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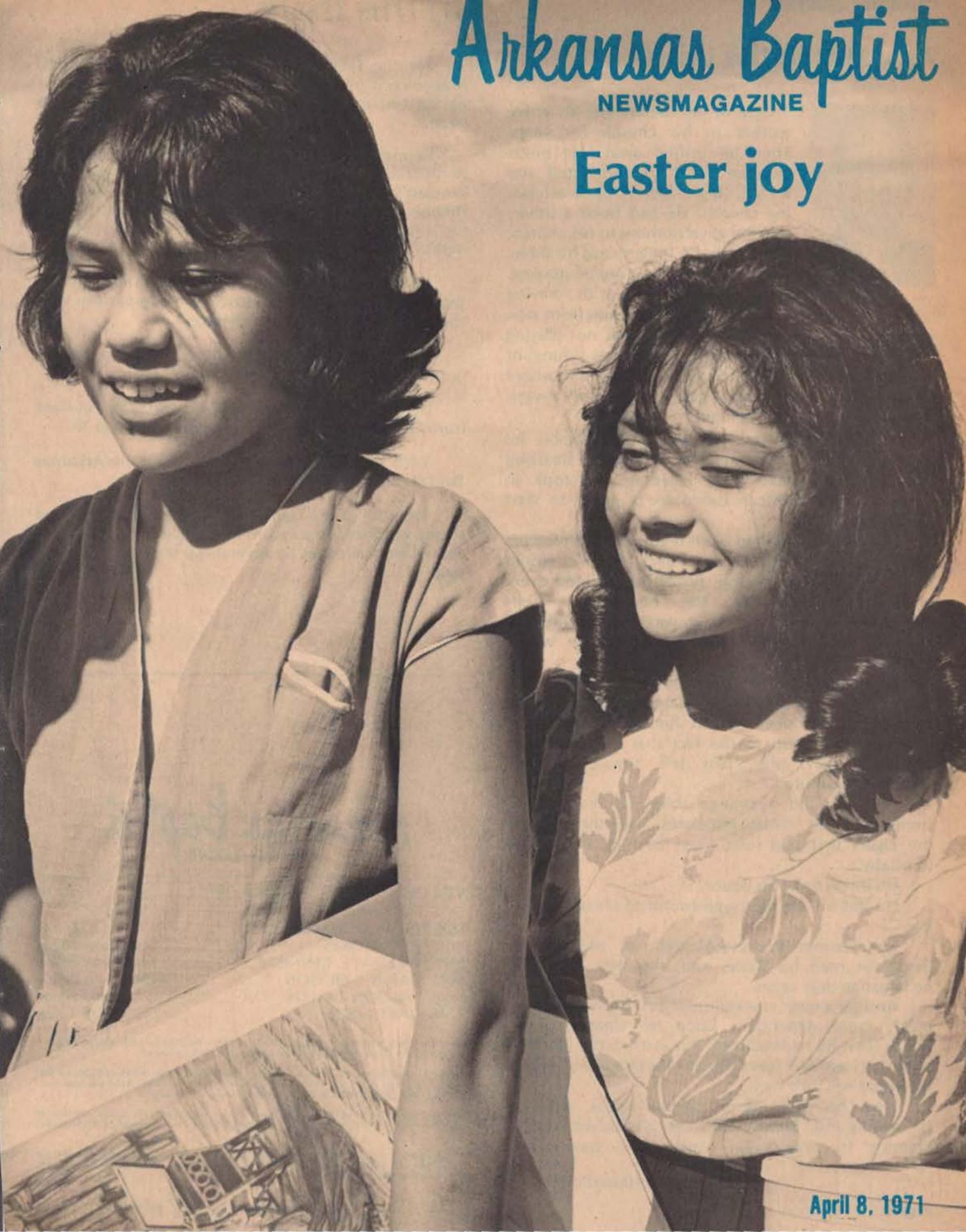
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# Arkansas Baptist

NEWSMAGAZINE

## Easter joy



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# As water to the thirsty



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One of my friends was an active worker in his church for years. Then he drifted away. He never stopped being tenderhearted and kind, but he stopped attending church. He had been a tither; now he gave nothing to his church, period. He no longer read his Bible. And, of course, he stopped praying.

He busied himself with "having a good time." He went from one recreational event to another. If he was not playing bridge, he was playing checkers, or he was fishing, or he and his wife and friends were driving somewhere for a steak dinner or to a ball game. And, nearly always, there was "a little nip" of liquor.

Soon he was back into a drinking habit he had had before becoming a Christian. Boasting that he could "take it or leave it," he took it. Eventually the nightcap called for a jigger to start each new day.

Some of us who had been fellow church workers with him tried to bring him back. But he would not come. Courteously but firmly he declined every invitation churchward. He became a self-appointed authority on what was wrong with the church. And, at the drop of a hat, he would tell you.

This went on for years. Then one day the man came to himself. He dared to admit what he had known deep within himself for all these years. He faced up to the fact that this merry-go-round of play, play, play left him empty and spiritually destitute.

Then he did a strange thing—at least it was strange to his close associates. He threw away the cigars that had long been to him as pacifiers to a baby.

He threw away his liquor.

He got off the merry-go-round of pleasure seeking.

He became interested again in religion. He began to read his Bible, and, the best he could, he began to pray again.

And he almost cracked up. His body had become much more dependent upon his cigars and his liquor than he had realized. But even in the nervousness that resulted from the abrupt change of habits, he would not turn back.

Now he is going to church again. Now he is reading his Bible with real enthusiasm. He is learning to pray again. And he is bearing his

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For the first time in 25 years, Central Church, Magnolia, is neither in a major building program nor paying for one. A story on their note burning is on page 5.

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# The Resurrection — bedrock of our faith

The coming of Christ into the world in a body of flesh was and continues to be the greatest breakthrough in communications history. For it was through the earthly ministry of the Lord that people came to know God as heavenly Father and to know Jesus Christ as God-man was to know God. Through the teaching, preaching and healing ministry of Christ, the loving providence of God and his purpose for every last person shine through.

The crucifixion of Christ as sin-bearer and for the atonement of a lost human race is likewise one of the great watermarks for all men. For without this loving sacrifice every one would have been without redemptive hope for all eternity.

But the great clincher for the Christian faith was and is the resurrection of the Lord. In this inestimably great event the Lord demonstrated his power over sin and death. The resurrection of the Lord robs the grave of its victory and drives fear from the heart of every disciple.

In assessing the witness of the Scriptures to this tremendous event, Albert Barnes comments, in his New Testament commentary:

"One thing should always be borne in mind by all who read the Gospels, viz. *that the sacred narrative of an event is what it is declared to be by ALL the evangelists.* That a thing is omitted by one does not prove that another is false because he has recorded it, for the very object of the different Gospels was to give the testimony of independent witnesses to the great facts of the life and death of Jesus. Nor does it prove that there is a contradiction because one relates facts in a different order from another, for neither of them professes to relate facts in the *precise order* in which they occurred. The object was to relate the *facts themselves.*"\*\*

Some have said that the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ are the best-attested facts in history. And none of the evidence is any greater or more convincing than the personal appearances of the Lord after his resurrection.

Mr. Barnes lists these appearances as 13 in number, as follows:\*\*

1. To Mary Magdalene (Jn. 20:14; Mk. 16:9).
2. To the other women (Mt. 28:9).
3. To Peter (1 Cor. 15:5; Lk. 24:34).
4. To two disciples as they were going to Emmaus (Mk. 16:12-13; Lk. 24:13-32).
5. The same day, at evening, to the apostles, in the absence of Thomas (1 Cor. 15:5; Mk. 16:14; Lk. 24:36; Jn. 20:19,24).
6. To the apostles when Thomas was present (Jn. 20:24-29).
7. In Galilee, at the Sea of Tiberias, to Peter, Thomas, Nathaniel, James and John, and two others (Jn. 21:1-14). This is said to be *the third time* that he showed himself to the disciples—

that is, to the apostles when they were assembled together. (Jn. 21:14).

8. To the disciples on a mountain in Galilee (Mt. 28:16).
9. To more than 500 brethren at once (1 Cor. 15:6).
10. To James, one of the apostles (1 Cor. 15:7).
11. To all the apostles assembled together (1 Cor. 15:7). He was seen by them 40 days after he rose — probably conversing with them familiarly.
12. To the apostles at his ascension (Lk. 24:50, 51; Acts 1:9, 10).
13. To Paul (1 Cor. 15:8; Acts 9:3-5 and 22:6-10).

\* Albert Barnes, *Barnes on the New Testament* (Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1958) *Matthew-Mark*, p. 325.

\*\* *Ibid.*, p. 327.

## Reports are wanted

From time to time someone asks if the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* desires attendance and addition reports from all the churches. The answer is definitely that we do. For churches interested in sending this information, here are some suggestions: 1. Send the information on a postal card, mailing it on Monday, the day after the Sunday for which the report is being made. 2. List the attendance figures for each mission separately under the report for the church itself. 3. Be sure the name of your church is on the report.

If you need any further information, contact us.

## Personally speaking

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Christian witness to every one who will listen. Some say he is hepped on religion.

He says, "No, on the Lord." Now he is the happiest he has ever been and really has a "peace that passeth understanding." And he wants everybody else to have this peace and security.

He has his own vocabulary and his own way of expressing how he feels about the Lord. The way I read him, he feels as the Psalmist put it in Psalm 84:2: "My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God."

*Erwin L. McDonald*

I must say it!

## Define the mission

(Leadership series #3)



Dr. Ashcraft

consistency of the orders and the shortness of the sentences. A leader must come to terms with his mission early.

Jesus early defined his mission as not making bread from stones, jumping from high places, or playing church with the devil (Mt. 4: 1-11). He came to seek and to save the lost and he never forgot it. Joshua began his tour of leadership by an early subordination of all secondary concerns to his main purpose of taking possession of God's real estate.

Moses was able to state in one clear, short sentence his mission of liberation of God's people from slavery. He found it more difficult, however, to get slavery out of the people than to get the people out of slavery.

Nehemiah's mission was to restore the sense of divine destiny to God's people. To restore the walls and gates of Jerusalem was a lesser task than to restore the respect, dignity, morale and sense of mission to a defeated people. Nehemiah's task involved the wills, motives and disposition of people more than en-

gineering, carpentry, wage scales and fringe benefits. He became the personification of his mission to the extent the contagion was passed to others.

This quality of one's service always reflects but never exceeds the quality of the motive. Pure results come only from pure motives. His moving genius was not personal advancement, a bid for a governorship, a conspiracy to undermine the Babylonian government, feathering his nest for retirement, enhancing the family name or to rule over anybody. His metabolism was adjusted to building faith in his contemporaries. He used the physical facilities of a destroyed city as his therapy department.

His mission was clearly defined, continued as such and was never revised. He knew where he was going from the beginning and was always at some point in that direction. He was on course and on schedule.

