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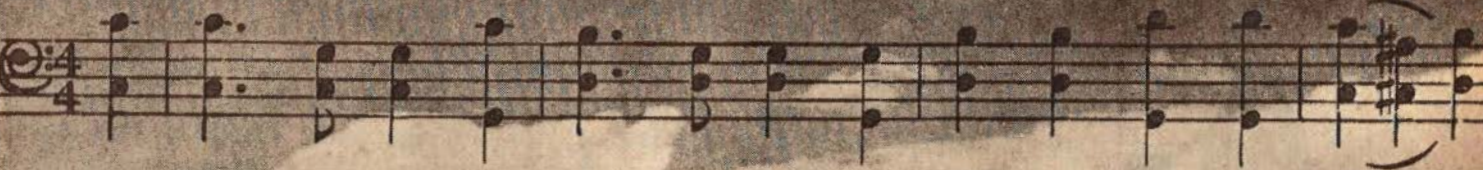
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Katherine Lee Bates, 1893, revised 1910

Samuel A. Ward, 188



1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
 2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
 3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees, be - yond the years



For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
 Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
 Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!



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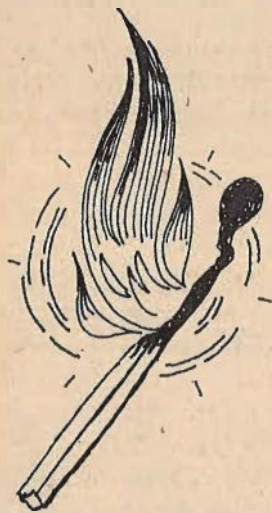


Personally speaking



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"It was a warm summer night. The glare of huge stadium lights spotlighted a million bugs in flight. Every seat was filled and every eye riveted to the giant spectacle below. A war display had come to town—promoting the sale of War Bonds—and 40,000 people had turned out to see it. It was 1944. "Suddenly, an anti-aircraft gun boomed, shattering the still night. Then a machine gun, a tank, and the quick cracks of a hundred rifles. The ground rumbled. A full-scale war was taking place before 40,000 hyp-



notized people.

"Then just as suddenly, the noise stopped. The silence was like death. Smoke did strange twists up through the powerful stadium lights. No one seemed to remember that this was a drive for War Bonds.

"But the folks staging the spectacle knew what they were doing. They knew human nature. They knew, too, that a man making \$37.50 a week could not buy many bonds and might not buy any at all. Their job was to convince this man—and thousands like him—that his contribution, whatever it was, *was essential* to winning the war.

"So they turned out the lights. All of them. The sudden contrast made the pitch black night even blacker. A moment before, 40,000 faces. Now, nothing.

"Then the announcer made a strange request. He asked everyone to light a match and hold it aloft. Suddenly the stadium came ablaze with 40,000 tiny flames. There were people again.

"A single flame would have made only a twinkle. But 40,000 together—that made the difference. The darkness melted."

First Church, Wilson, has used this dramatic story to illustrate how important it is for every church member to sign his pledge card.

"What one tiny flame could not do, 40,000 did.

What one dollar cannot do, 40,000 can. Please do your part this year to push our budget over the top. Will you light your flame?"

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

TWO leading Arkansas citizens, Governor Rockefeller and W. R. (Witt) Stephens, have joined forces for the benefit of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center, page 6. The \$2,000,000 fund drive will greatly expand the Medical Center System, with the assistance of a Hill-Burton federal grant. It will also leave the present facilities for other great needs.

KARK-TV's Channel 4 devoted one hour to a documentary on the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at Hot Springs, Nov. 18-20. If you saw it, and wish to express your appreciation, write to the address, page 3, given in the editorial 'What're we doing.'

JUNIOR colleges have formed the Arkansas Association of Junior Colleges, page 6. Southern Baptist College played a part as the meeting place and in supplying the new president, Dr. H. E. Williams, who is also president of the college.

OUACHITA University students made names for themselves, page 7, and for the college by being listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

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Hot Springs action

In "The People Speak" section of the paper this week is a letter from Deacon H. H. Harvill of Humphrey Baptist Church dealing primarily with the action taken by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention recently in withdrawal of fellowship from four churches.

The Harvill letter deals with issues and not with personalities. We trust the suggestions offered in it will be given careful consideration by all concerned.

Perhaps the most helpful suggestion made by Mr. Harvill is a quotation from Article 1 of the By-Laws of the Convention:

"Any contention concerning seating messengers shall be presented to a committee appointed by the President for recommendation to the Convention for its action."

This would sidestep the possibility of the Convention becoming embroiled again, as it was this time, in lengthy, if not heated, debate before the Convention could actually be constituted. Furthermore, it would give a Convention committee opportunity quietly to ascertain the facts of the case or cases. The committee could then, presumably, bring to the Convention a recommendation based upon firsthand information, not on rumor or hearsay.

By having a committee meet with any messengers whose eligibility is questioned, the messengers would themselves have better and fairer opportunity, it would seem, to face accusers and accusations, in private chambers and not in the public eye of Convention sessions.

As Mr. Harvill points out in his letter, Section III, Article 3, of the State Convention's Constitution restricts the purpose of the Credentials committee to dealing with the seating of messengers "from any church not hitherto affiliated with the Convention"

Perhaps we have learned some things this year that will help us in future Conventions.

'Mr. Baptist'

W. A. Criswell has good prospect of going down in Southern Baptist Convention history as being one of the all-time greats among the distinguished train of leaders to fill SBC's top position.

Criswell's greatness as a preacher-leader can be seen from just about any viewpoint you take of him. He is a very attractive person. That headful of curly hair, we understand, is for real. He is

a man's man, endowed with great brain and brawn. But it is perhaps, as in the case of another great Southern Baptist preacher—Billy Graham—his compassionate heart, devotion to the Bible as God's divine revelation, and his endowment of the Holy Spirit that makes him the great servant of God that he is.

Surely God was in Dr. Criswell's election to the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention "at such a time as this."

'What're we doing?'

Lonnie Gibbons, who co-stars with Tom Bonner on KARK-TV's Channel 4, from Little Rock, each noon on "Little Rock Today," has now had the experience of having a show on him. And that show was our Arkansas Baptist State Convention's hour-long "What Are We Doing Here?" broadcast last Friday night from 9 to 10 p.m.

It was the responsibility of Mr. Gibbons—who has the official title of accounts executive, at KARK-TV—to put the film together in proper sequence and continuity after it had been shot by Cameraman Ray Roginson. He was ably assisted by the station's Sales Manager Mike Mullins in this task which required many long hours, including an all-night session that reached to 4 in the morning.

Mr. Gibbons' membership in Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, where he teaches a Sunday School class of 7th-grade boys, gave him more than passing interest in the project. And that is just as well, since it was primarily a public-service venture from the beginning.

