one of many good editorials I've read in Arkansas Baptist (August 1, 1968), "A Man's a Man."

Make that two orders of black eyed peas and corn bread.—Dick Hall, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Decatur, Ga.

REPLY: Two orders of black-eyed peas and cornbread, coming up!—ELM

## Record encampment at Baptist Vista

By PAUL E. WILHELM, MISSIONARY

The largest encampment ever conducted at Baptist Vista was held Aug. 5-10, by the churches of the association. There were 557 enrolled. This is nine above the all-time high of last year. Total enrollment during the year now is 1,527.

John W. Curtis, pastor of Kibler Church, was camp pastor. Trozy Barker, dean of men, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., was the missionary for the week.

Other speakers included: James Henley Jr., pastor of Clarksville Second; Edward Baker, pastor of Uniontown Church; Dale Mashburn, pastor of Oak Grove Church; W. O. Taylor, Little Rock, associational missionary at the time the encampment began; and Gerald Jackson, pastor of First Church, Ozark.

Nearly 100 young people presented "Good News" as part of the Friday night service under the direction of Truett Thomas, minister of music of First Church, Alma, who was in charge of the music for the week.

Billy Ray Usery, pastor of First Church, Clarksville, was the study director. Timm Hess, of First Church, Van Buren, and Mrs. Truett Thomas, Alma, were pianists. Ronnie Cox, minister of music at Clarksville First; Don Mendenhall, minister of music at Mulberry First; Mrs. Eula Armstrong, youth director at Van Buren First; Mrs. Sue Preston of Concord Church; Miss Martha Hays, of Van Buren First; and Mrs. Truett Thomas were in charge of the fellowship hour.

There were 36 professions of faith; 40 surrendered for special service, and 235 came for rededication.

Elected "Honor Campers" were Miss Debbie Bell, and Kenneth Shipman, both of Van Buren First. Runners-up as "Honor Campers" were Miss Stella Mayhew, of Alma First, and Larry Rice, of Cedarville.

New dormitories built this year include those of Alma First and Webb City. A new associational girls dormi-

## Law without equal justice declared mockery

RIDGECREST N. C.—Declaring that "law and order is an empty mockery if we do not link equal justice with it," a former Baptist leader now with the War on Poverty told Southern Baptists here that law and order with equal justice should be the aim of all Americans.

Ross Coggins, former director of communications for the Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission, who now is southeast region director for Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), made the statements during Home Missions Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, here.

Poor people often do not see law as their friend when they see their rights being repressed, the poverty official said. "Too frequently they view the policeman as having been bought off" or working with a double standard—one for the poor and one for the middle and upper classes.

He explained that a poor man can be arrested and evicted for not paying his rent, while the same landlord is allowed to go free while he is breaking ordinances for improper care of rental units.

"Most of us have viewed poverty through a lens that filters out the facts, but we must learn to see the real facts," Coggins said.

tory was constructed; the tabernacle was enlarged by nearly two thirds; and two new ice houses were built. A baked-enamel sign and acrostic valued at near \$400 was presented to the encampment by W. O. Taylor.

## Licensed to preach

Ronnie Madison, 18, of No. 15 Fairfield Drive, North Little Rock, was recently licensed to preach by First Church of Sherwood.



MR. MADISON

A 1967 graduate of Sylvan Hills High School, Mr. Madison is presently a sophomore at Henderson State College, Arkadelphia. His parents are Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Madison of North Little Rock. The certificate was presented by Mr. Madison's pastor, Gerald M. Taylor, of the Sherwood Church.

He cited five examples of facts he felt were overlooked:

\*There is nothing ennobling (uplifting) about being poor.

\*Poverty in an affluent age is not the same as poverty in a depression age.

\*Poor people typically see law as a weapon against them instead of one to help them.

\*Poverty is devastating to the young.

\*Poverty and powerlessness go hand-in-hand. (He defined power as the ability to fulfill one's goals in life.)

Coggins quoted a VISTA volunteer who said about church participation in poverty, "If they (Christians) would only take seriously what they're saying." Coggins observed that "we have reached a sad state when because we have talked about it we think we have done something.

"It concerns me as a Baptist and a Christian that more than 40 per cent of the poverty exists in the Bible Belt," the former Baptist leader said.

"It also concerns me that the greatest opposition to doing something about it is in the Bible Belt," said Coggins. (BP)

## Anti-Smoking Drive

WASHINGTON — A massive program "to protect the health of the people from the hazards of cigarette smoking" has been called for by a special task force for smoking and health after nearly a year of study of current anti-smoking efforts.

The task force, appointed by Surgeon General William H. Stewart in 1967, declares that cigarette smoking is a serious national health problem.

The far-reaching recommendations against smoking, if implemented, would involve government at all levels, churches and their agencies, the medical profession, physicians, hospitals and a wide range of private agencies.

"We believe the health dangers are so serious and the programs to meet them are, relatively, so inadequate that there is need for a vigorous acceleration in protective action," Dr. Daniel Horn, chairman of the task force, said in a letter to the surgeon general.

### Riley Pool ordained

First Church of DeWitt, Homer A. Bradley, pastor, ordained Riley Pool to the full time gospel ministry on Sunday, Aug. 11, at the Northside Baptist Mission, where Mr. Pool has been serving as pastor for over a year.

Rev. L. J. Ready, pastor of Northside Chapel, Eudora, delivered the ordination sermon.

J. W. King, chairman of deacons, delivered the charge to the candidate and the charge to the church.

The ordination prayer was by Dr. L. E. Ross, Sr.

A Bible was presented to Mr. Pool by Raymond McMaster.

### Receives scholarship

Tanya Garner, a 1968 graduate of Little Rock Central High School, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship in the amount of \$300 for the 1968-69 school year to Ouachita University. Tanya, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garner, 408 Oak Park Dr., Little Rock, is a National Merit Finalist and a member of Rosedale Church. She will enter OU in September.



MISS GARNER

### McReynolds joins Sunday School Board staff

James Evans McReynolds, a native of Kingsport, Tenn., has been named an information specialist in the office of public relations, for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. He will gather and prepare information relating to the work of the board for release through the news media, public relations director Gomer R. Lesch said. (BP)

### McIver to Cass Church

William McIver, former pastor of First Church, Cowlington, Okla., and of Rudy, near Van Buren, became pastor of Cass Church recently. Since his coming there have been seven additions to the church, two by baptism.

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### Arkansas chaplain in Viet-Nam

Chaplain Kenneth G. Robertson of Tillar, Arkansas, preached at the morning service of the Hoi Thanh Tin Lanh Church, Vung Tau, Republic of Viet-Nam, on Aug. 11. Rev. Lam Van Chi is the pastor. Nguyen Van Nang of Gia Dinh acted as interpreter for the chaplain. 'Tin Lanh' is the only work the Vietnamese have for Protestant. The phrase literally means "Good News".



CAPT. ROBERTSON

Mr. Nang is a student who plans to enter Warren Wilson (Presbyterian) College in North Carolina soon. The Southern Baptist missionaries in Saigon have arranged for his entrance into college here in the States.

Chaplain Robertson is a graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He entered the Army in 1966. His wife, the former Margaret Howard of Arkadelphia, and their three year old son, George, reside in Camden. They are members of the Cullendale First Church.

### Seek new hymns on mission of church

The Society of America (475 Riverside Drive, New York City, N. Y. 10027) announces that it is seeking a number of new hymns on the subject, "The Mission of the Church." New texts should be submitted to the Society not later than Dec. 31, when they will be judged by a special committee.

The Society points out that there is relatively little on this subject in modern hymnals, and notes also, "The theme may be defined as 'the purpose of the church.' Why did Christ found the church? What is its work? What are its goals in the hearts, minds and actions of men?"

The immediate concern is for the words of new hymns. Words selected may later be submitted to composers for suitable tunes. The new texts should be in meters found in the standard hymnals of the churches.

Another committee of the Society, with Dr. David Hugh Jones, of Princeton Theological Seminary, as chairman, is seeking new tunes for a large number of new texts chosen on themes in earlier "searches."

### Stout in Mountainburg

Herbert Stout, of Odessa, Tex., has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Mountainburg, effective Aug. 25. He and Mrs. Stout are graduates of Hardin-Simmons College, and Mr. Stout is also a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, with the B.D. degree. Mr. and Mrs. Stout will teach in the Mountainburg Schools.

### Fayetteville First honors Dr. Andrew Hall



Members of First Church, Fayetteville, commemorated the fifteenth anniversary of Dr. Andrew M. Hall as their pastor on Aug. 18.

A reception was given for Dr. and Mrs. Hall following the evening service. Dr. Don Brown, chairman of deacons, presented them a plaque which bore the inscription, "In loving appreciation for 15 years of faithful Christian service."

In addition, the church granted the pastor a two-months sabbatical in December and January.

### Scott to Hagarville

A. J. Scott, member of Kibler Church, near Alma, has accepted a call to become pastor of Hagarville Church, near Clarksville, beginning Aug. 25.

The COOPERATIVE PROGRAM gives wings to YOUR MISSION DOLLAR

# Arkansas all over

## \$2.6 million budget approved for 1969; action on BSU board is postponed

The Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, in session here Aug. 20 at Immanuel Church, approved a budget of \$2,667,207 for the year of 1969.

According to Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive of the board, this total, more than six per cent above the budget for the current year, is the largest in the history of the Convention.

Subject to the approval of the Convention at its annual meeting here next November, \$883,997 of the budget total will go to the Southern Baptist Convention for mission causes in the United States and abroad, and \$1,783,310 will go to institutions, agencies, and programs of the State Convention for expenditure in Arkansas.

Largest item in the Arkansas sector of the budget is \$524,196 for Ouachita University, Arkadelphia. Southern College, Walnut Ridge, would receive \$95,788.

An item of \$61,000 is being set up to provide scholarships for ministerial students and wives of ministerial students, at the two colleges.

Other budget items include:

Arkansas Baptist Home for Children, Monticello, \$116,292;

Missions Division (Missions-Evangelism, Race Relations, Baptist Student Union), \$316,750;

Religious Education Division (Brotherhood, Church Music, Sunday School, Training Union), \$127,035;

Special Services (Promotion, Camps and Assemblies, Convention, Foundation, Annuity-Operating, Retirement, Baptist Building, Ministerial Aid, Baptist Student Union Buildings, Reserve, Miscellaneous), \$391,948;

Subsidy to Arkansas Baptist News-magazine, \$17,500;

Services Division, \$34,000; Woman's Missionary Union, \$54,300.