Navigators inform us as long as sailors are on course and on schedule they are not lost. It is good, however, for a sailor to know where he is going. Our mission today simply stated is to reach people for Christ. The term **reach** is here used in the broad sense of witnessing, winning, leading, training, and sending. An outfielder is confronted with the proposition that he must first catch the ball before he throws it.

Ahimaaz was not the first messenger who ran without the tidings (II Sam. 18:29). It is good to find a ship which is on course and on schedule. You can follow her into port — that is, if that is where you are going.

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



### The Cover

## Joy of Easter

The hope that is in the risen Lord is reflected on the happy faces of these two young Christian women.

Left to right, they are Josefina Ordez and Concepcion Parades, teachers of Beginners in LaPiedrera Baptist Mission, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Easter is an event that Christians celebrate every day as they rejoice in the experience of the New Birth, living their lives "more abundantly."

In a world wracked by sin and death, in which there continue to be wars and rumors of wars, all who will trust in Christ can have the eternal security of his peace: "Peace

I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (Jn. 14:27). — Photo by Fon H. Scofield, Foreign Mission Board, SBC.

### Right Answers

By Louise Wanger

Time's finger writes a new tale of problems unconventional, clothed in psychedelic sounds and colors, overtones of social import - war and crime and drugs; answers lie in holy writ: Ten Commandments and Sermon on the Mount.

## Clarksville note burning

Let me express my good pleasure in reading in the Arkansas Baptist the interesting account of the note burning at Clarksville Second Baptist church.

As the pastor at the time the mission was organized into a church, it brought happy memories to me to see the account, and to read of friends who were pioneers in the work there. I congratulate them and the present pastor for continuing a very good work.

Bob Hoggard was our mission pastor when the Second Church was organized. We had struggled for months before the mission debt was paid down enough to permit the jump forward at the time. The service of organization was an inspiring one.

A coincidence in connection with Clarksville Second that came to light here in Bolivar recently was that Rev. Jack Worley, the Clarksville mission pastor who preceded Bob Hoggard, had a small son who attended our 1st Baptist Church in Clarksville often. This son, Philmore, is now a member of our Bolivar 1st Baptist Church, a ministerial student here at our Baptist college, and very active with the State Evangelism WIN program, holding countless week-end revivals all over the state. We are planning to have him soon lead our church in a week-youth-led revival. — J. Leland Hall, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bolivar, Mo.

## Baptist meetings open

I have read with interest the resolution as passed by the Southern Baptist Press Association recently while meeting in annual sessions at Sarasota, Fla.

I could not agree more with that which the editors had to say concerning open meetings in regard to Boards and Agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

This brief note is simply to alert you with the fact that we at the Brotherhood Commission have heard very clearly what the editors had to say, and you may rest assured that all of the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Commission and its full Commission meetings are open to all who are desirous of attending.

For your added information, the next annual meeting of the Brotherhood Commission is Aug. 19-20, and we would welcome your attendance.

—George W. Schroeder, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Brotherhood Commission of Southern Baptist Convention, Memphis, Tenn.

## The BSU ministry

There seems to be some rather widespread misunderstandings about the relationship of our Baptist Student Union to other campus religious groups. Our Baptist people, and others, need to know that we have no organic relationship to any other group. We are responsible for our BSU ministry, *only*.

This is not to proclaim a narrow exclusivism on our part, because at times we cooperate with many other Christian groups. At the same time we do not want to be *identified* with any other group or their beliefs, practices, etc.

There is a profusion of religious groups on our campuses these days, with a varied assortment of beliefs and practices. So it is especially important that we keep our own identity very clear. — Jamie L. Jones, Jr., Director, Baptist Student Union at the University of Arkansas

## Offers preacher library

Since I can no longer actively engage in the work of the ministry I am offering my 250 plus vol. library for sale for only \$200.00 in the hope that it will give someone an opportunity to avail themselves of a helpful library representing a lot of money and many years of assembling. Simply because I cannot work with them is no reason why my tools should be idle too.

Perhaps you could let interested ministers know through an announcement in our State Paper. —Charles J. McCully, Rt. 5, Siloam Springs, Ark. 72761

## 12-year-old licensed to preach



Carlos Cole

Carlos Lane Cole, 12, has been licensed to preach by the First Church, Omaha. Carlos is a 7th grade student and the son of Gerald Cole, pastor of the Omaha church.

## Mt. Zion Church ordains pastor

Mt. Zion Church, Banner, recently ordained its pastor, A. R. Brooks.

A council of 20 ministers and deacons participated in the event, Feb. 21. Roy Bailey preached the ordination sermon, with David Coleman serving as moderator. Eugene Hughes led the examination and Sid Carswell, the ordaining prayer.



Note Burning — C. G. Davis and Wade Willis, trustees.

## Central Church has note burning

Central Church, Magnolia, had a special thanksgiving and note burning service recently. The note burning signified the final payment on an educational building and parking lot. This is the first time in more than 25 years that the church is either not in a major building program, paying for newly-constructed buildings, or newly-acquired property.

During the 25 years the church was engaged in three major building programs consisting of an auditorium and two educational buildings, erection of local mission chapel, purchasing of adjoining property for parking lots and future expansion, and other major improvements. This represented a total outlay in money of \$1,130,529.

Participating in the special service with the pastor, Dr. Loyd L. Hunnicutt, were surviving members of the three building committees: Mrs. W. N. Reed, W. C. Blewster, Charles A. Dillard, Dr. Joe F. Rushton, G. Ray Sharp, and G. J. Shinn. The note burning was done by church trustees Wade W. Willis and C. G. Davis.

The church is now engaged in extensive redecorating and major building improvements which were neglected during the debt paying period.

## Rock Springs increases giving

Rock Springs Church, Eureka Springs, Dean Smith, pastor, has voted to increase Cooperative Program giving from 3 per cent to 10 per cent.

The congregation late last year moved into a new building. In a recent revival, with Jack Parchman as evangelist, 16 professions of faith were recorded.

## Foreign missionaries featured at annual WMU convention here

Reports from Southern Baptist foreign missionaries featured the 82nd annual state convention of the Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas, at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, last week.

The convention assembly heard reports from missionaries from as far away as Africa and China.

Miss June Whitlow, a native of Augusta, here in Arkansas, now director of the Promotion division of the WMU, Birmingham, Ala., spoke at the opening session. Reviewing briefly the first organizational meeting of WMU, Miss Whitlow moved swiftly to the present, reminding that we live in a rapidly changing world. The church, with its women, must move into strange places if it is to reach people "with the good news of Jesus Christ," she said.

Mrs. Graydon Hardister, missionary to Jordan, gave a graphic description of the effect of war on her three-year-old son. "How can you answer a child when he pleads, 'Don't let the planes come back this week?'" she asked.

Conducting her own private school for her four children is only one of the many duties Mrs. Ruth Holland Carswell performs as she serves with her missionary husband in Equatorial Brazil.

"Home and church work are my life," she said. But she mentioned serving as hostess to more than 300 house guests each year; being the main stay for a husband who preaches 13 times a week; and doing all the other things a preacher's wife must do.

W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, reminded the group that they were a part of the greatest single missionary organization in the world.

Dr. Vaught stressed the need to undergird the Cooperative Program. He directed attention to campaigns in Arkansas to raise \$3 million in 1972 for Ouachita University and \$1 million in 1973 for Southern Baptist College.

Mrs. Adeola Adegbite, native of Nigeria, whose parents were Baptist missionaries, told of her experiences in a missionary school, as a child, while her parents traveled over Nigeria, opening Baptist work there.

"Africans are proud of their origin and have pride in themselves," Mrs. Adegbite told the gathering. "And many of their leaders have come out of the Baptist schools and missions. The need for missionaries at this time is great, with the schools and hospitals suffering for lack of missionaries," she reported.

Mrs. Kitty Thomstad Anderson, missionary to Hong Kong now home on leave, described destitute conditions in Hong Kong and what is being done to get the gospel into Communist China.

Wearing a native Chinese dress, Mrs. Anderson, whose Hong Kong assignment is serving as professor and director of health services at Hong Kong Baptist College, at Kowloon, said that much is being accomplished there by Christians.

### Technique changes

The Christian mission to China "has passed the horse-and-buggy methods," she reported. Missionaries and associates are now seeking funds for mass communication through radio, television and newspapers, she said.

It is not unusual, she said, to see a farmer out in the fields struggling along with his buffalo, with a transistor plug in his ear that leads to a radio in his pocket.

Mrs. Anderson spoke at length of the late Bill Wallace, former missionary to China who was killed by Communists several years ago on fraudulent charges. She said that Dr. Wallace, who was a close friend of the Andersons, was greatly loved by the Chinese people, who called him "The Jesus Man."

Mrs. Anderson has recently returned from a tour of Russia, where she went on the invitation of the churches there. She said that she traveled from church to church, "speaking to the people, trying to encourage them and to find out what their needs were." She said she was greatly impressed with the beauty of Russia and "the humble dedication of the Christian people of Russia and their willingness to sacrifice for the Lord."

The churches of Russia are struggling for existence, Mrs. Anderson said. Plans are being made by the Communists to do away with the churches in three generations and Christians are frequently persecuted, Mrs. Anderson said. She quoted one Russian Christian as saying, "Man in adversity needs God."

Charles V. Petty, associate secretary of the Christian Life Commission of Texas, urged the need for greater application of Christianity to every day human relations. "What a man thinks about his brother reflects what he feels about God," he said.

The world hurts, Dr. Petty emphasized. As illustrations of this fact, he told of a child killed by rats in Dallas, a family of 10 in Houston with no

furniture, and a 17-year-old boy who had never been told what Easter meant.

"They are lonely. They are sick. And they hate," he said. "They ask, 'Is there anyone who cares if we hurt?'"

### "Must become involved"

As Christians we must become involved in ministering to the hurt people of the world, Dr. Petty said.

Petty spoke on the needs of youth in the world today, mentioning four problem areas "where the church must become active if the church is to keep young people." The areas were: the sex revolution, the purposelessness of many of the younger generation, living under the "now" ethic, and hypocrisy.

Dr. Petty's conclusion was that we, as involved Christians and church members, must adopt the style of Jesus, "a man of unique love who could love anybody, regardless of his station in life, and regardless of color of skin or length of hair."

"We must prove our love of God by action," Dr. Petty said. He added that what a man does authenticates what he believes.

Petty suggested that instead of asking, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Christians must affirm, "I am my brother's brother."

Music Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Don Orr, who are stationed at Cali, Colombia, opened each session of the convention with testimony, song, and prayer.

The Orrs, native Arkansans, told how their ministry of music had reached people for Christ on their mission field. Their main assignment is teaching music in churches. They also conduct gospel services on the streets, where they find that music attracts people to hear what they have to say. —Iris O'Neal Bowen

## Nominations, invited

Nominations for the annual selection of the "Mother of the year" and the "Father of the year" under the sponsorship of the **Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine** are being invited.

