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## Personally speaking



... 'least of these' ...

Comes a letter from Mary Martha Dabbs, saying kind things about this paper and asking for a change of address from Hyattsville, Md., to Silver Spring, Md.

Mrs. Dabbs, of West Memphis, where she is a member of First Church, is working with The Christian Service Corps, in its "Venture Unlimited," helping needy people.

According to a brochure Mrs. Dabbs encloses with her letter, The Christian Service Corps "recruits, selects and trains skilled Christian laymen between the ages of 18 and 70, and places them on two-year assignments with established denominational and independent missions here and abroad." The CSC is described as "the 'peace corps' of the church."

Mrs. Dabbs has been in the Washington area for six months and was "only three streets from all of the looting and fires" in the recent rioting in Washington.

CSC volunteers help people with the world's most pressing problem—spiritual poverty—and with the close runner-up, physical poverty. They are concerned that millions of the world's people still live in fear and superstition and worship a host of gods that do not even exist, and that a big part of the people of the world are sick and poverty stricken. They feel that Christians must be concerned for the physical as well as the spiritual well being of men, women, and children.

One volunteering for this service "must be sufficiently motivated to accept hard work for long hours with low pay." Each one receives about \$30 a month allowance, plus room and board, necessary travel, and life and health insurance. On completion of term, each one receives \$300 as a "readjustment allowance."

Needed are nurses, teachers, secretaries, doctors, artists, carpenters, social workers, engineers, administrators, farmers and many others. A detailed list of personnel needs can be secured from Christian Service Corps, 1501 11th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20001.

*Erwin L. McDonald*

## IN THIS ISSUE:

A statement of over one thousand words has been prepared by 70 Southern Baptist leaders for presentation to the June meeting of the SBC in Houston. The statement pleads for a realistic approach in the current racial crisis facing our nation. It calls for, among other things, self-examination, rededication to the true Christian spirit, and action. Read it all on pages 12 and 13.

OTHER convention news is featured in this issue. On page 14 is the program for the Religious Education Association meeting, to be held June 3 and 4. Page 14 gives more convention news.

OUR back page abandons its "World of Religion" stories for just one issue this week, to present a series of pictures from Oil Trough, showing the damage inflicted by the tornado of a few weeks ago which hit the northeast section of the state.

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Guest editorial

# Hard to kill

IT is interesting to read people's letters who take great pride in telling the editor to "cancel my subscription."

You would gather from their strong feeling that the paper just about folds up with their cancellation. As best we can figure, we have had four cancellations in recent weeks—and three new individual subscriptions to take their place; so it is a net loss of one. Not bad.

In the meantime, the *Recorder* circulation is the highest in history—more than 90,000.

A few cancellations can't fold up the *Recorder*. It has been operating for 135 years, longer than any other business in Raleigh. And we hope and pray it will be in business at least 135 years more—long after the irate "cancelees" have passed on.

It's awfully hard to kill a hardy publication like the *Recorder*. Its record of service is not a temporary thing—as cancellation letters are.—Editor Marse Grant in *Biblical Recorder* (journal of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina)

# One for the road

ACCUSED of having several drinks too many ahead of his address to the special session of the Legislature the other day, Governor Rockefeller admitted that he had had one drink—but not several—and asserted that his drinking does not interfere with the proper discharge of his duties as the state's chief executive.

There is scientific proof acceptable to many of us that one drink of an alcoholic beverage is too much for one who is going to be driving a vehicle on the streets and highways. And if one drink slows down the thought processes the split second that may be the difference between life and death on the highways, surely one drink is no help for a Republican Governor whose appearance before a Democratic Legislature is like Daniel in the lions' den all over again.

Whether or not liquor entered into the Governor's blowing of his top in a press conference that quoted him as making a curse word out of God's name, in his squabble over his mixed-drink bill, may be a question for debate. But that liquor not only does not aid clearheadedness but muddles

thinking and that it does not heighten but lessens one's discretionary powers is a scientifically established fact of life.

The Governor has said in his effective throttling of casino gambling that there are other and more legitimate means of building Arkansas. Would that he could now take the lead in showing us a firmer foundation on which to stand than the shifting sands of greater availability of alcohol.

# Where people live

THE decision of the Arkansas Louisiana Gas Company to put \$500,000 in its current budget to help unemployables become qualified for employment is a most commendable action.

In his annual report to ALGC stockholders recently, W. R. Stephens, chairman of the board and president, pointed out that the company was making use of natural resources "to the benefit of the people and the area we serve" and announced the new program to "work with another resource—our people who need help."

Helping people to have jobs and to be able through honest and productive toil to support themselves and their families is a positive approach to solving some of society's grave ills and toward the building of a greater state and nation.

This is not to imply that there is nothing wrong with us that cannot be remedied through economics. Spiritual health and wellbeing must always be at the core of our existence. Man is both material and spiritual and he has necessities in both realms.

Our people today will not settle for "pie in the sky by-and-by", whether it be economics or religion.

# Christianity applied

THE statement just released by Southern Baptist leaders calling for a realistic and Christian approach in the facing of the race crisis of the nation is likely to be the most significant item before the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston.

The near unanimous endorsement of the statement—it is signed by 70 of the 74 to whom it was submitted by the ad hoc committee that wrote it—is of great significance. The statement will be before the Executive Committee at its pre-Conven-



tion meeting in Houston on June 4, but it will also be before the Southern Baptist Convention sometime during its annual session June 4-7. If the statement receives the endorsement of the Executive Committee, which is highly probable, the proposal could go to the Convention as that of the Executive Committee, which would add some weight to it and increase the prospect of its being accepted by the Convention.

It would be hard to estimate what a tremendous impact would be made for understanding and Christian brotherhood if the detailed proposals contained in this statement were to be adopted by any sizeable segment, even, of Southern Baptists and of Southern Baptist churches. Certainly many of the artificial and discriminatory barriers that men and institutions have built to restrict the rights and privileges of individuals and minorities on the basis of race, color, or creed would be "gone

with the wind."

In the spirit of this forward-looking statement, not only would Negroes be seated when they attend or attempt to attend white churches, but Negroes would be seen as those made in the image of God, persons having souls, and would be treated accordingly. The time-honored custom of white churches passing up certain homes or sections of communities because people living there are black or "on the wrong side of the tracks" would cease immediately. And, as far as Baptists are concerned, the housing discrimination that has so long forced Negro and other minority groups to live in ghettos and slums would go by the board.

The real essence of the statement, it seems, is that those who have signed it—and any others who will personally accept it—are putting themselves on record to start applying their Christianity to human relations. It is about time!

## The people speak— Oil Trough thanks

[Editor's Note: This letter to Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is carried because of its general interest for our readers.—ELM]

On behalf of the people of the White River Baptist Church, Oil Trough, and the Independence Baptist Association, I wish to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude for the gift of \$250 which the Arkansas Baptist State Convention so graciously gave to the Oil Trough Baptists. This money was of immediate significant benefit as there were many who were unable to pay current bills. Many of the needs, such as, food, clothing, and shelter, have been cared for by government agencies, but no provisions had been made for cash to meet current bills.

We appreciated so very much the presence of Bro. Elliff Sunday morning. It is my feeling that his coming and personally presenting this money will relate this church to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in a way that it has never previously known.

You will find enclosed a news clipping from today's front page of the Batesville Guard. Sunday evening I gave \$150.00 in cash to those who had immediate financial needs. I took the additional \$100.00 and divided it equally between our two banks of Batesville and we are giving opportunity to our people to add to this fund.

For me personally, it was a heart warming and unforgettable experience to see our Cooperative Program money in action in circumstances such as these. So in closing, allow me to con-

vey my personal thanks to you and Bro. Elliff and all others who had a part in making this possible.—J. Everett Sneed, Superintendent of Missions, Independence Baptist Association, Batesville, Arkansas

## Martin Luther King

The letter by Pastor L. B. Jordan of Texarkana on the 'real M. L. King,' is one of the few realistic and truthful statements that has appeared in print since Mr. King's tragic death.

Both the secular and religious leaders and the press and news media have lauded Mr. King as 'a great American,' 'a Christian statesman,' etc. Martin Luther King was neither Christian nor American in his attitude and approach to the problems he proposed to solve. The Christ whom Mr. King named as his Lord, was a humble, gentle, tender physician of souls, who, so far from stirring up the poor to 'demand' their rights, said 'blessed be ye poor,' and, 'the poor you have with you always.' By contrast, King was arrogant, proud, and demanding in his approach.

The American way is to correct social injustices, within the frame-work of law. King advocated 'massive civil disobedience.' This is the very antithesis of democracy and the teachings of Jesus and the apostles.

Martin Luther King was a demagogue in all that the name implies, and he became a victim of the hate he himself stirred up. No man in our generation did more to retard good relations between the races than Mr. King. Let us pray that the Lord will raise up a colored man of the same abilities who will dedicate those talents to Christ and Christian brotherhood instead of political and materialistic goals.—Walter H. Watts, Fort Smith, Ark.

## Vietnam library needs emphasized

Office of the Chaplain  
Da Nang Sub Area Command  
APO San Francisco, Calif. 96337

14 May, 1968

Rev. C. Dee Birdwell  
Wilmot Baptist Church  
Wilmot, Arkansas 71676

Dear Rev. Mr. Birdwell:

In reply to your letter of 8 May 1968, I would like to suggest one way in which you can help our servicemen here in Vietnam. Any good religious books (preferably paper back) or current religious magazines will be much appreciated.

Our men read a great deal in what little spare time they have. Through our library we attempt to offer wholesome reading material. We can use an unlimited quantity of good books.

If you are interested in helping Vietnamese civilians, we are attempting to obtain 150 pair of children's crutches for a Vietnamese children's hospital. Some of these children are war victims who have lost a leg. Others have broken legs as a result of accidents.

Any help you can give will be appreciated.

May the Lord continue to bless you in your service for Him.

Yours in His service,  
WILLIAM K. BAGNAL, JR.  
Chaplain (Major) USA  
Staff Chaplain

This letter to Pastor C. Dee Birdwell points up need for help for the American overseas forces in Vietnam. Mr. Birdwell would like to hear from persons or individuals responding.—ELM



## Out of the past

In your paper of May 2, you had "Out of the Past" from Baptist Advance, Jan. 25, 1902.

This is what I pray that could happen in our church. We need spiritual character in our church, in heavenly order and purpose. We need Baptist doctrine taught in our church.

And in "Personally Speaking," your column "Giving and Getting." There is no problem in giving if you have love. For if you love, you want to give whether you get their love or not in return.

When I think of someone being unkind to me, I think of the scripture, Matt. 5:44.

Lord help us to give more of the love God gave us. Pray for a revival in the hearts of the people of our church.—May

### SBC messengers must have cards

Baptist Press carried a news release on May 15 urging messengers to the Convention in Houston to obtain proper credentials certifying their election. A large number showed up in Miami last year without these registration cards and were disappointed when they were unable to register. There was also a large number who had not been appointed by their church to serve as a messenger.

May I thank you for helping us get this message to the people in your state.—Julius C. Thompson, Chairman, Credentials Committee, SBC, Nashville, Tenn.

"The pittance that so many Baptists pledge is not purposeful giving. It mocks one's obligation to Christ for it makes the church a mendicant, a beggar, before the world. Why should leaders hesitate to plead for purposeful giving when in Christ alone lies man's one hope?"—W. E. Grindstaff in *Principles of Stewardship Development* (Convention Press, 1967)

### Missions superintendents to meet June 3

Friday, May 31, is the deadline for making reservations for the SBC Associational Superintendents of Missions program.