In other action the board voted to ask Dr. Clyde Hart, head of the Race Relations Department, who was scheduled to retire at the end of the current year, to serve for another year to train a director to succeed him.

On the announcement of Dr. Whitlow that A. O. Smith, a Baptist layman of Stamps, has donated \$15,000 for the construction of a chapel at the Baptist Student Union Center on the campus of Arkansas A. M. & N. College, Pine Bluff, the board gave final approval to



**Old Baptist Building**

*Sold for \$110,000*



**New Baptist Building**

*Occupancy in early fall*

an expenditure of \$10,000 for the air-conditioning and furnishing of the new structure.

Gerald Cound, director last year of the Baptist Student Union at Arkansas A. & M. College, Monticello, was elected by the board to become associate to Dr. Tom Logue, BSU director for the State Convention, with headquarters in Little Rock.

The board named Atherton Hiatt, Leachville, to be associate BSU director at the University of Arkansas, and elected Ken McCain to be BSU director for the College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, Arkansas College, Batesville, and the junior colleges at Beebe and at Helena, with headquarters at Clarksville.

A recommendation the board had been planning to make to the Convention in November calling for the setting up of a separate board for the operation of the Baptist Student Union is being postponed. Postponement came after Dr. Whitlow called attention to the fact that there is now a full study of the BSU being conducted under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention—at the request of the state BSU directors—with a report due to be made next June at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans.

The board voted to ask the Nominating committee of the State Convention to recommend to the board a committee of 18 to serve the BSU in an advisory capacity awaiting the outcome of the SBC study.

Authorization was voted for extensive improvements to the building of Tulip Church, Tulip, which is owned and maintained by the State Convention as a historical marker near the site where the Convention was organized, in 1848.

On the recommendation of Ralph Davis, director of the Training Union Department of the Convention, the board approved changing the name of the department to Church Training Department. The change was asked for to make the name of the Arkansas department harmonize with a recent name change made by the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The board voted to ask its Committee on Camps and Assemblies to make an "in-depth" study to determine grounds and facilities needs for the State Convention's camps and assemblies program.

On the recommendation of the Program committee, headed by Dean Newberry, Rogers, the board voted:

1. To buy a spot announcement on a Little Rock television station weath-

ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION  
1969 BUDGET  
(Recommendation by Executive Board)

I. STATE CAUSES	1968 Budg.	1969 Rec.
1. ADMINISTRATION	\$ 42,400	\$ 44,500
2. DIVISION - MISSIONS		
(1) Missions-Evangelism	120,426	134,800
(2) Race Relations	12,000	13,800
(3) Baptist Student Union	99,325	120,000
3. DIVISION - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
(1) Brotherhood	21,000	28,000
(2) Church Music	22,100	23,650
(3) Sunday School	36,100	37,900
(4) Training Union	35,700	37,485
4. DIVISION - SERVICES	33,000	34,000
5. ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWSMAGAZINE	17,500	17,500
6. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION	50,800	54,300
7. SPECIAL SERVICES		
(1) Promotion	21,200	22,000
(2) Camps & Assembly	16,565	23,000
(3) Convention	14,000	15,000
(4) Foundation	16,250	18,000
(5) Annuity-Operating	9,116	9,500
(6) Retirement Dues	110,000	110,000
(7) Baptist Building Indebtedness	95,000	95,000
(8) Ministerial Aid	3,500	2,500
(9) Miscellaneous	8,354	7,000
(10) BSU - Buildings	15,000	9,000
(11) Camp Improvements	20,000	20,000
(12) Reserve	7,191	7,448
8. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		
(1) Ouachita Baptist University	363,703	384,070
(2) Southern Baptist College	51,460	54,341
(3) Ministerial Education	38,826	41,000
9. BENEVOLENCE		
(1) Arkansas Baptist Home for Children	89,371	93,758
II. SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	821,932	883,897
III. CAPITAL NEEDS		
1. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		
(1) Ouachita Baptist University	130,959	140,126
(2) Southern Baptist College	38,736	41,447
(3) Ministerial Education	18,693	20,001
2. OTHER		
(1) Baptist Student Union	25,000	26,750
(2) New Missions Sites	20,000	21,400
(3) Arkansas Baptist Home for Children	21,060	22,534
(4) Camp & Assembly Improvements	25,000	26,750
(5) New Baptist Building	25,000	26,750
	<u>\$2,496,267</u>	<u>\$2,667,207</u>



er report for a one-minute religious feature daily for a period of 13 weeks.

2. To require, as a matter of policy, that employees of the Executive Board planning out-of-the-United States trips secure Executive Board approval at least six months prior to the trip;

3. To adopt a policy of not employing relatives of Executive Board employees, except temporarily in camps and assemblies.

In brief reports to the board, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president of Ouachita University, and Dr. H. E. Williams, president of Southern Baptist College, both reported prospects for increased enrollments for the fall semesters over a year ago. The Ouachita enrollment last year went above 2,000, and the Southern College enrollment, above 1,000.

Maurice Caldwell, superintendent of the Children's Home, announced the opening of a field office in Little Rock and tentative plans for the opening of a similar office in Northeastern Arkansas.

The sale of the present Baptist Building, at 401 West Capitol Ave., to Dan Sprick, Little Rock businessman, was announced by Dr. Whitlow. Amount of the sale was reported to be \$110,000.

The new Baptist Building, under construction at 525 West Capitol Ave., is expected to be ready for occupancy by early fall, Dr. Whitlow said.

Receipts of the State Convention from the nearly 1200 churches affiliated with it totaled \$1,391,205 for the first seven months of the current year, through the Convention's Cooperative Program, Dr. Whitlow reported. This represents an increase of more than 6 percent over gifts for the corresponding period a year ago.

## Revivals

First Church, Manila, July 28-Aug. 4; J. Russell Duffer, Corning evangelist, Charles Butler, song leader, 9 by baptism, 1 profession of faith, 1 by letter, 50 rededications.

Rosedale Church, Little Rock, Aug. 25-Sept. 1; Jack Clark, Brinkley, evangelist; song leader, Don Carr.

Philadelphia Church, El Dorado, July 28-Aug. 4; Clyde Duke, Pastor-evangelist; Jimmy Mason, Norphlet, song leader; five professions of faith, numerous rededications.

First Church, Norman; Aug. 4-11; Theo Cook, North Little Rock, evangelist; L. D. Watson, Norman, singer; nine professions of faith, eight for baptism; 35 rededications; Harold Wilson, pastor.

## Baptist beliefs

# The peril of prosperity

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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

"Fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."—Luke 12:20

In the parable of the rich fool Jesus pointed out the peril of undedicated prosperity (Lk. 12:16ff). It has a lesson which is both timely and timeless.

A man was already rich. Apparently his barns were bursting with plenty. But he had an unusually good crop. This presented a problem. What could he do with it (v. 17)? Note that to solve the problem "he thought [reasoned] within himself." The imperfect tense shows that he did this for some time. He did not ask the counsel of others. He did not pray about it. He reasoned within himself. It never occurred to him to use his plenty to help others. His only conclusion was to tear down his barns and to build larger ones—to keep the prosperity for his enjoyment alone (v. 18). He thought that he could feed his soul on things (v. 19).

Note his self-centeredness. In three verses (17-19) he used twelve personal pronouns. He had no thought about God or other men. Nothing is said about him being dishonest, or cruel to his employees.

God called him a "fool," a man without sound thought or reason. Then He said, literally, "This night they [things] are demanding thy soul from thee" (v. 20). Rather than feeding and blessing his soul, they were taking it from him. Things will do that to a man. Rather than his mastering them they had mastered him. He was a slave to his substance.

"Then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided" (v. 20)? This reverts back to the brothers fighting over the inheritance (v. 13). How many people slave for things and die spiritually in the process! Or hoard them, so that they are only the richest people in the cemetery, with heirs fighting over the fortune left behind!

If adversity has its perils, prosperity has more. This is a lesson much in need in our affluent society. We are greatly concerned about the poor. But do not forget the peril of the prosperous. The latter is far greater in eternal values.

Winslow Baptist, Winslow; July 28-Aug. 4; evangelist C. Edgar 'Charley' Jones; 4 for baptism, Ray Hart, pastor.

Pleasant Plains Church, Pine Bluff; Aug. 4-10; E. A. Richmond, evangelist; Billy Goyné, song leader; Mrs. James Threet, pianist; James Threet, pastor; 12 by baptism, 1 by letter; 2 rededications.

East Side Church, Paragould, Aug. 12-18; Pete Steelman, pastor of Thrift-haven Church, Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; Gordan Ellington, Paragould, song leader; 9 professions of faith, 10 by baptism, 1 by letter, many rededications. Don Reed is pastor. Former pastor Sam Willcockson, California, preached Aug. 18.

Ridgeway Church, Nashville, Aug. 12-18; Carroll Evans, pastor, First Church, Manila, evangelist; 4 professions of faith; several rededications; one dedication to special service; Charles R. Stanford, pastor.

First Church, Stamps; Aug. 28-Sept. 1; youth revival; four guest speakers:

Lester Peck, Texarkana Bible Study Center, Wednesday evening; Tom Simmons, Hope Calvary Church, Thursday evening; Jim Abrahamson, Dallas Theological Seminary, Friday evening; on Saturday evening, Mr. Abrahamson and Marsha Patton will share the program; Sunday evening, Jerry Malone, youth director of Stamps First Church, will speak.

Steel Bridge Church, Lonoke; Aug. 11-18; Russell Clearman, pastor of Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, evangelist; Raymond Bull, song leader, 8 professions of faith; 7 baptisms; 24 rededications; Jack Hogue, pastor.

## Woodson Church burns

Woodson Church, Woodson, was heavily damaged by fire early Sunday morning, Aug. 18. Two nearby school buildings owned by the church were destroyed.

The main church building suffered damage totaling about \$10,000. Rev. Roy Bunch, pastor of the church, estimated damage at \$50,000.

# Paragould church brings sermons to the deaf



For the deaf, the world is a vast oasis of silence in which the victim is insulated against the sounds of the 20th century.

The wall of absolute quiet is always there and the afflicted moves about in a world similar to that of actors in a soundless motion picture. Lips move and cars go roaring by, but there is no sound.

At least a dozen Southern Baptist Association churches in Arkansas are trying to help the deaf enjoy and participate in regular worship services. To accomplish this goal, specially trained interpreters have been employed to translate the spoken word into sign language.