On behalf of President Thomas A. Hinson and the 340,000 Baptists of churches affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, we express deep gratitude and our hearty thanks. We trust that many of you who saw the show will write your own reactions, to Mr. Gibbons, at KARK-TV, 1001 Spring, Little Rock, and/or to Dr. S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Baptist Building, 401 West Capitol Ave., Little Rock. 72201

Corruptness, violence

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. . .

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.—Genesis 6:5, 6, 11.

Criswell sees tendency 'to feud, fuss and turn aside'

"One of the most astonishing developments," said Southern Baptist Convention President W. A. Criswell, as he spoke recently at the annual meeting of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, "is the tendency of Baptists to feud, fuss and turn aside from their God-given mandate and fall into disunion."

Dr. Criswell described the mandate to Christians as being a call to "evangelize the world—America and Louisiana [Arkansas!] and each separate state under our separate conventions."

Pressing further into the full extent of the assignment to evangelize the world, Dr. Criswell said: "Wherever men and women, boys and girls and families are, we need to be preaching the gospel with open hands and heart, with God's help." He added that Baptists "need to assume the responsibility of witnessing to every soul and every lost man, wherever he is."

"There is no man for whom God did not die. The arms of God embrace the whole world," he said. "The arms of the cross on which Christ died reach east and west."

Again turning the spotlight on Christians, Dr. Criswell said:

"There is one weakness, a characteristic of God's people. And this has been true through all unending centuries. They have a tendency to turn aside from God-given assignments and get bogged down in the quagmire of littleness. And to no small degree, we find our own Baptist people following in the same paths."

Dr. Criswell admonished that it not be forgotten that when disunion and divisiveness enter, the "church is hurt, the witness destroyed, and Satan triumphs."

And all of the serious-minded, thinking Arkansas Baptists will surely say, "Amen!"—ELM

The people speak

Layman's view

If things continue in our State Baptist Convention, I think it might be a good idea to leave all the pastors at home and let the laymen take over the convention completely. I believe the laymen would and could straighten out so many things that seem to be eating at our pastors.

We have too many of our preachers taking the attitude, the Deity of the Frock, and have forgotten the main Commission as given to us by our God.

Maybe we need a new group, and just start us a new convention.—W. M. Freeze, Jonesboro, Ark.

REPLY: We have long needed more laymen—and laywoman—participation in convention affairs. But we also need more level-headed, dedicated preachers.—ELM

The Caldwell motion

I made a motion at the Baptist State Convention to the effect that every church should make their stand of Baptism and the Lord's Supper clear. Because I have been accused by some that this motion was backed by the liberal move, I stand to say, Brethren, there is nothing further from the truth.

Here is my stand on Baptism and the Lord's Supper: I have never presented to any church anyone for membership by letter or statement other than those

of like Faith nor will I ever. Everyone else so far as I am concerned must come by way of Baptism.

My stand on the Lord's Supper is this: If closed communion is like Faith then I believe in closed communion; but while I believe this, I have no right to invite anyone to the Lord's table, neither do I have the right to reject one. It is not my table but the Lord's table. Paul said, "Let every man examine himself and so let him eat and drink."

Anyone who wishes to have a copy of my motion and what I said concerning it may have a copy by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to me.—Refus Caldwell, Box 176, Perryville, Ark. 72126.

'Hot Springs 1968'

Thanks very much for your editorial, "Hot Springs 1968," and the kind words therein about Hot Springs as the site for the 115th Annual Session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

As a former newspaperman, I shared your high opinion of the quantity and quality of the coverage given the Convention by the Hot Springs Sentinel Record and New Era. This newspaper is always good about reporting the hard news of conventions and has made great strides in the past year in "creative" reporting of conventions. The Arkansas Baptists brought out the best from the latter standpoint.

It would be a pleasure to work with you again, not only in stimulating attendance for the ABSC but for such organizations as the Associated Church Press. Please let us know any time we can be of assistance to you.—Charles E. Rixse, Manager, Hot Springs Convention Bureau, Civic Center, P. O. Box 1500, Hot Springs, Ark. 71901.

Hot Springs action

I am a member of the Humphrey Baptist Church at Humphrey, which is and has been for all the history of the church cooperating with the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

We selected messengers, in business session, to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention meeting in Hot Springs Nov. 18-20. However, we were not supplied with the registration cards or "proper credentials" to be signed by the church clerk. So, upon arrival at the convention, we were asked to fill out a card, and did.

I am persuaded the conflict over messengers' seating would have been avoided if Article 1 of the By-Laws had been adhered to, as it is rather plain when it says "those messengers who are enrolled upon arrival shall constitute the convention."

I called to the attention of the presiding officer and his parliamentarian this point of order. Then the maker of the motion not to seat certain churches moved to "suspend the rules." It is fair

to consider there were no rules to suspend until the chair recognized Article 1 of the By-Laws. The convention was already constituted, under this provision, as including all messengers properly registered with the secretary of the convention.

Article 1 plainly states that any contention concerning the seating of messengers shall be presented to a committee appointed by the president for recommendation to the convention for its action.

I further call attention to Section 3 of Article 3 of the Constitution which refers to a committee on credentials which shall make recommendation with

reference to seating messengers from churches not hitherto affiliated with the convention.

I would like to suggest that the Arkansas Baptist Convention is a convention of messengers and not a convention of churches. Therefore, I am persuaded that the convention's action on one church whose pastor requested it to be included in the withdrawal of fellowship was out of order, as the pastor was or should have been recognized as messenger and not as the church body.

I wish to further call attention to the Nominating committee report. The total roster was considered together