The program will be held at West End Church, 802 Shepherd Dr., Houston, Monday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 3:55 p.m. The church is located about five minutes from downtown Houston, with

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## The fascination of fishing



Non-anglers have long wondered about the fascination of fishing. There seems to be no explanation since fishing casts a spell on most of those who take up expensive rod and reel or simple cane pole.

Undoubtedly fishing is a wholesome form of recreation that can cement family ties or friend-with-friend better than most other activities. It can revitalize and rejuvenate all who 'cast themselves upon the water.'

Catching fish is usually unpredictable, but a sudden strike and then a fighting fish on the end of a line is exciting. This plus an intimate contact with nature draws many thousands of anglers to lakes and streams each year.

Until the riddles of fishing are fully solved (and every angler learns to outwit every fish) angling will probably continue to have a hypnotic effect, causing the fisherman to lose track of time and in the process forget cares and problems that may plague him in the normal pursuits of life.

To find out why fishing is fascinating, all a non-angler needs do is try it.

city bus transportation to within one block. By car, one should take the Memorial Freeway and turn north at Shepherd Drive.

Reservations should be sent to Ted Gaze, pastor of West End Church, at the above address.

D. E. Strahan, Illinois, will preside over the meeting. Vice president is Mercer C. Irwin, Louisiana.

Included in the program will be the election of officers, at 2:45 p.m.

"The reason I always boost the Cooperative Program way of giving is that all our work everywhere, attractive or not, is undergirded according to the need and not according to the personal ability of the preacher to present his work and to raise money in the church."—Loren Turnage, missionary to Colombia



# Arkansas all over

## Arkansans participating in SBC Pastors' Conference

Three persons from Arkansas and one former Arkansas resident have been selected to appear on the program of the Southern Baptist Pastors Conference in Houston, Texas, June 3-4, immediately preceding the 1968 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Gerald Martin of Memphis, Tenn., President of the Pastors Conference, has announced that J. Everett Sneed, associational missionary, will speak on the topic "An Association of Churches bound together for Witnessing," and Thomas Hinson will lead in prayer during the Monday night session. Jack Price, singer, will present special music for the Tuesday morning session.

K. Owen White, a former resident of Arkansas, is scheduled to deliver a message Monday afternoon.

## Licensed to ministry

Bob Shelton was licensed to the ministry April 28 by Long Ridge Church, Booneville, pastored by Lee Gwin.

## Slip of the tongue adds 100 teen-agers

It was one of those slips everybody makes at one time or another. Morris Ratley meant to say "150."

But there it was: "Young people, I challenge you to have 250 here Friday morning."

It was in the dining room of Central Church of Magnolia, at 7:45 in the morning on Tuesday. There were 86 teen-agers munching rolls following the 7 a.m. revival service. They'd surprised everyone by exceeding smartly their attendance goal of 50 for the first morning service. The pastor, Dr. Loyd Hunnicutt, other staff members, revival evangelist Dr. James Coggin and some adult church members were enjoying a fine camaraderie with the young people.

The teeners good-naturedly picked up the challenge from their minister of music and youth. Morris thought, "Oh, well, I can correct the figure later."

In that evening's service Dr. Coggin mentioned the figure 250. It was now public property and irrevocable. Just have to follow through with it.

As the teen-agers' enthusiasm and response mounted throughout the week, many church members

## OBU editors chosen

Publication editors and business managers have been selected for 1968-69 for the Ouachita University school newspaper and yearbook.

Bobby Stover, a sophomore from Dermott, was re-elected by the publication board as editor of the *Signal*, the school newspaper. Under Stover the *Signal* placed third in the sweepstakes division of the Arkansas College Publications Association contests this year. He is a journalism-political science major.

Virginia LaCook, a junior from Perry, was chosen to edit the *Ouachitonian*, the school yearbook. She was on the *Ouachitonian* staff this year and is a political science major.

Jane McCallum, a journalism major from Wasco, Calif., was chosen to be business manager of the *Signal*. She has been a member of the *Signal* staff and is a freshman.

Chosen as business manager of the *Ouachitonian* was Glen McNeal, a freshman journalism major from Monticello. He is a member of the *Signal* and *Ouachitonian* staffs.

stopped thinking of the 250 goal for Friday morning as being unattainable.

Wednesday morning the count was 93 teen-agers in the service. By that time morning services of the meeting at Central Baptist had begun to catch on, and it was definitely camp to be seen there before going to school.

Thursday morning head usher Melroy Ford gave the count of 125. Dr. Coggin noted the unusual enthusiasm and loyalty of the group, and even cynics began to view Friday's possibilities with new respect.

Friday morning the service tended to center around teen-agers and suspense mounted as Mr. Ratley, the revival music leader, got verbal reports from usher Ford between song stanzas. After Dr. Coggin ascended the pulpit the triumphant announcement came: 250 young persons present!

They heard a warm, unapologetic proclamation of the fact that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself. The young people of the church gained a fine sense of achievement and identification with their church.—Jesse D. Cowling, minister of education, Central Baptist Church, Magnolia

## Concord Association taps James Griffin



MR. GRIFFIN

Effective July 1, James A. Griffin, who has been the associate secretary in the Training Union Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for the past four years and nine months, will become superintendent of missions for Concord Association, with headquarters in Ft. Smith.

A native of Albany, Ga., Mr. Griffin graduated with distinction from Norman (Ga.) College, had several courses in aeronautical engineering while in the Navy, 1942-1945, and graduated from New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. Griffin came to the Training Union position here from the position of minister of education at Ingleside Church, Shreveport, La.

Mrs. Griffin, who received her theological education at New Orleans Seminary and has been a state approved nursery worker since coming to Arkansas, will continue to serve in this position.

The Griffins have a son, James E., who is director of physical education at the Arkansas Children's Colony, Conway, and a daughter, Judy Ann (Mrs. Larry Perkins), Pineville, La.

## Called to ministry

Bill Keef, a native of Helena, Montana, was recently called to the ministry. Mr. Keef is a member of West Side Church, Little Rock, which baptized him in January.

Marvin Vaughter, another West Side member, was licensed to preach in March. (CB)



## Scholarship awarded

Paula Woody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Woody, Ft. Smith, is the recipient of a \$2,700 renewable trustee scholarship to Christian College at Columbia, Mo., for her freshman year.

Miss Woody is a senior at Southside Senior High School, where she has maintained a straight-A average. She has served as vice president of the Southside student council and is a reporter for the Arkansas Student Council Association.

While a student at Ramsey Junior High School she served as editor of the Rampage, student newspaper. She is also a member of The Columbians.

Paula and her family are active members of Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith, where she has served in various capacities in Sunday School, Training Union and YWA's. Her father serves as a deacon.



MISS WOODY



MR. GASKE

## Receives fellowship

Dan Gaske, Ouachita University senior from Pine Bluff, has received a three-year National Defense Education Act fellowship to Rice University, Houston.

Gaske, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Gaske, Pine Bluff, plans to work toward a Ph. D. in economics.

An economics and mathematics major at Ouachita, Gaske is in the 1968 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. He is a member of Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, Alpha Chi, Sigma Alpha Sigma social club, and has served as student coordinator for the University Honors Program. He has attended Ouachita on a National Merit Scholarship and a Presidential Scholarship.

Gaske is married to the former Susan Irby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Irby, Benton.



MR. LUMPKIN

## Doyle Lumpkin resigns; to Oklahoma pastorate

Rev. Doyle L. Lumpkin, pastor of Lavaca's First Church since January, 1963, resigned effective May 20 to accept the pastorate of Boston Avenue Church, Muskogee, Okla.

There were 282 additions to the church during Mr. Lumpkin's service as pastor. The church auditorium was renovated, new pews and carpeting installed, and air conditioning added to the educational building. Other improvements have been made, and mission giving more than doubled.

## News, photo awards

Twelve Ouachita Baptist University students received awards for work on the campus newspaper or in photography in an awards program at the home of the Claude Sumerlins in Ouachita Hills Monday night, May 19.

Photography awards went to Gail Chisum of Albuquerque, N. M., and Bill Kennedy of Little Rock.

Other awards were made to Mary Matthews of Little Rock, Jane McCallum of Wasco, Calif., Virginia Snow of Berryville, Bobby Stover of Dermott, Lamar James of Malvern, Thearon McKinney of Forrest City, Tommy Thomason of Stamps, Curtis Devan of North Little Rock, Bill Boyd of Blytheville, and Rosemary Massey of Booneville.

The group presented an appreciation plaque to Sumerlin, who has been chairman of the journalism department at Ouachita for the past nine years.

## OBU summer school

Fourteen graduate and 136 undergraduate courses will be offered by Ouachita University in two summer sessions.

The first summer session will open June 3 and run through July 5. The second will be July 8-Aug. 9. Courses will be offered in eight of the University's divisions.

Graduate courses will be offered in education, fine arts, social science, and religion and philosophy. Eleven will be offered the first term, while three will be available for the second session.

Seventy-five undergraduate courses will be offered during the first session with 61 scheduled for the second session.

# Out of The Past



"FAMILY treasures." The "Personally Speaking" column in our issue of April 18, about old pictures, evoked a letter from Mrs. H. Leo Eddleman, of New Orleans Seminary, where her husband is president. In going through the personal effects of her father, the late Evangelist G. Arthur Fox, Mrs. Eddleman found the photograph reproduced here. The picture was made at Ravenden Springs, here in Arkansas, and is the group baptized by Dr. Fox in Spring Creek on Sept. 23, 1910. Can anyone identify any of the group?—ELM





MISS WEBB



MR. KENT

### Missionary appointees

Ginny Webb of Henderson State College and Art Kent of Arkansas State University are two of the appointments recently announced by the Summer Missions Committee of the Student Department.

Miss Webb will serve in Jamaica and Mr. Kent will serve in Trinidad.

Other appointments are: Linda Trotter, Arkansas A&M, Alaska; Ira Dalton Morrow, Southern Baptist College, Alaska; Glenda Coston, Southern State College, St. Louis; Jerry Parham, Southern State College, Louisiana; Linda Dodd, State College of Arkansas, California; Gary Dennis, Arkansas Tech, Massachusetts; Judy Davis, Southern State College, South Dakota; Carolyn Barnes, Southern Baptist College, Michigan; Rebecca Cowling, Ouachita Baptist University, and Winn East, Henderson State College, will serve at the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children in Monticello; and Carolyn Shipman, State College of Arkansas, will serve as summer BSU Director at Arkansas A&M.

The Summer Mission program of the Student Department is provided by volunteer gifts of students on 21 Arkansas campuses. The 1968 program involves approximately \$7,000 in expenditures. The students serve without pay but are reimbursed for expense items in travel and living.

Another summer project will be among migrant workers at Burley, Idaho. Led by Gerald Cound, Baptist Student Union Director at Arkansas A & M, most of the students will work as migrants in the fields during the day. Others will run a day care center, and all of the students will help in religious services at night.

Appointed by Gerald Cound for this project are: Martha McDonald, Ouachita University; Margaret Mitchell and Mary Beth Bowman, Henderson State College; Barbara Spinks, Arkansas Tech; Alice Mayfield, Betty Hansen, and Gary Clark, Arkansas State University; Jerry Blacklaw, Hendrix; Janet Arnette and Jerry Thompson, Southern State; Ann Kennedy, University of Arkansas; Sandy Elmore, College of the Ozarks; James Lockhart, C. W. Martin, Ken McCain, Theresa Deleo, Beth Marus, and John Johnston, Arkansas A&M.