Each second Sunday of the month from 15 to 25 deaf Baptists who live in Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri congregate at East Side Church, Paragould, for a full morning of worship. The small group sits in the first four front pews on the west side of the auditorium for both Sunday School classes and the regular 11 a.m. church service.

Throughout the morning Brenda Reed, 23, the interpreter, is a busy woman.

Miss Reed assumes a standing position facing the group to relate with her hands and fingers what is being discussed by both the Sunday School teacher and the minister. They even sing along with the congregation during hymns.

Randy Brightwell, a student at Arkansas State University holds a hymnal

for Miss Reed while she translates the words of songs for the special group.

Not one among the deaf congregation has ever been seen to drift off into sleep, yawn or show a semblance of indifference. For all have a desire to hear and discuss the word of God.

Rev. Don Reed, pastor of East Side, said his church is the twelfth in the state to offer a special program for the deaf. Reed said Baptists all over the South are observing Arkansas' program with the idea of offering similar services in their own churches. "Baptist people are generally aggressive when it comes to including as many people as possible in church functions," Reed stated.

The interpreter is Pastor Reed's daughter. He said she learned sign language when she was nine years old. "Later, she felt a calling to serve as a missionary among them," he said.

On the first Sunday of each month Miss Reed drives to Lake View Church, Tupelo Miss., where she interprets for the 30 deaf who attend that church. A graduate of Mid-South Bible College, she is seriously considering studying speech therapy at a university with a view to teach in schools for the deaf.

Reed is no stranger to the field of ministering to the deaf. He first became aware of the need to offer special help to the deaf while pastoring a church in Mississippi 15 years ago. Not knowing sign language at first, the minister enlisted the aid of the children of deaf

muters to translate for him. "It is a rewarding endeavor," Reed says of his efforts.

When three small Baptist country churches—Village, New Hope, and Eight Mile — closed down it was decided to transport interested members of the defunct churches to East Side.

Since the project was started, 21 persons in the "bus ministry" congregation have been baptized.

## Memphis church rejects pastor's resignation

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Brooks Ramsey, pastor of the Second Church, in Memphis, for the past five years, resigned here after "harassment" over his stand on race relations, but the church voted "overwhelmingly" to refuse to accept the resignation.

Instead, the church decided to "vacate" all 45 deacons and 15 finance committee members, asking regular church nominating committees to come up with a new slate of deacons and finance committee members.

Whether Ramsey will continue as pastor is still in question. "I have not withdrawn my resignation," he said. But he has not yet decided whether to accept the call to another church, or to remain at the Memphis church.

Within a week after his resignation was refused, the church voted in a new finance committee. Only about 45 voted against the new slate of leaders out of a crowd of 500 to 600.

Ramsey described the new deacon body as "more progressive", and said that as a result "the church leadership is in the hands of more progressive people."

The opposition to Ramsey's leadership intensified when he participated in a minister's march on City Hall, urging settlement of a sanitation worker's strike, on the day after Martin Luther King was slain in Memphis. One other Baptist pastor, Robert Troutman, participated in the march.

The basic issue, said Ramsey, has been race relations. Ramsey said he had received strong opposition from "segregationists" in the church.

The race issue, Ramsey added, was compounded by a struggle for power within the church. "Some of the members who began the church after a split with Bellevue (Baptist Church) were not happy because they were no longer in control," Ramsey said.

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## Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

### Youth for Christ names new officers

The Hot Springs Youth for Christ organization recently named the following officers: Lloyd Humphrey, of Park Place Church, president; Ronnie Ledford, of Second Church, vice president; Donna Kinsey, Antioch Church, secretary; Carol Shell, Piney Church, treasurer; Jim Smith, Second Church, song leader; Sandy Matthews, Lee Chapel Church, pianist; Donnie Stroope, Piney Church, organist; Otis Embree, Central Church, sergeant-at-arms.

Pastor advisers are: James Newnam, Walnut Valley Church, and Bill Fleming, Harvey's Chapel Church. Adult directors are: Silas and Gwen Turner, Grand Avenue Church.

A retreat is planned for Aug. 30 and 31 at Springlake Baptist Assembly, Lonsdale. The theme will be "I'll Tell the World," with Garland Morrison, Fayetteville, as camp pastor. Twenty-one Baptist churches are reported as represented in the Youth for Christ Organization.

### Pastoral changes

Dale Mashburn, pastor of Oak Grove Church since April, resigned August 4 to accept the pastorate of Main Street Church, Stigler, Okla. He was chairman of evangelism of the association.

Bill Whitlege, pastor of First Church, Dyer, since July 1965, resigned Aug. 18 to accept the pastorate of Cedarville Church. There were 42 additions to the Dyer Church while Mr. Whitlege was pastor; 19 of these were by baptism.

## Out of order?

In our community there are a number of doors that open automatically, thanks to the all-seeing electric eye. Not long ago I approached one of these automatic doors only to discover a sign which read, "Out of Order." Something had happened to that helpful mechanism that usually did my work for me. This time I had to give my own push.

I recalled the first time I ever saw the electric eye at work. It was many years ago when my father had taken our family to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. He told my brother and me that there was something he wanted us to see. It was a fountain—but no water was coming out of it. "Bend over it and look closely," he said with a twinkle in his eye. "We bent our faces over it and the water rose up immediately. We were impressed, wet faces and all!

Nowadays we are so used to the electric eye that we have begun to expect that some things in life will always be automatic. Do you find yourself not wanting to be bothered with having to give a little push? Even friends are not automatic. A dear lady once gave me a little, framed, old-fashioned, cross-stitched sampler which reads, "To have a friend you must first be one." It still hangs on my breakfast-room wall as a daily reminder. We must give forth a little effort.

Is the sign on your door of friendship in good working condition? Or does it read, "Out of Order," for those who would like to come in? There are many things which we might prefer to be automatic: good health, good government, a perfect Christian church, happiness . . . but these things do not come without effort on our part. If we expect all doors to open automatically we will sooner or later get banged in the face. We must give a little push!

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

## Out of The Past



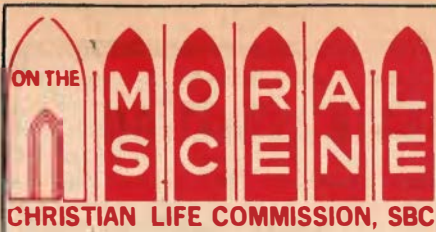
PAULINE Haas Lillard (Mrs. Walter Lillard), Tyronza, has supplied the following identification for this baptismal group at Ravenden Springs, on Sept. 23, 1910. (The photo, supplied by Mrs. Leo Eddleman, of New Orleans Seminary, was carried in our issue of May 30.) Seated, left to right: Sam Ed Troxel, Eula Duvall (Mrs. Will Dixon), and Ida Halford. Standing, left to right: Sarah (Mrs. Jim) Davis, Mrs. Stidman, Leo Jones, Mrs. Albert Eaves, Jim Davis, Miss Betty, Pickett, Mr. Stidman, Frankie Duvall (Mrs. J. R. Gregson of Jonesboro), and Miss Nealie Reynolds (Mrs. Harry Troxel.)

### Are you moving?

Please give us your new address before you move! Papers returned to us giving your new address now cost \$.10 each. Unless you help us with this, our postage due will exceed \$50 a month.

Attach the address label from your paper to a \$.5 post card, add your new address, and mail the card to us. Thanks

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... One possible method of improving understanding between police and minority groups is to demonstrate the sincere intention of providing opportunities for such groups to become law enforcement officers. The seriousness of purpose is measured not only at the entrance level but through the promotion chart as well. The growing philosophy of group identification and pride helps to facilitate communication through use of personnel selected from minority groups. (FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, July 1968)

... Beer containing 3.2 percent alcohol will be sold this fall in student unions at Colorado School of Mines in Golden and at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. This is the first time ever that alcohol will be dispensed to students in a public college in the state according to The Denver Post. (Listen, August 1968)

... Are teenagers mature enough to vote? President Johnson had no doubts about the young when he recommended that Congress lower the voting age to 18. "The young people of America in this decade," he declared glowingly, "are far more ready, far better qualified, far more able to discharge the highest duty of citizenship than any generation of the past."

Medical men, however, differ on how 18-year-olds will use the vote once they get it. Some psychiatrists believe that the searching and rebellion that characterize the emergence into adulthood will lead 18-year-olds to choose candidates on the left. But there are signs that many may gravitate to the right. (Newsweek, July 29, 1968)



## Beacon lights of Baptist history

# Homes for churches

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

Private homes of believers afforded meeting places for worship among early settlers of our nation. The New Testament speaks of "the church in thy house." So Baptists were scriptural in where they met as they began their work in America. There was no concerted effort to build or aid congregations to build houses of worship if they were not able to do so. This necessitated small, inadequate, and often crude houses of worship.

Smaller churches sometimes asked older and larger churches for help. The pastor of First Baptist Church, Providence, R. I., asked his congregation to take a collection for a body of Baptists in New York to assist them in buying property and erecting a building. The pastor gave one pound in money and his people gave ten barrels of cider for the work.

When the American Baptist Home Mission Society was formed there were few meeting-houses in the Western States. These were small, usually from 25 to 30 or 40 feet long and almost as wide. Some were log houses. One congregation met in a school house, another in a private log hut. The Executive Committee was concerned over such conditions. In 1850 it appointed a committee of three to devise some plans or form a new Society to assist feeble churches in erecting buildings.

A plan was worked out and presented in 1853. Funds were to be raised and appropriated for the purpose of building. The Sunday preceding July 4 was set apart for this special offering. In October of that year, further steps were set up for management and disbursement.

The Board soon found how difficult it was to administer and collect loans. It discovered churches were greedy. They were slow about paying. It had been thought the money would return in three years and would be loaned out to other churches. Two foreclosures were made before the churches learned the Board meant business. The board reasoned it was better to foreclose and lose a few churches than have the impression become fixed that the society was lax in its enforcement of rules and regulations.

\*Charles L. White, A Century of Faith (Philadelphia, The Judson Press, 1932) pp. 216-18

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He told a Memphis newspaper that he had received numerous calls of "harassment, anonymous letters, and now they are attacking my family."

In addition to his sermons on race, Ramsey has strongly favored a change in the church's constitution, which currently provides that if 13 members vote against accepting an applicant for membership, the applicant (as Ramsey said) "is out."

"This is the blackball system, and I don't see how a church can practice the New Testament and have this in the constitution," Ramsey said. A committee has been studying the constitution and is scheduled to come up with a report in September, with a vote in October.

