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NOVEMBER 30, 1961



IN THE BEST CIRCLES...

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ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 1961

Brooks Hays named to new U. S. post

AN administrative shake-up in the U. S. State Department announced this week by President Kennedy has shifted former Arkansas Congressman Brooks Hays to the post of special assistant to the President.

Mr. Hays, prominent Baptist layman and president of the Southern Baptist Convention for two years, was appointed Secretary of State for Congressional Affairs by President Kennedy earlier this year.

For many years Arkansas's congressman from the Fifth District, Mr. Hays was named a commissioner of the Tennessee Valley Authority by President Eisenhower following his defeat for re-election to the House in 1958.

Missionary Couch resigns

LIBERTY Association's missionary for seven years, Rev. Bill Couch, has resigned effective Jan. 15 to return to full-time evangelistic work.

From 1943 to 1948 he pastored First Church, Marianna, where, during the last three and a half years of his ministry, the church gave 60 percent of its undesignated receipts to missions through the Cooperative Program. Mr. Couch has also served churches at Marked Tree, Marshall, Leslie, Bearden, Bradley and at Clinton, where he organized the church.

First, Keiser, dedicates new building



DEDICATION services were held Oct. 29 at First Church, Keiser, for their new auditorium. It was also home-coming day and a dinner was served following the services. There were 60 out of town guests.

The 40x75 ft. building, with air conditioning and central heating, was constructed at a total cost of \$21,650, including oak furnishings.

The church was organized in 1917. Rev. Russell Bragg is pastor.

Lindsey P. Thomas dies

REV. Lindsey P. Thomas, who was born at Winfield, near Waldron, June 10, 1888, died Nov. 9 at his home in Waldron.

Mr. Thomas was converted and baptized at the age of 16. Having been called in September, 1918, to serve as pastor of West Harmony Church, he was ordained to the ministry at Winfield Church.

Other pastorates in the early 1920's were West Hartford, Huntington, Midland, and Hackett. As an employee of the State Mission Board he served the Spring Valley, Huntsville, Prairie Grove, and Hindsville churches.

He left Hindsville church to attend Southwestern Seminary from which he was graduated with a Bachelor of Theology degree in 1927. He remained in Texas where his total work spanned 11 years.

Returning to Arkansas his service included pastorates at Mansfield, Rye Hill, Hackett, Hartford, Leslie, Parks and Unity. He resigned the Unity pastorate only a few months ago.

Other service included serving Scott County as missionary during the 75,000,000 campaign. He had also been moderator of Buckner Association and had served in a number of other capacities in that association. He had also been a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

He had preached in revivals over a wide area.

The Cover

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

(Psalm 119:11-16)



'In thy statutes'



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'Seven-come-eleven'

OH, don't be so shocked, I know what it means. And so do millions of American people who gamble away billions of dollars each year. Money is squandered in games of chance from punch-board prizes to the \$2 (or more) bet in the plush race tracks of America's playgrounds.



MR. GULLEDGE

I heard about one man that really cleaned up in Las Vegas — drove out in an \$8,000 Cadillac and back in a \$45,000 Greyhound.

The father looked up from his racing form and noticed the baby in the playpen. Turning to his wife he said, "Baby's nose is running again." His wife snapped: "Don't you ever think of anything but horse races?"

Our own State is very much in the gambling business. This insidious malignancy is a drain on the financial assets of many homes.

This menace is widespread. It involves the "private game" where a man loses his paycheck and has to go home facing a family in need.

Included in this poisonous cesspool are the "one-arm bandits" and "friendly little game" at the private club or some fraternal organization. It is always odd to me that in these "little-friendly" games, a man can gamble away hundreds of dollars and commit serious crimes.

It has well been said, "Some men carve their way to success—others just chisel their way."

Why such a cancerous growth upon the moral strength of our society? Where do such things begin? Let me be bold to suggest, perhaps, at our own backdoors.

For instance, last week in the hysteria of the Halloween "Carnival," after departing with two old suits to be sold in a rummage sale, canned goods, \$2.59 in cash, and Mrs. Parson worked one morning making "something" to help elect a king and queen, our oldest son comes in the back door, "Want to buy a chance on a Muikey toaster for two-bits?" He holds out a handful of tickets he had been issued at school. "Oh, son, you haven't sold them to anyone, have you?" we asked in complete astonishment. "Yes, sir!" he replied in a puzzled look, "What's wrong?"

What is wrong? It seems so innocent and harmless. Surely no one would be "narrowminded" enough to oppose something for the school kids? But wait a minute, before you compromise away your last vestige of conviction.

O' yes, I know! It's for a good cause. Charity does not make gambling respectable, and never will! The principles of gambling by "chance" are the same whether with dice in the back alley or a "chance" on an electric blanket for a "good cause."

Isn't it ironic that our law enforcement will arrest and fine a colored boy across town for a dice game when we commit the same thing in principle? It just varies in degrees. Of course, we cloak our sin with all the dignity and respectability of a "Christian community."

I wonder how we are going to teach our children that it's wrong to take a "chance" on the gambling boards of the Casino and bingo tables of Las Vegas, and the same thing is not wrong when it is sanctioned and fostered by the school and community for a "good cause." I'll assure you that our kids see our inconsistencies, whether we will admit it or not!

There is always someone to remind us of the time-worn cliché that "All of life is a gamble, etc." as if this meaningless nothing is the sure-fire answer to a modern plague. To say life has risks is one thing, but to gamble away money is the slow rot of human society.

I sincerely hope that all the parents of Brinkley will urge that this sort of "chance" method of fund-raising not be allowed another year. I understand some schools have already outlawed this practice.

Where legitimate needs occur, these needs should be met in a manner and method that would not be offensive to the moral integrity of our community.

In the kindest way that I know how, feeling a moral responsibility in our city, I call upon our school administration and school board to correct this matter.—Jack Gullede, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Brinkley, in his weekly column, "Parson to Person," in *The Brinkley Argus*.

TO RISE EMPOWERED



Faith a necessity

YOU are on your way somewhere in your automobile, but you remember just a few minutes after beginning your



ERWIN L.

journey that you have left something behind which you had meant to take on the trip. So you turn around and drive back. Consequently your time of departure is altered by at least a few minutes. But that means that every situation along the route will now be different from what it would have been. If you are involved in a wreck and you survive with the ability to reflect, you will wonder if you would have been in a wreck if you had not turned back.

Recently I said to a young wife that I hoped her preacher husband could make the trip with my party to Beirut in 1963 for the Baptist World Youth Congress. She turned pale as she said that she did not feel she could risk him to the hazards of jet plane travel for such a journey. But I reminded her she risked him regularly to a far more dangerous mode of travel—the automobile.

One of the saddest things I have heard in a long time involved the death recently of a young married woman in a car accident here in Arkansas. A native of South Africa, where her parents are missionaries, she had met and fallen in love and had subsequently married a young German, in Germany.

Soon after their marriage the young husband had been given a position with a Volkswagen company in Lafayette, La., U. S. A. Enroute to their new home, the couple stopped off for a visit with friends in Waldron.

After two days' visit, the young couple left in their car for Lafayette. Just outside Ashdown the wife was fatally hurt in a collision involving the couple's car. She died a few hours later in a hospital in Texarkana. At last report, her husband was still a patient in the hospital, suffering from compound fractures of his right leg.

Loved ones in far-away South Africa and Germany could not come for the funeral of Ingrid Penzhorn Badewitz, 24, wife of Ernest Badewitz, also 24, until recently a resident of Bayreuth, Germany. Those who attended from Waldron told me it was the saddest funeral they ever attended.

God will not be angry with us for asking, Why? It is but human to be bewildered. Here is a question we cannot answer. But in such circumstances Christians are left with no alternative but to walk by faith. We must trust God when we cannot track him.

Erwin L. McDonald

Study for soldiers

A MEMBER of our church who is an officer at Fort Chaffee has come up with the thought that we should encourage our servicemen who are overseas to study our books as prescribed in our training course of study. Whenever possible the men would contact our missionaries who would supervise a test on the study undertaken.

When this plan is not possible the student would send his paper home to his pastor or the superintendent of training.

It seems to me that this plan, or something similar, has great merit. Does anyone have ideas on the subject? — H. R. Horne, Pastor, Calvary Church, Ft. Smith

On Blowing tops

FEW men, especially editors, will confess to blowing their tops. I think such a confession is one of the chief graces of a gentleman. I, too, have sometimes, once I remember at least, confessed to such a thing and after confession felt much better. But often, so often, have I had to bite my lip, swallow my pride, and just not pop off, and that achievement I consider a greater one than to confess after the poppin'. Blessings on you.