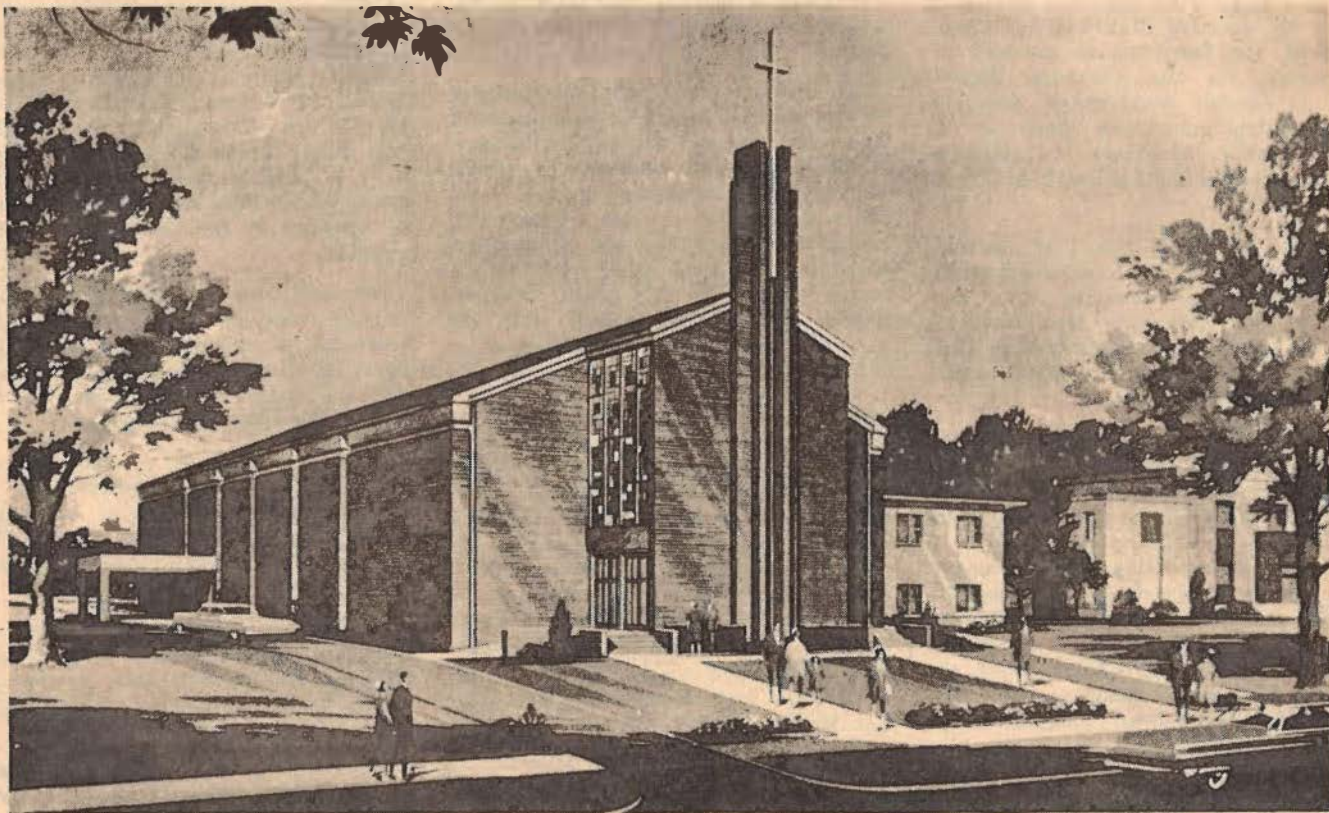
and motion made and seconded before there was any opportunity granted for nominations from the floor. The chair should have asked for any additional nominations before the motion was accepted for adoption.

I am persuaded we might have well opened the convention with prayer, which was delayed till the first session was well underway.

I trust the items will be received in the spirit with which they are given—to be helpful and not hurtful to those who have not taken time out to read the constitution and By-Laws. Let's keep the spirit of unity in the bonds of peace.—H. H. Harvill, Deacon in Humphrey Baptist Church

Arkansas all over

Nashville First Church holds 'D-Day' services for past and future



Nashville First Church

First Church, Nashville, held "D-Day" services Nov. 17, to look at the past and future eras of building and growth of the church.

Beginning with the old Mine Creek Church of 1836 that was located in the vicinity of the Nashville cemetery, deacons of the church reviewed the past, gave thanks for the present and described future goals of the congregation.

Following a pot luck lunch, W. E. Perry, former pastor for eleven years, delivered an ordination message for new

deacons Edwin Dale, Carroll Smithson, Noel Leverett and Jerry Jacobs.

The ordination was the last service to be held in the old sanctuary, which was built in 1911. Immediate demolition was begun to make room for the new \$250,000 structure to be located at the present site on North Main Street.

Compton and Turner, Little Rock architects, designed the 60 x 150-foot building. The sanctuary will seat 432, and the choir space 42. Provisions have been made for balcony construction

when future needs demand it. The balcony would then seat 128, making a total capacity of 602.

Educational space will be provided on the ground floor, and on the second floor. With the present educational building, built in 1954, the total education plant will be 13,700 square feet.

The new building will rise to a height of 50'4" in the front, and will be accented with a cross. Inside materials will be brick, wood and glass, rising to a 37' vaulted ceiling in the sanctuary.

Rockefeller, Stephens team up for Medical Center drive



GOV. ROCKEFELLER



MR. STEPHENS

Governor Winthrop Rockefeller and W. R. (Witt) Stephens have agreed to serve as honorary chairman and chairman of the Development Council, respectively, for the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center development program. The announcement was made by A. James Linder, President of Arkansas Baptist Medical Center Board of Trustees.

The council will consist of approximately 150 prominent local business, industrial and civic leaders, who will provide the leadership and direction for the \$2,000,000 community-wide fund raising program due to begin within the next few weeks.

The development program is designed to raise \$2,000,000 within the Little Rock metropolitan area to be combined with \$4,000,000 from a federal grant (Hill-Burton) which, together with a long-term loan, will provide the necessary funds to construct the new \$15 million Arkansas Baptist Medical Center. Mr. Witt Stephens, a prominent Baptist layman and Chairman of the Board of Arkansas Louisiana Gas Corporation, will serve as Chairman of the

Development Council. Governor Rockefeller, also a Baptist, will serve in the capacity as Honorary Chairman of the Council.

Mr. Linder pointed out that the new 500-bed medical center, to be located on University Avenue, will be a vital factor in helping to overcome the acute shortage of hospital beds in this area, and would help to assure a reasonable margin of safety for the community. According to recent studies of the expected growth of this area, Arkansas Baptist Medical Center must plan now to double its capacity by 1980 in order to continue to meet these needs.

The present Arkansas Baptist Medical Center is in its forty-eighth year of service and has not closed its doors for a single day since it opened in the Fall of 1920. More than 485,000 patients have been admitted and treated in the institution during these years. As a part of the overall master plan of development, the existing buildings would become a rehabilitation and chronic-care center, and would continue to operate as a part of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center System.

Junior colleges form association

The Arkansas Association of Junior Colleges was formally organized on the campus of Southern Baptist College, Nov. 15.

Dr. H. E. Williams, president of the host college, was elected president and Walter England, president of the Beebe Branch of Arkansas State University, was elected vice president. Shelby Breedlove, president of Westark Community College, Ft. Smith, was elected secretary-treasurer and was also appointed to draw up a proposed constitution for adoption by the member institutions.

The group voted to include the chief executive officers of the two-year colleges and the deans of administration as members of the organization to represent the seven institutions of the state.

Other representatives present included Dean Lavan Shoptaw, Crowley's Ridge Christian College, and Dr. John Easley, president of Phillips County Community College, Helena. Both Central College, Conway, and Shorter College, North Little Rock, have indicated plans to participate in the organization but were not represented at the founding meeting of the association, it was reported.

The Arkansas Association of Junior Colleges will be affiliated with the American Association of Junior Colleges, the Higher Education division of both the American Education and Arkansas Education Associations.