Other Arkansas working under the Home Mission Board's student summer mission program listed by their home

### Woodland Corner pastor

Johnny D. Smith, a native of Hollow Rock, has been called to pastor Woodland Corner Church, Blytheville, from which he was ordained in April.

W. G. Worren, Blytheville, served as moderator of the ordination service. Rev. P. H. Jernigan, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Blytheville, questioned the candidate. The ordination prayer was given by Rev. Bryan Spence, pastor of Second Church, Leachville. The Bible was presented to Mr. Smith by William Earl Pate, a deacon in Woodland Corner Church. Mr. Pate also led the invocation. Allen Hardin, Blytheville, served as clerk.

Mr. Smith has spent most of his life in Blytheville. He is married to the for-

mer Lois Baker, Blytheville. The couple has three children: Debra, 14, Ronald, 12, and Lloyd, 8.

### GA coronation held

A GA coronation was held at Immanuel Church, Warren, May 5, with "Chosen to serve" as the theme.

The five girls recognized and receiving awards were: Maidens, Fran Doss, Retha Herring, Donna McIntyre; Lady-in-waiting, Lynda Ashworth; Queen Regent, Mary Pickens (the first queen regent the church has had).

Mrs. Bessie Stringfellow is junior counselor, and Mrs. Charles O'Neal serves as intermediate counselor. GA director is Mrs. T. K. Ashcraft, and Mrs. H. C. Clayton is WMU president.



*NORTHSIDE Chapel, Eudora, broke ground May 5 for a new 250-seat auditorium, which they hope to have completed by early fall. The hadite-brick structure will be the first unit in a three-unit building. It will consist of seven new Sunday School rooms, a baptistry, pastor's study and secretary's office. The church membership numbers 187. Shown here, left to right, front row: Mrs. Peggy Jones, music; Mrs. Eugie Harrell Sr., WMU; back row, left to right: the pastor, Leslie J. Ready; J. P. Cheatham Sr., building committee chairman, Gaines Morgan, Edd Britton. N. L. McDuffie, another building committee member, was not available when the picture was taken.*

towns and the state to which assigned are:

Ark. A.M.&N. College—Cora Ella Alcorn, Newport, California; Gloria Karen Bracely, Brinkley, Arkansas; Cornelia Denice Bryant, Lexa, Georgia; Sharon Ann Byrd, Helena, North Carolina; Albert Morrell Collins, Monticello, Arkansas; Jo Ann Courtney, Monticello, California; Rose Carolyn Crow, Gurdon, No. Carolina; Shirley Ruth Hamilton, Poplar Grove, Arkansas; Freddie B. Harris, Helena, California; Matthews L. Jones, Snow Lake, Florida; Marlyn Levern Kelley, Marvell, California; Myrtle Lewis, Little Rock, Michigan; Evelyn Murphy, Dumas, Oklahoma; Georgia Mae Russell, Warren, Missouri; Corrine Simpson, W. Memphis, Oklahoma; Shirley Ann Tatum, Banks, Missouri; Betty Jean Williams, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Euster Louise Williams, Pine Bluff, Kentucky; Annette Wofford, Carrol, Louisiana.

### Phelps is cited

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., who served six months as Southeastern regional director of the United States Office of the United States Office of Economic Opportunity while on leave as president of Ouachita Baptist University, has received an appreciation scroll from Lee Spratt, OEO director for South Carolina.

The resolution cited Dr. Phelps for his "forthright, courageous approach to the complex problems of his administration, his deep conviction for professional integrity and intellectual honesty and his unwillingness to accept mediocre standards therefore instilling in those with whom he worked a greater dedication and sense of purpose."

The scroll was presented on behalf of the directors and staffs of the community programs in South Carolina.



## First, Green Forest, is 100

First Church, Green Forest, celebrated its 100th anniversary May 5 with a fellowship dinner and commemoration service following the morning worship hour.

Rev. Sardis Bever, former pastor of the church, who now serves as pastor of First Church, Barling, was guest speaker. Present church pastor is Jamie Coleman.

The church was originally organized as New Hope Church on the first Sunday of May, 1868, by Elder Isaac Standlee, who served for years as the church's pastor. B. F. Jennings was the first church clerk.

Following a period of inactivity, the church again reorganized in 1895, as the First Missionary Baptist Church of Green Forest. Elder Sam Eaton preached its first sermon, and saw the erection of the present church building, which was formally dedicated August 17, 1902. The church has been known simply as Green Forest Church since that time.



SEVEN years of perfect Sunday School attendance resulted in the presentation of attendance bars for these members of First Church, Lake City, which is pastored by John M. Basinger. Shown left to right, front row: Mrs. Edna Timms, Mrs. Sparley Fletcher, Mrs. Marshall Hill and Miss Mary Davis; left to right, back row: W. O. Doak, Mike Hook and Mrs. W. N. Primm.

## Baptist beliefs

# A strange prophecy

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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

*"But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste death, till they see the kingdom of God"*—Luke 9:27

This prophecy came shortly after Peter had confessed Jesus as "the Christ of God" (v. 20). To what did it refer?

Some see it as referring to the second coming of Christ, and that Jesus expected it to happen in that generation. Thus they conclude that He was in error as to the time of the event. However, it should be noted that Jesus disclaimed any knowledge as to the time of His return (Mk. 13:32).

Furthermore, He never spoke of it in terms of time but of condition. "When" (*hotan*, cf. Matt. 25:31) refers primarily to condition. When the condition is right that is the time (Matt. 24:28, 32-33). Jesus taught that His followers should live in a state of constant expectancy. But He never designated the time of His return.

Others regard this prophecy as referring to the transfiguration of Jesus (Lk. 9:28f.) They note that only Peter, John, and James saw it. But the words "some...shall not taste death" seems to rule out this event. Apparently some of the Twelve would die before its fulfillment. And all of them lived beyond the Transfiguration.

Still others view the prophecy as related to Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. Judas did not live to see these events. However, "some" suggests that more than one would die before the prophecy's fulfillment.

What other event occurred while *some* but not all except Judas lived? It seems that the event under consideration was the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. Any great cataclysmic event was regarded as a coming of God into history. Prior to this event some of the apostles besides Judas *saw death*. James was slain by Herod Agrippa 1 early in A.D. 44 (Acts 12:1). Peter was martyred perhaps in A.D. 67. Various traditions tell of the death of others. But certainly John and possibly others lived beyond A.D. 70.

What significance may be attached to the fall of Jerusalem in connection with Jesus' prophecy? It was made within the context of Peter's objection to Jesus words about His coming death (cf. Matt. 16:21-28). Peter's and the other apostles' concept of a political-military Messiah was rooted in Judaism. Up until the fall of Jerusalem, and Judaism as a religious power, Christianity was regarded as a branch of Judaism. After its fall Christianity was loosed from such shackles. Thereafter it went forth entirely on its own to challenge the world, bereft of the hindrances of Jewish legalism and nationalism. It truly became a universal religion. Thus it was in this sense a coming of the kingdom of God. And those who lived beyond the fall of the Jewish nation (some) did "see the kingdom of God."

## Deaths

REV. ERIC H. CLARK, 48, Southern Baptist missionary to Kenya, April 19, on a hunting trip, after being attacked by a wounded buffalo.

Mrs. Clark may be addressed at Box 697, Kisumu, Kenya, East Africa.

CHARLES H. LEWIS JR., 53, of Strong, May 17. A native of Strong, Mr. Lewis was owner-operator of the Wheelis-Lewis Hardware Co. there, and of washaterias in both Strong and Huttig.

He was a veteran of World War II and a member of First Church.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bradley Lewis; a son, Charles H. Lewis III, Strong; and two sisters, Mrs. Harold McClendon, Bastrop, La., and Maj. Mary Frances Lewis of the Army in Washington D. C.

DR. ROY L. HURST, pastor of Central Church, Hot Springs, from 1932-1935, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Dr. and Mrs. Hurst, who survives him, had been living in Oklahoma City, at 3412 N. W. 20th St., since his retirement.

T. C. GARDNER, 80, May 6, in San Angelo, Tex. Mr. Gardner was director of Texas Baptist Training Union work for 40 years, and former president and vice president of East Texas College, Marshall.

He is survived by his wife; a son, a sister, and three brothers.



# From the churches

## Beacon lights of Baptist history

### Martindale GA service

A GA coronation service was held recently at Martindale Church.

Girls being honored during the candlelight ceremony were: Virgie Mae Callahan, Queen Regent; Ann Kessinger and Kay Woolf, Queens; Karen Brown, Susan Harris and Billie Talley, Maidens. Miss Kessinger was also recognized as a Princess.

Miss Callahan, who has served as Junior GA counselor, is the only member of Girls' Auxiliary at Martindale Church to be designated as a Queen Regent. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Callahan, she is a junior at McClellan High School, a member of the Bonnie Pipers, and a member of the Highlander Choir.

Brenda Humbard and Debbie Kessinger, Intermediate GA members, served as acolytes.

Miss S. Rebecca Cohen is Intermediate counselor and director of Girls' Auxiliary at Martindale Church.

### Springdale honorees

First Church, Springdale, climaxed its recent Christian Home Week activities with a banquet in which recognitions for outstanding Christian service were presented.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miller and children, Jeff and Amanda, were recognized as the young family with greatest Christian potential, Mark Stewart and Brenda Weir were selected the outstanding young people, and L. M. Riggs was chosen senior citizen with best Christian attitude.

Mrs. Daisy Sullivan was presented an orchid corsage for almost 19 years of faithful service in the nursery of the church.

Rev. Burton A. Miley is pastor of the Springdale church.—Olive Miller

### GA Focus Week

Second Church, Pine Bluff, celebrated GA Focus Week May 5-10, highlighted by a coronation service May 5, during the evening worship service. Participating were: Maidens, Cindy Clark, Beth Lovelace, Dianne Bateman and Ethel Hill; Ladies-in-waiting, Nina Moore, Sharon Johnson; Queen, Lisa Smith.

On May 8 the GA's had charge of a special missionary service, and on May 9 the WMU's entertained the GA's with a mothers' banquet. Mrs. J. Ronald Kimbell was the featured speaker.

Intermediate GA counselor is Mrs. Jerry Lovelace. Miss Margaret Bray is junior GA counselor.

## Home Mission Society formed\*

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

Churches in the eastern part of the United States were led by men of faith and vision in 1832. They sensed the importance of that era and were convinced that the task of evangelizing the West could be more effectively carried out by a national society. They reasoned that with such a society state conventions could withdraw from work beyond their borders and apply their effort closer home. The Massachusetts Missionary Society recommended in November, 1836, that a national home mission society be organized.

After the favorable vote was cast a delegation was chosen to visit New York City for conference with the Baptist leaders there and with members of the Board of the New York Missionary Society, which supported missionaries in the West. Baptist brethren in Philadelphia were also notified. The plan was agreeable to all. To acquaint the brethren nationally, and to know their view, it was decided to call a provisional convention and present a constitution. The committee for this was composed of: Archibald Maclay, chairman; William Colgate, treasurer; Jonathan Going, corresponding secretary, and William R. Williams, recording secretary.

Another committee was appointed to prepare an address inviting members of the denomination from all parts of the nation. The convention was to be held in the Mulberry Street Baptist Church, New York City, for the purpose of organizing a home mission society. This address was widely distributed by the denominational press.

Five months were allowed for correspondence and exchange of thought on this momentous matter. Favorable expressions came from every quarter.

April 27 was the day selected for the meeting. On that date the Baptist General Conference for Foreign Missions was being held in the Oliver Street Baptist church, New York City, and a representative number of Baptist leaders would be present. The day arrived for the meeting. Deep interest was shown in the proposed new society. Representatives from 14 states and one Territory attended. Many delegates reached the meeting only after long and toilsome journeys.