In June, the church gave the pastor a vote of confidence after the deacons voted 18-17 against calling for Ramsey's resignation. The vote was reported as 90 per cent in favor of the pas-

tor, with about 65 persons out of a crowd of 600 to 700 opposing the pastor.

Ramsey said that after this the opposition intensified and reached the point that he felt it was "impossible to continue with things like they were." Hence his decision to resign.

He said he had been overwhelmed by the support he had received, not only from the church members and Baptists across the nation, but from other denominations as well.

Ramsey said he was still struggling with the decision whether he should "stay and fight for what is right," or go where there is more freedom. He said he was encouraged now that the church is "in the hands of more progressive leaders."

A few of the church's 1,700 members have left in recent months over the race relations controversy, but Ramsey said that there has been a movement to keep everyone together, despite differences of opinion. (BP)

# Southern Baptist datelines

## Get involved in government

### Baptist conference urged

GLORIETA, N. M.—Christians must be involved in formulating governmental policies and programs if they are to be on the major firing line against human suffering, a political scientist asserted during the annual Southern Baptist Christian Life Conference here.

Daniel R. Grant, professor of political science at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, and a Baptist deacon, told the conference that policies dealing with disease, war, slums, unemployment and underemployment, racial discrimination and economic exploitation must be the concern of Christians if they expect to have a hand in alleviating human suffering.

"It should be increasingly clear that governmental action, involving a total urban community, an entire state, or even the whole nation, has become in many cases the only practical or efficient way to work for the accomplishment of certain ethical teachings of Christ," said Grant.

Speaking on "Christian Action in Practical Politics," at the conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly here, Grant urged new understandings of how to be involved in politics.

"Personal visitation of the sick is not obsolete nor will it ever be," Grant said, "but why should not the Christian so support with all his political skills the taxes and laws necessary for a massive program of research in preventive medicine to eliminate disease altogether?"

Noting difficult problems in applying Christianity to politics, Grant chided Southern Baptists for having an "off-again, on-again" attitude.

"Southern Baptists have been inconsistent in tending to have a flexible taboo against 'mixing politics and religion' that has too often meant looking with favor on entering the political arena so long as they agree on the position being taken," the professor said.

Grant identified himself as a Southern Baptist and stressed, "When we (Southern Baptists) have disagreed with the cause, especially when legislation to eliminate racial discrimination has been the burning issue, we have defended our silence by saying that 'the church should keep out of politics,' or 'the church should not try to legislate morals.'

"Our silence in such situations may well be a kind of political action in

defense of the status quo that is just as powerful as that of other religious groups openly applying pressure on legislators," he observed.

"Our inconsistency mainly concerns the label we apply to our efforts to shape governmental policies, and it must be recognized as a serious handicap to effective Christian citizenship," he said.

In another speech, Grant said that the time may come when a Christian must change his political party but it should not be done lightly because "it is doubtful if more than one or two changes in a lifetime can be made without serious loss of political influence."

He compared this loss of influence in politics to religious life: "It would be unrealistic to expect a person to be influential in the decisions of a religious denomination or local church if he changes his affiliation frequently."

Grant, who strongly defended the "party man" over the "independent," argued that political scientists have discovered that most "independent" voters tend to be non-participating citizens who have already missed the boat in helping formulate specific public policies, choose delegates to conventions, or nominate the candidates the independents must elect later.

"If the Christian has a special stake in government policies and programs, it is simply imperative that he come to terms with the realities of the organizational structure of political life, not the least of which are political parties," Grant said. (BP)

### Webb to do PR in Georgia

Lawrence E. Webb, 34, Anderson, S. C., has been named secretary of public relations for the Georgia Baptist Convention, Atlanta.

A former journalism and Bible instructor, news director and publications advisor at Anderson College in Ander-



DR. BAKER J. CAUTHEN, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, presents Larry Davis a certificate of employment as a missionary journeyman. Encircling Larry, who will teach school in Jos, Nigeria, are other journeymen who will work in West Africa. They were among 69 young people commissioned journeymen on Aug. 8 in a ceremony at First Church, Richmond, Va.

son, S. C., Webb succeeds Jim Lester, who resigned after 11 years in the post to become editor of *The Baptist and Reflector*, official journal of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. (BP)

## Church and 'home' in joint ministry

TYLER, Tex.—In a unique arrangement, Green Acres Church here and Buckner Baptist Benevolences of Dallas have jointly established the Green Acres Home, a foster group home for dependent children here.

It is believed to be the first home of this type sponsored by a church.

R. C. Campbell, president of the Buckner Baptist Benevolences System, called it a completely new innovation in small-group child care. Campbell said there are a few agency-owned foster group homes, but none owned and sponsored by a church.

Under the cooperative arrangement Green Acres Church will finance the physical care of the children, and Buckner Benevolences will provide the professional services of house parents and social work administration. (BP)

## Name change voted for Training Union

GLORIETA, N. M.—The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention voted here to change the name of Training Union and the board's Training Union department, but approved a recommendation not to release the new name until later.

In other major action, the board adopted a budget to include a projected income of \$37½ million for the coming fiscal year, and approved the building of additional guest accommodations at Glorieta Assembly and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Assembly.

The new name for Training Union, to become effective Oct. 1, 1970, was approved on a motion which included a recommendation that "the actual new name not be released to the public until details of a planned program of communication have been completed by the Training Union department, and that 'Logo' be the working title until that time." Probable target date for release of the name will be during the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans in 1969.

The name of the Training Union department was changed to "Church Training department" following the discussion of a new church training curriculum to be introduced in 1970. The departmental name change becomes effective immediately.

A projected increase in income of

\$682,000 over last year's budget included an allocation of \$5,772,000 to the education and service programs of the board, an increase over the projected figure of one year ago by \$81,000, the board was told.

Two buildings approved by the board included the Chaparral Inn at Glorieta Assembly here, a guest house to accommodate 61 persons; and Royal Gorge Apartments at Ridgecrest Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., a 16-unit building with a capacity of 96.

In other action, the board approved naming the new auditorium at the Sunday School Board Building in Nashville the "Van Ness Auditorium" in honor of Isaac Jacobus Van Ness, executive secretary-treasurer of the board 1917-1935.

The board was told of plans for a joint Sunday School-Training Union leadership conference to be held next June 19-25 at Glorieta Assembly, marking the first time for such an event.

Elected president of the board was Landrum P. Leavell III of Wichita Falls, Tex., and re-elected were Julius Thompson, Nashville, chairman of the executive committee, and Roy W. Babb, Nashville, secretary.

The board set its next year's meeting dates for Jan. 28-29, in Nashville, and July 23-24, at Ridgecrest Assembly. (BP)

## The cover



Stanley Cheng, student at Southwestern Seminary, strikes a pose that is suggestive of the millions of Orientals to whom the transistor radio is the chief source of information and entertainment. The Radio and Television Commission produces radio programs in two Chinese dialects, and they are beamed regularly through Communism's Bamboo Curtain into Red China.

## Naomi Page assigned to Aligandi post

Naomi Page, 25, Nashville, Tenn., will be the first registered nurse to assist in Southern Baptists' medical missions work in Aligandi, Panama since 1965. Miss Page was among the 33 Southern Baptist US-2 missionary appointees for 1968. (BP)

## Graduation set for Memphis hospital

Twelve students will be graduated by the Baptist Memorial Hospital School for Radiological Technicians in Memphis at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 30.

Commencement exercises will be in the Hospital Chapel with Dr. R. L. DeSoussure, M.D., as the speaker.

Graduates of the two year course are eligible, with specified experience, for examination by the American Registry of X-ray Technicians, which confers the title, "Registered Technician." Studies are conducted under standards established by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, the American College of Radiology and the American Society of X-ray Technicians.

The graduates will include Bill Walraven, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Walraven, of 2917 Beatty, West Memphis, Ark.

## GA day observed at HemisFair

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Girls dressed in green and gold marched behind the official HemisFair band to the ceremonial flag plaza at the HemisFair here in observance of Girls' Auxiliary Day at the world's fair, Aug. 16.

An estimated 1,000 Girls' Auxiliary members from Texas and neighboring states attended the special emphasis day for a denominational organization.

Flag raising ceremonies honored Girls' Auxiliary and the girls saluted the U. S. flag and the Christian flag, which was raised instead of the flag of the "nation of the day." (BP)

"Baptists Who Know, Care" Church members will support Baptist work in Arkansas and around the world if they are informed of the needs by reading the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

# Your state convention at work

## Planning does it

Planning is the key to success in any endeavor. This is certainly true in the promotion of every phase of Brotherhood work. Successful missionary education and involvement in mission action of men and boys will not just happen in any church, it must be planned.

Planning a successful program of missionary education for men and boys is the responsibility of the Brotherhood director as an elected officer of the church. In this position he works closely with the pastor and the Church Council. His basic responsibility is to lead in securing a Royal Ambassador leader and Baptist Men president. Working through these men he leads in providing the necessary unit organizations of Royal Ambassador chapters and Baptist Men groups to provide adequate missionary education for all boys and men in the church nine years of age and up.

The unit organizations, through their officers, must survey and study their needs and then make the plans necessary to meet the needs.

Ample materials to assist Royal Ambassadors and Baptist Men in surveying and planning to meet the needs of missionary education are available from the Brotherhood Commission and the state Brotherhood Department. Every church has a challenge to enlist the boys and men in mission study and action to meet the needs of their own community and the world. These needs cannot be met except through study and planning. Now is the time to begin by electing officers and giving them time to train and plan. Call on us if we may be of help to you.