—W. B. O'Neal

'A great job'

I GREATLY enjoyed the Convention and the opportunity to see you again. I think you are doing a great job with the paper.—Prof. R. Inman Johnson, Southern Seminary.

Zondervan has recently released Norlie's Simplified New Testament, in Plain English — For Today's Reader, by Olaf M. Norlie, with the Psalms for Today, a new translation in current English by R. K. Harrison, \$3.95

The New Testament is a new translation from the original Greek "designed to make the language of the New Testament more interesting and intelligible."

Our World in Space and Time. Vol. 1 of International Pictorial Treasury of Knowledge, edited by Ashley Montagu, International Graphic Society, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., \$7.50

Naturally, a subject as great as the title of this volume must contain much that is pure theory. Editor Montagu presents that which is theory as theory, which is fair enough.

The seven major divisions include: The World's Beginning; The Coming of Man; Flora and Fauna; Man Surveys His World; Developing the Earth's Resources; The Earth and the Elements; Worlds beyond our Own.

Beautifully illustrated in color sketches, this set will have special appeal to children. Under the introductory offer, the first volume is given free and the subsequent five volumes, at special rates, to those subscribing for the complete set. A new volume is to be issued each quarter until the set is complete.

Life and Its Marvels, Plant, Animal, Human, Vol. 2, International Pictorial Treasury of Knowledge, edited by Ashley Montagu, International Graphic Society, Englewood Cliffs, N. J. \$7.50

This volume is a fascinating, factual study of biology that explores the secrets of living things, describing the forces that animate them and the laws of nature that govern them from birth to death. Brilliant drawings, maps, and diagrams, featuring full-color plates, add to the clarity and attractiveness.

Etiquette in Business, by Marie L. Carney, Gregg Publishing Division of McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., \$5

This text has been a standard in business education since its first appearance, in 1948. It deals realistically with appearance and manners of employees, with effective speech and proper performance of duties. There are chapters on "Etiquette toward the Public"; "Etiquette in Employer-Employee Relations"; "Business Customs"; and "The Social Side of Business."

The author points out that "thoughtfulness, good nature, and regard for the interests and rights of others are fundamental in both business and social life." But she maintains that business life presents a great many situations that have no counterpart in social life, "such as looking for a job, dealing with customers, writing business letters, selling, discussing salary with the employer, and hiring and training employees." These situations are considered at length.

Church Chuckles
by CARTWRIGHT

"Five years ago he asked the Lord to prosper him so he could fith; now he says it was just a verbal agreement not legally binding!"

COURTSHIP, MARRIAGE and the HOME...

By MRS. J. H. STREET

[Pastor J. H. Street, of University Church, Little Rock, is guest columnist this week for Mrs. Street while she recovers from an illness.]

Is religion a part of your home life?

DR. T. B. Maston has said that the home is to be a little social order. It is to be an embryonic school, a more important educational institution than the school. It is to be a miniature state, a more important institution for law and order than the state. It is also to be a diminutive church, a more important and determinative religious institution than the church. Many homes that emphasize their educational and law-and-order responsibilities almost forget their religious opportunities and duties, altogether.

Dr. Foy Valentine, of the Christian Life Commission, has mentioned four aspects of the practice of religion in the home.

The first is atmosphere.

Religion has been defined as living with God; and God is love. When the parents, themselves, feel that they have a heavenly Father, and speak naturally of a loving God in the presence of the children, and act toward each other and the children in the spirit of love, it will be easier to promote the idea of obedience and service to the Lord.

The next angle of home religion is winning the children to Christ.

We do not feel that the family should undertake this task alone; as we shall see in a moment. But there is a part that the home must play in leading young people to the Lord. This task is a very delicate matter. It requires judgment and common sense. We must not press them into premature decisions; but there is something wrong with a

home if children are maturing in the home and slipping out from it without having a true conversion experience.

If the home atmosphere is right and the church educational opportunities are proper, the child will usually come to feel his need of a Saviour. The parents should either win the children through their own planned assistance, or they should set the stage for the pastor or some other Christian person to win them. No church can ever supply the contribution that the home should make to the spiritual life of the individual.

A third consideration is church relations.

Let us ask a few questions of ourselves. Is every member of the family enrolled in all organizations and participating in all activities of the church that are suited to his age and needs? So much depends upon the parents and older children in the matter of getting the younger ones into such activities as RA, GA, graded choirs, socials sponsored by church organizations, etc.

Is attention given to providing suitable offerings for each one, week by week? Our goal should be that our children might mature into full-grown men and women, as measured by the pattern of Christ, that they should develop into well integrated, properly disciplined individuals, who will dedicate themselves and their talents to the promotion of the cause of Christ and the improvement of human society.

The fourth area is worship.

Every Christian home should provide some time each day for worship and devotion. Many families find that the best time is around the breakfast table. Others prefer a time in the evening, before time for the younger ones to retire. Home situations vary endlessly. Each home will have to find its own solution. The time chosen should be one when the largest number of the family can be present most frequently.

Many a home has given up having a family altar, simply because of the very real problem of getting the family together. In our hurried and jerky schedules, there is no easy way; but we must do the best we can. There should invariably be Scripture reading and prayer. Sunday School daily Bible readings may be found in the quarterlies and in *Home Life*. The Training Union readings are designed primarily for individual devotions.

It is well to follow a plan that will tie home readings with Bible study in the church on Sundays. Most families will also want to follow the prayer calendar for our missionaries, as found in Training Union quarterlies and WMU materials.

In any case, one of the most important items in the home routine, from every standpoint, is some definite recognition of God, and some actual worship, as a family group, every day. Some families vary their pattern of worship, having different leaders and different items to include. Some sing songs, or add religious poetry. But the main thing is to be sure to have the worship time.

I shall be grateful if you will write me about your pattern of family altar practice, or other ways in which you weave religion into your home life. I shall be happy to report your answers, or at least a compilation of them, on our page.

Rosalind Street

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LORD'S SUPPER

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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THERE are four historic views relative to this ordinance. The Roman Catholic position is that of transubstantiation or substance across. It holds that in the Mass the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus. Lutherans believe in consubstantiation. This view holds that the body and blood of Jesus are present with the elements of the Lord's Supper. Others hold to the view that grace is present with the elements, or that the partaker receives grace thereby which is not available otherwise. Baptists believe that the Lord's Supper is symbolic. The bread and wine are but symbols of the broken body and spilled blood of Jesus.

The Lord did not state when or how often we are to observe the Lord's Supper. He instituted it on Thursday night, and the early Christians observed it on the Lord's Day. Any New Testament baptized believer is eligible to partake of the Supper. None is *worthy*, except by the grace of God. The word "unworthy" in I Corinthians 11:29 is an adverb of manner,

"unworthily." It refers not to the person's condition, but to the manner in which the Supper is observed. The Corinthian Christians were making it a bacchanalian banquet.

The Lord's Supper is a repetitive ordinance, and is to be observed as a remembrance of that which the Lord did for our salvation (I Cor. 11:24-26), until He comes again.

Baptists are sometimes called "Close-communicants." This is a misnomer. The "communion" is not between men, but between God and man (I Cor. 10:16). Here the communion is with Christ, not man. The New Testament name for this ordinance is Lord's Supper.

Christian groups generally are agreed that baptism must precede the Lord's Supper. With this Baptists agree. The question is not "communion" but baptism. What is New Testament baptism? If anything, then, Baptists are *close-baptismists*.



The wink of God at ignorance

WHAT does it mean to wink? Well, I suppose that depends on who is doing the winking.

Between the sexes the wink is a fleeting flirtation. We used to play a parlor game called "Wink." In this game the boy who was "it" attempted by the wink to entice a girl to sit in his empty chair. So, in this instance, I suppose, the wink was an invitation.

Paul spoke of God's wink. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent"

(Acts 17:30). The "times of ignorance" were the generations which preceded the coming of Christ during which pagan peoples out of ignorance worshipped idols. It was this ignorance that God "winked at."

The ASV and others translate "winked" as "overlooked." This, literally, is the idea. But, presumably, God did not overlook sin in the sense that he excused it. For, sin is sin, wherever you find it, and, by the nature of the case, sin leaves its scars. The truth of the

matter is that sin contains within itself the seeds of its own punishment.

But God overlooked the ignorance of paganism in the sense that he was forbearing. He related himself to idolaters with restraint. And the point Paul made was not to the effect that Christ changed the restraint of God into restriction and wrath. To the contrary, Paul meant that in Christ God added to restraint a special plea for repentance.

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Lines for Life

Democracy means not "I am equal to you" but "You are equal to me."
—James Russell Lowell.

If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers, it shows he is a citizen of the world.

—Francis Bacon.