The provisional committee held two meetings in the Oliver Street church to work out details of the constitution and plan of work. A letter from John M. Peck in the West gave most helpful suggestions for organization and mode of operations. It caused several modifications in the proposed report.

At the appointed hour for the convention to meet Dr. Maclay called the body to order. Hon. Thomas Stocks, Georgia, was chosen chairman. Jonathan Going made an address on behalf of the committee, submitted the letter embodying the call for the conference, and presented the constitution. Spencer H. Cone, New York, "Resolved that it is expedient to form an American Baptist Home Mission Society." After discussion of the constitution the motion was adopted. It was thought the work of the society should be limited to the United States, but on the motion of Adiel Sherwood, Georgia, the field was made North America.

Hermon Lincoln, Massachusetts, was elected president of the board, with 27 vice-presidents and 50 directors. On May 1, following adjournment, the organization was completed, William Colgate was elected treasurer; Garret N. Bleecker, auditor, Jonathan Going, corresponding secretary; and William R. Williams, recording secretary. New York City was selected as site for the Society's office.

\*Charles L. White, A Century of Faith, (The Judson Press, Philadelphia, 1932) pp 41ff

### Stanley to Texas from Jonesboro

Les Stanley, who has served as associate pastor and minister of music for Central Church, Jonesboro, for over three years, has resigned to accept the call of First Church, Galena Park, Tex., as minister of music and education. (CB)

### Deacons ordained

H. R. Kelley and J. M. Van Cleve, members of West Side Church, Little Rock, were ordained as deacons at a recent business meeting of the church. C. G. Davis and R. Woolfolk, deacons already ordained, were elected as active deacons of the church. (CB)



## There is hope

After reading many articles the last few months written by Baptists whose salaries are paid by the tithe of church members through the Cooperative Program, one gets the impression that our churches have failed in presenting the claims of Jesus to a lost and dying world. Many of these writers seem to blame Baptists for much of the confusion in the world today. There may be some truth to this; however, I am not willing to admit that our churches have failed. Two or three recent experiences bring me to this conclusion.

It was my privilege to supply the pulpit of First Church, Ft. Smith, Sunday, May 5. Mrs. Reed and I sat in an adult Sunday School department and enjoyed the singing and devotional. The superintendent knew all the teachers and pupils and everything was set in readiness for the teachers to teach the word of God during the lesson period. There were almost 1,000 in attendance in Sunday School in the main school.

Later it was a thrill to take part in the wonderful congregational singing. The choir was superb, and I preached to a packed auditorium with the balcony full. There was a fine response at the invitation time. Many hundreds, and perhaps thousands, listened to the service on TV. I came away saying there is still hope for Baptists.

Sunday night, May 5, I attended services at Nalls Memorial Church, Little Rock, where the pastor baptized 11 converts. I came away saying there is hope for Baptists.

Sunday morning, May 12, I attended my church again, where there were 130 in Sunday School. I sat in a class with 8 or 10 men like myself—sinners saved by grace. We freely discussed the Sunday School lesson. At the 11 a.m. preaching hour the pastor spoke on the importance of the home and dwelled upon the influence our mothers have on the homes, communities, churches and the world.

Sunday night, May 12, I taught Nelson Tull's personal witnessing class during Training Union at Second Church, Little Rock. Later I saw the pastor baptize two men and heard an inspiring message concerning the fact that this world is not the home of Christians.

I realized that the Gospel is being taught, sung, demonstrated and preached in both the larger churches and the smaller churches. God will bless His word!

These things have caused me to realize there is hope for us. I hate to think what our world would be like without

the influence of our churches.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

## Do it now!

Have you made your camp reservations yet? If you have not, now is the time to make them. Reservations should be made at least a week in advance of the date planned to attend. Early reservations assure a place in camp for the week desired. There is still time to make reservations for the weeks of June 10-14, June 17-21, and June 24-28. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. So get your reservations in early.

State Royal Ambassador Camp is an opportunity for boys to enjoy a week of fun and learning in a Christian atmosphere under the direction of dedicated men. It is an opportunity for them to learn about missions and to understand their place of responsibility in God's plan for reaching the world with His message. Camp provides a wonderful setting for meeting other boys and developing new friendships with boys from across the state.

Camp information and registration forms have been mailed to all pastors and counselors, or information may be obtained from the Brotherhood Department, Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Make reservations now for a week of fun, inspiration, and information.—C. H. Seaton

## The cover



AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY, BELLEAU WOOD, FRANCE. (SBC PHOTO)

Memorial Day—May 30, 1968

*The moon gives you light,  
And the bugles and drums give you music,  
And my heart, O my soldiers, my veterans,  
My heart gives you love.*

—Walt Whitman

## Census suggested

Churches in three Baptist Conventions in Arkansas are cooperating in the Crusade of the Americas, 1969.

The Crusade is an extensive evangelistic effort in North, Central and South America involving 38 major Baptist groups.

The Arkansas churches will have revivals in March and April, 1969.

To be prepared for the best possible results it is suggested that each church participate in making a house-to-house visit with the purpose of locating prospective members.

This census effort is a part of a nationwide search for prospects.

The months of July, August and September, 1968, are suggested as the ideal time to take a census.

The discovery of prospects, this summer or fall, plus visitation efforts during the winter and spring to enlist them in Sunday School and church, offers the best means of having fruitful results during the Crusade revivals.

Census committee members include Lawson Hatfield; Mrs. R. J. Fields, Little Rock, and Mrs. Hazel White, Ft. Smith.

The committee suggests that associations and churches organize now to take the census.

The recommended census card is Form 796 available at the Baptist Book Store.—Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary

## Associational TU director

More than ever before it will be extremely important for every association to select with care the associational Training Union director. Four things shall be expected of this director:

1. He will learn what is now new and what will be new (fall of 1970) in Training Union work.
2. He will plan to remain as director for 1968-69 and 1969-70.
3. He will plan to attend the State "Shaping the Seventies Conference" in Little Rock on January 12-13, 1970.
4. He will assist in associational "Shaping the Seventies Clinics" early in 1970 to help churches interpret the new grouping-grading system, new Training Union organization and new curriculum that will begin October 1, 1970.—Ralph W. Davis



## Southern Baptist leaders call for realistic approach on race crisis

A Baptist task force to deal with the current racial crisis in the nation is called for in a strongly-worded statement signed by 70 Southern Baptist leaders.

The 1,027-word statement was prepared by an ad hoc committee of Southern Baptist leaders and mailed to the 74 SBC agency heads, state convention executive secretaries and Baptist state paper editors for their signatures and for presentation to the June meeting of SBC in Houston.

If the Executive Committee of SBC approves the statement, on June 4, it could go to the Convention the following day as a recommendation from the Executive Committee and for immediate action.

[Both the executive secretary and the editor of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention are signers of the statement.]

Titled "A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation," the statement makes clear that "no individual can speak for a convention, agency, or church," and that the concerns, confession, commitment and appeal carried by the statement represent only the signers.

The statement, and its signers, follows:

### We Face a Crisis

Our nation is enveloped in a social and cultural revolution. We are shocked by the potential for anarchy in a land dedicated to democracy and freedom. There are ominous sounds of hate and violence among men and of unbelief and rebellion toward God. These compel Christians to face the social situation and to examine themselves under the judgment of God.

We are an affluent society, abounding in wealth and luxury. Yet, one-fifth of our people, black and white, suffer from poverty. Many are hurt by circumstance they cannot escape, injustice they cannot correct, or heartless exploitation they cannot resist. Many live in slum housing or ghettos of race or poverty or ignorance or bitterness that generate both despair and defiance.

We are a nation that declares the sovereignty of law and the necessity of civil order. Yet, we have had riots, and have tolerated conditions that breed riots, spread violence, foster disrespect for the law, and undermine the democratic process.

We are a nation that declares the

equality and rights of persons irrespective of race. Yet, as a nation, we have allowed cultural patterns to persist that have deprived millions of black Americans, and other racial groups as well, of equality of recognition and opportunity in the areas of education, employment, citizenship, housing, and worship. Worse still, as a nation, we have condoned prejudices that have damaged the personhood of blacks and whites alike. We have seen a climate of racism developed resulting in hostility, injustice, suspicion, faction, strife, and alarming potential for bitterness, division, destruction, and death.

### We Voice Our Confession

The current crisis should arouse the Christian conscience. Judgment begins at the house of God. Christians are inescapably involved in the life of the nation. We therefore acknowledge our share of responsibility for the injustice, disorder, and wickedness of our land. We humble ourselves before God and acknowledge that we share the blame with millions of other persons for the shame of lawlessness, the agony of injustice, and the spirit of strife.

As Southern Baptists, representative of one of the largest bodies of Christians in our nation and claiming specialties of spiritual unity with the large conventions of Negro Baptists in our land, we have come far short of our privilege in Christian brotherhood.

We implore God to create in us a right spirit of repentance and to make us instruments of his redemption, his righteousness, his peace, and his love toward all men.

### We Declare Our Commitment

The Christ we serve, the opportunity we face, and the crisis we confront, compel us to action. We therefore declare our commitment, believing this to be right in the sight of God and our duty under the lordship of Christ.

We will respect every individual as a person possessing dignity and inherent worth growing out of his creation in the image of God.

We will strive to obtain and secure for every person equality of human and civil rights. We will undertake to secure opportunities in matters of citizenship, public services, education, employment, and personal habitation that every man may achieve his highest potential as a person.

We will accept and exercise our civic responsibility as Christians to defend

people against injustice. We will strive to insure for all persons the full opportunity for achievement according to the endowments given by God.

We will refuse to be a party to any movement that fosters racism or violence or mob action.

We will personally accept every Christian as a brother beloved in the Lord and welcome to the fellowship of faith and worship every person irrespective of race or class.

We will strive by personal initiative and every appropriate means of communication to bridge divisive barriers, to work for reconciliation, and to open channels of fellowship and cooperation.

We will strive to become well-informed about public issues, social ills, and divisive movements that are damaging to human relationships. We will strive to resist prejudice and to combat forces that breed distrust and hostility.

We will recognize our involvement with other Christians and with all others of good will in the obligation to work for righteousness in public life and justice for all persons. We will strive to promote Christian brotherhood as a witness to the gospel of Christ.

### We Make An Appeal

Our nation is at the crossroads. We must decide whether we shall be united in good will, freedom, and justice under God to serve mankind or be destroyed by covetousness, passion, hate, and strife.

We appeal to our fellow Southern Baptists to join us in self-examination under the Spirit of God and to accept the present crisis as a challenge from God to strive for reconciliation by love.

We appeal to our fellow Southern Baptists to engage in Christian ventures in human relationships, and to take courageous actions for justice and peace.

We believe that a vigorous Christian response to this national crisis is imperative for an effective witness on our part at home and abroad.

Words will not suffice. The time has come for action. Our hope for healing and renewal is in the redemption of the whole of life. Let us call men to faith in Christ. Let us dare to accept the full demands of the love and lordship of Christ in human relationships and urgent ministry. Let us be identified with Christ in the reproach and suffering of the cross.



We express the earnest hope that the Executive Committee and the Southern Baptist Convention will take the following actions:

1. Approve this statement on the national crisis.

2. Authorize the agencies concerned in these areas to set up a task force to deal with these problems in the most effective manner possible consistent with their program assignments. It is understood that the chairman of the Inter-Agency Council will convene the meeting of interested agencies as soon as possible for organization. Immediate action may be necessary in some cases. Long-range plans should be worked out through the Inter-Agency Council.