Deadline for both "Mother of the year" and "Father of the year" nominations is April 15. These must be received in the office of the **Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine** no later than the date specified. Please type. Send a recent photo. Judges will be an independent panel.

Nominees must be members of Southern Baptist Churches and cannot be employees or relatives of Baptist Building employees.

## New WMU officers

Officers elected by the Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas, at its annual convention here last week, were:

Mrs. J. A. Hogan, Ft. Smith, president; Mrs. Robert S. Beard, Clarendon, vice president; Mrs. J. H. McAlister, El Dorado, recording secretary; and Miss Nancy Cooper, Little Rock, treasurer.

The following were named district representatives: Mrs. Steve Baker, Little Rock, Central district; Mrs. Coy Tommey, McCrory, East Central; Mrs. Faber Tyler, Ozark, West Central; Mrs. James Barrentine, Heber Springs, North Central; Mrs. Phillip May, Smackover, Southeast; Mrs. Carl Kluck, Arkadelphia, Southwest; Mrs. J. W. Jarrett, Jonesboro, Northeast; and Mrs. Landreth Loyd, Springdale, Northwest.

Elected board members at large were: Mrs. Jewel Moore Jr., Hope; Mrs. Charles Hagins, Fordyce; Mrs. Wayne Friday, Blytheville; Mrs. Lloyd Sanderson, West Memphis; Mrs. R. H. Dorris, North Little Rock; Mrs. Roy Cox, Little Rock; Mrs. Roy Hilton, El Dorado; Mrs. J. D. Campbell, Piggott; Mrs. George Tharel, Fayetteville; Mrs. Roy E. Snider, Camden; Mrs. Charles Morrow, Ft. Smith; and Mrs. Raymond Robinson, Little Rock.



*ELECTED BY WMU — New officers of the Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas include Miss Nancy Cooper, treasurer; Mrs. J. A. Hogan, president; Mrs. Robert S. Beard, Sr., vice president, and Mrs. John McAlister, recording secretary. —Photo courtesy, Arkansas Gazette.*

## Blytheville couple married 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Johnese, members of Calvary Church, Blytheville, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently with open house at their church. All seven of their children were present, the first time in 25 years the Johnese family had all been together. The children came from California, Arizona, Georgia, Florida, and Arkansas to be with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnese have been Baptists for a total of 112 years, Mrs. Johnese for 59 years and Mr. Johnese for 53.

Mrs. Johnese has been paralyzed from the waist down since she was 2½ years old. However, her children say of her, "We never realized she was crippled unless we looked at her." She rarely misses a service at her church.

Besides being a deacon of Calvary Church for many years, Mr. Johnese served his church as building custodian for ten years, retiring last August due to ill health. "I wanted to be an evangelist," he said, "but God wanted me to be the janitor at Calvary Church."

Approximately 200 persons attended the open house.

## Florida dentist and wife volunteer for work in Africa

How does a dentist witness for Christ in Africa? According to a wife and co-worker, it takes some doing and a lot of faith!

Mrs. Katherine Sexton Pipkin of Orlando, Fla., told those attending the annual meeting of the WMU last week how she and her dentist husband, Joe, participated in the Medical Dental Volunteers Program for four summers, from 1966 to 1969, in Ibadan, Nigeria; Mbeya, Tanzania; and Sanyati, Rhodesia.

Their job was to set up and operate dental offices in rural areas. The equipment was a far cry from the equipment we see in the dental offices here, Mrs. Pipkin said. When Dr. Pipkin needed an x-ray of a patient's teeth, the patient was sent over to be x-rayed on the chest x-ray machine, the only one available. There was no water pressure, and the patient's mouth had to be washed out with a small hand syringe.

Mrs. Pipkin was her husband's only "dental assistant." Any serious dental work had to be done in Myrobe, 1000 miles away.

Even under these difficulties, the Pipkins were able to witness effectively for Christ. When they went out to set up "bush clinics," each session was begun with a worship service. Then dental instructions were given and finally treatment was dispensed. Information was gathered on each patient and along with his medical record, they were asked about their church membership and if

they were Christians. This information was passed along to the Baptist church nearest their home for follow up.

Mrs. Pipkin was asked how they financed their summers in Africa. She said that they made their first trip on their American Express Credit Card. After that they planned and saved ahead so as to be able to make the trip without going into debt. Dr. Pipkin adds 1½ hours to his normal day's work to make up for the added expense of summer trips to Africa.

Mrs. Pipkin related that her greatest challenge was keeping house in their small apartment. This she had to do after helping her husband in their dental office all day. Food was plentiful, though different from what they were used to.

The men folk among the missionaries went out on safaris to hunt wild game, and Mrs. Pipkin declared that zebra meatballs and warthog ham were quite delicious.

"Did you know," she asked, "that people of Rhodesia do not lock their doors?" Why? Because the Christians of Rhodesia believe that Christian principles should be practiced. Therefore, no one has to lock his doors.

The Rhodesian does not know what freedom is, for he is under the domination of the government. But those that have surrendered to Christ have found an inner and triumphant freedom through him, Mrs. Pipkin said.

—Iris O'Neal Bowen

## Illegal drugs flowing freely in Arkansas



There was a time in Arkansas when we could proudly say that we had little or no drug problem. This time is long past. Now more than 85 percent of our state has a significant flow of illegal drugs. This does not mean that the illegal use of drugs has reached the panic proportions here. But it does mean that we as Christians need to be informed of the creeping darkness which is now on our door step.

The inroads which the illegal drug market has made is shown by information given this writer by two law enforcement officers.

In one community of less than 3,500, a sheriff was called to a "well-chaperoned" party to find several teenagers smoking marijuana. The 35 adults present insisted that they did not realize the youth were using pot.

In another community, the sheriff arrested a 15-year-old boy who had a gallon jug half-filled with an assortment of drugs. The boy knew both the common and chemical names of the barbiturates, tranquilizers, and amphetamines as well as something of the effects of each. The only thing he would not reveal was his purchasing source.

Prescription drugs used under proper medical supervision serve an important function in the prevention and treatment of disease, and in relieving pain, tension, and insomnia. Yet, these same drug products spell danger when taken for curiosity, kicks, or self-medication.

Perhaps the most important question is what can be done in our confused society. First, know the drug danger signs. If some young person in your family is using dangerous drugs, be sure to contact some competent medical person.

Second, be sure to provide wholesome, worth-while Christian activities for your young people.

For assistance in planning drug abuse conferences, contact the Missions department.—J. Everett Sneed, Director, Special Missions Ministries

## Total Baptisms by Associations

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|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|
| Arkansas Valley         | 337     | 286     | +51                 |
| Ashley                  | 245     | 223     | +22                 |
| Bartholomew             | 152     | 138     | +14                 |
| Benton                  | 276     | 209     | +67                 |
| Big Creek               | 56      | 35      | +21                 |
| Black River             | 222     | 269     | -47                 |
| Boone-Newton            | 131     | 172     | -41                 |
| Buckner                 | 90      | 109     | -19                 |
| Buckville               | 23      | 20      | +3                  |
| Caddo River             | 49      | 83      | -34                 |
| Calvary                 | 232     | 278     | -46                 |
| Carey                   | 200     | 94      | +106                |
| Caroline                | 209     | 209     | none                |
| Carol                   | 100     | 95      | +5                  |
| Centennial              | 94      | 109     | -15                 |
| Central                 | 490     | 449     | +41                 |
| Clear Creek             | 428     | 253     | +175                |
| Concord                 | 740     | 800     | -60                 |
| Conway-Perry            | 84      | 66      | +18                 |
| Current River           | 116     | 108     | +8                  |
| Dardanelle-Russellville | 208     | 172     | +36                 |
| Delta                   | 148     | 236     | -88                 |
| Faulkner                | 139     | 126     | +13                 |
| Gainesville             | 73      | 76      | -3                  |
| Greene                  | 302     | 215     | +87                 |
| Harmony                 | 594     | 447     | +147                |
| Hope                    | 306     | 343     | -37                 |
| Independence            | 136     | 146     | -10                 |
| Liberty                 | 409     | 371     | +38                 |
| Little Red River        | 75      | 100     | -25                 |
| Little River            | 162     | 237     | -75                 |
| Mississippi             | 474     | 500     | -26                 |
| Mt. Zion                | 419     | 373     | +46                 |
| North Pulaski           | 762     | 677     | +85                 |
| Ouachita                | 145     | 89      | +56                 |
| Pulaski                 | 793     | 978     | -185                |
| Red River               | 141     | 119     | +22                 |
| Rocky Bayou             | 80      | 92      | -12                 |
| Stone-Van Buren-Searcy  | 68      | 63      | +5                  |
| Tri County              | 575     | 559     | +16                 |
| Trinity                 | 276     | 257     | +19                 |
| Van Buren               | 39      | 31      | +8                  |
| Washington-Madison      | 446     | 408     | +38                 |
| White River             | 153     | 113     | +40                 |
| Total                   | 11,197  | 10,733  | +464                |

—Supplied by Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism



**CAMP PLANNING SESSION** — The Hart of the Hills planning conference was held recently at the Baptist Building in Little Rock. Five weeks of camp are planned for the coming summer, including the first music camp, on the fourth week.

Last year the camp reached 304 persons in four weeks, and this year an attendance of more than 400 is anticipated. According to Norman McGill, camp director, Hart of the Hills is the only Baptist camp in Arkansas for National Baptist youth. "It is the bright spot of the summer for many young Christians," he reports.

## Air Force Sergeant ordained at Blytheville

T/Sgt. John R. Henick, of the U.S. Air Force stationed at Blytheville Air Force Base, was ordained to the ministry Feb. 21 at Calvary Church, Blytheville.

Sergeant Henick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Henick, San Antonio, Tex. He is married to the former Mildred Kight, Amarillo.

The ordination sermon was given by the pastor of Calvary, Joe A. Thompson, and the ordination prayer by Chaplain Curtis Bean, of the Blytheville Air Force Base.

Sergeant Henick graduated from San Antonio High School and is currently attending Union University classes at Blytheville.

He is currently pastoring Gilbert Church, near Hornersville, Mo.

## BSU members lead in Strong revival

In a youth-led revival March 5-7 at First Church, Strong, there were eight received into the church by baptism and two by letter, with three other professions of faith and 62 rededications, Pastor Sardis Bever reports.

Leading the revival were members of the Baptist Student Union of Southern State College, Magnolia.

On the closing night, on Sunday, a new adult Church Training group was organized, with 15 members. Training Union attendance broke all records, reaching 113.

## Mike Vaughan named deacon at Hillside

Hillside Church, Camden, recently ordained Mike Vaughan a deacon.

Questioning of the candidate was led by another deacon of the church, U. L. Atkison. Horace Gray, pastor of the church, preached the ordination sermon.