Plans are underway to stimulate interest in the general improvement of the two-year college life of the state. The seven founding member institutions now have well over 4,000 students.

In the United States there are over 1,600,000 students enrolled in junior colleges. The growth rate is approximately three times that of the senior colleges and universities.

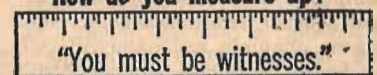
Founding members of the Arkansas Association of Junior Colleges include: Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge; Crowley's Ridge Christian College, Paragould; Beebe Branch of Arkansas State University, Beebe; Central College, Conway; Shorter College, North Little Rock; Westark Community College, Ft. Smith; and Phillips County Community College, Helena.

The association plans quarterly meetings.

New subscribers

Church	Pastor	Association
New budget after free trial:		
Mt. Pleasant Batavia	Benny Gates Ray South	Current River Boone-Newton
One month free trial received:		
Maple Grove	E. W. Teague	Trinity

How do you measure up?



Acts 1: 8 Williams

OBU students named in college Who's Who

ARKADELPHIA—Twenty-seven Ouachita University students have been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, according to Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president of Ouachita University. The students will be included in the 1968 edition, a listing of the campus leaders from more than 1,000 of the nation's institutions of higher learning.

The annual directory of distinguished students has been published since 1934 and carries only the names of students whose academic standing, services to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential are decidedly above average.

Ouachita students receiving the honor are Marilyn Camille Bishop, music, Nashville; Patricia Ann Coulter, secondary education, Hot Springs; Myrna Jean DeBerry, physical education, St. Charles; Gail DeLaughter, elementary education, Sparkman; Charlotte Ann Duckett, elementary education, Mustang, Okla.; Shirley Ann Evans, psy-

chology, Hornersville, Mo.; and David Allen Glaze, piano and music, Camden;

Thomas Elton Goodwin, chemistry and math, Nashville; Larry Don Hesp, sociology, Booneville; Johnnie Larry Johnson, physical education, Pine Bluff; David Lau, math and physics, Hong Kong; John Ray Maddox Jr., music education, Camden; Marilyn Ann McAtee, elementary education, Smackover; and James Arthur McCarty, physics and chemistry, Arkadelphia;

Karr Lavoyne Miller, voice and music, Mena; Mrs. Sharon Shugart Miller, English, El Dorado; Edward Stanley Owen, pre-med, Pine Bluff; Roger Dale Patillo, physical education, Gideon, Mo.; Mrs. Lane Deese Phelps, sociology, West Helena; Vera Ann Roberts, psychology, Arkadelphia; and Eddie Earl Scrimshire, English, Malvern;

Kathryn Ann Shaddox, sociology, Omaha, Neb.; Mac Burton Sisson, political science, Crossett; Eva Katherine Thrash, psychology and English, Hope; Janice Elaine Tucker, English, Texarkana; Charles Franklyn Vines, math and physical education, Van Buren; and Betty Ruth Whaley, English and religious education, Little Rock.

Loren G. Miller to Benton First

Loren G. Miller has accepted the call of the First Church, Benton, to serve as Minister of Education-Youth. He comes from the



MR. MILLER

First Church, Jackson, where he has served for the past three years. He assumed his new responsibilities on November 18. Mr. Miller is a native of Tennessee, and the son of a Baptist minister. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C., and Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. He received his B.D. and M.R.E. degrees from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Mrs. Miller is the former Anna Mae Lim. They have two daughters, Loanne and Tina. She is a graduate of Texas Christian University, with a degree in secondary education, and she attended Southwestern Seminary for a year.

OBU concert Dec. 7 in Hot Springs

ARKADELPHIA—The Ouachita University Brass Quintet and the OBU Singers will appear in joint concert at the Baptist Student Union convention in Hot Springs Dec. 7.

The convention is one of the many performances included on their tour schedule, which began Dec. 2 and has taken them throughout the state. A concert on the Ouachita campus at 8 p.m. Dec. 17 will conclude the tour.

Both groups are also scheduled to perform at the State Capitol Dec. 14 for the annual lighting of the Christmas tree.

Jim Glover in youth ministry

Jim Glover, Conway, has assumed the duty of minister of youth with the Cadron Ridge Church, Conway.

He is a native of Damascus. He attended State College of Arkansas, and is now a senior Bible student at Central Baptist College.

For the past two years he has done evangelistic work, supply pastorate, and interim pastoral work.

This summer he was instrumental in the reorganization of the Civil Air Patrol in Conway. He was the first adult member, and today the squadron is composed of 34 cadets, and 11 pilots, and 8 other adult members. He is serving as chaplain until the SBC chaplaincy board approves someone to fill the position.

83 years' perfect attendance



These 16 members of First Church, Judsonia, represent 83 years' perfect Sunday School attendance.

Front row, left to right: Jimmy Edwards, 1 year; Cheri Wright, 2 years; Judy Donnell, 2 years; Suzanne Wright, 1 year.

Center row, left to right: Mary Jo Witt, 8 years; Terry Edwards, 1 year; Kathy Mangrum, 4 years; Jackie Howell, 5 years; Jim Bob Witt, 6 years; Linda Gibson, 5 years.

Back row, left to right: Johnny Gibson, 3 years; Tim Yarnell, 7 years; Leonard Stevens, 13 years; Tom Yarnell, 5 years; J. D. Gibson, 14 years; Mike Witt, 6 years.

J. D. Gibson, with 14 years' perfect attendance, has not missed a Sunday since his conversion.

J. W. Royal is pastor of Judsonia First Church, and Charles Bauer is Sunday School Superintendent.

Your state convention at work

Student Convention, Dec. 6-8



DR. HENDRICKS



MR. GROBER

FIVE hundred Arkansas college students are expected for the annual Baptist Student Convention, December 6-8, to be held at First Church of Hot Springs.

Principal speaker will be Dr. William Hendricks of Southwestern Theological Seminary. Missionary Glendon Grober of Brazil will speak at the YWA luncheon at the Convention. Music will be led by Eddie Nicholson of Lubbock, Tex.

Arthur Miller play presented at OBU

ARKADELPHIA—"All My Sons," a serious drama written by Arthur Miller, will be the next presentation of the Ouachita University Theatre.

Jim André, a senior drama major from Little Rock, will direct the play which will be presented Dec. 4-7.

The play deals with a man who made his fortune by manufacturing and selling war materials and how it affects his later life. There is a conflict between the idealism of the son's younger generation and the pragmatism of the father's older generation.

The cast consists of Ouachita students, a Henderson student, and an Arkadelphia grade school student.

Camille Bishop in voice semi-finals

Camille Bishop, Nashville, a senior music major at Ouachita University, advanced to the semi-finals in the senior girls division in auditions recently for the National Association of Teachers of Singing regional convention.

Forty-two others from a six state area competed for the top prize. Camille was the only one from OBU to get as far as the semi-finals, which narrowed the field to 10.