3. Call upon the churches, the associations, and state conventions to join the Southern Baptist Convention in a renewal of Christian effort to meet this national crisis.

Signing the statement were the following individuals: (listed alphabetically)

Clifton J. Allen, Reuben E. Alley, Charles H. Ashcraft, John P. Baker, O. L. Bayless, Harold C. Bennett, Millard J. Berquist, Kendall Berry, Olin T. Binkley, Charles E. Blackman, C. E. Boyle, R. Y. Bradford, Rabun Brantley, Glen E. Braswell, Emanuel Carlson, J. Dee Cates,

Baker James Cauthen, W. Perry Crouch, C. R. Daley, James O. Duncan, W. Ross Edwards, W. C. Fields, Searcy S. Garrison, Victor Glass, Marse Grant, Harold K. Graves, Roy D. Gresham, W. R. Grigg, Horace G. Hammett, Earl O. Harding, Hardy M. Harrell, Robert J. Hastings,

Jack U. Harwell, Ralph A. Herring, Roland P. Hood, Fred D. Hubbs, Robert D. Hughes, Alma Hunt, John J. Hurt, W. Fred Kendall, T. B. Lackey, Duke K. McCall, Albert McClellan, Erwin L. McDonald, E. Harmon Moore, L. H. Moore, Merrill D. Moore, Fred B. Moseley, Josef Nordenhaug, James Pleitz,

R. G. Puckett, R. Alton Reed, John E. Roberts, Ray E. Roberts, Porter Routh, Arthur Rutledge, Harold G. Sanders, George W. Schroeder, Al Shackelford, James H. Smith, W. G. Stracener, Richard M. Stephenson, Paul M. Stevens, M. Chandler Stith, James L. Sullivan, Foy Valentine, Edmond Walker, S. A. Whitlow, Davis Woolley, and J. Terry Young.

"When a Christian decides that the money in his possession may help to achieve what he could never do alone, he finds no difficulty in going beyond the tithe. He becomes an adventurer with Christ and begins to know something of the deeper joy of Christian stewardship."—W. E. Grindstaff in *Principles of Stewardship Development* (Convention Press, 1967)

# Church-State issue will reopen at SBC

HOUSTON—A resolution reaffirming the separation of church and state as "a fundamental principle of Baptist belief and practice" will be presented for consideration by the Southern Baptist Convention in sessions here June 4-7.

The statement was released by Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Church in Atlanta and president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Among the other cosigners with Newton were four others who also are former SBC presidents, including J. D. Grey of New Orleans, J. W. Storer of Nashville, C. C. Warren of Charlotte and Herschell H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City.

Following is the complete text of the resolution:

"Whereas, the doctrine of soul liberty is basic to Baptist beliefs, its corollary being the doctrine of a free church in a free state, and

"Whereas, the Southern Baptist Convention has again and again expressed itself for separation of church and state, and

"Whereas, some Baptist institutions, including churches, find themselves in the peculiar position of being urged to accept federal gifts for their operations and programs, with the very lives of some of these institutions seeming to depend on such acceptance,

"Whereas, our stand must be taken between accepting tax monies to meet these extreme needs on the one hand and our basic principles on the other,

"Therefore, be it resolved,

"That, with slight alterations, we reaffirm the resolution offered by W. L. Pickett of Georgia 55 years ago (1913), and reaffirmed in principle repeatedly since that time, namely,

"Whereas the . . . separation of church and state has ever been and is now a fundamental principle of Baptist belief and practice: and

"Whereas in many places there are efforts being made to divert state . . . municipal (and federal) funds to the maintenance of certain religious schools and other institutions:

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Southern Baptist Convention reaffirms its unalterable belief in the . . . separation of church and state, and hereby expresses its sympathy with all who are having to fight efforts of any who would try to violate this . . . principle."

Other cosigners include C. Roy An-

gell, Miami; J. W. Dawson, Corsicana, Tex.; Earl Guinn, Pineville, La.; Earl Harding, Jefferson City, Mo.; John J. Hurt, Dallas; E. S. James, Denton, Tex.; Norris Palmer, Baton Rouge, La.; Mrs. Robert Fling, N. Y.; John Barnes, Hattiesburg, Miss.; H. C. Chiles, Kentucky; Jack U. Harwell, Atlanta; Joe Tuten, Jackson, Miss.; Jaroy Webber, Mobile, Ala.; Lucius Polhill, Richmond, Va.; Archie Ellis, Columbia S. C.; and W. O. Vaught, Little Rock. (BP)

## Jim Lester named Tennessee editor

NASHVILLE—James A. Lester, secretary of promotion and public relations for the Georgia Baptist Convention in Atlanta, has been elected editor of the Baptist and Reflector weekly publication of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Lester will join the convention staff on Aug. 1, and assume the position as editor on Oct. 1, immediately after the retirement of Richard N. Owen, current editor, on Sept. 30.

He was elected to the position by the administrative committee of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board, which confirmed his appointment.

A former newspaper man and pastor, Lester was for six years copy editor and state news editor of the New Orleans Times-Picayune.

He has been pastor of churches in Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, and has directed the music and educational programs at First Church, Ponchatoula, La.

A former school teacher, he has taught high school English and chemistry, and in the public schools of Mitchell and Thomas Counties in Georgia.

He has also had experience as a photographer, dark room technician, and accredited commercial pilot.

A graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., Lester attended Norman Junior College, Norman Park, Ga., and earned the master of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is married to the former Doris Elizabeth Holland, Augusta, Ga., who is a former elementary education worker for Baptist churches in Georgia. They have two sons, James Earl, 14, and Edwin Oliver, 12. (BP)



MR. LESTER



# Southern Baptist Religious Education Association

First Baptist Church  
Houston, Texas  
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## MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 3

**THEME:** Religious Education ... A Must ... In The Home  
Presiding—Al Parks, president, Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

- 1:30 Theme Interpretation—Sarah Miller, Dramatic Specialist, Houston, Texas
- 1:50 Appointment of Committees
- 2:00 We Work Together  
...The Role of the Parent—Ellis Bush, State Sunday School Secretary of Alabama, Montgomery, Ala.  
...Church Staff Worker—Henry Love, Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.  
...Volunteer Worker—William B. Crittenden, layman, Second Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.  
...Materials—B. A. Clendinning, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
- 2:45 Questions to the Panel
- 3:00 We Live Together—Mrs. J. Winston Pierce, author, Mill Valley, Calif.
- 3:30 Adjourn

## MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 3

- 6:30 Banquet—Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.  
Presiding—Harold Souther, vice-president, Minister of Education, Kansas City Baptist Association  
Assisting—Don McBride, preacher-satirist, Dallas, Tex.

## TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 4

- THEME:** Religious Education...A Must...In The 20th Century  
Presiding—Charles E. Howell, vice-president, Minister of Education, Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham
- 9:30 Praise in Song
- 9:35 Program and Curriculum Developments...in the 70's

—Keener Pharr, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.  
Continuing Educational Opportunities—Bob Franklin, Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.  
The Years Ahead—Floyd Chafin, Assoc. Secretary of Annuity Board, Dallas, Texas

- 10:35 Song
- 10:40 Discussion
- 10:55 A Church in Action...20th Century—James G. Harris, pastor, University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex.
- 11:30 Adjourn

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 4

**THEME:** Religious Education ... A Must ... In The World  
Presiding—Charles Tidwell, vice-president, Professor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

- 2:00 Praise in Song
- 2:05 Religious Education and Missions  
...Journeyman—Philip N. Caskey, student, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.  
...US-2—Raymond Lee Sikes, missionary, Home Mission Board, Waco, Tex.  
...Missionary Educator—George Wilson, missionary, Foreign Mission Board, Kansas City, Mo.
- 3:10 Song
- 3:15 Religious Education Via Radio and Television—Edward Shipman, Director of Promotion, SBC Radio and TV Commission, Ft. Worth, Tex.
- 3:45 Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business
- 4:00 Adjourn

## Lay involvement hemisphere-wide

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil—Involvement of laymen in the Crusade of the Americas will be the theme song oft repeated at the Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress slated here July 15-19, a draft of the conference's tentative program discloses.

The program was outlined by Owen Cooper, president of the Mississippi Chemical Corporation, in Yazoo City, Miss., and chairman of the laymen's committee for the Crusade of the Americas Directory Council.

Evening sessions during the five-day conference, expected to attract about 750 Baptist laymen from nearly every country in North, Central, and South America, will feature evangelistic messages and sermons and will be open to the public. Evening sessions will be held

at the 33,000-seat Maracanazinho Auditorium.

Morning sessions will feature Bible study led by John Soren, pastor of First Baptist Church in Rio de Janeiro and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, testimonies from laymen, and messages on the congress themes.

Afternoon sessions will include meetings by interest groups and occupations or vocations. Both morning and afternoon sessions will meet at the First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro. (BP)

"The Baptist Hospital in Kediri, Indonesia, where I work, stands as an outreach of the Cooperative Program. It is not only a place where men and women find help for physical suffering, but is where they are pointed to the Way of Truth."—Everley Hayes, missionary to Indonesia

## New Orleans alumni to hold June meeting

The Golden Anniversary Celebration alumni luncheon of New Orleans Seminary will be held in Houston, Tex., on June 6. Highlighting the noon program in the Grand Ballroom of the Rice Hotel will be an address by Seminary President H. Leo Eddleman, speaking on the accomplishments of the school during its first fifty years of service to Southern Baptists and the New Orleans area.

Ticket sales in the Seminary Public Relations office are climbing with each mail delivery, according to F. Stanley Hardee Jr., assistant to the president. He predicts that this year's luncheon attendance will surpass last year's record attendance of 600 persons, when the New Orleans Seminary alumni met in Miami Beach during the Southern Baptist Convention.



## Annuitants' luncheon

More than 250 persons are expected to attend the ninth annual annuitants' luncheon at the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Tex. The luncheon is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board for retired or disabled ministers and denominational employees or their widows who receive benefit checks from the Board.

The luncheon will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 6, in the Terrace Room of the Rice Hotel.

Presiding will be E. Hermond Westmoreland, president of the board of trustees. R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, will speak briefly.

Annuitants may pick up free tickets to the luncheon at the Fellowship Center, adjacent to the Annuity Board booth, according to J. D. Stoneham, director of Relief and Annuitants Service.

## Missions superintendents to meet June 3

HOUSTON — The hospitality committee for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here June 3-7 is planning to set up information booths at strategically located spots on the major arteries leading into the city, and at the airport.

The booths will be designed to aid the visitors in getting acquainted with the city, giving directions to hotels, and providing distribution points for information packets to convention messengers.

The information packets will include a complete schedule of the convention and its related meetings, city maps, restaurant directories, first aid information, and sight-seeing information.

The well-marked booths will be located on Interstate 10 East (from Beaumont, Tex.), and West (from San Antonio); Interstate 45 (from Dallas); Highway 59 (from Corpus Christi, Tex.), and in the terminal at the airport.

One local committeeman warned that the Sam Houston Coliseum, where the convention meets, is just off Interstate 45 from Dallas, but a visitor can pass almost directly over the Coliseum and miss it because of the maze of exits and thoroughfares. The information booths will help prevent this problem, the spokesman said. (BP)

## SBC nursery to teach, not 'sit'

HOUSTON—Trained workers will teach nursery and pre-school children, using a prepared curriculum, as part of their services for the children of messengers who attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, June 3-7.