Mr. Vaughan is service manager of Pine Ford, Inc., in Camden and teaches a Sunday School class of intermediate boys.

## Licensed to preach

John David Lawrence has been licensed to the Ministry by Rosedale Church, Little Rock.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Lawrence, 506 Charbett Drive, Little Rock, and a freshman at Ouachita University.

He is serving the Rosedale Church at the present time as interim associate pastor in charge of youth.

## Spring comes to Southern



**COLLEGE SPRING SONG** — As spring came to Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, these were a few of the local scenes.

*Top:* Professor J. T. Midkiff, chairman of the Social Sciences department, examines a bed of hyacinth. He is chairman of a faculty committee on campus beautification.

*Center:* Keith Branch and Bobby Willie, sophomores from Paragould, put the finishing touches to the setting out of a magnolia, in front of H. E. Williams Administration Building.

*Bottom:* President H. E. Williams receives a cup of coffee from Mrs. Jim E. Tillman, extreme right, sponsor, and Southernettes (left to right) Becky Smith, Newport; Marilyn Dragoo, Marion; Cheryl Riggins (seated), Poplar Bluff, Mo.; and Jackie Bobo, Tuckerman.

## Deaths

### Ben Bussell

Ben Russell, 75, a retired truck driver and a member of Judson Church, Hamburg, died March 27. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Panquin Bussell; four sons, Charles, with the Air Force in England; Telford and Cecil, both of Louisiana; and Jimmy, Hamburg; three daughters, Mrs. Joan Bagwell, Monticello; Mrs. Wilnona Griffith, Hamburg; and Mrs. Sue Sinclair, Crossett; and three brothers and two sisters.

### L. O. McCracken

Leonard O. McCracken, 71, Waco, Tex., retired Baptist minister who held pastorates in Oklahoma, Tennessee and Arkansas, died March 28 in Waco. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hazel Dean Rowe McCracken; three sons, Jarrell, Waco; Sam, Dallas, Tex.; and Dean, of California; two daughters, Mrs. J. Richard Randell, New Orleans, La.; and Mrs. Richard Shobe, London, England; and a brother and a sister.

### Mrs. Mary Wammack

Mrs. Mary Wammack, 84, Sage, IZard County, died March 24. She was a member of the Sage Church. Survivors include two sons, C. R. Wammack, North Little Rock; and Lester Wammack, Washington; and five daughters, Mrs. Loyd Ramsey and Mrs. O. C. Felton, both of Sage; Mrs. Dee Helm, Washington; Mrs. Paul Wiles, LaCrosse, IZard County; and Mrs. Leonard Williams, Hardy; and by three brothers.

### Mrs. Annie McWilliams

Mrs. Annie Bell McWilliams, 78, of Gurdon, died March 29. A member of First Church, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Gladys Davis of Gurdon, and a sister.

### Dwight C. Shelton

Dwight C. Shelton, 62, of Crossett, a Georgia-Pacific employee, died March 30. He was a member of Crossett Church. Surviving are his wife, two sons, Dwight Jr. of Wilmot and Billy of Hamburg, a brother and three sisters.

### C. Arthur Sullivan

C. Arthur Sullivan, a well-known Mississippi attorney and Southern Baptist layman and brother of James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, was killed recently in a garage fire at his residence at Jackson, Miss.

Sullivan was attempting to put out the fire, which reportedly began beneath the auto he was driving, when the fire engulfed the auto and then the entire four-car garage.

His daughter Patti (Mrs. Palmer Quarterman Jr.), received minor burns when she attempted to rescue her father.

Mr. Sullivan was a deacon in the Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson, and was known as a specialist in labor and wage-hour law.

Survivors include his wife, four daughters, and three sisters.

### Mrs. Mary F. Kinley

Mrs. Mary Fox Kinley, 72, North Little Rock, wife of C. W. Kinley and a sales clerk of Pfeifer-Blass department store, died March 23. Mrs. Kinley was a member of Central Church, North Little Rock, where she had been a Bible teacher in the adult Sunday School department.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, J. D. Kinley, Beebe; and five daughters, Mrs. Estelle Selph, Arkadelphia; Mrs. R. H. Parks, Cabot; Mrs. H. B. Heggund and Mrs. Ray Tarkington, both of Malvern; and Mrs. C. L. Jordan, North Little Rock.

### H. Melvin Jordan

H. Melvin Jordan, 50, of Pine Bluff, a deputy sheriff and a member of Dollarway Church, died March 22. He was a member of the Southeast Peace Officers Association and the National Sheriffs Association and a veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Wilma Conner Jordan; three sons, Doug, of Louisiana; Johnny, of Hawaii; and Robbie, Pine Bluff; a daughter, Miss Glenda Sue Jordan, Pine Bluff; a stepson, Rickey Belvedresi, Pine Bluff, and his mother, Mrs. Charles W. Jordan, Pine Bluff.

### Mrs. Finess Pinson

Mrs. Finess Newsom Pinson, 96, of Cabot, wife of C. C. Pinson, died March 20. A member of First Church, she was a retired school teacher, and earlier had lived in Conway. She is survived by a brother and a sister.

### Mrs. Mary Hardin

Mrs. Mary Smith Hardin, 86, of Camden, wife of J. A. Hardin, died March 31. She was a member of First Church, Camden. Survivors include two sons, W. A. Birchfield of Texas and Grady Hardin of Camden; a daughter, Mrs. Clarence Grabert Sr. of Camden and a brother.

### Mrs. Mary Lamb

Mrs. Mary Ann Cooper Lamb, 89, of Bald Knob died March 28. She was a member of Central Church. Surviving are three sons, six daughters and a half-brother.

### M. L. (Luther) Selsor

M. L. (Luther) Selsor, 80, of Walnut Ridge, died March 28. He was a retired farmer and business man and was a member of First Church of Walnut Ridge. Surviving are a son, Lawrence M. of Jonesboro; two daughters, Mrs. John B. Robert and Mrs. William Roy, both of New Mexico; and a brother.

### Herbert Clement

Herbert Clement, 52, Pine Bluff, died March 25. He was a member of Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, a veteran of World War II and a Mason. He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Laura Nichols and Miss Betty Clement, both of Pine Bluff; two brothers and three sisters.

## State bus clinic set for LR, May 25



Mr. Morrison

The Sunday School department will sponsor a statewide bus ministry outreach clinic on May 25.

The sessions will be conducted at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, starting at 9:30 a.m. The afternoon session will close at 3:30.

Some basic factors concerning the bus ministry for outreach will be presented by several individuals whose churches are engaged in this ministry. Garland A. Morrison, pastor of North Main Church, Jonesboro, has recently led his church in developing three bus routes. His is an exciting story of outreach.

Mr. Morrison recently attended the nation-wide bus conference at Atlanta, Ga., and was instrumental in conducting a bus clinic in Jonesboro. Carl Bunch, superintendent of missions, Mt. Zion Association, assisted in the Jonesboro bus clinic.

Other persons who will assist in the clinic are Carl Bunch and Ben Smith, minister of education, Beckley Hills Church, Dallas, Tex. Mr. Smith is the author of an article in the March issue of *Outreach*, "Leave the Driving to Us."

Helpful information will be shared by Program Leader Chester Vaughn of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Mr. Vaughn is helping to develop a program design for a bus outreach ministry for Sunday Schools and churches.

—Lawson Hatfield, Secretary, Sunday School Department.

## Southern College honors for first semester

The following students were listed on the academic dean's list at Southern Baptist College for the first semester of 1970-71 school year:

Terry Noble, Etowah; Harry Branch, Rives, Mo.; Kerry Noble, Etowah; Ronnie Alford, Biggers; George Assal, Nazareth, Israel; Mike Smith, Walnut Ridge; Donna Roden, Blytheville; Becky Williams, Walnut Ridge; Cathryn Koone, Clinton; Barbara Dethrow, Alton, Mo.; Elaine Wilson, Pocahontas; and Betty Dail, Ravenden Springs.

Shu Churen Tam, Hong Kong; David Jeans, Jonesboro; Jerry Rogers, Batesville; Dan Sturkie, Light; Gary Heral, Pocahontas; David Midkiff, College City; Jennie L. Dauck, Pocahontas; Louise Jackson Davis, Helena; Connie Edwards, Kennett, Mo.; Bonnie Jackson, Pocahontas; and Cora Bennett, Wynne.

The following students were listed on the president's list for the first semester:

Patricia Shelton, Rector; Jim Starnes, Sikeston, Mo.; Sheri Pickett, Black Rock; and Nancy Thompson, Pocahontas.

## Rodney Thomas ordained in Texarkana



Rodney Thomas was ordained to the ministry of the gospel Sunday March 21, At Calvary Church, Texarkana. C. Phelan Boone, pastor preached the ordination sermon. Leo Hughes, superintendent of Missions of Hope Association, led in questioning of the candidate, and Calvin Ussery, pastor of Hickory Street Church, served as moderator. The council was made up of local pastors and deacons. Raymond Caswell, deacon from Haley Lake Church, Fouke, led in the ordination prayer, and A. J. Simmons, deacon of Calvary Church, presented the Bible on behalf of the church.

Mr. Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thomas of Lakewood Estates. He is a 1970 graduate of Arkansas High, Texarkana, where he was outstanding in athletics and is presently enrolled in Texarkana Junior College. He is presently serving as pastor of the Haley Lake Church.

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**LITTLE BUT 'PERFECT'** — Six-year-old Regenia Dodle receives a five-year perfect attendance pin from G. M. Roberts, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church, Rocky Bayou Association. Little sister Shawnette Dodle, who is 2, received a one-year pin.

## Amos Treadwell ordained to preach

Morning Star Church recently ordained Amos W. Treadwell to the ministry of the gospel.

The ordination council was made up of Glen Griffin, Snowball; Bill Bowen, Little Rock, Ray LeMarr and Clifford Cotton, Leslie; and J. D. Seymour, association missionary, who served as moderator. Mr. Bowen questioned the candidate.

The ordination sermon was by Missionary Seymour. Ordination prayer was led by Mr. Griffin. A Bible was presented to the candidate by his father, Walter Treadwell.

Mr. Treadwell is attending school at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, and serving as pastor of the Morning Star Church.

## James McDaniel called by First Church, Brinkley



James McDaniel

James McDaniel has been called as pastor to the First Church, Brinkley, and preached his first sermon as pastor Sunday morning, March 28.

Mr. McDaniel is originally from St. Louis, Missouri, and received the B. A. degree from Ouachita Baptist University and the B. D. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of the Whitten Church in Mississippi County, and came to Brinkley from the First Church of Bay.

He is married to the former Beverly

Dean Worrell of Jacksonville, Arkansas. They have two children, Joel Mark and Dina Gay.

## REVIVALS

**First Church, Wilson**, March 7-14, Paul Stockemer, pastor; Charles Tope, pastor of First Church, Biloxi, Miss., evangelist; ten for membership—8 for baptism and 2 by letter; two other conversions; many rededications.