Cauthen stresses values of Lottie Moon Offering

By IONE GRAY

EXPRESSING appreciation for the work of Woman's Missionary Union in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, told the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its November meeting: "The Lottie Moon Offering must not be measured simply by a dollar mark. There could be no way of understanding its remarkable growth and meaning aside from the Week of Prayer which precedes it."

Dr. Cauthen reviewed the Offering's contribution to three important aspects of the Board's work; (1) the support of missionaries, including the college education of missionary children; (2) current operations on mission fields (\$4,000,000 of the 1961 offering will go into the Board's 1962 operating budget); and (3) capital expenditures for the construction of missionary residences, churches, schools, hospitals, theological seminaries, and other buildings.

"The financial importance of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is very great, but its spiritual contribution is even greater," Dr. Cauthen said. "The Week of Prayer brings remarkable blessings throughout the extent of our Baptist life. Mission study brings the needs of mission fields sharply into focus. Baptist people usually respond in proportion to the depth of conviction and extent of information regarding need and our Lord's expectations . . ."

"We must recognize the very great value of the Lottie Moon Offering from the standpoint of life dedication. It is our hope that at this particular season of prayer there may be unusual intercession for life dedication to mission service, that the objective of 2,000 missionaries by the close of 1964 may be obtained."

Agricultural experiment

SOUTHERN Baptist missionaries in Ecuador have begun a "perhaps unique experiment" in the field of agriculture, Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, told the Board in his report.

Obtaining 100 Angora goats and three thoroughbred bulls, they have placed some to graze on the several acres of good pasture at the Baptist encampment and distributed others to farmers' co-operatives, which are to return an equal number of kids and calves to the Mission for redistribution. "The missionaries consider this an excellent way of meeting certain of Ecuador's economic needs while at the same time creating good will for the gospel," Dr. Means said.

Ghana missionaries

"IN THE midst of uncertain political conditions, the Southern Baptist mission program in Ghana moves forward in a gratifying manner." Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said in his report airmailed after an eight-day visit to the country in mid-October.

"The missionaries in Ghana have thus far experienced no difficulty in carrying on their work," Dr. Goerner continued. As evidence of recent Baptist advance he cited the location of missionaries in two additional towns and plans for entry into two more within the near future; the arrival of nursing help at the Baptist Medical Center in Nalerigu and beginning of construction on a technical laboratory and X-ray room; the occupation of a new campus at Abuakwa, near Kumasi, by the Ghana Baptist Seminary; the erection of a Baptist headquarters building in Kumasi; and the growth of Baptist work in the capital city of Accra.

Overseas fields visited

DR. ROGERS M. Smith, administrative associate to the executive secretary, who is on a two months' visit to Africa and Europe, arrived in Ghana just before the Goerners left, and proceeded to Nigeria a few days later. From there he planned to visit Central and East Africa, Italy, Switzerland, and Germany before returning to the States on Dec. 12. Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, the Board's medical consultant, left for Africa on Nov. 19 to visit Baptist hospitals and confer with medical personnel.

Dr. Means left Nov. 16 for a five weeks' visit to Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, and Colombia.

Transition in Hawaii

ORIENT Secretary Winston Crawley recently returned from a trip to Hawaii, where responsibility for Baptist work was transferred from the Foreign Mission Board to the Hawaii Baptist Convention at the end of 1960. The Board is continuing aid in missionary personnel and finances on a gradually diminishing basis.

In the past year and a half retirements and re-assignments have reduced the number of missionaries from 29 to 18. Dr. Crawley told the Board in his report.

Special TV program

"**LOTTIE** Moon Lives On," a pageant based on the life of one of Southern Baptists' great missionaries to China, will be presented by Immanuel Church, Little Rock, on Television Channel 4, Sunday, Dec. 3, from 11 to 12 a. m.

Written by Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor of the church, the pageant will have a cast of 75. Incorporated will be an excerpt from the new motion picture, "The Lottie Moon Story," made recently in Hollywood.

Immanuel Church has set a goal of \$12,800 this December for its Lottie Moon Christmas gift to Foreign Missions. Last year the church raised \$12,200 as its Lottie Moon offering.



NEW OFFICERS of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital Board of Trustees are (l. to r.): Keith Smith, Hot Springs, vice president; Rev. H. L. Lipford, Cabot, re-elected president; and Kenneth Price, North Little Rock, secretary.

ABH 1962 officers named

REV. H. L. Lipford, pastor of First Church, Cabot, has been re-elected to a second one-year term as president of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital Board of Trustees. Other officers are Keith Smith, Hot Springs, vice president; and Kenneth Price, North Little Rock, secretary.

Four new members are now serving on the board, appointed by the Arkansas Baptist Convention last month. They are Dr. Joe Rushton, Magnolia, who previously served a three-year term on the board; Rev. Paul Fox, pastor, Calvary Church, Little Rock; Dr. Sam Reeves, pastor, First Church, Arkadelphia; and Jimmy Linden, Hamburg, an attorney.

Retiring members are Dr. J. W. Burnett, Texarkana; Raymond Lindsey, Little Rock; George Hickey, Cabot; and Dr. John Redman, Ft. Smith, who resigned to go to New Mexico where he is taking a surgical residency.

The new executive committee of the board includes Mr. Lipford, chairman; Mr. Price, Rev. J. W. Royal, Dr. Joe F. Rushton, Mr. Smith and Ray M. Wilson. The finance committee is composed of

W. M. Freeze, chairman; Rev. Paul Fox, Dr. Henry H. Good, Jacob L. King, Vernon Massey and Rev. Sam C. Reeves. The denominational and public relations committee includes George Munsey, chairman; B. T. Harris, Judge Carleton Harris, James Linder, Rev. Newman R. McLarry and Rev. Lehman F. Webb.

'Ripples' staffers

LARRY Taylor, a junior from Little Rock, has been named editor of the *Ripples*, Ouachita College's literary magazine. A. Wayne McGuire, faculty adviser, has announced.

Other members of the *Ripples* staff are Paul Redditt, Little Rock, assistant editor; Raymond Caldwell, Benton, poetry editor; and Lee Hollaway, Arkadelphia, prose editor. Mary Jim Baker, Malvern; Carolyn Yarborough, Hope; Carolyn Timm, Little Rock; and Barbara Pannell, Malvern, will serve as assistants.

Unlike the *Ripples* program of last year, which produced two editions, plans for this year call for a single larger publication.

Ouachita students named in Who's Who

TWENTY-THREE students at Ouachita College have been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

They are: Letha Belknap, North Little Rock; David Bowen, North Little Rock; Lela Chavez, Norwalk, Calif.; Linda Evans, Batesville; Phil Franz, Thayer, Mo.; Hing Fong, Hughes; Gail Harrison, Muskogee, Okla.;

Frances Horne, Sparkman; Mike Huckabay, Clarksville; Johnny Jackson, Waldo; Bonita Liles, Mena; Justlyn Matlock, Little Rock; Nancy Perry, Fort Smith; Charles Petty, England; Charles Queen, Judsonia;

Walter Rose, Little Rock; Bob Sanders, Arkadelphia; Baily Smith, Dallas, Tex.; Teddy Stanton, Little Rock; James Tyson, Arkadelphia; Sondra Wallis, Clinton, Mo.; Verna Westerman, Weiner; and Don Wood, Hot Springs.

Thrash to Louann

JIMMY P. Thrash has accepted the call of Snow Hill Church, Louann. He was licensed to preach



MR. THRASH

Sept. 6, 1961, by Trinity Church, El Dorado, where he has been a member for the past seven years. A 1959 graduate of El Dorado High School, Mr. Thrash plans to enter Ouachita College. Mrs. Thrash is the former Miss Carol Brown of Norphlet.

First, Foreman, to build

FIRST Church, Foreman, recently voted to construct a new auditorium and education building. Cash and pledges toward the building already total approximately \$9,000. Rev. Marvin Reynolds is pastor.

First, Lewisville, has new education building

FIRST Church, Lewisville, held an open house Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26, in observance of completion of its newest education building.

The two-story brick structure houses three Sunday School departments, classrooms, church offices and restroom facilities.

Completion of the new building together with the education building constructed in 1956, affords a total of 15,000 square feet of floor space for educational purposes. The building is the second phase of an overall plan for a complete church plant of steel and brick construction.

Cost of the new building was approximately \$45,000 including equipment and furnishings, making the total value of the church property approximately \$140,000. Rev. Jack Clack is pastor.

On Oct. 29, 1961, the church—with 275 members—completed the subscription of a record budget of \$31,000 for 1962.

The church in January will receive a citation for the Standard of Excellence for Church Music. Last July the congregation voted to call a full-time minister of music. The post is held by Wayne McDill who also serves as youth director. Five graded choirs have been organized with 122 members and the music ministry's first program including all the choirs will be presented at 7:30 p. m. Dec. 17.