Theme of the study will be "Making Friends," using teaching curriculum from the current issues of the Church Nursery Guide and the Training Union Beginner Leader, both published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

It is believed to be the first time in recent convention history that an actual study using curriculum materials has been included as part of the nursery services at the convention. This year the services are also being expanded to include pre-school children, rather than only children under three years of age.

The convention nursery committee requested that parents bring their children to the Fannin Street entrance to the First Baptist Church, Fannin at Lamar, where the nursery will be provided.

The cost is \$1 per session for one child; \$1.75 per session for two children; or a maximum of \$2.50 per session for three or more children of the same family, with payment at the time of registration.

Parents are requested to pick up their children within 30 minutes following the close of each convention session. An additional charge will be made for those who are late.

No meals will be provided for the children between sessions, since the convention site is only eight blocks away. A noon meal, however, will be provided on Thursday provided an advance reservation is paid before noon Wednesday.

Refreshments will be served during each session to the children as a part of each department's teaching program. (BP)

## Music conference to feature new anthem

HOUSTON—The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference meeting here June 3-4 will feature four major addresses, eight concerts, seven historical, technical or philosophical papers on church music, four periods of worship through singing, and a banquet.

The two-day conference will close with the world premier performance of an anthem written by Bob Burroughs, minister of music for First Church, Abilene, Tex., who was commissioned by the conference to write the music especially for the occasion.

The anthem, "Praise God," will be presented by the Houston Baptist College Singers, and an instrumental group, both directed by R. Paul Green of Houston Baptist College.

Sessions will be held at the South Main Baptist Church, Monday morning through Tuesday afternoon, June 3-4.

Major speakers for the conference will be Donald Winters, head of the music department at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., and president of the conference; Claude Rhea, music consultant for the SBC Foreign Mission Board; James W. Middleton, pastor, First Church, Shreveport, La.; and Loren Williams, Music sales specialist for

## New Yemen hospital

A Baptist hospital has been dedicated in Jibla, an ancient city high in the mountains of Yemen, a country on the southwestern tip of the Arabian peninsula.

"That a Baptist witness could be started in an almost 100 per cent Muslim country and that a hospital could be constructed and equipped under such unfavorable conditions seems beyond the realm of possibility," declared J. D. Hughey, secretary of mission work in Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa for the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board.

Hughey and Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the board, took part in the dedication service in Jibla while on a visit in the Middle East and Europe.

"The hospital meets an urgent need in Yemen, where medical care is probably more limited than in any other country of the world," said Hughey. "It provides the only Christian witness in a land that has had no Christian churches since the time of Muhammad." (EBPS)

the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The Monday evening session will be devoted to the annual conference banquet. Master of ceremonies will be Jack Terrell, associate, music department, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas. (BP)



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## OVER 200 RESERVATIONS FOR REUNION



Pictured above are the members of the committee for the all school reunion to be held June 29. They are, from left to right: Mary Jackson, Opal Holmes, Martha Hagler, Helen Davis, Betty Newby, Janie Tyler, Edith Kincheloe, Charlene Holland and Maxine Otey.

Edith Kincheloe, General Chairman, announced that plans for the all school reunion were progressing nicely and all committees are enthusiastically making plans for a happy and memorable reunion. Miss Kincheloe also announced that the reunion had been moved from Immanuel Baptist Church to the Hospital. The registration will be from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Student Union Building at the corner of 12th and Wolfe streets. She also announced that there would be a coffee for members of the Medical Staff from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Student Union Building. The program will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the auditorium on the second floor of the Student Union Building. Lunch will be held in the Medical Arts Cafeteria from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

**Deadline May 31**

Mrs. Charlene Holland, Reservations Chairman, announced that over 210 reservations from Texas, Missouri, California and Arkansas have been received. She said that in order to make plans to feed everyone, a deadline of May 31 had been set for mailing reservations. Please use the coupon below and mail your reservation immediately. Mail to: Mrs. Charlene Holland, ABH School of Nursing, 1700 West 13th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

### Volunteers Needed

Maxine Otey, Program Chairman, requested that anyone interested in modeling in the Parade of Uniforms please contact her. Also, she would like to hear from a volunteer to play the organ. As for specific plans for the program, she says that the program is a secret and will be a surprise.

## Alumnae Assigned To Nigeria



Sandra Wisener

Sandra Wisener, a 1966 graduate of ABMC's School of Nursing has been accepted and assigned to the Baptist School of Nursing in Eku, Nigeria, under the auspices of the Missionary Journeyman Program of the Foreign Mission Board.

Miss Wisener is presently a Senior in the School of Nursing, University of Arkansas and will report June 15 at Virginia Intermost College, Bristol, Va.

The rigorous curriculum will include language, history and culture of the country of Nigeria, Christian doctrine, Bible, missions, evangelism, training for special skills, health and personal development and physical education.

Following completion of the summer training Miss Wisener will report to Richmond, Virginia for commissioning on August 8, and will leave immediately for her overseas assignment.

## Chapel Speaker



In observance of National Library week, April 21-27, the chapel speaker for Thursday, April 25 was Dr. John L. Ferguson. In addition to being an ordained Baptist minister, Dr. Ferguson is state historian and executive secretary of the Arkansas History Commission. His subject was "Folk Laughter on the Arkansas Frontier" and was punctuated with stories from his vast storehouse of folklore from early Arkansas days.

## 200 Job Classifications

The constantly increasing complexity of hospital care demands highly trained personnel to serve the patient. Such hospital professions as the nuclear medical technologist and the

inhalation therapist were unknown a few short years ago. To keep pace with pyramiding progress in medical know-how the number of people working in the hospital has increased until now there are 200 job classifications.



## NEW TECHNIQUE ENABLES AMPUTEE TO WALK 30 HOURS AFTER SURGERY



Pictured above on the left is Mr. Ed Snell, Prosthetist, and Mr. Al Ohlen, Chief Physical Therapist, examining the temporary prosthesis fitted to Mr. John F. Keating immediately following surgery. Mr. Keating is a 77 year old native of Independence County, Arkansas. Pictured on the right, Mr. Keating is taking walking exercises in the Physical Therapy Department some 30 hours following surgery.

The Center is practicing a relatively new technique of immediate post-operative fitting of temporary prosthesis to lower extremity amputations.

The idea is to fit the patient with a temporary prosthesis at the time of surgery and as quickly as possible (within the next day or two) have the patient up and started on walking exercises under the supervision of a trained physical therapist. The technique was developed under a research project in Seattle, Washington. Several patients have been successfully treated with the new technique in the Little Rock Area.

Mr. Ed Snell, Prosthetist, said the patient would wear the present cast until the stitches were removed and

then a second temporary fitting would be made. The patient will wear the temporary prosthesis about 30 days before he is fitted with a permanent prosthesis. But in the meantime, he has the initial ambulation exercises behind him and is well on his way to learning how to walk and be mobile with his new artificial leg.

Mr. John F. Keating is 77 years old and a native of Independence County; however, he has lived in McCrory, Arkansas for almost 65 years. He is a retired farmer and was pruning an apple tree when the step ladder on which he was standing fell and he broke his leg. Mr. Keating walked approximately 20 feet on the day following his surgery and the fitting of the prosthesis.

### AEA Members Receive Buzzer

The circulation of the Buzzer has been increased to approximately 25,000 copies per month with the inclusion of all of the members of the Arkansas Education Association.

Members of the AEA were added to the Buzzer mailing list in March and are scheduled to receive Courtesy Cards in May. The Courtesy Card of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center System is good at both ABMC and Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock.

The Buzzer is the official publication of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center and is in its fifteenth year of publication. Throughout its 15 year history

the Buzzer has had a steady growth in circulation but nothing as dramatic as the AEA inclusion.

We welcome the members of the AEA to our mailing list and hope they will find the publication interesting and informative in counseling students interested in any of the para-medical fields.

### Purchasing Agents Hold Annual Meeting

Members of the Society of Arkansas Hospital Purchasing Agents will hold their first Annual Meeting Thursday and Friday, June 6 - 7 at Hot Springs.

Dave Lafoon, Ouachita Memorial Hospital is President-Elect of the Asso-

## Director of Chaplaincy Ministries

Rev. R. H. Dorris, Director of Chaplaincy Ministries of the Baptist State Convention has entered a comprehensive eight-week training program in Clinical Pastoral Education at the Center.

Rev. Dorris says, "My objective is to create among Baptist a climate of concern and awareness of the various 'mission fields' in and around the church community."

He pointed out that all churches need to provide an active and effective ministry for the youth facing military service. "The civilian community adjacent to the military has become in fact, a mission field," he said.

"Many hospitals do not have a chaplain to minister to patients and staff and serve as a member of the healing team. There is an increasing need for chaplains in correctional institutions, children's homes, schools, homes for the aged and industry," he said.

Rev. Dorris will encourage and assist associations, districts and individual churches in organizing effective ministries to these various "mission fields."



Rev. R. H. Dorris

ciation and he will be inducted as President. Other officers will be nominated by the Nominating Committee.

R. W. LeMaster, ABMC's Purchasing Agent, said the Association was formed to facilitate better communications and dissemination of information among the members. There are 108 hospitals in the state and the Association has approximately 25 members.



## GOATCHERS PREPARE FOR RETURN TO THAILAND MISSION HOSPITAL



Earl Goatcher

Earl and Jo Ann Goatcher are making preparations to return to Thailand for their second four-year assignment operating a 25 bed hospital and clinic as Southern Baptist Missionaries. They will leave Little Rock May 28 and go to Texas where they will visit relatives and attend meetings explaining their work as Missionaries. They will leave Honolulu on June 22 and arrive in Thailand June 25. This will end their one-year leave of absence.

During the past year, Mr. Goatcher has worked at Memorial Hospital which he helped open in January, 1962. He said he certainly had enjoyed renewing old acquaintances and working with some of the same people he had worked with when the hospital was first opened.

Mrs. Goatcher, a pediatrician, has been doing refresher work at the University of Arkansas Medical Center

for the past few months in preparation for the work to be done during the next four years. Mrs. Goatcher finished her pediatric residency at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine in 1958.

The Goatcher's children, Lisa, age 9 has been attending Wakefield Elementary School and Jim, age 5, has been going to University Baptist Kindergarten for the past year.

Included in the many supplies to be taken back with them are medical and surgical supplies, instruments, anesthesia equipment, a cauterizer, and a large assortment of medicine. When asked about plans for the hospital for the next four years, Mr. Goatcher said they hoped to build an intensive care unit and expand their leprosy and tuberculosis work. About 1,400 patients are seen each month at the hospital and the mobile clinics.

In addition to working on various projects at Memorial Hospital during the last year, Mr. Goatcher has traveled throughout Arkansas and the surrounding area, speaking at churches and showing slides of their mission hospital in Thailand.

**Editor's Note:** Mr. Goatcher has promised to send pictures to the Buzzer periodically so that we can keep up with the work they are doing.

## European Nurse Joins Staff



Eedo and Elza Karrisoo

Pictured above is Eedo and Elza Karrisoo and their dog, Zipu. The Karrisos are natives of Estonia and

Latvia, respectively.

Mrs. Karrisoo finished nursing school in Riga, Latvia in 1937. With her first check as a nurse, she purchased the native costume shown above in the self portrait.

The Karrisos were married during the war but were separated as a result of the war, for about 11 years. In the meantime, Mrs. Karrisoo was nursing in Latvia, Germany and England. Following leads in an effort to locate each other they both came to America in 1954 and were finally re-united in Rogers Park, Illinois in 1954.

Mr. Karrisoo was an opera star in Europe and concertized or appeared in opera productions in major music centers including Italy, Germany, Poland and Finland.