The 4th National Royal Ambassador Congress is now history. Some 10,823 Royal Ambassadors and counselors invaded Oklahoma City Aug. 12-15, and perhaps neither will ever be the same. The program was excellent. If a group from your church attended please let us know the number. Send us a card now.—C. H. Seaton

## YOU CAN "GO"



# State TU workshop

## Workers in Junior Leadership

Mrs. Patsy Rhodes, junior director of Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, will conduct the Junior Leadership Workshop at Second Church, Little Rock, Oct. 25, 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Here is what she writes: "I will have

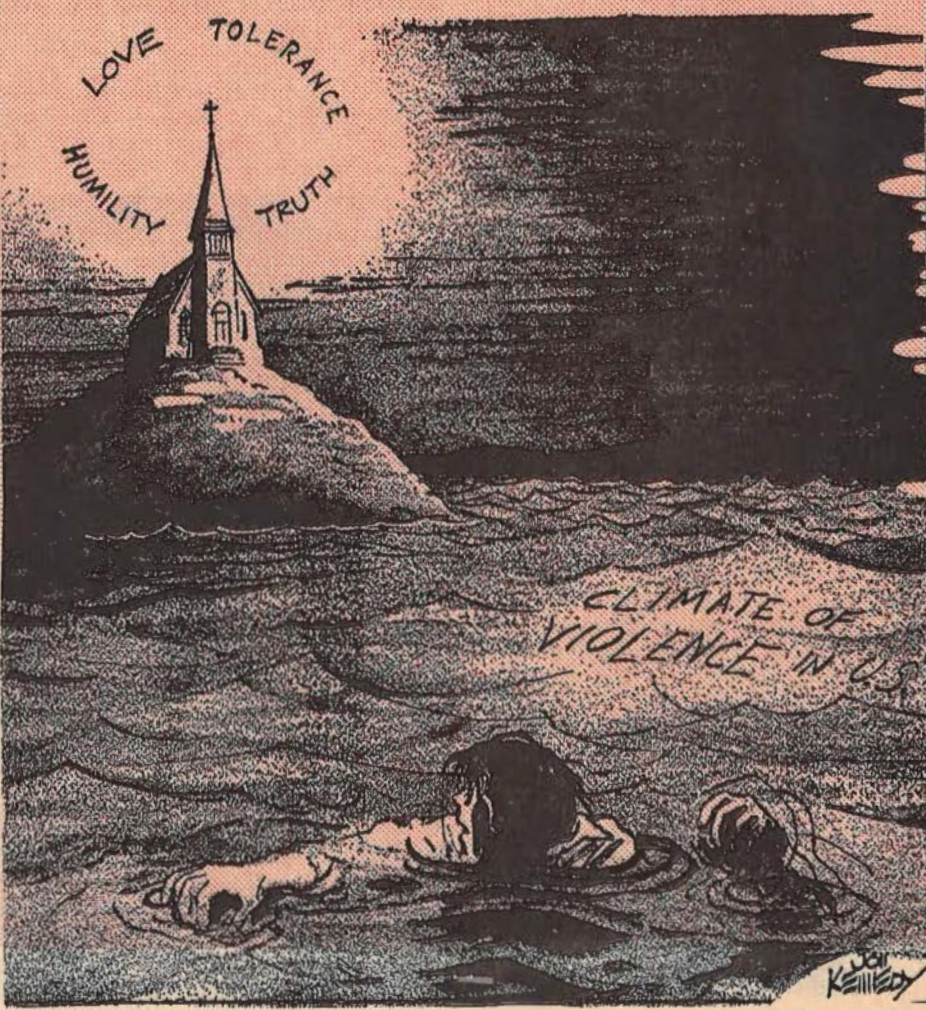


MRS. RHODES

one unit of study completely planned with pictures, suggestions, ideas for them to see. We will go step by step in learning how to plan a unit of study. I will use the unit of study they will be planning for November. This will give them time to prepare their own before the unit begins. I will have every suggestion carried out that is suggested in the unit. This will give them an opportunity to see which one they are most interested in and can see how it is done. I will also help them to set up a schedule for their own group for ordering free helps, films, pictures, etc. I will help them to understand how to interpret their leader, The Junior Leader. I will also show the newest filmstrip for junior Training Union leaders called, A Church Training Juniors. I have a filmstrip called Welcome to the Club which is a great film on working with juniors personality wise that I think will be helpful. Time permitting we will show this."

Next week: Primary Workshop —Ralph W. Davis

## WHERE HOPE IS . . .



## Letter from Detroit

Carolyn Barnes, a student at Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, is serving this summer in Detroit, Mich.

She wrote the following letter to her fellow BSUsers in Arkansas: Dear Arkansas BSUsers: On July 22 my teammates and I made a talk to the Human Relations Association, a mixture of Southern Baptist and National Baptist ministers. During this meeting I

talked about my experiences in a Southern Baptist college as a Negro and my two teammates discussed their relationship to Negroes as whites. This meeting helped me a lot, for I realized there are people who are really concerned about the race problem. Would you remember this Association in prayer; remember these people who are striving to draw the races together through the church.

I have been working in Pelham Baptist Church with a young Negro preacher, Rev. Jessie Mitchell. I have two white teammates: Janice Carroll and John Curbo. Janice is also my roommate here in the Baptist Building. This week we started a Vacation Bible School hoping to help the youngsters in this area to become interested in church.

Since I've been here I've been in contact with the white race a lot. This has been a great experience for me, because within my heart, I feel that some day the whites and blacks can live together without turmoil. However, some of my experiences have not been quite so pleasant. One Negro man, probably a Muslim, walked up to Janice and me and said, "You know she is not our kind." This almost floored me, because I don't feel this way. Some of the people always give us these "hatred stares" whenever Janice, John, Rev. Mitchell, and I ride in the car together. I don't understand why man hates another because of his skin color.

This gigantic city is a mixture of addicts, pushers, drunks, etc. I have seen things that I thought I would never witness: addicts "high" on reafers walking into rushing traffic and never knowing what they are doing; drunks lying out in the park, whether it be rain or shine. When I see these addicts and drunks, I realize that my life has been blessed in so many ways!

I must tell you about the Baptist Building where I'm living. It was founded by Mrs. Henry Ford, as sort of a rehabilitation center, I suppose, a home

for young women. Later on it was to be condemned but the Baptist Convention took it over and converted it into the Baptist Building. The young women are still allowed to stay. They are mostly from mental homes. There is one blind girl, two deaf girls, and a mixture of suicidal cases here. One of the women, who is around 47 but looks every bit of 80, has become one of my best friends. She has worked for 19 years, and had three strokes, but she still works and serves God. God has shown me that I can still serve Him, whether I'm a summer missionary or not. I'm very happy that God sent me here to Michigan, for I will certainly be a changed Christian.

I would not mind coming back to Detroit, for I would like to do interracial work up here. I would like to enter some type of work that would help the races better their friendship.

Remember my teammates and me in your prayers. We have only two weeks left.—Carolyn Barnes

## Help more needy, urges mission board

BY LEWIS MOORE

RIDGECREST, N. C.—The executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board speaking here asked Southern Baptists to cooperate with governmental and community programs reaching out to serve people in need.

"We must shift this attitude of marking off a program of human betterment because it is a governmental program that we have been afraid of," said Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta.

Speaking at one of the Home Missions Conference worship services at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly here, Rutledge called for an end to Baptist refusal to cooperate with government and community groups concerned with meeting human needs.

"Our individualism and our commitment to the separation of church and state sometimes have made us give an automatic negative answer; but I would like to ask that when you go back home you see what is going on in your community and see if you can help," Rutledge said.

"So many times our churches and even sometimes we who are directly involved in missions give the impression that we don't care what happens in the community so long as we can meet our budgets, so long as we can have a growth in membership, and so long as we can maintain order in our household of faith," he added.

The Baptist missions official said that some churches and missionaries have found ways to work in these community and government programs without compromising. "They are helping to

## Dr. Autrey to be evangelism speaker

Dr. C. E. Autrey, Director of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, will be the main speaker at the area evangelism conferences, Sept. 15-20. Dr. Autrey, a leader in evangelism work, was former secretary of evangelism for Louisiana Baptists for three years and was professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas for five years.

His pastorates include Temple Church in Ruston, La.; First Church, Union City, Tenn.; and First Church, West Monroe, La.

In Louisiana College, where he earned his A.B. degree, he was known as a man with a genuine evangelistic concern. He holds the Th. M. and Th. D. degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Louisiana College conferred the D.D. degree in 1962.

Dr. Autrey is a contributor to Southern Baptist publications, and has written several books on evangelism: Basic Evangelism, Revivals of the Old Testament, You Can Win Souls, Evangelistic Sermons, Evangelism in Acts, and Theology of Evangelism. He has a new book out, Renewals Before Pentecost, which is recommended for use before the Crusade of the Americas.

Here are the dates and places for the area conferences:

Sept. 15, First Church, Monticello, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Sept. 16, First Church, Hope, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 17, First Church, Paragould, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 18, Mena, free fish-fry from 5:30-7:15, program 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 19, First Church, Springdale, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 20, First Church, Mountain Home, 7:30 p.m.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

understand these public programs and to help people find a better way of life," he explained. (BP)





## 13 NEW MED. TECH. STUDENTS

## Medicine and Religion



Pictured above are the 13 new members of the Center's School of Medical Technology. All have completed three years of pre-clinical training. Ten members of the class are from colleges affiliated with the school and will receive their B.S. degree upon completion of the one-year curriculum. Pictured from left to right, seated, are: Joan White, Cheryl Horner, Mary Virginia Bryant, Kay Simon and Linda Schuberg. Back row, left to right: Tim Ashberry, Jay Miller, Jr., Kay Hill, Dianne Cox, Johnnie Reveley, Barbara Long, Lavern Robinson and Tootie Richey.

The Committee on Medicine and Religion of the Arkansas State Medical Society and the Medical Staff of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center sponsored a symposium on medicine and religion, Tuesday, July 23, at the General Staff Meeting held in the Student Union Building. This was a continuation of dialogue between physicians and clergymen, centering on the question — "DOCTOR, WHY DON'T YOU LET ME DIE?"

Approximately 150 persons attended. Members of the medical staff were encouraged to invite their minister to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

The program consisted of presentation of position papers by four panelists followed by an open question and answer session. Members of the panel included: Dr. Dale Cowling, Pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, Rev. Donald Campbell, Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Dr. Carl Wenger, Chief of Staff of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center and Dr. William E. Harville, Clinical Pathologist at ABMC.

## Center To Offer Sessions For Pastors Of All Faiths

The Center's Pastoral Care Department plans to offer a series of six-week sessions in Clinical Pastoral Education, beginning about the first of the year.

Dr. Don Corley, head of the Pastoral Care Department at the Center, said, "Clinical Pastoral Education has three distinct yet related phases: educational, clinical and interpersonal. Through the use of seminars, lectures, audio-visual aids, conferences with interdisciplinary staff persons, theological 'position' papers and other teaching methods, the pastor is aided in understanding personality development, emotional factors in crisis and illness, the dynamics of human relations and the healing ministrations of the Christian faith."

In the clinical portion of the program, the pastor will involve himself in a pastoral relationship with persons and seek to put both the educational aspect of clinical pastoral education and his theological training into these direct person-to-person contacts.

The interpersonal goals of clinical pastoral education are to help the pastor integrate the training experience into his own personality.