Lewis revivals

EVANGELIST Bill H. Lewis, Paragould, conducted revivals in four states during the month of October resulting in 83 professions of faith, nine additions to the churches by letter, and two for special service. Revivals were conducted in Georgia, Missouri, Kentucky, and Louisiana.

His November and December schedule includes Sylvan Hills, North Little Rock; Hollywood Baptist Church, Beckley, W. Va.; Whitton Church, Tyronza; First Baptist Church, Arbyrd, Mo., and Eagle Heights Church, Harrison.

Karam to speak at Southern Seminary

LAYMAN Jimmy Karam, of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, will give his personal testimony as a Christian in chapel exercises at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Dec. 5. Other engagements in Louisville and the Louisville area will include: Walnut Street Church, Louisville, 11 a. m., Dec. 3; Carlisle Avenue Church, Louisville, Sunday night, Dec. 3; Salem

Association, Brandenburg, Ky., night of Dec. 4.

On the night of Dec. 8, Mr. Karam will be the guest speaker at a football banquet sponsored by the Nashville Rotary Club, in Nashville.

He will speak at the Coy Church at morning worship services, Dec. 10.



Birthday gift

MRS. P. H. Jernigan, Mrs. Ludie Webster and Mrs. Lee Moore observe a special occasion.

Blytheville church observes birthdays in special manner

MRS. Ludie Webster, of Blytheville, celebrated her 85th birthday Oct. 17 by presenting her gift of 85 brand new pennies for the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children at Monticello (formerly Bottoms Baptist Orphanage) to Mrs. P. H. Jernigan, wife of her pastor at Ridgecrest Church, Blytheville.

The birthday "gifts" are a custom at Ridgecrest Church, which recognizes all birthdays each Sunday morning and, once a year, in November, mails the accumulated

special offerings — amounting to several hundred dollars — to the Home.

Mrs. Webster's Sunday School class honored her with a birthday party. Earlier in October, Pastor Jernigan presented her with a 100 percent attendance award. Mrs. Lee Moore, who recently celebrated her 77th birthday, also received a 100 percent attendance award. Mrs. Webster is a charter member of Ridgecrest Church, which will be four years old Dec. 1.

Association News

Independence Association

By Harrison Johns,

Superintendent of Missions

THE Independence Association concluded the 111th annual meeting Oct. 19 with an address by Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. During the three evening sessions there was an average attendance of about 175.

We met with the Desha Church, Ruddell Hill Church, and Calvary Church, each church serving supper to about 175 persons on the respective nights. Following this type of program for the past four years, the attendance at the annual meeting has grown from a maximum of 60 in the 1957 session meeting all day and two nights to a maximum of some 300 in some of the evening sessions.

There are several reasons why we like to have our annual meeting other than at one church with all day sessions. First, we feel that the evening sessions give recognition to the laity of our association. Most of our associational officers are laymen.

Secondly, by having three sessions to the meeting, we can meet in different sections of our association, thus encouraging more representation from our several churches. The third thing we like about our pattern is that a church serves only one meal during the meeting. We try to have two sessions in opposite directions and the third session centrally located.

The officers for Independence Association for the coming year are: Rev. Fred Westmoreland, moderator; Rev. E. E. Haley, vice moderator; Rev. W. L. Bunch, clerk, and Floyd Wayman, treasurer.

Conway-Perry Ass'n.

THE Conway-Perry Association annual meeting was held at Bigelow Church Oct. 19 with a large attendance from the churches of the district. Luther Whitfield, moderator, presided.

Rev. Raymond Strickland, pastor of Harmony Church, brought the annual sermon. Other speak-



NEW GENERAL officers of newly-consolidated Boone and Newton Association are (l. to r.): Dale Jackson, moderator; Charles Taylor, vice moderator; Clarence Hunt, clerk; and G. Magness, treasurer.

ers were Rev. Ed McDonald, Dr. T. K. Rucker and Rev. Jesse Reed of the State Convention.

Also presenting devotionals were Rev. L. B. Gustavus, Rev. Leonard Lovell and Rev. H. D. Palmer.

The statistical reports were outstanding with a record high of baptisms for the association for the year which climbed to 144 compared to a previous high of 118. Membership also reached a high of 125.

Officers elected were: Dr. Amos M. Bennett, Morrilton, moderator; Luther Whitfield, Casa, vice-moderator; C. A. Ramer, Plumerville, treasurer; Mrs. H. D. Palmer, Perryville, clerk; Mr. Whitfield, chairman of Official Board; Charles W. Bettis, Morrilton, secretary of the Official Board; H. D. Palmer, Sunday School Superintendent; Mr. Bettis, Training Union Director; Lowell Winningham, Plumerville, Brotherhood president; Dr. Bennett, chairman, Retirement and Annuity Board; Rev. Garland Morrison, Bigelow, chairman of Stewardship Committee and Rev. Andy O. Kelly, Plumerville, chairman of Evangelism.

The next annual meeting will be held at First Church, Morrilton, Oct. 18, 1962.

Boone-Newton Ass'n.

By Dennis James, Missionary

THE Boone-Newton Association, consisting of 22 churches and two missions, met with First Church, Alpena, for its annual meeting. Some very good reports were made concerning the work of the churches during the past year, and plans were made to strive for more advance during the next year.

One of the major items of business was the receiving of Newton County Association into the association. This and all other items of business were transacted without one negative vote. The name of the new association was changed to Boone and Newton Association.

New officers elected were: moderator, Rev. Dale Jackson; vice moderator, Rev. Charles Taylor; clerk, Clarence Hunt, and treasurer, G. Magness. In addition to these general officers, officers to head associational organizations were elected as follows: Sunday School superintendent, Rev. Tom Lawing; Training Union director, Rev. Neil Edmonson; Brotherhood, Rev. Robert Eubanks; WMU, Mrs. Eulan Moore, and Youth organization, Rev. S. D. Hacker. Rev. Dennis James will continue to serve as superintendent of Missions.

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There will be a registration fee of \$3.50. Room and breakfast will be furnished by the youth organizations of Little Rock and the registration fee will provide for other meals. It is suggested that the students' Church provide their expenses in attending this workshop. This registration is limited to 250 students.

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PROGRAM

Saturday, December 16th

- 9:30 to Registration
 11:00 a.m.
 11:00 a.m. Why Are We Here?
 11:15 a.m. Effect of Alcohol on the Individual
 12:15 p.m. Lunch
 1:15 p.m. Effects of Alcohol on Society
 2:00 p.m. Film "None for the Road"
 2:30 p.m. Break
 2:45 p.m. Why Do People Drink?
 3:45 p.m. Group Meetings
 4:30 p.m. Break to set up in homes
 6:00 p.m. Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Why we believe that the Bible favors Voluntary Abstinence for our day and age.
 7:45 p.m. Why we believe scientific reason favors Voluntary Abstinence for our day and age.
 8:30 p.m. How can we communicate individually (Group meetings)

Sunday, December 17th

- Before Breakfast in homes meeting
 8:45 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. How can we communicate within the school (panel discussion)
 10:30 a.m. Break
 11:00 a.m. How can we communicate within the civic community (panel discussion)
 12:00 Noon Lunch — Coach Frank Broyles
 1:00 p.m. How can we communicate within the church (group meetings)
 1:45 p.m. Plan sectional meetings
 2:45 p.m. Summary

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Good tidings . . . to all people

By MRS. R. L. MATHIS

President of Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Convention

THE relation of Southern Baptists to Christ's world mission is truly the theme of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Nov. 27 - Dec. 1. It is expressed in the words, Good Tidings . . . To All People.

In all the plans for this significant week, two things stand out in bold emphasis: our resources in God and the power of prayer. We know them as the very foundation of spiritual and missionary advance.

It is our earnest hope that even the small rural churches may come to see that any church is great that binds itself to the world mission of Christ. We would likewise challenge the city churches to the conviction that no church is great that does not bind itself with all its might to that mission.

Perhaps in the providence of God we are privileged to have a part in the writing of a new and greater chapter of denominational vision and missionary action during this period of Baptist Jubilee Advance which culminates in 1964.

The denomination has been steadily advancing in number and resources. Churches are multiplying, and the programs of churches, of state conventions and of the Southern Baptist Convention are being expanded. There is evidence that a renewed sense of world missions is moving Baptists. But there is a universal acknowledgment that along the line of stewardship we are failing to measure up to our growth in numbers. This might be termed the critical area of our opportunity to advance.

Baptists will advance

THERE are many who believe that if Southern Baptists ever become fully aroused to their calling they will, with their resources and their interpretations of the gospel, advance in missions beyond any present dream.