Camille is a member of the Madrigals, Young Women's Association, and was recently listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She is music director at Park Hill Church in Arkadelphia.

Success or failure

To succeed or not succeed, to fail or not to fail: these are the questions faced by Brotherhood directors, Baptist Men presidents, Royal Ambassador leaders and chapter counselors.

It is not difficult to fail. All that the leader must do is nothing; and he may be assured that he will succeed in failing. To succeed, however, requires some work and planning. Leaders in every unit of Brotherhood work should have the desire to succeed, not only for the satisfaction of a job well done but for the ongoing of the work of the Lord in missionary education and mission action.

The success of the over-all Brotherhood program depends primarily on the planning and work of the Brotherhood director. The success of Baptist Men and Royal Ambassadors depends on the work of the men selected to lead these units.

The key to success or failure is planning and planning is the responsibility of the leadership of Baptist Men and Royal Ambassadors. Planning is the real foundation for a successful program of missionary education for men and boys.

Ample material is available to assist in planning effective programs and activities for every unit of Brotherhood work. Missionary Education For Baptist Men is the basic study book for men. Baptist Men's Journal and Baptist Men's Guide are essential for the planning of interesting, challenging, and inspirational programs for the monthly meetings. The magazines also offer suggestions for mission action projects.

Ambassador Life and Ambassador Leader are magazines available to assist counselors in preparing interesting, informative, and inspirational programs and activities for the weekly meeting of Royal Ambassadors. These magazines are a must for a really successful program of work.

There are available free helps for Baptist Men and Royal Ambassadors from the Brotherhood Department. Call on us if we may be of service to you.

Plan to succeed in your organizations and your plans will lead to success.—C. H. Seaton

Pray for "CRUSADE OF THE AMERICAS"

New officers named at Hot Springs

New officers for various organizations meeting in connection with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Hot Springs, were elected as follows:

PASTORS' CONFERENCE: president: Jerry Don Abernathy, First Church, Crossett; vice president: L. Alfred Sparkman, Levy Church, No. Little Rock; and secretary: Tom Bray, Second Church, El Dorado.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: president: C. J. Holiman Jr., Minister of education and music, First Church, Crossett; 1st vice president: Angus Emerson, minister of education, Baring Cross Church, No. Little Rock; 2nd vice president: E. Amon Baker, minister of music, First Church, Pine Bluff; secretary-treasurer: John Gardner, minister of youth, First Church, Siloam Springs.

MINISTERS' WIVES' CONFERENCE: president: Mrs. J. T. Elliff, Little Rock; program vice president: Mrs. Barbara Bray, El Dorado; devotional vice president: Mrs. Edgar Williamson, Little Rock; social vice presidents: Mrs. T. K. Rucker, Little Rock, and Mrs. W. O. Vaught Jr., Little Rock; secretary-treasurer: Mrs. Dorothy Sutton.

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"Mr. Holley, don't you like our plans for 1969?"

Holley:

"Yes, I do! We already have eleven associational 'Interpretation Clinics' on our calendar and expect to increase this to twenty. In these clinics our district age group workers will conduct conferences on the proper use of the literature and how to plan effectively the units of study. We have several other types of assistance to churches and associations."

Davis:

"Oh, yes! for example, we plan to conduct several associational Training Union leadership schools and director led campaigns in 1969. We shall continue to assist churches and associations with one-night conferences. The other night I met with the Training Union leaders of one church and helped them set up a Training Union Council. They will check the Achievement Guide each month and will use it as a program of work. Other one night conferences have been on organization, curriculum and planning. Awhile back I helped a church set up a program to train leaders. When churches and associations call on us they get

Drills and Tournaments

It's encouraging to note the large number of requests we are getting these days for materials explaining the drills and tournaments.

The Junior Memory-Sword Drill tract contains the rules and scriptures for this event.

The tract, "Rules for the Intermediate Sword Drill" may be ordered from our department. The scriptures for three of the five drills are carried in the Intermediate union quarterlies beginning July 1, 1968. In the January-March quarterlies there will be a re-run of the scriptures for the last six months of 1968 plus the scriptures for the first quarter of 1969. Arkansas drill will cover material for only nine months.

A tract which contains the rules and the list of subjects is available for participants of the speakers' tournament.

When we mail the tracts we enclose mimeographed sheets which give other information such as the dates and places for the district drills and tournaments and the suggested dates for the associational and church drills and tournaments.

District drills and tournaments:

March 3—Leachville, First—N.E. District

March 4—Clarendon, First—E.C. District

March 6—Monticello, First—S.E. District

March 7—Hot Springs, Central—Central District

March 10—Rogers, First—N.W. District

March 11—Melbourne, First—N.C. District

March 13—Hope, First—S.W. District

March 14—Paris, First—W.C. District

Look for our double page spread in the January 2, 1969, issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine. In this issue we will outline the total work of our department.



HOLLEY and DAVIS

back part of their Cooperative Program money!"

Holley:

"Let's not forget that the Crusade of the Americas will occupy a big place in the 1969 calendar. One of the biggest things we can do is to help conserve the results of the crusade by helping churches begin a new member orientation program."

Davis:

"Yes, Bob, and the first thing they need to do is to elect a Director of New Member Orientation."

State Youth Convention

Twenty-five hundred young people from every section of Arkansas are expected to converge on Little Rock on Friday, April 4, 1969, for the great annual Youth Convention. All sessions will be held in the Robinson Auditorium.

Benny McCracken will serve as president. Mr. 'Bill McGraw of First Church, Fort Smith will direct a huge choir of 150 young people who will be assisted by the brass section of the Fort Smith band. Mr. Dick Bumpass of Jonesboro will direct a choral reading group of 15 young people.