Dr. Corley said that between now and the first of the year, he will conduct a series of Pastoral Care work-

shops at various hospitals throughout the state. He said that participants in these workshops would be encouraged to enroll in the six-week sessions.

## New Chaplain



Ed F. McDonald, III

Ed F. McDonald, III, a native of Malvern, has been appointed to a position of Chaplain at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center.

Rev. McDonald is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University where he received his B. A. degree in 1961. He is married to the former Pat Smith of Morrilton.

Rev. McDonald was formerly pastor of the Freeman Heights Baptist Church

## Reunion — — — '68

On June 29, 1968, the Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing held an "All School Reunion." It was a Grand and Glorious day. Alumnae from as far away as New Mexico were in attendance and three who graduated from the first class in 1921 were present. In all, there were approximately 350 Alumnae present for the occasion.

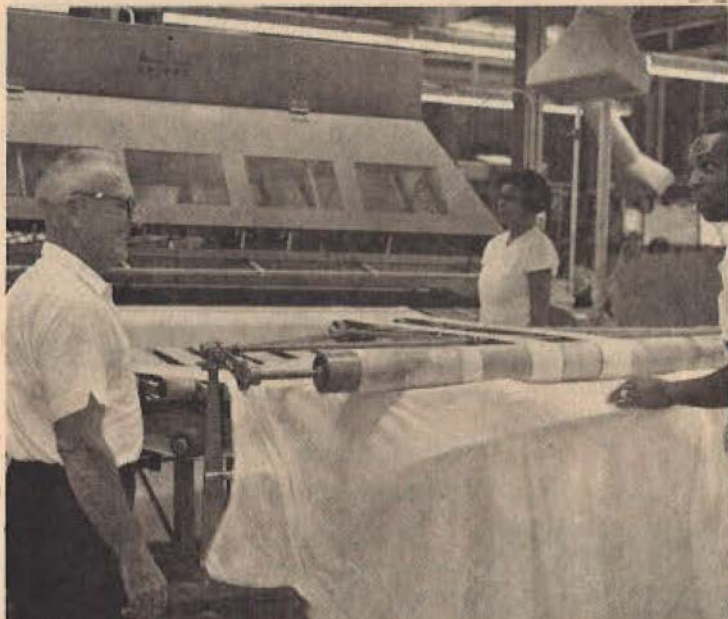
The following two pages of this publication are candid pictures taken during the day. It is our hope that this issue of the Buzzer will help, in some small way, to refresh your memory between now and the next reunion.

In order to make this issue a souvenir piece, we have included a color picture of the new ABMC, on the cover of the Buzzer.

of Berryville, Arkansas and Vice-Moderator of the Carrol County Baptist Association. He has served on the Executive Board and Program Committee of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

The McDonalds live at 4615 Glenmere Drive in North Little Rock. They have two children, Stephen Edward, age 4 years and July Lynn, age 8 months.

## "Public Relations" Representative In The Laundry



Raymond Wiggs supervises employees at the ironer.

Mr. Raymond P. Wiggs is Assistant Laundry Manager for the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center System. He is a native of Romance, Arkansas, which is located in White County. Mr. Wiggs said, "Romance had three small stores, a cotton gin and a Post Office — but I owned a 200-acre farm, a six-room house and had all of this paid for." Mr. Wiggs sold the farm and he and his family moved to Jacksonville in 1949. After one year, they moved on to Little Rock.

"It looked like we were losing money every year, and the family began to marry off, so we decided to come to town — a decision I have been sorry for ever since," he said.

Mr. Wiggs really has nothing against living in the city, but he prefers farming. In fact, the whole family would prefer to live on the farm. His oldest son has moved back to Romance and bought a 160-acre farm near the one his father owned.

When Mr. Wiggs first came to Little Rock, he went to work for Trinity Hospital as chief engineer. He continued in that position until the hospital was closed. He said, "I really was a handy-man there, and if someone needed something done, I just changed clothes and did it." Following the closing of Trinity Hospital, Mr. Wiggs went to work as assistant engineer at the Grady Manning Hotel, where he remained for seven years. "I did anything there was to do there, from making beds to firing boilers. While I was at the Grady Manning Hotel, we re-worked all of the plumbing, from

the basement to the fourteenth floor, including the plumbing in all of the 252 rooms," he said. In addition to being a plumber, Mr. Wiggs has been a carpenter, farmer, maintenance engineer, painter, boiler operator, refrigeration man and a laundry manager. He is a craftsman of all these trades and he still maintains a boiler operator license — but most of all, he likes farming.

In 1960, Mr. Wiggs went to the School for the Deaf to manage the laundry. He remained there for four years, until the School closed its laundry. In April of 1964, he came to Arkansas Baptist Medical Center as Assistant Manager of the laundry, the position he has held since that time.

"I have always liked to work with people and I enjoy my work since I have learned how to operate hospital laundry equipment," he said. If Mr. Wiggs could do what he really wanted to do, he would farm — but he says he is getting too old to do that and he doesn't know of anything he would rather do than operate the hospital laundry. "Any job I stay with for long — I like it or I don't stay. I just make up my mind to forget everything else and decide that I am going to like and enjoy my work," he said.

When asked why he liked doing something so different from what he had done most of his life, he said, "I like seeing the clean linens leave the laundry, ready for use by the nurses as they care for the patients."

Mr. Wiggs supervises the work of seventeen employees who process

over five tons of laundry per day. "The main part of our work is to get the linen suitable for good patient care. If it isn't just right, it must be done over," he said. Mr. Wiggs is a stickler for doing the job and doing it right. To have to re-wash two loads of linen may throw him behind schedule, but never a thought is given to that probability. If it does not meet Mr. Wiggs' inspection, back it goes until it is satisfactory to his eagle-eye.

"A lot of patients call and tell us about how nice and clean their linens are. We appreciate this and this contact with the patients makes our job easier and reminds us why we are working so hard," he said.

Mr. Weldon Taylor, Director of Linen Service, said of Mr. Wiggs, "It would be impossible to find a more dependable and reliable assistant. When it is necessary for me to be away from the laundry, I do so with the utmost confidence in Mr. Wiggs and know that the laundry needs of the system will be first and foremost in Mr. Wiggs' work objectives and they will always be met."

When friends of Mr. Wiggs are hospitalized at the Center, they always call him and he makes it a point to visit them and see that their needs are met. In addition to being Assistant Laundry Manager, he is a good public relations representative to the patients with whom he comes in contact and even those who do not know him, find he is well represented by the linens which bear the trademark of a quality craftsman.

Mr. Wiggs celebrated his 60th birthday last month. He has five children and 17 grandchildren. He is another example of the employee assets in good patient care at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center. The Buzzer salutes Mr. R. P. Wiggs, Employee of the Month.



Mr. Wiggs checks production schedules.

## Clinical Specialist Joins Staff



Mary Kathryn Lewallen

Mrs. Mary Kathryn Lewallen, R.N., has joined the staff of ABMC, as a Clinical Specialist in Psychiatric Nursing.

Mrs. Lewallen received a B. A. degree from Arkansas State College, a B. S. degree in Nursing from the University of Tennessee and a Master of Science degree in Psychiatric Nursing from the University of Maryland. She is a native of Peach Orchard, Arkansas. Mrs. Lewallen said that as a Clinical Specialist, she would be relieved of all administrative duties and would be free to spend her time with the patients.

The Clinical Specialist is an arm of the Nursing Service Administration, and she will select the individual patients with whom she will work, based on her evaluation of the patient's needs. She will plan and give the care to those patients selected, thereby helping to improve the over-all care given to the psychiatric patients. She will help conduct psychiatric In-service and will provide counseling for the staff to improve patient care on the unit.

The Clinical Specialist is free to adjust her work hours to meet the needs of the selected patients. For instance, if a patient's needs indicate that the Specialist should be available at 10:00 or 11:00 in the evening, she adjusts her hours to meet these needs. The same would be true with week-ends and holidays.

One new innovation on the unit is the use of a tape recorder by personnel, to tape their observations of the patient during their shifts. This provides a verbal record and a much more comprehensive report between the shift going off duty and the shift coming on duty.

The Arkansas Baptist Medical Center plans to add three more Clinical Specialists in the Medical and Surgical areas of the hospital in September.

## MIL Singers Entertain At Awards Banquet



Approximately 400 employees and their guests attended the Annual Awards Banquet held July 19 and were entertained by the MIL Singers.

## Margaret Williams Receives \$500 Scholarship



The Center's Pathology group announced that they had awarded a \$500 annual pre-medical technology scholarship to Miss Margaret Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eston H. Williams, 2200 S. Tyler Street, Little Rock.

Margaret is a familiar face around the Center. She was a Candystriper for two years, 1966 - 1967. She was president of the Center's Junior Auxiliary in 1967 and was voted the outstanding Candystriper for 1966. In 1967, she was a representative to Girls State.

Margaret graduated from Little Rock Central High School in June, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Band and was on the tennis team. Her cumulative grade point average was 3.45 out of a possible 4.0.

She is presently employed as the evening laboratory secretary at the Center. She will enroll at Little Rock University in September, to begin her pre-technology curriculum. She plans to enter the Center's School of Medical Technology in July, 1971, after completing the 90 semester hours of pre-clinical education.

Little Rock University is affiliated with the Center's laboratory for the

## Six Medical Technology Graduates Join Staff

Odare Murphree, Clinical Laboratory Supervisor, announced that six students who were graduated July 19 from the Center's School of Medical Technology, have joined the staff.

James Jackson, who will receive his degree from Arkansas A M & N, has been appointed to a position in the Blood Bank; Jeania Walker, who will receive her degree from Ouachita Baptist University, has been appointed to a position in Hematology; Ruth Hampton, who will receive her degree from Philander Smith College, has been appointed to a position in Microbiology; Barbot Blackledge, who will receive her degree from Elmyra College in New York, has been appointed to a position in General Chemistry and James Proctor, who will receive his degree from Little Rock University, has been appointed to a position in Pulmonary Function. Julie Endsley, who will receive her degree from Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas, has been appointed to a position in General Chemistry at Memorial Hospital.

The Center's School of Medical Technology is affiliated with Little Rock University, Ouachita Baptist University, Harding College, College of the Ozarks and State College of Arkansas, who offer a B. S. degree in Medical Technology.

purpose of awarding a B. S. degree in Medical Technology.