**First Church, Eureka Springs**, Ray Y. Langley, pastor; Jack Parchman, evangelist, March 15-21: 12 professions of faith, two new members by letter; many rededications. The music was directed by Raymond Richerson, Jackson, Tenn.

**Spring River Church, Hardy**, H. B. Roane, pastor, Carrol Fowler, pastor of Welborn Church, evangelist; 14 by baptism; 13 by letter, and several rededications.

**Caledonia Church, El Dorado**, March 17-21, Hugh Nelson, pastor; Forrest Post, Spearsville, La., evangelist; Coy Upshaw, Spearsville, singer; one profession; one by letter; seven rededications.

**First Church, Gentry**, A. D. Corder; youth-led with Phil Lineberger, assistant trainer for the Razorbacks, evangelist, Gene Layman, Springdale, song leader; nine professions, many rededications.

**First Church, Beebe**, W. W. Dishongh, pastor, Laurence Justice, Kentucky Avenue, Oklahoma City, evangelist, Ben Prince, Second, Hot Springs, song director; seven by baptism, seven by letter.

**First Church, Marshall**, Dorsey L. Crow, pastor; Dr. J. P. McBeth, evangelist; April 12-18.

**First Church, Des Arc**, Feb. 14-19, Billy George West, pastor; James D. Watson, Indianola, Miss., evangelist; Edwin Suddeth, Indianola, Miss., instrumental musician; David Larrimore, minister of music and education, Calvary Church, Tupelo, Miss., song leader. Five by baptism, 1 by letter, 27 rededications.

**Joyce City Church, Smackover**, March 21-27: James E. Bryant, pastor; Tommy Robertson, Trinity Church, El Dorado, evangelist; Sam Whitlow, West Side, El Dorado, music; seven professions, one transfer by letter, about 25 rededications.

## Horatio honors Armers on 25th anniversary

First Church, Horatio, honored their pastor, Russell Armer and Mrs. Armer, on a recent Sunday afternoon on the 25th anniversary of Mr. Armer as pastor of the church. Rev. and Mrs. Armer and their two children, Cartis and Louise, moved to Horatio in February of 1946, following Mr. Armer's graduation from Ouachita University.

Under Pastor Armer's leadership, the Horatio Church erected a new church building and a new parsonate. Mr. Armer has conducted 304 funerals, 303 baptisms, and has received 214 members

by letter. He has officiated at 90 weddings.

Mrs. Armer has been active in all phases of the work of the church. The Armer children, now grown and married, continue to be active in the church and community. The daughter, Mrs. Gene Wayne Leverett, is church organist. She has three children. The son, Cartis, is a science teacher in the Horatio Public Schools. He has two children.

More than 200 people attended the silver tea observance.

## Bridal couple honored by Vanderbilt Acteens

Prior to their marriage early in March, Linda Taylor and Steve Williams, members of Vanderbilt Avenue Church, West Memphis, were honored by the Acteens of their church in a "White Bible Ceremony."

Ten girls, wearing floor-length formals, participated in the ceremony.

Each of them recited one of ten characteristics of a happy home.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Acteen counselor presented the couple a white Bible.

The couple was married March 6 by their pastor, W. F. Hamilton.

## Ratley Magnolia's outstanding citizen

Morris W. Ratley, music and youth director of Central Church, Magnolia, has been named the area's Outstanding Citizen of the Year. He was honored at the annual meeting and banquet of the Magnolia-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce early in March.

Ratley was cited especially for his work with young people. He has been associated with a number of community and civic projects.

## First, Beebe, begins new auditorium

Ground breaking ceremonies marking the start of construction of a new auditorium and educational building of First Church, Beebe, were held Sunday, March 7.

Mark K Construction of North Little Rock is the builder for the \$175,000 project, expected to be completed about mid-October.

During the 10 months that W. W. Dishongh has been pastor, First Church has had 77 additions, 30 by profession.

## The bookshelf

*The Atlas of the Universe*, by Patrick Moore, Rand McNally, 1970, \$35

One of the most remarkable books ever produced, this large volume incorporates the vast new sum of knowledge of the space age. No part of the world, from the top of Everest to the ocean depths, remains unexplored. Beginning with the Earth, the Atlas includes diagrams, pictures and maps of all kinds, relating breathtaking views of the world obtained from space vehicles and from conventional Earth-mapping techniques.

Moving out from the Earth, the Atlas includes a complete Atlas of the Moon; the Orbiter photographs and those the astronauts made while walking on the Moon. Included also are maps of the planetary neighbors: Mars, where men are expected to land in the next 10 to 20 years; Venus, hidden by its mantle of cloud but accurately charted by use of radar; and even the moons of Jupiter, first seen by Galileo more than 350 years ago.

Leaving the Solar System, the Atlas takes the reader on a guided trip to the stars, providing detailed maps and charts of the suns and galaxies of space. Finally, there are charts extending to the outermost limits of the universe.

The book contains more than 1300 maps, diagrams, charts and photographs in full color.

*In the Footsteps of Jesus*, by Wolfgang E. Pax, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1970, \$15

The author is the director of the Institute for Bible Research on the Via Dolorosa in the Old City of Jerusalem. In this beautiful book, extensively illustrated with 83 full-color and 48 black-and-white illustrations, he portrays the special quality the Holy Land holds for people everywhere.

The book should be particularly helpful for people desiring a greater understanding of the life and ministry of Christ. It interweaves historical account, geographical description, and interpretation of the character of the people of the Holy Land.

*Protestant Power and the Coming Revolution*, by Will Oursler, Doubleday, 1971, \$5.95

This book purports to be "a front-line report on the religious revolution of our times, dealing with the Protestant churches in their relationship to that revolution. The author seeks to let facts speak for themselves as he writes about the demands of the Black Manifesto, free-swinging nightclubs and nudity as an adjunct of the World Council of Churches, and "new morality sessions" reported as taking place at a church-owned retreat in Arizona.

*Ministers' Research Service*, William F. Kerr, General Editor, Tyndale House, 1970, \$9.95

This contains 52 sermons interspersed with 13 articles on various aspects of the pastoral program and responsibility. The extracurricular items are packed with valuable information, including comprehensive bibliography. Purpose is to put in the hands of the minister materials needed for building his own expository sermons.

*Guide to Personal Business*, by Joseph L. Wiltsee, McGraw-Hill, 1970, \$9.95

Here is a guide designed for the man who wants to manage his personal finances as competently as he manages his company business—who must entrust financial matters to outside professionals but wishes to oversee and evaluate the services of the professionals. It features practical, timely, and exclusive information from an expert who has developed the study of personal business into a separate and distinct specialty.

*Amelia Earhart Lives*, by Joe Klaas, McGraw-Hill, 1970, \$7.95

The author is a 17-times-decorated lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve who flew Spitfires as a Yank in the RAF. He records here the mystery and suspense of a 10-year search made by former Air Force Major Joe Gervais, looking into the strange disappearance of Miss Earhart, America's First Lady of the Skies. Does Miss Earhart really live? Read this before you try to decide.

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## Dr. Riley offered renewal of contract

ARKADELPHIA — Bob Riley, who was given a leave of absence from Ouachita University to serve as lieutenant governor of Arkansas, has been sent a contract for the 1971-72 school year, Daniel Grant, OBU president, has announced.

Considerable controversy arose earlier this year when it was learned that Riley, chairman of the Political Science department, had lost his salary and was living on his veteran's pension and the \$2,500 the state pays him annually as lieutenant governor.

Dr. Grant said that he regretted not making a statement when the situation first was made public.

"The real issue with us is a close decision on an obviously outstanding political victory of one of our faculty members," Dr. Grant said. "The question is whether we should treat him differently than other faculty members who have done outstanding things in other fields. It was a simple issue of whether we could pay him although he wasn't teaching. We think we were correct on this, and any fair-minded person would agree."

Dr. Grant said that the college kept Riley on the payroll in the fall while he

was campaigning, although it had many complaints about his absence from teaching. Riley did not go off the payroll until March 1, the end of the first semester pay period.

"We are proud of Dr. Riley and value his service very highly," Dr. Grant said. "We were pleased by his success in being elected lieutenant governor."

"We believe very strongly in encouraging people to run for office," Dr. Grant said. "It is simply a matter of whether the instructor was able to teach."

Dr. Grant said Riley asked for a leave of absence and that the OBU Board of Trustees acted on the request in December.



**TECH BSU DEDICATION:** The \$70,000 new BSU Center adjacent to the campus of Arkansas Tech, Russellville (left, top) took place Tuesday night of last week.

Left, bottom, State BSU Director Tom J. Logue, extreme right, shares his program with program participants (left to right) Nelson Wilhelm, Nodell Dennis, and Coy Sample.

Right, top: Marcus Rackley, BSU director at Tech, as he added a significant accouterment to the wall of his office in the new center, readying for the dedication.

Right, bottom, are other program participants Jack Clack, Tech President George L. B. Pratt, Architect John Jarrard, and D. C. McAtee.

Other program speakers not pictured include: Gary Smith, Charles H. Ashcraft, and Erwin L. McDonald.

Music included a number by the Arkansas Tech Choir, directed by C. W. Hefner, and a vocal solo, "Bless This House," sung by David Beecher. —Photos by ELM

## SB Campus Directory

The Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary, has recently issued its 1971-73 edition of the *Southern Baptist Campus Directory*.

Basic information, including Admission Requirements, Admission Policies, General Information, Activities, Costs, and Financial Aid, will be found here about all of the Southern Baptist educational institutions, including senior and junior colleges, seminaries, academies, and Bible schools. Anyone interested in attending any of these institutions would do well to secure this directory.

Dr. Fisher advises that copies of this may be secured from the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tenn. 37219, for 50 cents postpaid. If the directory is ordered in quantities of ten or more, it is available at 25 cents a copy.

—ELM

## Study future plans of Ouachita University

The Little Rock firm of Erhart, Eichenbaum, Rauch and Blass Architects and E. K. Riddick Jr., Engineer, has been retained by Ouachita University to draw up a long-range campus development plan including the future location of streets, buildings, utilities, parking areas and open areas on University property.

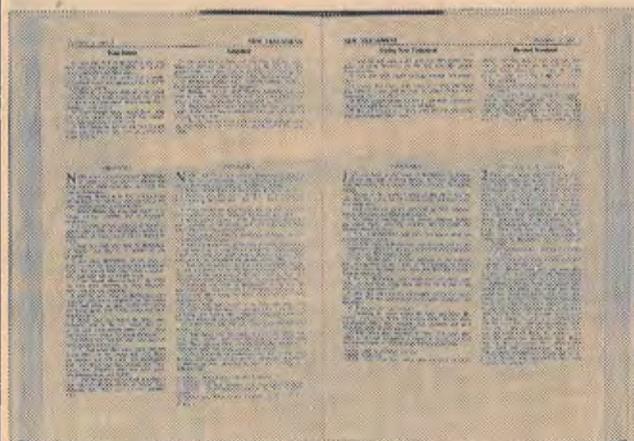
Specific plans to be formulated by the firm will include a number of campus beautification projects and drawings of several new buildings, the first of which is to be a student center.