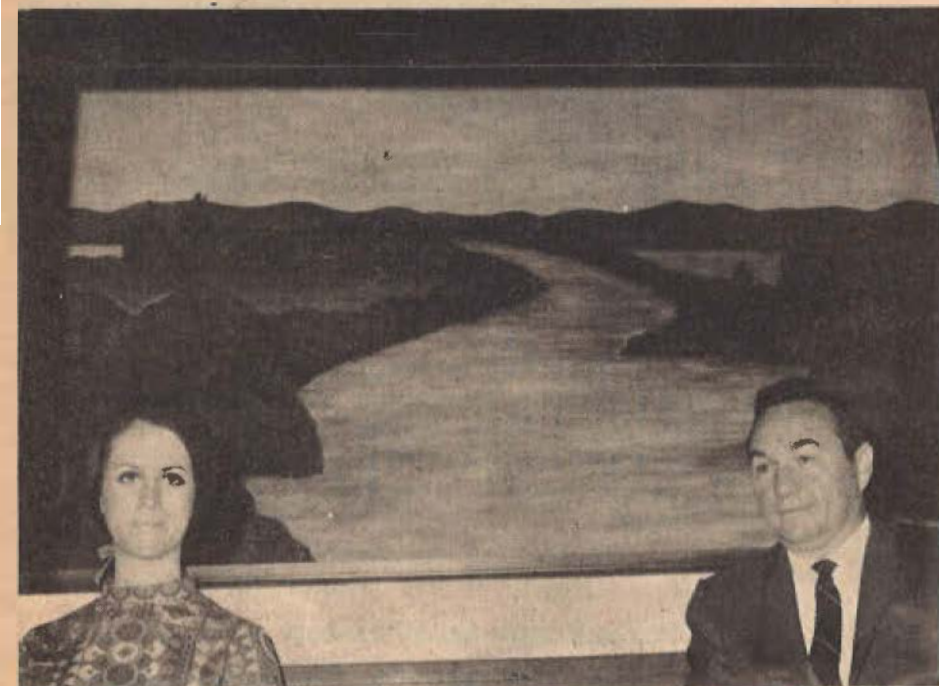
Three dramatized "case studies", will be presented in the morning session and three in the afternoon session. Mrs. Sarah Miller of Houston, Texas, is preparing the dramas from these case studies on ethical problems facing young people.

Theme for the Convention will be "Power for Today." Richard Hogue of Del City, Oklahoma, will bring the morning and night messages.

The night session will be concluded with an inspirational drama presented by the young people of Second Church, Little Rock, under the direction of Jim Maloch.

Wes Hall's Minute Man establishment will cater the \$1.00 hamburger supper in the auditorium basement for all who send \$1.00 to the church Training Department.

BAPTISTRY SCENE BY STUDENT



The baptistry scene above in the beautiful new auditorium of the Calvary Church of East Camden was painted by Miss Shirley Taylor (left), a commercial art student at Southwest Technical Institute in East Camden.

The work by this promising artist was highly praised by Wayne P. Carpenter (right), pastor, who has led Calvary some four years, having come from Bastrop, La., on Aug. 30, 1964.

The auditorium recently completed by the church is valued at \$75,000.

Grace Church marks its 25th year

Grace Church, North Little Rock, observed its 25th anniversary Monday night, Nov. 25, with a fellowship banquet.

The church began as Broadway Baptist Mission of Immanuel Church, Little Rock. Dr. C. C. Warren was pastor of Immanuel at that time.

It was constituted as Grace Church on Nov. 25, 1943. Vernon Bellue was the first pastor.

From the membership of Grace Church have come such leaders as Miss

Anna Hoover, missionary to Japan; Dr. Benny Bates, a Memphis pastor; Orville Roberts, a pastor in El Campo, Tex.; Wesley Hoover, a pastor in Michigan; Johnny Matthews, minister of education and youth at University Church, Fayetteville.

There were 109 charter members. There are now more than 300 in the congregation. The church property is valued at above \$86,000. The annual budget is more than \$19,000.

Dr. T. L. Harris, North Little Rock, was guest speaker for the fellowship banquet. R. E. Fowler is the pastor.

Bailey Smith goes to New Mexico

Bailey E. Smith, who for nearly 2½ years has been pastor of the First Church, Warren, has resigned to become pastor of the First Church, Hobbs, N. M.

The Hobbs church is the state's largest Baptist church with a membership of 3,156. It has a \$200,000 annual budget and the property is valued at \$1,150,000.

While Mr. Smith was at Warren the Sunday School attendance went from an average of 395 to 460 and the Training Union from 105 to 145. There were 214 additions to the church and 122 of these were for baptism. He led the church in a very successful New Member Orientation program to train the new members. The budget increased from \$81,000 to nearly \$100,000. The church also bought and paid for a piece of property upon which they voted to build a new parsonage.

Accepts new post

J. R. Hull, pastor of Floral Church, has resigned the pastorate there to assume his duties as pastor of West View Church, Paragould.

Since Mr. Hull became pastor at Floral Church there have been 24 additions by baptism; one young man surrendered to the ministry; and several additions by letter. The church auditorium has been air-conditioned, and a new, three-bedroom pastor's home erected.

The Hull family has two sons at home, Jerry, 18, and Larry 14.

New building plan at Cherokee Village

Cherokee Village Church was started six months ago as a mission of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock.

Due to the growth of the congregation and the many visitors who come to the village the construction of a new building for the church was announced recently by Rev. Hugh Cooper, pastor. The new building, costing approximately \$80,000, will be built on the church property located on Highway 175, next to the new Cherokee Elementary School.

The project will be financed by an \$80,000, first-mortgage, 6½ per cent church bond issue.

John W. Curtis now in Muskogee church

Rev. John W. Curtis, pastor of the Kibler Church, near Alma, resigned effective Nov. 10, to become pastor of



Mr. Curtis

Eastern Heights Church in Muskogee, Okla. During the two years and 7 months Mr. Curtis was pastor at Kibler there were 74 additions to the church; 65 of these by baptism. During this time the church built a new dormitory at Baptist Vista and modernized an old one. Budget and receipts of the church have increased 28 percent. An organ has been installed.

Mr. Curtis was chairman of the Associational Seminary Extension Committee; a member of the budget committee, and the nominating committee. He brought the doctrinal message at this years' annual meeting. He was camp pastor at Baptist Vista this year where the enrollment reached 557; in which there were 405 decisions; 51 of these professions of faith.—Paul E. Wilhelm, Missionary

The bookshelf

Editor and Editorial Writer, Third Edition, by A. Gayle Waldrop, William C. Brown Co., Dubuque, Ia., 1967, \$6.95

"Every newspaper must come to judgment and accounting for the course that forms its image and its character," says J. N. Heiskell, editor and president of the Arkansas Gazette, in the preface to this book. "If it is to be more than a mechanical recorder of news; if it is to be a moral and intellectual institution rather than an industry or a property, it must fulfill the measure of its obligation, even though, in the words of St. Paul, it has to endure affliction," writes Mr. Heiskell, out of a long lifetime of experience.

As the title indicates, this book is written primarily for editors and editorial writers. But it would be excellent reading material for anyone desiring a better understanding of viewpoints, approaches, and purposes of editors and editorial writers.

The Old South—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, by John Osborne, Time-Life; School and library distribution by Silver Burdett, 1968, \$4.95

Four of the five states studied here made up the heart of the old Confederacy, the one exception being Florida, which was "a teen-age state of 16 years when the Civil War began." These five were the first to secede from the Union, in 1860 and 1861, and two of them, the Mississippi native author points out—Mississippi and Alabama—"behave on occasion as if they would still prefer to be affiliated with the Confederate States of America rather than with the United States."

The Old South is caught up in "a tumultuous and total revolution." Still at the bottom in per capita income, these states, spurred by mass movement to the cities and with a turning from the old agriculture base to trade and industry, boast rates of increase in personal income, urban expansion, capital investment and public spending for education well above the average for the nation as a whole.