Members of the Center's Pathology group providing the scholarship are: Dr. R. A. Burger, Chief Pathologist; Dr. E. Lloyd Wilbur, Surgical Pathologist; Dr. William Harville, Clinical Pathologist and Dr. Douglas E. Young, Associate Pathologist.

# The bookshelf

The Rockies, by David Lavender, Harper & Row, 1968, \$8.95

From the time of Coronado's discovery to the era of modern ski resorts, men have been lured irresistibly to the Rocky Mountains. In this book Mr. Lavender traces the range's colorful history, focusing attention on the period that began in 1859, following the first gold strikes.

Here is the story of primitive towns burgeoning into industrial complexes: Denver, Pueblo, Helena, Salt Lake City, and many others. The author explores unfamiliar channels of Western history and brings fresh insight into the eternal challenge of the Rockies.

Wilfred Grenfell, by Joyce Blackburn, Zondervan, 1966

One of the "People You Should Know" series, this book is especially for young readers, grades 5-8. It traces the life of the noted doctor-explorer from his boyhood in England through the 40 years he spent exploring the Labrador and charting the wild coast line of the almost unknown northland as he risked his life for the simple, warm-hearted people there.

America's Frontier Heritage, by Ray Allen Billington, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1966, \$7.95

Author Billington has produced in this book a profile of America, past and present, which is unusually rich in detail and interpretation. He provides a synthesis of psychology, sociology, economics, and literature. Included in his analysis are hundreds of accounts by European travelers who experienced the frontier at first hand.

The World of Andrew Carnegie, 1865-1901, by Louis M. Hacker, Lippincott, 1968, \$8.95

Dr. Hacker believes the blossoming of the world's great industrial power, less than 40 years after the Civil War, would not have been possible without the emergence of such economic entrepreneurs as Mr. Carnegie.

More than economic history at its best, this includes vivid portrayals of the men who built the industrial empires which in their totality created a new world on this continent. During the years 1865 to 1901 the United States changed from an agricultural to an industrial nation. And the men who brought about the change—with Mr. Carnegie at the apex—found at hand economic, political, and natural conditions which fostered ambition and opened pathways leading almost inevitably to industrialization.

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## Night fishing



*NIGHT fishing has a fascination for many anglers. It is quiet, peaceful, usually cool, and there is always a chance to land a "big one."*

During the summer, day fishing can be almost unbearably hot, but when the sun goes down so does the temperature and fishing becomes quite pleasant.

Like a man, a fish can see better by day than at night, but at night a fish can see better than a man can. This is amply demonstrated by a fish's ability to locate a bait such as a plastic worm or a jig and eel, which is on the bottom of a lake in deep water. This is the way many night fishermen fish for bass. At times a surface lure is a good bait for night bass fishing.

Some anglers use a lantern suspended over the water and fish under it at night for crappie. This technique is also successful for trout in lakes where trout have been stocked.

Night fishermen should remember that state boating laws require a light that can be seen from a reasonable distance while the boat is underway. If the boat is stopped and the angler is fishing without a light (most bass fishermen do not use a light for fishing) it is a good idea to turn on a light when another boat is approaching.

Night fishing is usually confined to lakes in the north, central and western parts of the state where mosquitoes do not detract from his pleasurable and often successful type of angling.

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## Pious-looking insect actually a cannibal

BY MARY ALICE YOUNG

The praying mantis got its name because of its devout appearance. That was before people knew it was really a vicious cannibal.

The insect assumes a half-erect posture and raises its forelegs as though it is in prayer. French peasants who discovered the insect hundreds of years ago, referred to it as "the animal that prays to God." The same idea peeps out even in the scientific name, mantis, which really means prophet. So, it got its delightful name before its character was really known. The little creature was judged by its appearance. It looked innocent and harmless.

Those forelegs, folded as if in prayer, are really cutthroat weapons with double-edged saws, ending in hooks. The hooks are perfect instruments for piercing and tearing.

Few other insects are so difficult to handle. The praying mantis claws and pricks unmercifully.

The mantis' trap is folded and pressed back against its chest when the insect is at rest. The creature looks as innocent as can be. But let a victim pass, and the attitude of prayer is dropped abruptly. The locust or grasshopper finds himself in a deadly clutch.

The very sight of a gray locust, evidently a traditional enemy, works a terrifying transformation on the man-



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tis. Hate at once possesses the little creature. Glaring between its unlifted claws, it seems to paralyze its prey. The gray locust, bigger than the mantis and a prize leaper, remains stupid-

ly where he is until the mantis strikes.

As if that were not bad enough, the female mantis eats her mate—leaving only the insect's wings.

## TOPSY-TURVY LEAVES

BY ELLA BECK KNOX

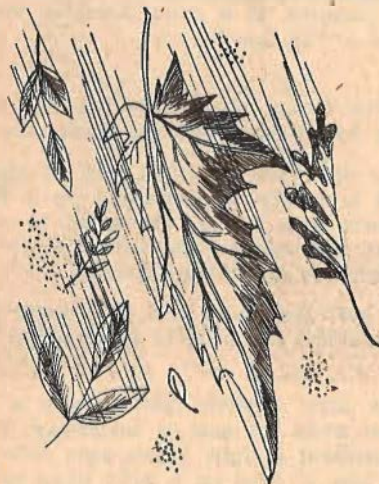
The leaves went dancing on a bright day  
In autumn dresses of colors gay.  
They whirled till all were in a jumble;  
Tell us from what tree each did tumble.

1. pleam
2. tethcun
3. koa
4. twnalu
5. yacomres

Answers:

1. maple, 2. chestnut, 3. oak, 4. walnut, 5. sycamore

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## Increasing in faith

Life and Work  
1 Thessalonians 1  
September 1, 1968

BY C. W. BROCKWELL JR.

MABELVALE, ARKANSAS

During the month of September we shall seek to continue in Christian learning through a study of portions of Paul's messages to young churches.

Our studies will touch on faith, hope, love, prayer, and maturity. Our attention will focus on the means of obtaining those as well as the ends themselves. I Thessalonians 1 is a good starting place, especially if you are familiar with the teachings of Jesus.

### A Piece of the Action.

Many times Jesus withdrew from people who were desperate for help. The Gospel writers carefully record this. Yet no one ever accused him of not caring. They knew he would be back. He increased his faith so he could step up his action.

Paul was a little like that. He was never on the fringes. He moved among people for Christ and a storm of protest swirled around him. It was never dull in his day. Christian people gathered in houses and jails to tell what Christ was doing, not what they were going to do. And they caught it all from Paul because he sprinkled his action with a few words of witness instead of sprinkling his words with a few good deeds. "You know how the gospel came to you," he said. "It came in power, in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance."

As a result, Thessalonica became "God's trumpet," heralding the Good News everywhere. They really got involved in mission work. It paid off handsomely.

But Paul did not write just to congratulate them on a job well done. He thanked God and prayed for them to keep at it. God was marking down their work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope. Through it, he was completing the investment he had made in them on the cross. Paul knew, for he was there when God chose them.

### A change in the schedule.

It just so happened that the conversion of the Thessalonians took place during persecution. This tended to make them stronger because they had to defy danger to live for Christ. They became so zealous in their new-found

faith that everybody heard about it. The Philippians, Bereans, Athenians, and Corinthians were affected greatly by their witness. Is it not good they had heard of their faith, instead of their faults?

Just what did happen back there in Thessalonica? Three things, said Paul.

1. They turned from idols to God. There are a lot of people who say they have turned to God but they are hard pressed to know what they have turned from. They are still bound by the same desires, in slavery to the same habits. Perhaps in our preaching and witnessing we have neglected to emphasize what a person should turn from. Could it be that we are not certain ourselves? Is it not possible that the practices of Satan are so integrated in our religious life that we can no longer recognize them?

2. They served God. When they found out God was really alive, they began to serve him. The world around them took notice of their drastic change.

Not far from where I live there is the headquarters of a certain union. The building is empty most of the time

since the members are elsewhere. No one thinks of the union as being there at all. But employers in the area know the union exists. They feel their power on the job. They are scattered in numerous places yet they are united in one particular cause.

Now some of our churches are empty a lot of the time also, yet people keep thinking the building is where the church is. Is it not because many are unidentifiable in the world? If we didn't attend church, would people still think of us as Christians?

3. They waited for the return of the Lord. Some of the Thessalonians skipped the service and became full-time waiters. That is not what Christ had in mind. In fact, it is the service which helps us to wait. By working full time, we can look more positively to his coming again. Maybe the old army phrase, "Hurry up and wait," is valid after all.

The witness of the Thessalonians went out because faith had gone in. Our testimony increases in direct ratio to the increase of our faith.

"Lord, increase our faith."

## Ben Elrod heads Indiana college

Dr. Ben M. Elrod has resigned as vice president for development at Ouachita University to accept the presidency of Oakland City College, Oakland City, Ind.

Oakland City College is a four-year, co-educational institution founded in 1885 by the General Baptists. Enrollment in September is expected to be 700.

Dr. Elrod served at Ouachita for five years. During that time, the institution received in excess of \$2 million dollars in gifts and grants.

Mrs. Elrod is the former Betty Lou Warren of Smackover. They have two children, Cindy, 14, and Billy Searcy, 10.

Dr. Elrod formerly served Baptist churches at Atkins and Pine Bluff. At Arkadelphia, he was a director of the Chamber of Commerce, a director of the



DR. ELROD

Rotary Club, and a trustee of Clark County Memorial Hospital.

The Elrods will live at 2511 East Second St., Bloomington, Ind. Dr. Elrod plans to attend the University of Indiana, in addition to his new duties at Oakland City.

# Doing the impossible

BY VESTER E. WOLBER  
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International  
Nehemiah 2: 17-18  
4: 15-20  
6: 1-13; 15-16  
September 1, 1968

## Background

Nehemiah, Jewish servant of King Artaxerxes, secured permission from the king to return unto Jerusalem and repair the walls about the temple city.

Arriving in Jerusalem, he made a night-time survey of the situation and found it bad, very bad.

## Challenge and Response (2:17-18)

Nehemiah challenged his people to "rise up and build" the wall of Jerusalem.

1. Nehemiah's appeal. He cited two strong reasons for building. (1) The need was great. The walls were broken down, the gates were burned, the city lay in ruin, and the people were in distress, suffering disgrace. (2) The encouragement was strong. Nehemiah told them of God's call unto him and assured them that God's hand was upon him. He also related to them the encouraging words of King Artaxerxes.

2. The people's response. They accepted the challenge, set to work, and stayed with the task, even when their enemies divided their efforts and threatened their safety.