Cooperative Program gifts should increase during December because of emphasis on mission-giving that follows the study of missions and prayer for missions which make up the purpose of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

The immediate response will be seen in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, taken during the week and on the following Sunday as the Sunday School and Training Union participate and the pastor leads the church in dedicated giving for the cause of Christ around the world. The Jubilee goal for each church is a 14 percent increase over last year's offering, making a total of \$9,390,000.

'Packaging pecans'

A SIMPLE story, "Packaging Pecans for Foreign Missions," from Dr. Leland F. Waters, points the way for all of us in this matter of giving:

It was at the close of day and the shimmering lights from farm houses had called the workers home from their daily toil. The cool, late autumn evening found Richard Baxter, 81 years of age, by the cook stove shelling pecans and placing them in neatly wrapped cellophane packages. Never did hands perform a task with a greater sense of dedication and love. As a missionary of the Home Mission Board, I had gone to Mr. Baxter's home for some information on a deceased couple whom he had known intimately.

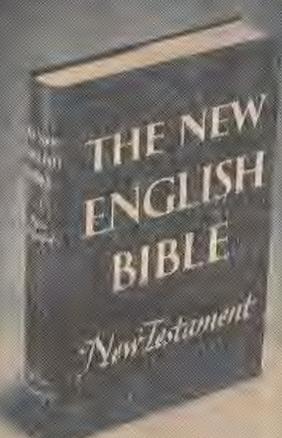
From our conversation, I learned of Mr. Baxter's lonely vigil through many years since the home-going of his devoted wife. He wanted to do something to honor Christ and to keep her memory warm in his heart. He searched for the thing he felt would have pleased her. Money was not plentiful with Mr. Baxter. He had accumulated but very little of material goods. Neighbors thought of him as "a mighty good old man and a wonderful neighbor." He loved people and they loved him, both young and old alike. He assured me that he lived day by day on the basis of his personal faith in Christ; he knew God answered prayer.

When I inquired about the large number of packaged pecans, he told me his wife had always made her annual gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and he felt that to continue this offering each year would be the one thing he could do to honor her Lord. I asked if he had a large pecan orchard. "No," he said, "you see I don't have an orchard of my own. I gather pecans and sell them on shares for my neighbors." He continued, "The pecans I am shelling will all be sold and I will give my part to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering."

As I mused over his tender labor of love, I readily imagined he would be giving every bit of \$25, the amount I had left for my wife to give. But I was in for a real awakening when he said, "You see, I have shelled and sold just about enough for my gift and I expect within a few days to have all of my \$150."

I left the little four-room cottage on the side of the road and drove back into the city, passing large and imposing homes. The stars shone with a new glitter, but none were so bright as the memory of that 81-year-old saint of the Lord, saying to me, "In a few more days I will have all of my \$150 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering." I understood more fully what he meant when he said, "I just turn everything over to the Lord, and when I go to bed at night I go to sleep praying."

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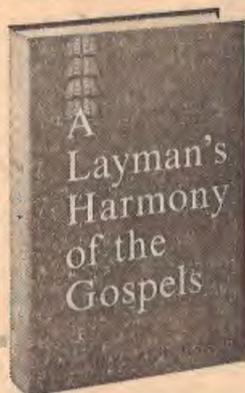
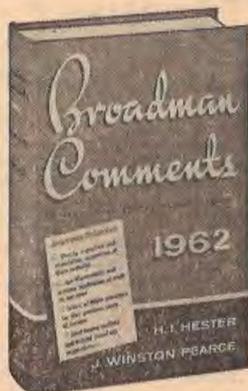
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DR. WHITLOW

Campaign to raise the endowment fund to \$2,000,000. The state Convention in recent session not only authorized this campaign but urged our churches to give the fullest possible support.

According to the plan adopted by the Convention, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, president of Ouachita College, will direct the campaign. This is as it should be. We shall marshal the full resources of our office to assist in every possible way to make this campaign successful.

The plan calls for a 15 percent increase in Cooperative Program giving for the next three years on the part of our churches over that of 1961. That is, if your church gave \$1,000 per month during 1961 it would increase that amount to \$1,150 per month for 1962-63-

64. We have already had several churches to notify us that they have taken action to raise their contributions by this amount for next year. We would like to urgently invite all of our churches to give this matter utmost consideration.

We realize that it may be a little late for some of the churches to do this for 1962 since the budget for next year has already been adopted by the church. This matter is of such importance that it might be well for these churches to consider designating a special week to give emphasis to Ouachita's needs and then take an offering for the Cooperative Program at the close of that period. We should leave no stone unturned to undergird adequately Ouachita's financial need by strengthening her endowment fund.

We cannot over-emphasize the need for all of us to make this a matter of prayerful interest and concern. In a very real sense the future of our denominational ministry is tied in with Ouachita's future. Let's do our prayerful best in this important effort—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

Good stewards

HAVE you checked the giving record of your church recently? Your church may be giving more, dollarwise, but giving less percentage-wise.



DR. DOUGLAS

The admonition by Paul in I Corinthians 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, . . ." could apply to churches as well as church members.

Of course, Paul was writing to the church members, but he was asking them to be faithful stewards with their money so that the church could help him in his missionary endeavor.

It is a sad day, indeed, in the life of any church when it ceases to be missionary to the maximum of its ability. Many, many churches across the Southern Baptist Convention are now giving less than they gave before World War II. We say this because they are not sharing their financial increase equitably. They are giving less percentage-wise through the Cooperative Program than they did twenty years ago.

We have watched some of our Arkansas Baptist Churches go up and up in financial receipts, but go down and down in the percentage of gifts to missions. Whatever the local needs, whatever the circumstances, this is not right.

When churches get more and more money and give less and less then something is wrong with the church's financial structure.

FORWARD PROGRAM REPORTS

Many churches are now in their stewardship campaigns, using The Forward Program of Church Finance.

We would like for each church to send us a report of the campaign as soon as possible. These reports help us to know what the Forward Program is doing and also help us to encourage other churches that have not yet used the Program.

Reports may seem to be superfluous to those who have successfully completed a stewardship campaign, but in reality they are part of it. A report is the recording of results, and when the results are known, the people are usually happy.

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Pastor-led workshop

SOME time ago the Brotherhood Department worked with the pastor of a large church, along with his church, to carry through an experiment in evangelism. The people were given basic instruction in personal soul-winning, using as a text the Brotherhood soul-winning book, "Effective Christian Witnessing." Instruction began during the Training Union period on a Sunday evening and continued through Wednesday evening. There was no instruction on Tuesday evening, however. Instead, the people went out into the church field to do actual work in soul-winning.

On Monday and Tuesday, during the days, a comprehensive visitation program was set up, a program which included every lost person, every unbaptized Christian, and every unaffiliated Baptist whose name could be found from any source. Prospect lists were prepared for each Sunday School teacher and class.

The same prospects were listed again on cards to be given to the members of the church (Juniors and up) who were not Sunday School teachers. Distribution of these prospects was made after the Wednesday evening period of instruction.

Thursday and Thursday night were spent out on the field in soul-winning work. So were Friday and Saturday. And, on Friday night, a week-end revival was begun. Services were held Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday morning, and Sunday night.

Thirty-five people were added to the church during the week, 28 coming on profession of faith as candidates for baptism.

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(1) Have the prospect lists prepared beforehand; (2) Give the soul-winning instruction each night, Sunday through Tuesday; (3) Spend every day of the week in soul-winning visitation; and (4) Start the week-end revival on Wednesday night.

A mimeographed pamphlet setting out the actual history of the above experiment has been prepared. It is entitled, "Instrument in Evangelism." A copy will be sent you free upon your request. Write the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock.—Nelson Tull

Race Relations

In inclement weather

SOME of the most effective work of the Race Relations Department is done during December, January and February. It seems that during the inclement months more of our Negro Baptist people can attend clinics, workshops, institutes, leadership conferences, etc.

During the next three months special emphasis will be placed on stewardship and local church budget clinics, in five districts. These district clinics will cover the entire state. They will be held in cooperation with the Regular Missionary Baptist State Convention, of which Rev. C. B. Knox is president.

The clinic program will provide for a morning, afternoon and night session. Special effort will be made to get a large attendance of the lay leadership in the night meetings.

Visual aids will be used in teaching stewardship and church financing. The use of sound pictures and slides has proven to be the most effective way of teaching.—Clyde Hart, Director.

Student Union

Arkansas Tech

STATISTICS: Arkansas Polytechnic is a four-year college located at Russellville and has 1,434 students enrolled. Of these 443 indicate preference for Southern Baptist churches.



DR. LOGUE

B S U Director. served in this position since 1955.