Members of the Little Rock firm of Erhart, Eichenbaum, Rauch and Blass Architects and E. K. Riddick Jr. Engineer talk with officials at Ouachita University concerning future campus design. They are (l-r) Jerry C. Wilcox, E. K. Riddick Jr., Daniel R. Grant, OBU president, Ben M. Elrod, vice president for development, and Noland Blass.

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# Layman's role in sharing Christ strongly emphasized at convention

The Baptist Men's Convention theme of "Sharing Christ with one or one thousand" was set at the very beginning of the Convention when K. Alvin Pitt, pastor of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, stepped to the podium to read parts of James I and II, "Be you doers of the word and not hearers only."

To further stress the new movement of extending the pastor's arms through his laymen; Pastor Pitt used three laymen in the reading of Scriptures.

It was stressed throughout the meeting, held at Baring Cross Church, that faith without works does not profit the kingdom of God.

Harry Brewer, a Jonesboro business man, told of the many opportunities a man had to extend missions everywhere by giving his tithe to the church but said that the tithe alone was not enough. We must use every opportunity to tell others about Jesus, he said. He told of winning his father to Christ, and what a thrill it was for him to see his aged father accept Jesus.

G. W. Henderson, postmaster of Waldron, spoke of the joy that came to him as he played a part in bringing others to Jesus. He said nothing could take the place of personal witnessing, but that first you must get yourself in full fellowship with the Lord before you could be the kind of witness you needed to be.

Sam Adkins, an electrical engineer, told of the many ways that Baptist men could witness through mission action by getting out where the need exists.

Charles Ashcraft, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, outlined the many ways we share Christ through the Cooperative Program and the effect it has in God's work.

Young attorney Richard Proctor, Wynne, stirred our hearts with the activity that he and others are engaged in at Wynne. He said that being a Christian was not something for the hereafter alone but is relevant for day to day living. It is something to get excited about, he asserted. The Christ-filled life is one of activity for Christ in daily living, he said. He told of the many preachers that he went to see hoping they would talk to him about Christ. Almost without exception, he said, they talked about everything but Christ. These preachers seemed more interested in their cars and their gas mileage than they were about winning the lost, he said.

H. E. Williams, president of Southern Baptist College, told the laymen that he wished Baptist men would take on Christian education for a project. He suggested they might adopt a young

minister who was struggling through college and help him both financially and spiritually through his trials.

In the Saturday morning session Ronnie Hale, a member of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, related how he and a group of men had established a Christian witness room at a local bowling alley and nearly 100 people had been led to Christ there. He thrilled the Baptist men with his talk on how Baptist laymen can lead people to Christ when they are in tune with God in body and soul.

James O. Young, a Christian businessman, from Warren emphasized that actions should match words. He told how Baptist men going to pioneer areas had saved churches, brought fellowship to weary pastors and healed broken church fellowships. He stressed how low the pay is for pastors in these areas, where some get no pay at all. He asked that Baptist people pray for the workers in pioneer areas, where the work is sometimes harder than it is overseas.

Richard Cox, a refrigeration engineer, impressed the Baptist men as he related the joys he has experienced sharing Christ with boys in his area and in his church. He said boys he had led to Christ were all over the world today still serving the Lord.

W. M. Keeling, an executive of Young's Department Stores, told of sharing Christ in his business contacts with both Jew and Gentile. He asked the Baptist men to pray for several people he was in contact with that they might find Christ.

Robert Ferguson, of Arkansas Baptist State Convention, related how Baptist men can share Christ with other races.

Robert Holley of the Church Training

Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, told of study booklets on projects that are available and how Baptist men might use them.

Throughout the Friday night and Saturday sessions, the music was led by Ural Clayton, music secretary of Arkansas Baptist State Convention, with Tommy Vise and Morris Smith at the piano and organ. The "Southernaires" furnished special numbers.

Climaxing the Saturday session was a talk by Sidney Carswell, missionary of Brazil. He told how he had extended his arms as a preacher by teaching 20 or more other men in Brazil to carry the gospel to different preaching points. He challenged the men by saying that if we are ever going to win all the people in the world, the preachers must teach the laymen and get them out helping win the lost to Christ. He told of the impossible task of winning all the lost to Christ by preachers alone, because of the rising population.

C. H. Seaton, who presided over the sessions, re-emphasized that Baptist men are going to have to lead out if Baptist churches are to accomplish the tasks God has for them to do. —James O. Young, 102 W. Pine, Warren, Ark.

## Associate pastor at Temple Church

Andy O'Kelley, pastor of Temple Church, Crossett, announces the call of Robert Dickson, a Ouachita senior, to be associate pastor at Temple Church. Mr. Dickson will work with the youth of the church and direct youth choirs and will preach in the absence of the pastor.

Mr. Dickson was mission pastor of South Side Church, Pine Bluff, before accepting his new position. He is to serve full time following his graduation in May, Pastor O'Kelley reports.



**NEW AID STATION** — This is the new first aid station at the assembly grounds, which will be used the first time this summer. Reservations from churches are coming in. Consult your "hot pink" poster for dates, rates and other information. The attendance areas for specific weeks are suggestive. Attend the week that best fits your calendar. — Lawson Hatfield, assembly director.

## **BMC Medical Staff Officers**



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

## **BMC "Information Service" is latest computer advancement**

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

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

### **INFORMATION SERVICE**

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

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

### **MATERIAL AVAILABLE**

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

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

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

### **UPDATED REGULARLY**

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

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

### **OTHER USES**

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

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

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

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

### **NURSING STATIONS**

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

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

## 'Greater love hath no man ...'

By Iris O'Neal Bowen

On this, another Easter morning,  
as flowers lift their faces to the sun,  
I think of the lifted faces  
of the friends of Christ.

... Standing with tear-brimmed eyes,  
looking into his face,  
what agony they must have seen there,  
and yet, what great concern for them!  
Did he not give his mother  
into the care of John, the beloved?

How he loved them all!  
How he had tried to explain,  
to prepare them for his going away  
and how pained he must have been  
because they could not understand!  
How he grieved that he could not spare them  
the sorrow of parting!

... And all of these things must have shown in his face!

It is possible that John or Peter or Mary Magdalene  
whispered the very words they had heard him speak  
some days before:

"Greater love hath no man than this:  
That a man lay down his life for his friends!"



Mrs. Bowen

## Woman proposed as ABC president

VALLEY FORGE, PA.—(ABNS)—According to a report issued by Religious News Service, Mrs. Marcus Rohlf, Seattle, Wash., has been selected as the nominee for president of the American Baptist Convention.

The nominating committee's report will be made Thursday, May 13, at the 64th annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention to be held at Minneapolis, Minn., May 12-16. The term of office will be for one year from May 1971 to May 1972.

Nominations may be made from the floor of the convention and it is possible that other names will be presented. The actual election will take place Friday, May 14, at 10 a.m. Usually, nomination by the convention nominating committee is tantamount to election.

In the 64-year history of the Convention, there have been only four women presidents: Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, 1922; Mrs. L. E. Swain, 1946; Mrs. H. G. Colwell, 1950; and Mrs. M. B. Hodge, 1959.

## Boone-Newton youth win honors

Youth from Boone-Newton Baptist Association won several honors at the District Church Training Elimination contest in Rogers March 29.

Beth Cole representing Omaha, First Church, placed second in the Better Speaker's Tournament. Carlos Cole, representing Omaha, placed first in the youth Bible Drill, and Sherri Stratton, representing Lead Hill First Church, placed second in the Youth Bible Drill. Diane Hudson, representing Lead Hill, was a state winner in the Bible Exploring Drill.

## Dr. Hurley authors article on grief

Maurice Hurley, chairman of the psychology department at Ouachita University, is the author of an article entitled "Helping the Person with Delayed Grief," in the April issue of *Church Administration* magazine.

Hurley's article has to do with the problems of a person who has had a delayed reaction to a grief-experience. All too often people have dealt with grief in an apparently healthy manner, only to collapse after the shock and numbness of the situation wear off, writes Dr. Hurley.

## Wedding gift

By Evelyn Witter

When we first moved to our home a lady in her 80's brought us a wedding gift. She had been a dear friend of my husband's since his boyhood days and her gift was a very young maple sapling.

"Some day," she said, "this will be a beautiful tree and will grow lovely, as I hope your lives together will." We three had a tree-planting ceremony to welcome our tiny maple.

It was in the shade of that tree that our babies had their carriage naps. It was around the tree they learned to crawl. Their first steps were balanced by the maple's trunk. By the maple they learned the names of our native birds that flew into its foliage. We have had many happy picnics in its shade.

In this, the 17th year of our marriage, our eldest child, 11-year-old Jim, is stealthily stepping around the tree with bow and arrow, imagining he is an Indian on the warpath.

While he plays, I am remembering the wedding gifts we received. I recall only a few, But I know the maple sapling was the loveliest of all.

## New subscribers

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## Brotherhood

### Missionaries to speak at Ambassador congress

Missionary speakers for the state Royal Ambassador Congress will be Sidney Carswell and Steve Ditmore. Mr. Carswell is missionary to Brazil and Mr. Ditmore serves in Peru.

The congress is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 7 - 8. It will be held at First Church, Geyer Springs, Little Rock. Three sessions will be conducted, beginning at 3 p.m. Friday. Other sessions will be at 6:45 p.m. Friday and 8:45 a.m. Saturday.

The final session will close at noon Saturday. A registration fee of 50¢ per person will be required of those attending the congress.

A free hot dog supper will be held 5-6 p.m. on Friday for all who make advance reservations by May 5.

The congress program will feature other speakers including Bobby Field, defensive back for the Razorbacks, who will give his personal testimony.

Special music for the congress will be provided by "The Frontiersmen" and the "Singing Ambassadors". The "Singing Ambassadors" are members of the Geyer Springs chapter.

There will be displays, including campcraft, handcraft, advancement projects, and mission activities projects. All chapters are invited and urged to have on display samples of work projects they have completed.

More program information will be presented in the coming weeks. Information and registration forms have been mailed to all counselors and pastors. Make plans now to attend all sessions of the congress and the hot dog supper. Let us have a good time together and enjoy fellowship, inspiration and mission information with boys from every section of the state.

— C. H. Seaton

### American Baptists gain

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (EP)—Membership in the American Baptist Convention as of Dec. 31, 1969, was 1,353,129 representing an increase of approximately 9,000 members over the previous year. The figures are reported against an overall standstill in U. S. church membership currently.