3. Opposition aroused. The Arabs, Ammonites, and Ashdodites, under the leadership of Tobiah and Sanballat, waged a campaign of malicious opposition against Jerusalem (ch.4). They made light of their workmanship, saying that the wall would fall down from the weight of a fox (4:3); accused Nehemiah of rebellion against the king (2:19); and, when all else failed to

halt the work, they plotted to use military assault (4:8).

## Laboring under pressure (4:15-20)

Men can perform heroic deeds when the cause is great, if their commitment is deep enough, and their faith is strong enough. Nehemiah laid out a four-point program by which they pursued their work. (1) Half the men were pulled off the job and assigned to armed guard duty. (2) The other half, as they labored on the wall, carried their swords in full readiness to fight in an instant. (3) Nehemiah kept a man with a trumpet beside him, and ordered that when he sounded the trumpet all the men were to rally to him. (4) They depended on the Lord to fight for them (4:14,20).

All about us are those people which are said to be "practical", who in a time of crisis will go along with a program embracing the first three of Nehemiah's points, leaving off the last one. There are also to be found those "trusting" souls who, having adopted Nehemiah's fourth point, sit down and wait for God to solve their problems and insure their safety. But in reality the people who labor and do not trust God are not really practical, and those who have faith and do not work are not really faithful. The true man of God will "trust God and keep the powder dry."

## Finishing the work (6:1-3, 15-16)

1. Attempted distraction (6:1-2). The enemies tried to set up a "summit" meeting on the plains. There are good reasons for being a bit wary of the

man who has made a career of trying to harm one, and failed, when he suddenly wants to engage in friendly discussions on a site of his choosing. Nehemiah was not taken in by that line, but thought that they sought to harm him.

2. Priority of duty (6:3). Nehemiah answered that he had more important things to do than talking with his enemies. Dialogue is important, but needs to be curbed when the man of God spends more time with the enemies of his cause than he does with its friends, or more time with both than he does with his work.

3. Completion of the wall (6:15-16). In fifty-two days the task was complete, and its completion had a calming effect on the colonies of the area. They were "cast down in their own eyes"—humiliated—and frightened—because they saw the hand of God in the building of the wall. When God's people quietly and with determination get at their tasks and do their duties, the rest of the world will take notice and will give God credit for their achievements.

Nehemiah must have been a charismatic leader. (1) He believed the work which he was doing to be important. (2) He was sufficiently dedicated to his work so as to resist all distractions. (3) He made use of common sense in providing temporary protection while he built a wall for permanent protection. (4) He challenged and inspired his people and kept them working together until the task was complete.

## OBU appoints first Negro to faculty

Walter O. Mason Jr., director of Oklahoma City's Community Action Program, will become the first Negro faculty member at Oklahoma Baptist University, when he becomes director of the school's Upward Bound program and associate professor of education. Mason, a Baptist deacon for 20 years, has been executive director of the Community Action Program of Oklahoma City and County, Inc., since 1965, supervising 36 program units and 400 personnel.

## Correction

Page 10 of the Aug. 15 issue of Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine contains a story of the dedication of Swifton Church. The amounts of gifts given in 1959 by Mrs. Hoyt Willmuth and Herbert Runsick were shown as \$5,000 each. The amounts should have been \$5 each.

Also, in the last paragraph, reference was made to Southern College, Magnolia. This should have been to Southern College, Walnut Ridge.

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# A Smile or Two



I LIKE his nerve: "Somebody in the alto section is flat."

—ARK-E-OLOGY by Gene Herrington

## Late, late news

The young man approached his lady love's brother in a dither of excitement. "Guess what, Jim-my," he exclaimed, "your sister and I are going to be married!"

"Huh!" said the youngster, un-impressed. "You just finding that out?"

## Carbon copy

Teacher: "Come here, Michael. This essay of yours on 'Our Dog' is word for word the same as your brother's."

Small boy: "Sure. It's the same dog."

## Not so smart cookie

A housewife was complaining to her husband. "Just look at me! My clothes are so drab and shab-by, if anyone came to the door, he'd think I was the cook."

"Not if he stayed for dinner!" was the quick retort.

## Tit for tat

Landlord: "Didn't you hear me knocking on the wall last night?"

Tenant: "Oh, that was all right. We were making a bit of a racket ourselves."

# Attendance Report

— August 18, 1968

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adms.
Berryville			
First	155	52	
Freeman Heights	119	45	
Camden			
Cullendale First	421	137	
Crossett			
First	543	179	3
Mt. Olive	238	137	
Dumas First	249	79	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	55	37	
Ebenezer	141	52	
First	634	373	1
Victory	53	45	
Wesson	30	17	
Eureka Springs			
Rock Springs	72		
Forrest City First	507	103	
Fort Smith First	1,144	345	1
Gentry First	180	82	
Geyer Springs First	486	177	3
Greenwood First	249	105	
Green Forest First	161	57	
Gurdon Beech Street	140	43	
Harrison Eagle Heights	203	53	
Hicks First	36	34	
Highfill First	98	72	1
Hope First	430	171	
Hot Springs Piney	200	87	
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	122	98	
First	425	106	4
Marshall Road	255	134	5
Second	203	67	8
Jonesboro			
Central	408	152	
Nettleton	237	105	
Little Rock			
Life Line	399	132	
Rosedale	185	82	2
Manila First	150	70	
Marked Tree Neiswander	101	80	
Monticello	231	110	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	552	136	
Southside Chapel	38	30	
Calvary	403	125	1
Central	244	105	
Harmony	61	26	
Levy	425	116	1
Park Hill	672	210	
Siteenth Street	51	28	
Sylvan Hills	209	91	
Paragould East Side	261	140	11
Paris First	322	94	
Pine Bluff			
First	623	125	4
Green Meadows	99	61	4
Second	166	57	4
Watson Chapel	177	93	1
Berry Street	116	43	
Springdale			
Caudle Avenue	120	40	
Elmdale	329	84	2
First	330	93	1
Oak Grove	65	36	
Van Buren			
First	428	160	7
Oak Grove	157	95	
Vandervoort First	77	42	
Warren			
First	408	114	3
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Immanuel	246	94	
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# In the world of religion

## Tobacco and moral responsibility

Smokers are a study in miserable public relations, if nothing more. Who hasn't been annoyingly enveloped in somebody else's smoky breath in some public place?

Almost to a smoker they are totally thoughtless about the effect of their habit on others.

But millions addicted to tobacco would be happy to quit smoking. Millions feel guilty every time they light up. They know they should stop smoking. Many would like to stop but they can't. High powered advertising and the absence of good, unemotional advice on the subject chain them to the weed.

Since smoking may well represent the largest single health problem in America today the whole matter must be viewed in the largest context of man's responsibility to God the Creator in the stewardship of the body. But there is no united voice on the subject from the Church.

"The churches have fought a losing battle against tobacco for 350 years," writes Dr. Sherwood E. Wirt in his book *The Social Conscience of the Evangelical*. "Clergy have adopted the cigarette as a symbol of 'identification' with life. Many evangelical churches have also muted the discussion of the evils of tobacco simply because of the overwhelming popularity of the habit. . ."

Where the church is silent, secular interests are speaking up. On Jan. 5, 1967, a young New York attorney filed a complaint in his own name with the Federal Communications Commission. He argued that the Commission's "fairness doctrine" should be applied to cigarette advertisements so that broadcasters would be required to present messages about the health hazards of smoking.

His work through an organization called "Action on Smoking and Health" is paying off. In the fall of 1968 the National Broadcasting Company, for one, will allot one minute for antismoking commercials on each of four weekly prime-time network programs.

"It is certainly true that many tobacco smokers are thoughtless folk, and their ways easily become offensive," writes Dr. Wirt as he points beyond the mundane. "But evangelicals need to remember that the Bible's word to smokers is the same as it is to nonsmokers: 'Look unto me and be saved, all the ends of the earth.'"—Norman B. Rohrer, director, *Evangelical Press News Service*, La Canada, Calif. (EP)

### Convention on missionary medicine

WHEATON, Ill.—World renowned surgeon Dr. Paul W. Brand, 17 years in missionary service among leprosy victims of India, is the featured speaker at the International Convention on Missionary Medicine, Dec. 27-30 here. It will be the fifth ICOMM gathering.

Sponsored by the Medical Assistance Programs, Inc., the meeting is expected to draw 1,000 physicians, dentists, nurses and para-medical personnel, mission executives, medical and dental students and their wives. (EP)

### Haggai crusade to be held in San Diego

SAN DIEGO—Evangelist John Edmund Haggai of Atlanta, Ga., will hold a city-wide crusade in San Diego, Calif., Sept. 15-29. This is the only city-wide effort that the international evangelist will hold in the United States this year.

Meeting place will be the Community Concourse downtown.

Felix Snipes, Dr. Haggai's associate and music director, will be in charge of evangelistic music for the crusade. Ron and Patricia Owens, of Atlanta, will be guest artists, with Mr. Owens singing and Mrs. Owens accompanying on the piano.

### Protestant unity vote expected in 1975

Dr. William J. Jarman of New York, chief representative of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) attending the brotherhood's five-day Council of Agencies here, made the prediction in a speech at Chapman College.

Just what the name of the new church would be or how its governing structure would evolve was not made clear. The name "United Christian Church" was suggested.

Dr. Jarman said that by 1970 a plan of union will have been defined and

that decisions by participating denominations may be taken by 1975—"maybe a year earlier or a year later."

Despite the increasing ecumenical activity at the grass roots, Dr. Jarman said he believes union will come from the top down.

"I think we are going to unite first at the top, and not try to unite regional and local levels for some time," he said.

The largest Protestant groups not participating in COCU are the Lutherans, the largest three Lutheran denominations encompassing about nine million members, and the Baptists, who number about 25 million but are divided into many denominations, the largest being the 11-million-member Southern Baptist Convention. (EP)

### Ghanans listen to gospel broadcast

TORONTO, Ont.—Ten per cent of all the people in Accra, Ghana, West Africa, are tuned in to Radio Station ELWA every day, according to a survey by the missionary broadcasting enterprise operated by the Sudan Interior Mission in Liberia.

This means 40,000 radio receivers are picking up the programs transmitted in Twi and Ewe (Ghana's two main dialects) and English.

Until recently radios had to be imported into Africa, according to the Mission. Now Phillips of Holland has established assembly plants in Congo and Ivory Coast where inexpensive transistor radios will be assembled and shipped throughout the continent. (EP)

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