BSU Center. Shortly after World War II, Fritz Goodbar, pastor of First Church of Russellville, challenged the Tech students and the First Church to raise funds for property for a Baptist Student Center. A lot, 75 feet by 140 feet, was purchased with the students paying for about one-third of the costs and the church paying the rest. In 1951 the First Church, with W. E. Speed as pastor, erected the first Baptist Student Center in the state built for that purpose. (The University of Arkansas center was originally a purchased home.) The cost was approximately \$5,000. Some two years later upon acquiring the property, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention enlarged the building to its present 1,825 square feet, spending approximately \$5,000. In 1957 \$1,000 was spent in remodeling the front, and recently the convention purchased the adjoining lot east of the present center for \$1,200.

BSU Activities. The BSU at Tech has a full program of BSU activities, which includes a daily devotional service, frequent socials in the center, and

mission activities which include taping worship services for shut-ins and senior citizens, jail services, and helping in mission churches. The BSU has been noted for its good relationship with international students at the college, for providing pastors and song leaders for churches in the area, and for the campus leadership positions of its BSU officers. In the last five years 12 students have pastored churches and 10 have served in the area of church music and education while enrolled at Tech. During this period 47 Baptist students have made "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Of last year's total of 24 selected, 12 were Baptist students.—Tom J. Logue, Director

Religious Education

Greetings, Arkansas Baptists!

With the deepest feeling of respect and love for the state of my birth



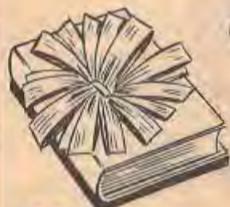
MR. ELLIFF

and with maturity and with a genuine humility in being asked to serve with people so dear to me, I come to dedicate myself publicly to my work. You have a right to know that I feel God has called me to this place. Frankly, it took me more than five months to be convinced God wanted me here. Because of my love for Arkansas on one hand and the love for and challenge of a truly great church in Kansas City, and because of the drastic change from the pastorate, I felt I must be more than sure God was leading me. I have that assurance which is to me all I need.

Now that I am here, what am I to do? First, I want to say that before I accepted this offer, God gave me full assurance this was to be no let down in my spiritual ministry. Since talking with numbers of men of significance in our Southern Baptist Convention, I am convinced the changes now being contemplated in our educational ministry, which are to be proposed to our Southern Baptist Convention in 1963, may affect our churches for good more than anything which has happened in many, many years.

As a pastor I know something is lacking. We are running very hard with our present ministry—so hard we are out of breath—and yet so much of our effort has negligible results.

Our Southern Baptist leaders are now carefully studying everything we do in our educational program and asking, "Is this what the Bible tells us to do? Is this how we are supposed to do it?" New ideas are being tested in various places in an attempt to find a more simple, practical approach to our education. (Continued on page 23)



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'Whose shall these things be?'

IN THE 12th chapter of the gospel according to Luke there is the story that tells us that squabbling over estates is nothing new.



There was one who came and asked Jesus to make his brother divide the inheritance with him. From this it seems that a father had died without leaving a will to say how his estate should go. As a result there had not yet been a division. Brothers were not satisfied with the situation as it was. One of them said, "Master, make my brother divide the inheritance with me." Jesus not only refused to become the judge of the matter but used the opportunity to teach a very important lesson, giving the parable of the rich fool.

From this parable we notice that the farmer was quite prosperous. He had grain left over from the year before, and there was not enough room in his barn to bestow the present crop. His folly was seen in thinking that all of these things were his; notice his use of "my" and "I" in verses 17-19.

On the other hand, Jesus said that his plans were of no avail; because of the fact that everything belongs to God, even the soul of the man. God required that soul of him that night and then raised the important question, "Whose shall these things be?"

This question needs to be asked again

and again today. We notice further that at the end of this paragraph Jesus made the statement "So is he that layeth up treasures for himself and is not rich toward God."

A man does not have to be wealthy in order to be a foolish man. This man was wealthy but everyone that layeth up treasures for himself and is not rich toward God is just as foolish as this man.

When Jesus raised the question, "Whose shall these things be?" he left it unanswered. But we know today that estates are often spent in the courts and never benefit the family or the cause of Christ because some individual has failed to make a will.

Regardless of how much property a person owns, it is important that they have a will. Since God has required of us as stewards that we be found faithful, it is important that we put the will of God in our will. In order to conserve your estate for your loved ones, in order to promote the cause of Christ, you should see that your will is made immediately. Perhaps it might need revising if it has been a number of years since you made your will.

The Arkansas Baptist Foundation is ready to help you in any way that we can. Consult with your attorney about your will. If you need help from us, write or call us and we shall be happy to serve you in any way possible. Above all things, remember God who gives you the power to get wealth and put God's causes in your will.—Ed F. McDonald, Jr., Secretary.

Section B has been merged with section A, and the letter designations have been dropped from all sections. The new list of sections is as follows: Section for Adults and Young People; Section for Intermediates; Section for Juniors.

The Young People's Diploma will not be used any more, but young people will receive credit on the Christian Training Diploma for all awards earned. Books that were in section B are now listed in the section for Adults and Young People, and are designated "Especially for Young People."—Lawson Hatfield, Secretary

Missions-Evangelism

The Missions Program

MANY LETTERS have been received from pastors in all sections of the state commending the Mission Program on



Wednesday night at the State Convention. It is an indication that people are still concerned about missions in Arkansas and are thrilled when they observe some fruits of our mission efforts. I have often said that I get more thrills than any Arkansas Baptist because I have watched the sowing, the growing and the harvest of so many mission projects, which others do not see or know about. Thrilling stories could have been told about many of the new churches and missions which received certificates at the Convention.

Don't forget that the associational missionaries have been the moving factors in the total mission program. In many cases, the new churches which were recognized were started directly or indirectly through the efforts of a missionary. The majority of the mission stations were established through the untiring service of a missionary.

It is true that the sponsoring churches received the certificates and were given credit for the work but in most cases neither the new churches nor new missions would have been started in the first place had it not been for the efforts of a missionary.

The theme for 1962 is: "My Church Reaching Out." It is to be a year of church extension. What will your church do about starting a mission? If recognition is given in our next Convention to all churches and pastors which have started new missions and churches will you be in the recognition service?

In 1963 our Southern Baptist emphasis will be on World Missions. It is my hope that we can have a great, state-wide World Missions Conference and then during the entire year stress missions in all district and associational

Sunday School

Training information

THE FOLLOWING helpful information is of special interest to those who are charged with the responsibility of promoting the Church Study Course.



Several new books have been added to the course recently. They are: 0103 The Christian Life by H. Guy Moore (December, 1961); 0108 The Missionary Task of a Church by H. Leo Eddleman; 0110 We Southern Baptists by Norman

W. Cox; 0227 Studies in Jeremiah by Clyde T. Francisco (November, 1961); 0282 Exploring the New Testament by Frank Stagg (November, 1961); 0294 Men Who Told His Story by Johnnie Human (November, 1961); 1107 Baptist Student Union Manual by G.

Kearnie Keegan and David K. Alexander; 1602 Teaching and Training with Audio-Visuals by Earl Waldrup (coming January, 1962); 1727 Working with Primaries Through the Sunday School by Ann Bradford (November, 1961); 1919 The Advanced Music Reader by James C. McKinney.

The course has a new, shortened name the "Church Study Course." The words "for Teaching and Training" have been dropped.

Woman's Missionary Union joined the course Oct. 1, 1961, with principles and methods books in category 20. The books listed for Adults and Young People are: 2001 Christian Witnessing by Floy Barnard; 2002 Educating Youth in Missions by Mildred McMurry; 2004 Woman's Missionary Union by Alma Hunt; 2005 Following in His Train by Ethlene Boone Cox.

Other books are listed for Intermediates and Juniors. Category 20 is now recognized as one of the major categories, along with categories 16, 17, 18, and 19.

meetings. In preparation for this we would like to have a group of pastors to get a first-hand view of our state mission work during 1962 and then be used as speakers on State Missions in 1963. And we would like to have another group to visit our pioneer mission fields of our Nation, and still another group to visit some Foreign Mission fields. Then all these pastors, with their hearts set on fire for missions, can cover the state "preaching up a storm" on Missions. This will put us on the main track in our Lord's work. — C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions.