### Ask

Sure God's hand is never shortened,  
And his ear is never closed  
To the plea of one who needs him  
When in sorrow or repose.  
He will fill the heart with gladness,  
Much of grief he will erase,  
He can make, if you but ask him,  
Anywhere, a "Hill-top place."  
— Mary Johnston

## Church Training

### Children preschoolers workshops soon



Mr. Moore

Workers with children and preschoolers can get special help in training at one of the Preschool-Children's workshops to be held at Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, Tuesday, April 27, and at Calvary Church, Little Rock, Thursday, April 29. Each workshop will begin at 9:45 a.m., and close at 2:45 p.m.

Mrs. James Zeltner, children's director of Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith,

will conduct the conference for workers with eight and nine year olds; and Mark Moore, consultant in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead conferences for workers with ten and eleven-year olds.

These workshops are jointly sponsored by the Church Training, Church Music, Sunday School, and W.M.U. departments of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. They are designed to give workers a better understanding of the age groups and to acquaint them with methods and materials for their organizations.

—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary, Church Training Department

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# McCarty heads Pastors' committee for Fayetteville Lay Institute



Mr. McCarty

H. D. McCarty, pastor of University Church, Fayetteville, is serving as chairman of the Pastors' committee for the Lay Institute of Evangelism scheduled for April 26-May 1 at Fayetteville's Mt. Sequoyah Methodist Assembly.

Sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, the Fayetteville institute program personnel will include Bill Bright, president and founder of Campus Crusade. Henry Brandt, Internationally known Christian psychologist, lecturer, and author, will also be on the program.

Pastor McCarty and 15 laymen from his church attended a similar institute at Ridgecrest, N. C., last September. He reports that most of these men "have already led others to Christ as a result."

"Dr. Brandt's lectures alone would be worth attending," said McCarty. "His talks on the Christian home could change the married life of many cou-

ples from emptiness to Christ centeredness."

McCarty, who serves as chaplain of the Arkansas University Razorback football team, reports that several of the Razorbacks have taken the institute training and that this has been "one of the big factors in our work for Christ among the athletes."

Among those scheduled to attend the Fayetteville institute are Pastor Bruce Cushman, First Church, Van Buren, and a group of his laymen. Cushman, whose church led the state in baptisms last year, expressed high regard for the type of training for Christian witnessing that is featured by the institute.

Pastor W. O. Vaught Jr., Immanuel Church, Little Rock, who is currently serving as president of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, also has indicated he will attend, along with a group of laymen from his church.

"I am confident that this training will be of tremendous value to our church and to our men as well as to me," said Dr. Vaught.

Pastors interested in attending the Fayetteville institute should contact Pastor McCarty at his church.

## WMU

### Workshops planned for children's workers

Workers with children birth through eleven, in all church program organizations, are urged to attend one of the two workshops being provided jointly by state program organizations. They are to be held April 27 at Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, and April 29 at Calvary Church, Little Rock. The identical workshops will open at 9:30 a.m. and close at 2:45 p.m.

Conference leaders are specialists in their fields and will offer unusual instruction in effective ways of teaching, training, in music education and in missions activities for children of specific ages.

In addition to the day sessions for all workers with children, music directors will have a special session with Jimmy Key of the Music department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Other outstanding leadership includes Miss Evelyn Henderson, assistant in the Sunday School department of Louisiana; Eugene Chamberlain, director of research and design for the Sunday School Board; Miss Lillie Falkenberry, consultant in the Sunday School Department of Alabama; Mrs. Warren Allnatt, associate in Sunday School department of Kentucky; Mrs. James Zeltner, children's director, Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith; and Mark Moore of the Sunday School department, Nashville.

These workshops offer unusual opportunities for help to local church leadership. Each should pack a lunch and go to the place of his choice.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

## Leadership readiness Conferences attracted more than 500

The following tabulation is the report on eight district conferences held over the state last month.

The total registration of 509 does not include the 15 faculty members. If the faculty is to be counted add 180 to total attendance or 689.

### REGISTRATION TABULATION

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Number of Leadership Readiness Conferences .....       | 8     |
| Total registration .....                               | 509   |
| Total in consultation .....                            | 0     |
| Total in afternoon sessions .....                      | 284   |
| Total in evening sessions .....                        |       |
| Sunday School directors .....                          | 83    |
| Church Training directors .....                        | 61    |
| WMU directors .....                                    | 86    |
| Brotherhood directors .....                            | 28    |
| Church Music directors .....                           | 41    |
| Mission Committee chairman .....                       | 41    |
| Stewardship Committee chairman .....                   | 20    |
| Director of Library Services .....                     | 29    |
| Recreation directors .....                             | 14    |
| Pastor & church staff members .....                    | 106   |
|  | 509   |
| Number of associations in the state convention .....   | 44    |
| Number of associations represented in conference ..... | 42    |
| Number of churches in convention .....                 | 1,125 |
| Number of churches represented in the conference ..... | 180   |

—Lawson Hatfield, State Coordinator

### Laymen plan health units for Honduras

ATHENS, Tex. (BP)—Amigos Internacionales, a non-profit mission-action organization for Christian laymen, based here, has signed a contract with the government of British Honduras to operate mobile medical-dental units there beginning January, 1972.

The units will be staffed by physicians and dentists on the volunteer rosters of Amigos Internacionales, Spanish for "international friends."

Amigos President Jim Wren, a Southern Baptist, said his organization needs 125 physicians, 125 dentists and 50 other Christian laymen with a wide range of professional skills to add to its roster before beginning the once-a-week flights into British Honduras.

# The nature of our resurrection

By Vester E. Wolber, Th. D.

Religion Department, Ouachita Baptist University

It was the intention of our lesson planners that we seek to understand the nature of the resurrection experience which awaits us.

The available information about bodily resurrection is scarce. Aside from the testimony of Jesus, death is the best kept secret of the universe. Billions of human beings have died, and not one has come back or sent word back to inform us about death—none except Jesus. He, only, has experienced resurrection, and if he talked much about it his words were not recorded by his biographers.

His disciples probably learned more from observing their risen leader than from anything he said about the experience. They noted that he was no longer limited by space or time, and there are no records that he ever learned anything after he arose: He already knew all things.

There are, however, additional bits of information which have come to us by divine revelation, such as the angel's announcement to the women at the empty tomb and the illuminated investigations of Paul.

## Background material (1 Cor. 15)

1. Paul said that the case for Christianity rests on the historical fact of the resurrection of Jesus. He said that if Christ was not raised out of death our faith is futile and our preaching false (14-18). If that tortured and lifeless body of the Nazarene did not live again and take on new powers, then the apostles were liars, their New Testament records are false, the church was built on and is perpetuated by the big lie, and all our so-called Christian experiences are figments of the imagination and hallucinations of puny minds.

2. The apostle cited strong evidences of the factual resurrection of Jesus (4-9). Christ made post-resurrection appearances to Peter, to the twelve apostles, and to 500 disciples. All of the apostles and most of the 500 were still alive and available for testimony at the time Paul wrote. The best attested event of ancient history is the resurrection of Jesus.

## The significance of Christ's resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20-22)

1. The Christ that we know is the first fruits of a mighty resurrection harvest. The Hebrews epistle states that Jesus shared in the flesh and blood of his brethren (2:14), tasted death for them (2:9), and through death destroyed the

devil, who has the power of death (2:14,15). He emerged from his tomb as victor over both sin and death and delivered men from bondage to fear of the grave.

2. Just as the sin of Adam, who was head of the race, brought death to all; so also the resurrection of Jesus, who is the head of a new and spiritual race, brings life to all. In the Roman letter the apostle wrote that because of Adam's trespass death reigned over all men, and much more will men who receive grace and righteousness reign through Jesus Christ (5:15-16).

Did the resurrection of Jesus merely declare as factual our future resurrection, or did it make possible our future resurrection? The New Testament seems to establish a direct relationship between the historical fact of Christ's resurrection and the possibility of our resurrection. In his victory over sin and death, Jesus made possible our victory over sin and death. He brought life and immortality to light and thus guaranteed our future. He established and perpetuated the kingdom of God.

## The nature of the resurrection body (1 Cor. 15:35-45)

The general teaching of this passage is that God gives the resurrected body a nature which is perfectly fitted for life in a spiritual order. Just as the physical body is designed for life on this planet, so also is the new body perfectly fitted for an eternal abode in the eternal spiritual order.

1. The relationship which exists between the physical body and the spiritual body which comes from it is like that between a grain of wheat and the plant which it produces. The apostle draws two important points out of this illustration:

(1) In both instances the old seed—or the old body—must die in order that the new plant—or the new body—may emerge.

(2) The seed which is sown is not the body which is to be, but only the bare kernel of it. The character of the plant is, however, determined by the germinal contents of the seed.

The resurrection doctrine does not contend that the actual atoms which

make up the physical body are to be regathered and reassembled. The continuity from earthly body to spiritual body is a continuity of life principle. The doctrine does not call for a molecular identity between the two but a vital continuity of life.

2. The physical body is weak, perishable, and without honor; but the new body will be resurrected, will be spiritual, powerful, imperishable, and glorious. All the limitations which characterize us here will have been lifted.

3. The first Adam became a living soul, and the second Adam (Christ) became a life-giving Spirit.

In conclusion, let it be noted that the next order is to be a bodily existence, and that the new body will be without the limitations of the old one. It will be perfectly designed for and adapted to the new environment.



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## A witness to the living Lord

By C. W. Brockwell, Jr.

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Life and Work

April 11, 1971

John 20:1-31

Only a few people ever saw Jesus alive after his crucifixion and burial, not even a thousand.

None of those who claimed they saw him are alive today.

How do we know he is?

There is but one answer—faith. No one knows Jesus Christ is alive except by faith. But faith is meaningless and unreal if it is not based upon fact. The Gospels give us the facts. This lesson presents the facts as several witnesses saw them.

### "... He saw, and believed"

It is not necessary to understand the customs of that day to understand why Mary came so early to the tomb of Jesus. She loved him and she would be the last to give him up for he had forgiven her so much. Thus it was that she came before it was yet day and beheld the gaping hole in the tomb. Bodily desecration! That was her first and last thought before she fled to Peter and John, still close friends in spite of the denial (did not they all deny Jesus in their own way and have not we?).

Peter and John decided to check it out; two grown men speeding through the dawn in a race unlike that of any other in all history.

John won but stopped outside the tomb and looked in. Peter, being a no-knock man himself, did not even slow down until he was inside the tomb. He saw the evidence (orderly linen clothes) but made no connection to the truth. John did and became the first person to believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. But he kept it to himself. As a matter of fact, there is not one recorded instance in the Bible where one man convinced another that Jesus Christ was alive!

### "Master"

Peter and John left for home and Mary returned to stand guard with her tears. She had told all she knew and now God was about to give her more.