This is another of the Time-Life Library of America.

A Global History of Man by Leften S. Stavrianos, Loretta Kreider Andrews, George I. Blanksten, Roger F. Hackett, Ella C. Leppert, Paul L. Murphy, and Lacey Baldwin Smith; Allyn and Bacon, Inc., 1967

The authors take note of the fact that in the past 50 years the world has moved into an era of challenge,

progress, and upheaval without parallel. Now more than ever, the world is one world.

Purpose of this book is to provide both an understanding and an appreciation of the present in terms of the past. Feeling that a history of Western civilization no longer is sufficient for this purpose, the writers present today's world events in terms of global history—North, East, South, and West.



Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

To lose or not to lose

Recently I watched a typical Perry Mason courtroom drama on television.

It was a familiar scene, except that this rerun showed Raymond Burr (as Perry Mason) looking a little more slender than he appears in some of his shows. There was the familiar setting and another familiar face—that of the prosecutor, Hamilton Burger (whose real name was William Talman). In this courtroom scene Burger lost. Didn't he always?

One of the last films Mr. Talman made was a one-minute anti-smoking "commercial." In it he introduces his wife and three children and states that he really didn't mind losing all those battles to Raymond Burr (Mason) but that he was more concerned about another battle—for losing it would mean losing "my wife and those kids you've just met." The next line: "I've got lung cancer."

William (Hamilton Burger) Talman lost that battle the other day at the age of 53, only six weeks after he made that anti-smoking film. Hopefully it will be seen by millions of viewers, young and old, and perhaps each time a rerun of Burger is shown, the anti-smoking message will be remembered. He smoked three packs of cigarettes a day throughout his adult life, cut short at 53. These are his words:

"Take my advice about smoking and losing from someone who's been doing both for years. If you haven't smoked don't start. If you do smoke, quit! Don't be a loser!"

On a recent Sunday evening newscast Harry Reasoner stated that one-half of 200,000 doctors have quit smoking. Recently a doctor's wife told me that her husband was advising all of his smoking patients to stop the habit. Does that speak for itself?

The apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 6:19) asked the question, "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?"

One woman told me recently, "I have just quit smoking...for the third time this year!" I am told it is hard to do. But there are many who have won the battle. I wouldn't walk a mile—or even across the street—to take unnecessary chances with lung cancer. Remember the losing prosecutor's words, "Don't be a loser."

Even more important is another word on losing (Matthew 16:26) given by Jesus when he said, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

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

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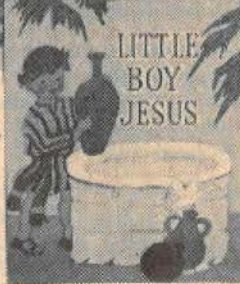
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The tears of Jesus

BY **HERSCHEL H. HOBBS**

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"And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it"—Luke 19:41

Twice the Gospels record Jesus as weeping. The one was before the tomb of a friend (Jn. 11:35). The other was as He beheld the city of Jerusalem (Lk. 19:41).

The latter occasion was His *royal entry* into Jerusalem. He came to the capital city of Judaism as the King of peace. The multitudes acclaimed Him as the Messiah (v. 38). But some Pharisees objected, insisting that Jesus rebuked His disciples (v. 39). The rejection by these religious leaders heralded the forthcoming rejection by the city and nation.

At this point as Jesus from the Mount of Olives beheld the city He "wept over it." The verb form rendered "wept" is what Robertson calls an ingressive aorist tense. The aorist tense expresses point action or a sudden action. The ingressive force means that Jesus began to do something. Literally, "he burst into tears over it." In John 11:35 the sense is that Jesus shed tears silently. But here He wept aloud. Why this outburst of emotion?

It was because the city and nation had failed to recognize "the things tending to peace" or to their salvation. They had repeatedly rejected Christ, and soon would do it finally and completely. "The things tending to peace" were hidden from their eyes. Judicial blindness had set in, the penalty for repeated, habitual moral and spiritual perversity.

Therefore, Jesus foresaw the destruction of Jerusalem at the hands of the Romans. He saw the military seige (v. 43) and the city's final fall amidst awful carnage (v. 44). So vividly did He describe it that some insist that these are not Jesus' words, but that a writer after the event put them in His mouth. However, there is no basic proof that Jesus could not make this prophecy. In the light of who He was there is every reason to believe that He could and did.

He saw rebellion in the hearts of the Jewish people, against God as well as against Rome. Since they refused the only one who could bring peace there could be no other result. It came to pass within forty years.

Modern men would do well to learn and profit by this truth. Who knows what may be our fate if we also know "not the time of thy visitation" (v. 44).

Deaths

MRS. ALICE MAE DENSFORD, 68, wife of Carl C. Densford, Memphis, died Nov. 16.

She was born at Fulton, Ky., and was a member of Cherokee Baptist Church, Memphis.

Survivors include a son, Ted Densford, Memphis; four daughters, Mrs. William McMahan and Mrs. Edward R. Hance, Memphis, Mrs. Turner Hopkins, a missionary in Nigeria, and Mrs. Lee Kibbe, Hurst, Tex.; two brothers, L. M. Boaz, Memphis, and Richard Boaz, Little Rock.

MRS. CARMEN HUTCHESON, 54, Magnolia, died Nov. 18.

She was a native of Columbia County, a member of First Church, Magnolia.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Hutcheson; a son, Fred Hutcheson Jr., Little Rock; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara McCall of Florida; two brothers, T. M. Works, Waldron, and J. B. Works, Bradley.

MRS. LALA MCWhA, 86, Hot Springs, died Nov. 19.

She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Ernest, Cullen and Edgar McWha, all of Hot Springs; a sister, Mrs. Luda Tulleson, Amity.

JESS M. DAVIDSON, 64, Fort Smith, died Nov. 17.

He was owner and operator of Eighth Street Grocery and a member of Northside Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Sally Brow and Miss Nancy Davidson, both of Fort Smith.

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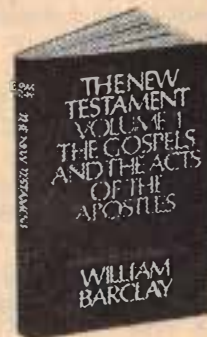
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National Anthem?



"America the Beautiful" has outstripped in popularity all other patriotic hymns, including "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America," and may some day become our accepted national anthem.

The writer of this favorite was Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929), a native of Falmouth, Mass., and life-long head of the English department of her alma mater, Wellesley College.

She was inspired to write the hymn while on a tour with a group of teachers that included visits to the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893 and to Pike's Peak, Colo.

Spending the night in Colorado Springs after visiting the summit of Pike's Peak, Miss Bates could not sleep. Taking up pencil and paper she wrote the hymn which she was to revise in 1904 to what has since been its form.