Mrs. Karrisoo says that nursing is nursing, regardless of where it is done. She says that there is a lot more paper work here than in Europe — but quickly adds it has been over 15 years since she nursed in Europe.

In her spare time she paints and

travels. An example of her artistic ability is shown by the self portrait above in native costume with the typical Latvian countryside in the background painted from memory.

About the U. S. she says, "It is our country — we chose it and we have freedom. In the summer we take vacation trips and have been in most of the states of the Union."

The Karrisos have a 32 year old son who is a teacher in Latvia. "Because the mail is severely censored, he never writes. If we want to tell him something we have to write to the old people in Latvia and hope that they will tell him. The government isn't interested in the older people. It is the youth they are interested in preventing escaping in an effort to educate them to their way of life," she said.

Mrs. Karrisoo is undergoing a refresher training program and is presently working on 2 J. Mr. Karrisoo is doing landscaping and hopes to teach voice and music.



**Beyond AuDela**, by Will Wilding, Will Wilding Foundation, Vancouver, B. C., paperback, \$1.95

Beyond is Mr. Wilding's personal reaction to the challenge of Expo 67. He feels that even the casual visitor found something beyond the five senses at "Man and His World." He describes this something as the sensation of being possessed by a sixth sense, which he calls faith.

Wilding links 152 color photographs by Malak of Ottawa with bi-lingual quotations to illustrate the spiritual experience that was Expo.

**A People for His Name, A History of Jehovah's Witnesses and an Evaluation**, by Timothy White, Vantage, 1968, \$5.95

This book will be of particular interest because it is written by one who is

a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect.

Mr. White has lived the most of his life in England and the British Commonwealth countries—Hong Kong, South Africa, Egypt, and New Zealand. He now lives in California, where he is working toward a doctorate at Stanford University.

**Crusade Hymn Stories**, edited by Cliff Barrows, featuring Ten Hymn Stories by Billy Graham, Hope Publishing Co., 1967, \$3.50

Used with the Bible and the hymn-book, this book will make a great contribution to private worship. Besides contributions from Barrows and Graham, George Beverly Shea, Tedd Smith and Don Hustad each have added their personal reflections about Christian songs particularly significant to them.

**Preaching through the Bible, Vol. 2**, by Eric W. Hayden, Zondervan, 1967, \$5.95

The sermons comprising this volume are taken from the books of the Bible, one from a book. The book should prove to be valuable to preachers as well as those studying for the ministry. Its material may be adapted for use on Sunday or for the mid-week prayer services.

**Christian Reflections**, by C. S. Lewis, Eerdmans, 1967, \$3.95

Presented in chronological order here are 14 papers prepared by Mr. Lewis during the last 20-odd years of his life. Some have been published previously. All of them have in common the inimitable style of the author.

## Revivals

**Levy Church, No. Little Rock**, April 28-May 5; Larry Taylor, San Antonio, Tex., evangelist, Jim Raymick, music minister, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, song leader; 28 professions of faith, 7 by letter, numerous rededications, 20 other professions of faith but did not join. L. Alfred Sparkman, pastor.

**East Main Church, El Dorado**, April 28-May 5; Edward G. Robinson, evangelist; 30 professions of faith, 11 by letter, two for baptism from other denominations. Glenn Morgan, pastor.

**Beirne Church**, April 29-May 5; Rev. James C. Hill, pastor, Tucker Chapel, evangelist, Mike Atkinson, song leader, Paul Ed Shaver, pianist; 8 professions of faith, 1 by letter, 24 rededications. H. B. Savell Jr., pastor.

**Second Church, Pine Bluff**, Larry Taylor, San Antonio, Tex., evangelist; 41 professions of faith, 8 by letter. Jay D. Tolleson, pastor.

**Sunnyside Church, Rogers**, Jesse S. Reed, evangelist, Jerry Lawson, song leader; 16 professions of faith, 13 for baptism. Austin J. Kindred, pastor.

"Some get a thrill out of giving money to help a particular missionary or a project on a certain field. But how I thank God that Southern Baptists have come to realize that they can get a greater thrill from giving tithes and offerings to the church and then sending the money out through the Cooperative Program so that it helps each of their missionaries in every project on every field."—Mary Brooner, missionary to Southern Rhodesia



## Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

## A time to work—a time to rest

The dictionary defines work as "activity in which one exerts strength or faculties to do or perform something; a sustained physical or mental effort to overcome obstacles and achieve an objective or result; something produced or accomplished by effort, exertion, or exercise of skill."

Synonyms include the words "labor, toil, drudgery, grind." In another sense synonyms would be "employment, occupation, calling, pursuit, or business."

The Bible is full of references to work. Some of these include: Exodus 34:21—"Six days thou shalt work"; II Chronicles 34:12—"the men did the work faithfully"; Nehemiah 4:6—"the people had a mind to work"; John 9:4—"the night cometh when no man can work"; 2 Thessalonians 3:10—"if any would not work, neither should he eat"; 2 Chronicles 15:7—"your work shall be rewarded."

When we ask ourselves what motivates us to work we will probably find the answer in the example of home, parents, teachers, employers, and so on. Someone has inspired us by his or her example.

Look at the other side of the coin for a moment. Definitions for rest include such phrases as "minimal activities, peace of mind and spirit, freedom from oppression, renewed vigor," and "to be free from anxiety or disturbance."

The Bible also has much to say on the subject of rest: Exodus 31:15—"the seventh is the sabbath of rest"; Deuteronomy 25:19—"thy God hath given thee rest"; Isaiah 14:3—"give thee rest from thy sorrow"; Psalm 27:7—"rest in the Lord, and wait."

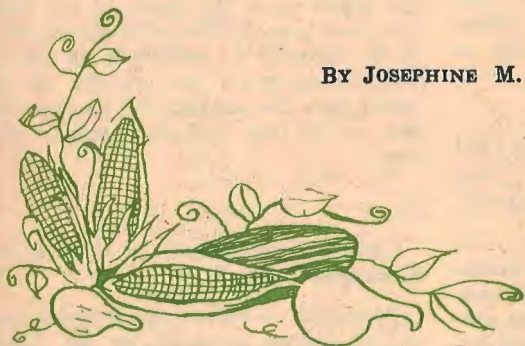
I am reminded of a pastor-friend's little girl who was selected as the "best rester" in her class. I wonder if some grownups might have a hard time qualifying as good "resters." If we are to be a whole person, filled with abundant living, we need to heed our Lord's admonitions concerning both work and rest.

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



## Magic with plants

BY JOSEPHINE M. OPSTAHL



You would hardly guess by looking at it that your new felt hat might be made from milk or that the pretty colored handle of your toothbrush might be made from soybeans. It sounds like magic to think that such things are possible.

This magic science is called chemurgy. It is the use of sciences (including chemistry) to make farm products into basic materials for use in industry.

For many years the farmers of our country have been raising larger crops of corn, potatoes, wheat, and other products. They have been growing more than could be used as food. The chemists got busy and analyzed these farm products. They found that they consisted of cellulose fiber, starch, sugar, protein, and all manner of other valuable substances. They found that these farm products could be used to make many articles which you and I had previously bought at the drugstore, dry goods store, or garage.

For instance, we have jams and jellies and candies made from corn sugar. Now we also have crayons, fireworks, ink, glue, waterproof packages to keep products fresh on grocers' shelves, and hundreds of other products—all made from corn.

Scientists tell us that the automobiles of the future may be made entirely from products raised by farmers. Such cars probably will be operated by a vegetable fuel made from potatoes, corn, or other grains.

It is interesting and wonderful to think about all the new products scientists are continually developing. These scientists, however, tell us that we have just barely begun to understand what can be done with plants. They predict that in the future people will wonder why their ancestors worked so hard to dig coal and iron and other metals from the depths of the earth when better materials can be obtained by growing various plants upon the earth's surface.

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## Two kinds of hands

BY FRANKLIN WINTERS

Nowadays art lovers all over the world are familiar with the painting *Praying Hands* by the great German artist, Albrecht Durer.

One might expect an artist to choose as a model the perfectly shaped hands of a beautiful woman. Instead, the hands are those of a man who had done hard manual work all his life. The fingers are bent and gnarled.

When a celebrated artist like Durer could have had a choice of so many models with beautiful hands to paint, why did he pick hands like these?

The answer is found in one of the most surprising stories of a famous painter's rise to fame.

Years ago, when Durer began the study of art in Nuremberg, he shared a room with another student. This other chap cherished a dream, like Albrecht's, of some day becoming famous. Both men, however, were terribly handicapped by the lack of money. In order to support themselves, they had to take any odd jobs that came along.

Finally, the strain of this setup became so difficult that the two students decided to change the situation. They agreed that it would be wiser for one to give his full time to work, in order that the other might give his full time to study. Then the one who had completed his training could use his art to support the other man while he learned.

In a spirit of selflessness, the old man insisted that Durer be the first to study. He toiled long hours and performed the heaviest kind of labor. He managed to earn enough to support them both. His young companion attended classes regularly and applied himself to his training. The older man had the added pleasure of seeing Durer's rare talent develop under his daily observation.

At last the time came when the younger man had learned enough to begin selling his art. He was now in a position to provide the training for which his good friend had waited a long time.

When the older man returned to the school, he made a dismaying discovery. He had been a laborer for so long that it had affected his hands. The joints were swollen. The fingers were so stiff and awkward that he could no longer make the fine brush strokes that are required of an artist. Sadly, he withdrew from his classes and gave up his long-cherished ambition.

It was a bitter blow to Albrecht Durer as well. All the time that he had been studying, he had supposed his friend would rise to the same sort of success that would come to him. The great painter could not forget that the other's sacrifice had made his own career possible. Now that he was in a position to help all his money could not make his devoted companion's dream come true.

How could he ever make amends to him?

Since he could not help him to become a great artist, Durer decided to do what he could. He would make an enduring memorial to such costly devotion.

He painted his friend's hands—just as he had seen them raised in prayer. The fingers were rough and worn and the heavy veins gave evidence of the hardest manual toil. But those hands were beautiful to Albrecht Durer.

The world still prizes that tribute. Of all the works that came from the hands of the great German artist, one of the most admired and cherished is his canvas, *Praying Hands*.

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# The cost of service

BY DR. L. H. COLEMAN, PASTOR,  
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Life and Work

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John 15:18-27

Does it cost anything to follow Jesus? The cost is very negligible compared to the cost of not following Jesus Christ. The follower of Christ should sit down and count the cost before expressing allegiance to Jesus Christ (Please read Luke 14:25-33).

One day while I was attending seminary, Dr. R. G. Lee spoke eloquently in the chapel exercises. Dr. Lee was at his very best on that particular occasion. What a stirring message! A fellow student went to Dr. Lee and told him, "Dr. Lee, I would give everything if I could preach like that." Dr. Lee replied, "Young man, that's exactly what it cost me." This illustrates the cost of service. Christ wants each of us to give our very all for him. He expects from us our very best.

## I. What Christ's disciples should expect (verses 18-21).

Christ did not mislead his disciples. He did not promise flowery beds of ease. He talked about bearing a cross and self-denial. In the above mentioned passage Christ tells his followers that they can expect two things: hatred and persecution. The lot of Christ would be the lot of his followers. Why would anyone expect anything otherwise? The express reason why Christ's disciples would be hated is very simple; because Christ was hated by the world. The early Christians were accused of cannibalism, being the cause of insurrections, the reason behind various calamities, such as earthquakes and famines, and even charged with gross immorality. The charges, although ridiculous to us today, were made persistently and forcefully in the early Christian centuries. The early Christians were indeed a hated group.