Attendance Report

November 15, 1961

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alpena, First	86	47	
Berryville			
First	156	87	
Cisco Mission	164	96	
Freeman Heights	74	63	
Rooseville, Glendale			
Camden	468	236	
Cullendale First	690	215	
First	546	125	2
Conway, First	605	249	
Crossett, First			
El Dorado			
East Main	291	145	1
First	916	264	1
Immanuel	593	304	
Cook St. Mission	18	34	
Parkview	255	112	
Trinity	248	149	9
Encland, Caney Creek	68	29	
Fayetteville, Providence	110	56	
Ft. Smith			
Calvary	870	188	6
First	1,187	404	15
Missions	390	163	
Grand Avenue	735	328	8
Mission	28		
Kelley Height	189	100	
Spradling	250	103	1
Townson Avenue	192	81	3
Gentry, First	218	122	
Harrisburg, Calvary	182	127	1
Harrison, Eagle Heights	271	111	
Hot Springs			
Park Place	447	175	1
Second	852	189	
Mission	65	16	
Huntsville, First	193	44	
Combs Mission	29	17	
Kingston Mission	29	35	
Jacksonville			
First	781	341	5
Marshall Road	391	59	
Jonesboro, Central	466	224	
Little Rock			
First	1,157	592	4
Gaines Street	438	268	15
Dennison St. Mission	81	58	
Immanuel	1,304	495	4
Forest Tower Mission	32	20	
Kerr Mission	26	20	
Louann, Snow Hill	31	81	
Magnolia, Central	744	307	3
McGehee, First	453	197	
Chapel	20	20	
Mens, First	317	114	
Mission	38	80	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	827	352	11
Central	350	128	
Levy	598	264	1
Park Hill	756	252	2
Sylvan Hills	335	152	
Pine Bluff, Sulphur			
Springs	73	65	
Rogers, Sunnyside	141	60	
Smackover, First	336	169	
Springdale			
Elmdale	88	51	
First	516	291	1
Van Buren			
First	453	194	4
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Second	35	18	
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Sled to rent

By GRAYCE KROGH BOLLER

TEDDY and Jane were happy when they saw all the snow. Even though they did not have a sled, snow was always fun. You could make snow men. You could build snowhouses. You could make snowballs and throw them at the trees on Snowy Hill.

"Let's hurry up to the hill," Teddy planned.

"But we haven't any sled," Jane objected.

"It will be fun, anyhow," Teddy insisted. "Come on. Let's hurry. Everybody doesn't have sleds."

Many boys and girls were on Snowy Hill today. Some had sleds, some did not. Some were making snow men. Others were throwing snowballs at trees.

Just as Teddy and Jane reached the top of the hill, a cheery whistle came from the other side. The boys and girls stopped whatever they were doing to look.

"It's the new boy, Jerry," Teddy smiled. "What a big sled he has!"

"It's brand-new, too," said Jane. "He is sure to lend it."

Jerry smiled at all the children as he pulled his big sled to a flat place on the top of Snowy Hill. On the sled he set up a sign he had brought with him. All the boys and girls crowded around to see what it said.

"Sled to rent," Teddy read the words slowly, while the others stared. "How odd! We don't have any money, Jerry."

"Money can't rent it," Jerry chuckled. "What can?" asked Jane.

"That's a secret," laughed Jerry.

"Then how can we rent it if we don't know the rent?" George demanded. "That's silly."

"May I have a ride on the sled?" Doris asked Jerry. "Please, Jerry? May I?"

"Yes, you may," Jerry nodded, not asking for any rent at all, it seemed to the others.

"Oh, thank you!" Doris took the sled and rode down the big hill.

"I want a ride!" cried George, but Jerry shook his head.

"Oh, let me!" Babs pleaded, but Jerry shook his head.

"I'm next," said Sammy when Doris came back, but Jerry kept shaking his head.

"But you let Doris ride! That isn't fair!" cried Babs.

"Please may I have a ride?" asked Jane, and Jerry put the rope in her hand. "May I take Teddy, too, please?" she asked.

Jerry looked at Teddy as if he were not sure.

"May I?" Teddy asked then, and Jerry nodded.

The ride on the big sled was fun. Snowy Hill was a long hill. The two had a good ride. Teddy and Jane laughed



and shouted. They waved to other boys and girls as they passed.

"I think I know the rent Jerry charges for his sled," laughed Jane, as they started to pull the sled back up the hill again.

"I think I do, too," grinned Teddy. "It's a good idea."

"It isn't fair," they heard Sally shout as they came up to the top of the hill again. "Some you let ride. Some you don't."

For a while Jane and Teddy watched the others. They wanted to see how

long it took the boys and girls to see what Jerry expected. More and more of them were forming in line after Jerry told them they might ride.

Babs was crying because Jerry would not allow her to ride. Jane and Teddy went over to comfort her.

"If you were polite and said 'please' and 'may I, you could ride,'" Teddy told her. "Jerry's rent is just politeness."

"Oh," said Babs, "I'm sorry I forgot. He's right. I'll ask now."

"Always remember to say please and thank you to everyone," Teddy reminded. (Sunday School Board Syndicate, all rights reserved)

God's Wondrous World

The golden eagle

By THELMA C. CARTER

IMAGINE climbing to a mountaintop and finding a bird's nest four to five feet in diameter! The size of the huge nest tells you that the builders are big birds.

The golden eagle, home builder of five-foot nests, is a giant bird. It is about three feet in length with a wingspread of over seven feet. It has a strong hooked bill, three-toed feet, and strong curved claws or talons.

Once these beautiful birds were found in great numbers on the plains of North America along with gophers, jack rabbits, cottontails, and other rodents which eagles hunt.

Eagles were found in abundance in Palestine long ago. They fed on the rodents and small animals found on the mountain slopes and plains country of the Holy Land. The Bible refers to the eagles' swiftness of flight and to their nests set in high places.

The nests of golden eagles are usually found on inaccessible cliffs. Sometimes they are in large trees bending out over a valley. From these the eagles can see ground squirrels and rabbits coming out of burrows.

The nests must be very strong to hold the heavy birds. The young eagles spend many days sitting on the edge of their nests and flapping their big wings before they sail out of the safe care of their parents.

The name, golden eagle, evidently comes from the deep, glittering, golden-brown feathers of this bird. The eagle is related to the kites, hawks, and falcons found all over the world. The golden eagle is not the eagle found on the coins and arms of our country. Our national emblem eagle is the bald or white-headed eagle.

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Growth through witnessing

By DR. SAM C. REEVES

Pastor, First Church, Arkadelphia

December 3, 1961

Bible Material: Matthew 5:13-16; Luke 10:1-24; Acts 4:13-21

Devotional Reading: Acts 1:6-11

Lesson Passage: Acts 4:13-21. Memory Selection: Acts 4:20

THE scene of this lesson was just outside the beautiful gate of the Temple in Jerusalem, then the council room of the Sanhedrin. The time was shortly after Pentecost and the occasion was the arrest of Peter and John for witnessing to the power of Christ. The Sadducees feared such witnessing, for it threatened their loss of power over the people, who for the moment were on the side of the disciples because of this demonstration of power and courage possessed by these unlearned men.

It still remains that the Church's bid for attention is to put our faith to work out where people can see it. We must go out where the people are no matter how close it takes us to the camp of the enemy. Our Christian faith can stand against almost anything except indifference and utter unconcern. Nobody is recorded as having paid much attention to the early disciples while they were gathered in the Upper Room, but those early believers did not stay in that place any longer than commanded or was necessary; they went out where the people were and where crossed the crowded ways of life.

The public made some rather uncomplimentary observations of their conduct at the start, but it is far better for the world to think us crazy than not to think of us at all. Indifference is deadly to the Christian cause. It is noteworthy that, from the very start, true Christians have made a reputation for themselves for getting arrested and getting into jail. It is hard to be thoroughly true to Christ without getting at cross purposes with the established order in churches and governments. Baptists have been responsible for quite a few of these warrants for arrest and we need to remind ourselves that no age is without its battle grounds for such boldness and such witnessing.

I. Christians grow in courage in witnessing

THIS is a rule that applies in every walk of life. We gain courage and confi-

dence when we begin to act. The very act of trying begets courage. We begin to find out that we can. We learn to walk this way; we learn to talk this way; we learn to eat this way; we learn to do everything we do this way.

Soul winning and Christian witnessing are learned this way. Action begets courage. Witnessing can be a terrifying experience for the beginner, but the first taste of success builds up an exuberance that can hardly restrain itself. Tears of joy often result. Christians grow when they witness. "And when they saw the boldness of Peter and John . . . they marvelled . . . Let us threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things we have heard and seen."

Ours is an age when the enemy that would silence our Christian witness is not some legislative body but the far more powerful force of public opinion even within our own fold. The prevailing sentiment silences our witnessing. If we are to do a more effective job in our day and time, this is the enemy to meet at the Gate Beautiful or else we will later meet another powerful legislative body, either religious or political, daring us to witness at the point of death. It is a matter of life and death right now if we could only see it.

II. Churches grow when Christians witness

WHEN the early churches began to witness, the people began to put two and two together and perceived that the believers had been with Jesus and that the claim of a living, reigning Lord was no idle tale. The general public in our time is largely ignorant of this fact because they have not had the visual witness before them of the Lordship of Christ. They are not going to see it in our church services because they are not there and many times they would not see it there if present at the services.