Though she knew the tomb was empty, she could not resist looking inside. Two men in white (not necessarily two white men) sat where

Jesus once lay. Too grief stricken to care, she turned and asked someone nearby (Jesus) where they had put her Lord. Just as Peter had seen the evidence (the burial linens still in their folds as if the body had evaporated) and had not known, so Mary saw Jesus without recognition. Only when he spoke her name did she know him. This is not unlike what we experience when we meet what appears to be a stranger and they speak our name. Then we remember them and there is rejoicing.

Mary clung to Jesus but Jesus must be shared and then the joy is multiplied.

### "So send I you"

What a Sunday! Jesus' body was gone and one woman claimed to have seen him alive. John believed secretly and the other disciples (except Thomas) were very close to believing. They assembled together to discuss the matter, including the consequences of their belief. Whatever else church attendance does, it affirms one's belief or desire to believe. In like manner, an absence of corporate worship makes it easier for one to drift into unbelief.

Jesus appeared suddenly and gave them peace. He did not take away their struggle with the unbelievers but he gave them assurance that he was alive and stronger than sin, death and all authority. It was the kind of peace they needed. If you have the assurance that Christ is with you, you will find a way to witness regardless of the opposition.

Jesus gave them peace not to enjoy but to use as a base of support for world evangelism. First he called them to "follow me" and then he sent them forth. Salvation is always for service and therein is the satisfaction.

Jesus gave them authority to proclaim the truth of forgiveness. If they went in his name they could speak for him. We now know this is true, for no small group of men such as these could have led so many to believe in Jesus Christ.

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Jesus gave them power to prevail in the darkest hour, and vision to see in the brightest moment. They were not yet ready for the power of the Holy Spirit to dominate their lives but he would begin his work in them to make them ready. The same happens today. People receive the Spirit when they accept the risen Lord but it may be years before they fully release themselves to the power of the Spirit.

### "My Lord and my God"

Thomas stood alone in unbelief. He may have had the feeling but he did not have the fact. He had to see and touch before he could tell. Yet he did not expect some private miracle but stayed near those who did believe.

When he saw Jesus he made the strongest confession of all, "My Lord and my God." Since then others have made even stronger confessions, for Jesus said, "Blessed are those who haven't seen me and believe anyway (Living Gospels)."

### Conclusion

The Gospel of John is a book of signs to lead one to faith in Jesus Christ. The resurrection is the greatest sign of all and on it stands the validity of all the other signs. There were many such signs which John did not mention but these are sufficient for saving faith.

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## The unseamly

### A smile or two

#### Punnt

"I used to clean my venetian blinds with alcohol- but it ruined them."

"How did alcohol ruin them?"

"They developed cirrhosis of the louver!"

#### Tit for tat

One boxer sneered at his opponent:  
"I'm going to knock you out in a hurry!  
-I was born with boxing gloves on my

hands!"

"Yeah," retorted the other boxer,  
"and that's the way you're gonna die!"

## Changing times

TV has revolutionized our lives. People who used to go to bed with the chickens now stay up with the peacocks.  
—Shelby Friedman, "Humor on Parade"

## Attendance report

March 28, 1971

| Church                   | Sunday School | Training Union | Ch. Adns. |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| Alexander, First         | 41            | 29             |           |
| Banner, Mt. Zion         | 24            |                |           |
| Alicia                   | 49            | 47             |           |
| Berryville               |               |                |           |
| First                    | 133           | 52             |           |
| Freeman Heights          | 135           | 42             | 1         |
| Rock Springs             | 82            | 73             |           |
| Booneville, First        | 292           | 229            |           |
| Camden, First            | 520           | 84             | 20        |
| Cherokee Village Mission | 101           | 33             | 2         |
| Crossett                 |               |                |           |
| First                    | 607           | 169            |           |
| Mt. Olive                | 311           | 127            | 4         |
| Dumas, First             | 273           | 42             |           |
| El Dorado                |               |                |           |
| Caledonia                | 45            | 20             |           |
| Temple                   | 36            | 30             |           |
| Farmington, First        | 96            | 37             |           |
| Forrest City, First      | 510           | 193            | 2         |
| Ft. Smith                |               |                |           |
| First                    | 1433          | 485            | 9         |
| Grand Avenue             | 669           | 267            | 2         |
| Moffett Mission          | 27            |                |           |
| Haven Heights            | 316           | 164            | 3         |
| Gentry, First            | 192           | 79             |           |
| Greenwood, First         | 261           | 88             |           |
| Hampton, First           | 159           | 49             |           |
| Harrison, Eagle Heights  | 236           | 56             |           |
| Helena, First            | 263           | 92             | 1         |
| Hope, First              | 466           | 148            | 6         |
| Hot Springs              |               |                |           |
| Lake Hamilton            | 88            | 26             |           |
| Lakeshore Heights        | 104           | 43             |           |
| Jacksonville             |               |                |           |
| Bayou Meto               | 121           | 73             |           |
| First                    | 392           | 105            | 1         |
| Marshall Road            | 387           | 172            | 10        |
| Jonesboro                |               |                |           |
| Central                  | 488           | 206            | 8         |
| Nettleton                | 305           | 124            | 1         |
| Lincoln, First           | 134           | 50             |           |
| Little Rock              |               |                |           |
| Crystal Hill             | 135           | 52             | 2         |
| Geyer Springs            | 701           | 257            | 5         |
| Life Line                | 700           | 173            | 1         |
| South Highland           | 384           | 149            | 6         |
| Luxora, First            | 75            | 32             |           |
| Magnolia, Central        | 680           | 231            | 2         |
| Marked Tree, First       | 176           | 73             | 7         |
| Melbourne                |               |                |           |
| Belview                  | 132           | 64             |           |
| First                    | 142           | 59             |           |
| Monticello               |               |                |           |
| Northside                | 115           | 89             |           |
| Second                   | 221           | 84             |           |
| Murfreesboro, Mt. Moriah | 44            | 18             |           |
| North Little Rock        |               |                |           |
| Baring Cross             | 572           | 165            | 6         |
| Southside Chapel         | 33            | 15             |           |
| Calvary                  | 367           | 122            | 1.        |
| Central                  | 285           | 54             |           |
| Gravel Ridge First       | 185           | 98             |           |
| Levy                     | 453           | 104            |           |
| Park Hill                | 805           |                | 1         |
| Sherwood First           | 221           | 91             | 1         |
| Sixteenth Street         | 44            | 29             |           |
| Sylvan Hills First       | 240           | 87             | 2         |
| Paragould, East Side     | 285           | 214            |           |
| Paris, First             | 386           | 101            |           |
| Pine Bluff               |               |                |           |
| Centennial               | 200           | 83             |           |
| East Side                | 189           | 81             |           |
| First                    | 700           |                |           |
| Green Meadows            | 65            |                |           |
| Second                   | 173           | 79             |           |
| South Side               | 814           | 176            |           |
| Oppelo                   | 18            | 15             |           |
| Tucker                   | 14            | 8              |           |
| Springdale               |               |                |           |
| Berry Street             | 104           | 51             |           |
| First                    | 460           | 181            | 3         |
| Trumann, Corner's Chapel | 112           | 89             | 8         |
| Vandervoort, First       | 52            | 14             |           |
| Van Buren, First         | 374           | 161            |           |
| Chapel                   | 38            |                |           |
| Warren                   |               |                |           |
| Immanuel                 | 249           | 81             | 1         |
| Westside                 | 59            | 49             | 1         |

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## Southern Baptist datelines

# Heavy rains bring terror to people of North Peru

By James B. Boswell

**NOTE:** On May 31, 1970, an earthquake north of Lima, Peru, brought death to more than 50,000 people. In December another earthquake rocked the extreme north of Peru. The following account of disastrous rains was dated March 18. The next day an avalanche 55 miles north of Lima killed 400 to 600 people.

Rains, the heaviest since 1925, have lashed the coast of Peru from centrally-situated Casma to Tumbes in the far north. Torrents of rain have fallen in Peru's northern desert where "it never rains."

Houses and buildings, made of adobe and estera (straw matting), are collapsing. In the barrios, people whose homes remain spend the night lying in the water that falls through their estera roofs.

Because most of the barrios are established on what were once farms where the water table is near the surface, transportation into these areas is almost impossible. Water is usually brought to the barrios by truck and sold to the people. Now, with the streets full of mud and water, there is no water to drink. Epidemics threaten because there are no sanitation facilities.

Night after night rains have lashed the northern city of Chiclayo, causing heavy

damage. A large reservoir in the mountains above the city has been filled to a dangerous level by a swollen river.

The roof of Chiclayo's Emmanuel Baptist Church was severely damaged, and the roof of one of the city's two Baptist preaching points was destroyed. Sunday School classrooms being constructed of adobe bricks at La Hermosa Church were damaged, and services had to be canceled.

Agricultural lands around the city are flooded. Rice is a mainstay of the Peruvian diet, but the rice and cotton crops have been destroyed. Livestock has drowned in flooded fields near Puerto Eten.

Many victims are survivors of last May's earthquake who have been living in estera houses. Now, once again, they have had to flee their homes. Again they are victims of the elements.

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## BULLETINS

**WASHINGTON (BP)**—The House of Representatives here voted 114 to 29 to continue military draft exemption for students preparing for the ministry under the direction of recognized churches or religious organizations. The House action overrode a recommendation of the House Committee on Armed Services which would have made divinity students subject to the Selective Service draft by repealing their former exemption. Rep. F. E. Herbert (D., La.) is chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

## \$100,000 is given for children's home

**MONROE, La. (BP)**—Mrs. W. C. Feazel, a member of the West Monroe First Baptist Church, has given the Louisiana Children's Home \$100,000 to be used for building a new cottage here.

Mrs. Feazel said that she saw an article in the Children's Home newspaper pointing out the need for several new cottages to be built at a cost of \$100,000 each.

## President asks help on drug laws

**WASHINGTON (BP)**—At a White House conference for clergymen on drug abuse, President Richard Nixon called on the nation's religious leaders for help to solve the drug abuse crisis. The President asked the clergymen for their support in enacting adequate laws, in educational activities, and in rehabilitation programs.

In an all-day presentation of what the government is doing in the control and elimination of the drug abuse problem, 71 of the nation's leading clerics were told that the problem could not be solved by government alone.

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## Human relations lab

**NASHVILLE**— Leonard Morgan, psychologist and Baptist deacon of Nashville, Tenn., will lead a human relations laboratory, April 26-30, at Henry Horton State Park, Chapel Hill, Tenn. The laboratory provides training for persons who desire to be more effective in interpersonal and intergroup relations. Administrative leadership will be provided by the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

## Leaf and Bud

This leaf, alas! must yield at last;  
It can't withstand cold winter's blast.  
Its work was done through summer's sun

A bud it built, and only one,  
To leave behind in dormant rest  
Till spring breaks forth from south and west.

While this poor leaf lies cold on earth  
The bud will burst to prove its worth.

— W. B. O'Neal  
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