The two words "The world" refer to organized society without God, the non-spiritual, carnal society. (Please see I John 2:15-17.)

Christ's words were extremely timely. This passage has as its setting the period just prior to Gethsemane. Christ's arrest, betrayal, trials, and death were immediately ahead of him. Hatred, from the human viewpoint, caused Jesus to be put to death. Therefore ponder this passage in the light of who was speaking and when he spoke.

## II. The reasons for this hatred (verses 22-25).

Why this intense hatred toward

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Christ? Christ's very presence (see verse 22), his personality of holiness, his very sinlessness, brought condemnation upon him. The self-righteous Pharisees were no match for Jesus either in life, conduct or words. The world hates those whose lives are of a higher standard than the standard of the world.

Jesus' words (verse 22) brought condemnation upon him. No one could match his wisdom, understanding, and thinking ability. Since they could not compete successfully with him mentally, they whipped and beat him physically. Jesus' words brought God's judgment upon his hearers.

Also his works (verse 24) brought condemnation. What could the critics of Christ say in the face of Christ's miracles? The world fought back harder against him. His very works, such as healing on the Sabbath, silenced his enemies. They could find little argument against the power of God evidenced through these miracles. His works of love were a sharp rebuke to those who tried to discredit him.

The inevitable conclusion of the matter was that the enemies of Christ were without excuse (verse 22b) and Christ was hated without a cause (verse 25b).

The world was condemned by its own sin.

## III. The two witnesses (verses 26 and 27).

The two witnesses or testimonies mentioned in these two verses were the Holy Spirit and his disciples.

A great truth is expressed here. The Holy Spirit is a witness to Christ. The very work and words of Jesus caused his spiritually-minded audience to feel that Christ was the promised Messiah, the son of God. The Holy Spirit within us causes us to respond affirmatively to Christ. After the Spirit convicts us of our sin, then where do we go for the remedy of sin? The Holy Spirit points us to Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Those who have been redeemed bear witness to Christ. The witness of the redeemed is, "Permit me to tell you what Christ has done in my heart." A personal testimony is a powerful witness to the all sufficiency of Christ. Personal experience is such a testimony to God's truth revealed in and through Christ.

## Conclusion:

Serving Christ is costly but such a challenge. Will you live for him always? Will you lay your life at God's disposal?

Am I a soldier of the cross  
A follower of the Lamb,  
And shall I fear to own His cause  
Or blush to speak His name?

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# Is goodness enough?

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Job 31

Chapter 31 constitutes Job's oath of clearance in which he solemnly swore that he was not guilty of the charges hurled against him by Eliphaz (22:5-11). Although essentially negative in form, being made up of Job's sworn statements of his innocence, the passage states some lofty ideals—the highest to be found in the Old Testament. For that reason the chapter has been compared with Micah 6:8, the Ten Commandments, and the Sermon on the Mount.

A covenant with the eyes (31:1-8)

The printed text (5-8) will not be understood unless it is connected with the opening verses of the chapter. Job said that he had made a covenant with his eyes under which agreement his eyes were not to look upon a young woman, i.e., look for the purpose of inciting lust. Under the terms of this covenant Job's heart had not followed his eyes into forbidden paths, and he had not turned away into the ways of iniquity (v. 7). He had not lived a life of falsehood and deception in adultery (v. 6).

It is commonly understood that while the Old Testament law condemned acts of adultery, Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount carried his condemnation inward to the source of adultery—the thoughts—and warned against looking with lust upon the opposite sex outside of marriage. But Job went beyond the seventh commandment and sought to cut off the temptation to adultery by refusing to indulge in lustful looking. It is because of spiritual insight such as this passage indicates that the chapter has been called the Old Testament Sermon on the Mount.

Modern men need some such covenants with their eyes. It would help also if women would make a covenant with men's eyes and agree not to dress themselves or move themselves in such manner as to pull the eyes of men right out of their covenants!

Social concern (31:16-23)

Job was not a man who could sit smugly in his tent enjoying the luxuries of his day without developing a growing concern for the servants who served him. He reminded himself that his servants were born just as he was and that they received life from God just as he did (v. 15). Because of concern for the well-being of others (1) he did not withhold needed supplies from the poor and widowed; (2) he did not fail to share food with hungry or-

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phans; (3) he did not fail to give clothing to the poor; and (4) he did not take advantage of his social standing and oppress orphans because of "help in the gate," where business transactions and court decisions were made.

The basis for Job's social concern was his fear of God. One gets the impression that a large portion of the social concern which is voiced today is generated by selfish interests such as the likelihood of political support, sophisticated moonlighting jobs, and even permanent employment. It is not wrong for the politician to gain political support for himself, and it is not wrong for the social worker to be paid for his effort—provided these gains for himself do not provide the chief motivation for his social concern. To the extent that our social concern is generated by selfish interests we will fashion our social activities into patterns of exploitation and oppression. It's quite possible for one to become more concerned about the Black masses in America than he is about Black individuals whom he knows. It's quite possible for one to shed real tears over the 15 percent of our population who are the most poor, and never think about helping a man whom he knows in another ward who could stand a little boost.

Job was concerned about his neighbors because he was concerned about his standing with God. He felt that he could not face God (v. 23) if he did not assume social responsibility. If I ignore the cries of injustice from my servants, he said, "what then shall I do when God rises up" (v. 14)?

In America we will not solve with satisfaction the ghetto problem, the race problem, or the poverty problem until we seek their solution through the application of Christian principles. Outside America we cannot achieve a just and continuing peace until right prevails. More than any other decade, the sixties will go down in history as the years in which America tried valiantly to achieve good ends, using bad means.

How effective is righteousness?

1. Righteousness is required. "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8)? Jesus said that unless one's righteousness goes beyond that of the

Scribes and Pharisees he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:20). He meant moral righteousness, not legalistic or ritualistic correctness. In the same setting he said that not all those who call him Lord will enter into the kingdom, "but he who does the will of my Father" (Matt. 7:21). A worthy Christian is one who has the courage to become the best person he can and to do all the good he can.

2. Righteousness is insufficient. The psalmist said that God looked down upon the earth and couldn't find so much as one man who does good and not evil (Ps. 14:1-2). Isaiah said that all our righteous deeds are as filthy garments (64:6). The consensus opinion of the New Testament writers is that human righteousness at best is not pure enough and does not go far enough to satisfy the demands of salvation.

3. Self-righteousness is dangerous. History's most influential Christian, and probably the greatest character, said that he did not claim to have arrived at his moral goal of perfection but was pressing on to make it his own (Phil. 3:12). Two facts must be kept in mind if one is to stay with his New Testament and stay with his quest for moral growth. (a) The person who claims to be without sin is a third degree liar. He lies, he lies to himself, and he believes those lies (1 John 1:6, 8). (b) The person who would grow with God must ever be ready to confess his sins and seek God's forgiveness (1 John 1:7, 9).

Job was a good man—the best of his generation—and his suffering did not result from his sin; but he found that his character and conduct were not up to par according to God's standards.

The one method of bringing men into right standing with God is the grace-faith method whereby God in grace reaches down to men to proffer salvation, and man reaches up in repentance and faith to receive salvation. When God's grace contacts man's faith, a spark of new life begins which Paul calls "A new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17).

"God loves pleasant givers. Baptists who have to be sought out and begged to give are halfhearted, reluctant, and with little understanding of true stewardship."—W. E. Grindstaff in Principles of Stewardship Development (Convention Press, 1967)



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"HUMPH! Preaching on 'Too Mini, Mini-skirts!'"

—ARK-E-OLGY by Gene Herrington

Get to the point!

Four-year-old Jimmy came running into the house, breathless. "Mom," he said, "do you know Susie's neck?"

Mother didn't quite understand the question, so she tried to pass it off.

"I said do you know Susie's neck, Mom," Jimmy panted again.

"Well, I suppose so, Jimmy, I suppose I do know Susie's neck. What about it?"

"Well, just now she fell in the creek up to it!"

Not satisfied

Reporter: "I understand you are a self-made man."

Prominent citizen: "That's what they say, but if I had to do it again, I'd certainly get some help."

Perfectly safe

"Do you think I could lead a good Christian life here in the city on \$20 a week?" the young man asked a minister on arriving in New Orleans.

"My boy, that's all you could do," replied the minister.

Church	May 19, 1968 Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Addns.
Alexander First	49		
Berryville			
First	160	58	
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Camden First	477	117	
Crossett			
First	598		2
Mt. Olive	266		
Diaz	217	104	3
Dumas First	262	59	3
El Dorado			
Caledonia	52	32	1
Ebenezer	149	74	
First	722	465	2
Victory	62	40	
Fort Smith Towson Avenue	157	79	
Gentry First	188	78	
Greenwood First	262	119	2
Harrison Eagle Heights	223	74	1
Hicks First Ashdown	42	24	
Hope First	472	133	
Hot Springs Piney	194	81	7
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	164	80	2
First	508	117	2
Marshall Road	376	165	2
Jonesboro Central	449	151	
Little Rock			
Gaines Street	400	177	
Geyer Springs	569	173	7
Life Line	507	111	4
Rosedale	280	80	4
Magnolia Central	652	218	2
Manila First	145	62	
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Monticello			
First	312	85	4
Second	250	126	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	585	143	1
South Side Chapel	39	14	2
Calvary	455	140	2
Central	252	120	4
Forty Seventh Street	235	96	15
Harmony	65	28	
Levy	460	147	4
Park Hill	805	221	2
Sixteenth Street	51	30	
Paragound East Side	269	109	2
Paris First	346		
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	244	101	2
First	747		2
Green Meadows	102		
Second	236	90	49
South Side	808	261	1
East Side Mission	99	71	
Tucker Mission	28	18	
Rock Springs	79	47	
Springdale			
Berry Street	39	42	
Caudle Avenue	105	25	2
Elmdale	384	79	
First	407	115	
Oak Grove	52	39	
Van Buren			
First	447	157	
Oak Grove	156	114	
Vandervoort First	57	44	
Warren			
First	459	105	
Southside Mission	74	86	
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# Storm damage at Oil Trough



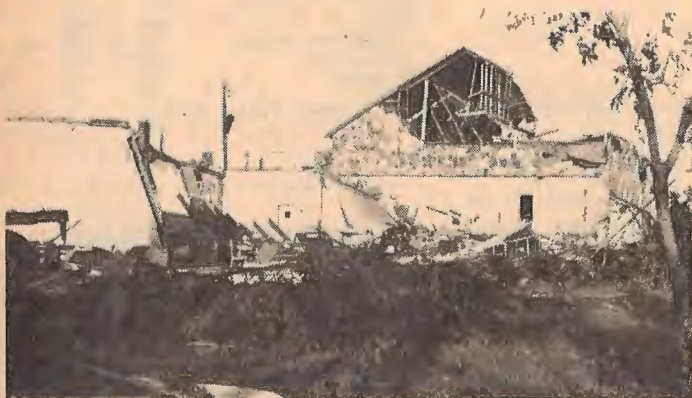
*WE were unable to identify whose house this was, but it is a typical picture of the disaster.*



*WRECKAGE from the Church of Christ, in which approximately 60 people were present for the Wednesday evening service. The people protected themselves by getting underneath the pews. None of these people were killed but 27 were injured.*



*MRS. Fayne Hankin's home, in which Mrs. Lunnie, a member of the Baptist Church of Oil Trough, was killed. Just behind her house the body of Mrs. Ella Williams was found.*



*THE school ground. In the forepart of the pictures is the elementary school. In the background, with the roof partially removed, is the gymnasium.*

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