We have failed to use the most powerful technique known to communicate by largely confining our witnessing indoors.

People simply must see Christianity in demonstration if they are to see. The public will not take Christianity on until we take it out. Verse 21 closes by saying, "For all men glorified God for what was done." What does the "all" mean here but simply that those early believers reached all sorts and conditions of men with their witness? All does not necessarily mean every last person in this instance but most likely some from every class of people. Some rich and some poor came to believe; some learned and some unlearned came; and some great and some small professed. Our world awaits effective, courageous witnessing on the part of Christians right out in front of the Gate Beautiful.

III. Witnessing causes community change

THE people in Jerusalem who are now apparently on friendly and acceptable terms with Christianity were the very same people who, earlier, could so easily be swayed to form the mob demanding the crucifixion of Jesus. But now it is different. The Sanhedrin is afraid even to try their hand at gaining their support in putting Peter and John into prison. The community has changed and for the better. Courage begets courage. Many of our communities today but await the leading of some courageous Christian group to start witnessing to the Lordship of Christ right out in front of the Gate Beautiful.

We might start with the legalized traffic in narcotic beverages and the publishers of obscene literature. These are greater enemies of America than the Russians and that is really putting it big. It is here that courage begets courage and it would also win for us respect which we would well covet as an asset in our Christian warfare.

We can withstand every enemy except indifference and unconcern. When the public stops taking notice of Christians we have stopped. In many communities the public could be awakened favorably by some Christian group taking the courageous initiative. When we begin at any point along the line of battle, then will we find ourselves gaining more courage and confidence to proclaim the Lordship of Christ in every walk of life. We might even find ourselves changing our local church budgets to the point that we would be ashamed to spend 88 percent of our money on ourselves when the whole world demands the healing of Christ.

Conclusion

WE grow by action, and Christian witnessing is simply making our faith active in obedience to the command and example of Christ right out in front of the Gate Beautiful.



DR. REEVES

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

A Smile or Two

Wear and tear

WIFE: "You know, dear, you don't seem as well dressed as you were when you married me five years ago."

Husband: "I don't see why not. I'm wearing the same suit."

'Nuff said

"WHY don't you play golf with Al any more?"

"Would you play with a fellow who puts down the wrong scores and moves the ball when you aren't watching?"

"Why, no, I wouldn't."

"Well, neither will Al."

Court procedure

THE judge pounded his gavel for court to come to order, then turned to the woman in the witness box.

"The witness will please state her age," he ordered, "after which she will be sworn in."

Angel by accident

HERE lies — till Gabriel's trumpet peal —

The bones of Charley Sharp.

He dozed while holding a steering wheel, And woke up holding a harp!

What does it matter?

THE dignified dowager had been brought from her aristocratic manse in Boston to witness the annual games between the freshmen and sophomores of the high-brow Eastern college. Her wealthy son sat beside her in the stands, while down below her one and only grandson, a freshman, took part in the tug-o'-war.

Back and forth, into and out of the slimy mud, the freshies and sophs pulled each other, with neither prevailing but both getting very muddy.

Finally the old lady turned to her son and said, "George . . . I say, George — wouldn't it just be simpler for all concerned if they'd get a knife and cut the rope right down the middle?"

Telling on him

ELMER never was very fleshy but there he was, trudging down the street, looking like a living skeleton.

"What in the world is wrong with you, Elmer?" his friend asked. "You must have lost 20 pounds!"

"My wife," said the meek Elmer, "is on a diet!"

Quote of the week

THERE might not be any more wars if someone convinced the generals that after the next one nobody would be around to read their memoirs. — First, Fayetteville, church bulletin.

Recipe for excitement

A SMALL boy was becoming bored on the long auto trip. Suddenly inspired, he grabbed his father's arm and said:

"I wish you'd let Mom drive, Dad. It's a lot more excitin'!"

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DR. HUDSON

Where babies go

QUESTION: I would like for you to tell me where babies go when they die. My baby died at the age of seven months. I was told that if my husband and I were Christians, she went to heaven; if not, that she went to hell.

ANSWER: I

asked my deacon father the very question you have asked, when I was eleven years old. We were plowing corn up in the hill field. He looked away into the blue sky and said, "What would heaven be like without some little babies in it?" That satisfied me then.

Later I read where King David said about his child who had died, "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:23).

A child in hell? Think of it. It is absolutely inconsistent with everything we know about God. Our God, who revealed himself in Jesus Christ, would no more send a child to hell for his parents' failures than he would for the sin of Adam and Eve.

Think of the meek and lowly Nazarene who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). "He took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them" (Mark 10:16). Would this Christ allow a child to suffer in hell because his parents were not Christians? Of course not.

Personally I would rather be in the place of a child of unchristian parents than in the shoes of adults who attribute such cruelty to our great and good God.

Religious Education

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cational ministry. We are to have our share in thinking, planning, and experimenting in this field. Arkansas is a great state for this. Many of our Baptist ideas have come in past years from this state.

So, one of my tasks is to encourage and direct our own capable staff of educational leaders in their attempt to bring better things for God's work.

More next week—J. T. Elliff, Director

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Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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"LITTLE Rock Association" was the first association organized in Arkansas. Messengers from three



DR. SELPH

churches, Little Rock, Salem, and Pecannerie met in the "State House" and organized, November, 1824. Silas T. Toncray was elected moderator and Isaac Watkins, clerk.

The first annual meeting was held with Salem Church, Clark County, the first Saturday in November, 1825. Five churches composed the association, total membership 40. Ten members had been added that year, six by baptism.

The session opened with singing and prayer by Charles Brandon, letters read, and messengers enrolled. Silas Toncray and Isaac Watkins were re-elected to offices of moderator and clerk.

Two newly-constituted churches were received into membership of the association. The messenger from Little Flock Church, Clark County, was given right hand of fellowship by the moderator. He presented a letter from Little Flock Church, Crawford County, asking admission. Its messengers were ill and unable to attend. It was received.

The first annual report of the Baptist General Tract Society was read and referred.

A circular letter from the Board of Managers of the General Convention of Baptists, Washington, D. C., was read. The Rev. Toncray was asked to answer this letter and request that the Territory of Arkansas be included in their field of missionary endeavor.

A standing committee was appointed to cooperate with and act as an auxiliary committee, in behalf of the association, to the Bible Society in New York City, and the General Tract Society of Baptists, Washington, D. C.

A circular letter to the churches composing the association, written by Moderator Toncray, was read and adopted. He also wrote a fraternal letter to the Louisiana Association which was adopted.

Arkansas church, Conway County, requested her sister churches to set apart Christmas Day as a day of prayer and fasting.

Lincoln grave is excavation quest

STUDENTS at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., soon may discover the remains of Abraham Lincoln's grandfather beneath the ruins of an historic 115-year-old Baptist Church.

If tradition is correct, his body lies under the same spot of ground on which Long Run Baptist Church was built in 1845, about ten miles from Louisville.

Archaeology students at the Baptist seminary are presently engaged in a "dig" at the church and they hope to make the discovery.

Tradition has it that Lincoln's pioneer grandfather was killed by an Indian in 1786 near the church that eventually was built over his grave. He is said to have first owned the land on which the church was erected.

But ties with the White House for the little church, probably organized in 1797, did not end with Lincoln. Former President Harry S. Truman's grandmother, and her oldest brother, were for several years active members of the church.

The brick building burned on Christmas Eve, 1960, leaving only the walls standing. However, even before this, the congregation had begun to build elsewhere.

Not long ago Jefferson County, in which the church site is located, purchased the property so that it might be preserved as a memorial.

Dr. E. J. Vardaman, professor of archaeology, and Dr. W. Morgan Patterson, professor of church history, are supervising the excavation of the ruins. (BP)

New course at Baylor

A COURSE in Christian Communications has just been introduced at Baylor University as a part of the fall curriculum of the department of journalism.

Eight students signed up for the first course, taught by Dave Cheavens, formerly of The Associated Press. These include several who definitely plan to make religious journalism their full-time work. Others are taking the survey course to help them determine whether or not this may be their interest, Cheavens said. (BP)

Asks representation

THE six-state Colorado Baptist General Convention has voted to petition the Southern Baptist Convention for representative members of its agencies.

The SBC constitution provides for representation when membership of churches in a state convention reaches 25,000.

Executive Secretary Willis J. Ray of Denver reported Colorado convention's area now has 26,190 members of cooperating churches. The convention's request will be presented to the SBC Executive Committee in February, hoping for Convention action at San Francisco in June. The Colorado convention also includes Montana, North and South Dakotas, Wyoming and western Nebraska. (BP)

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