Reflecting on the greatness of America, she recalled with a shudder the falls of ancient Rome and ancient Spain. "Greatness and godness are not necessarily synonymous," she said. "Unless we are willing to crown our greatness with goodness, and our bounty with brotherhood; our beloved America may go the same way" [as the Roman Empire and the Spanish Empire.]

So Miss Bates included in the hymn a prayer to God to bestow His divine grace on America—to mend its flaws, to refine its gold, to confirm its soul in self-control, and to crown its good with brotherhood "from sea to shining sea."

Several tunes were tried with the hymn. But it was not until 1912, when someone set the words to Samuel Augustus Ward's tune *Materna*, that words and music became inseparably wedded. (The tune had been written in 1882 for the hymn, "O Mother dear, Jerusalem," by Ward, who was then an obscure organist and choirmaster of Newark, N. J.)—ELM

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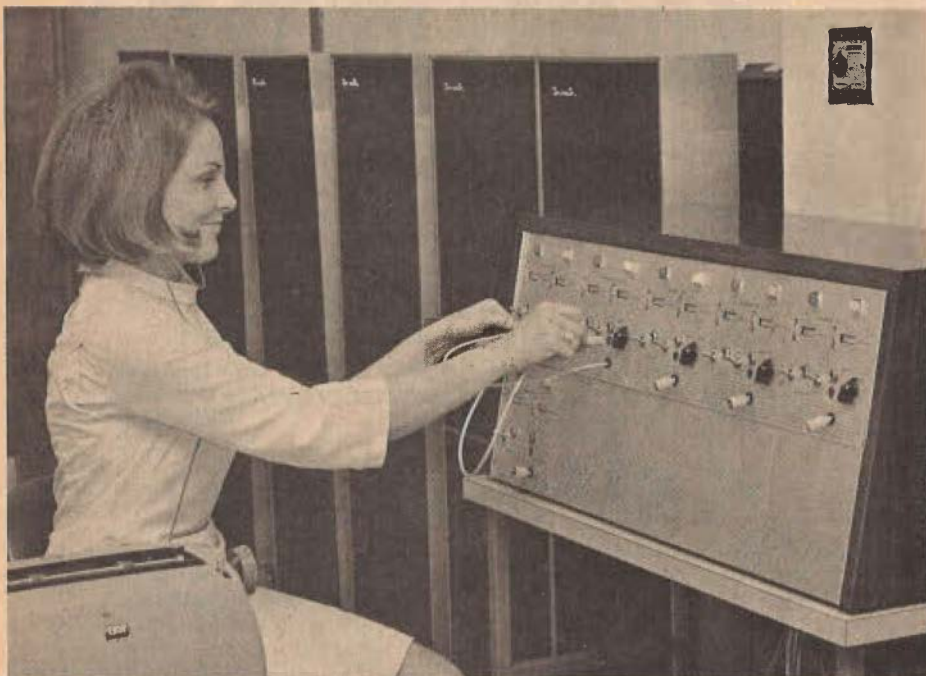


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Institutions ————— Arkansas Baptist Medical Center

Center Installs \$11,000 Dictating System



The Arkansas Baptist Medical Center has installed a new medical dictating system. The new system records messages of medical information, dictated by the doctors, and stores the information in one of the six "electronic-brains," from where it is released at the convenience of the medical transcriptionist, by the press of a button, and transcribed into typed form and placed on permanent record file.

The six units have a total of 36

hours of continuous and uninterrupted dictating capacity. The medical record departments of both ABMC and Memorial Hospital process between 1500 - 2000 charts per month, with the doctors dictating history and physicals, discharge summaries, consultations, and operative reports, where applicable, for each patient.

Because each unit contains a continuous magnetic tape loop, the necessity for changing belts has been eliminated. Therefore, the transcript-

ionist will no longer be required to interrupt her transcribing for the purpose of changing a dictating belt. The new equipment makes it possible for the transcriptionist to start transcribing, eight seconds after the dictation is started, and while the doctor is continuing to dictate. These features, combined with the better sound and voice quality of the magnetic tape, should enable the five transcriptionists to transcribe between 40 to 50 thousand words per day.

Mrs. Audrey Lucas, Chief Medical Record Librarian said, "Our doctors can dictate into the system from anywhere, including: office, home, out-of-town; or in the medical records department. If he has access to a telephone, he can dictate into the system." She also said the efficiency of the new system should help the department in achieving its objective of having the dictation transcribed and on the patients' charts, the same day.

Another feature of the system is the supervisor's control panel. She can monitor dictation as it is being dictated or as it is being transcribed. At a glance, she can determine the amount of dictation that has been recorded and distribute the work load among the transcriptionists, by changing the connections on the control panel. It is estimated that the new system could reduce the time required to transcribe recordings in the past, by as much as 30 percent. Total cost of the system was a little over \$11,000.

Arkansas Hospital Association Speakers



"What Is Expected In Health Care," was the general topic discussed by the men pictured above. From left to right they are: Honorable Wilbur D. Mills, Member of Congress, House of Representatives, 2nd District; Norman L. Roberts, Jr., Administrator of Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock and President of A. H. A., presiding; Dr. Frederick N. Elliott, Assistant to the Director, Council on Professional Practice, American Hospital Association and Thomas M. Tierney, Director, Bureau of Health Insurance, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Md.

S C A Nursing Program Approved

The Registered Nurse Division of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing has voted unanimously to grant full approval to the State College of Arkansas' four-year baccalaureate nursing program. The division members took the action after reviewing a program survey report submitted by S. C. A.

The S. C. A. program combines a full academic workload with nurses training in all major clinical areas. The students will receive bachelor of science degrees, upon completion of the four-year program.

The school presently has 183 students enrolled in the Department of Nursing. They spend the first two years on the campus at Conway and most of the final two years, at the department's Little Rock branch at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center.

Dr. Watson Retires After 31 Years



J. A. Gilbreath, Executive Director of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center System, presents a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Watson, while Mrs. Watson looks on.

Dr. Clarence Fletcher Watson, Sr., a native of Lonoke and the first son of John and Willie (Thomlinson) Watson, has retired from his practice of medicine after 31 years. In addition to being an M. D., he is also a registered pharmacist.

After graduating from high school, he enrolled in the School of Pharmacy in Little Rock and supported himself by working for various drug stores in the city.

In 1928, he was graduated from the School of Pharmacy and was married to Ruth P. Chandler. In 1933, Dr. Watson entered medical school and continued to work as a pharmacist to support his family. He received his M. D. in 1937 and interned at ABMC in 1937-38. Following completion of his internship, Dr. Watson joined the Center's staff and has remained a member of the staff until his retirement. His early retirement was brought about by an automobile accident in the fall of 1967.

During his years of practice, he specialized in obstetrics and gynecology and it is estimated that he delivered between 10 and 12 thousand babies. Dr. Watson is a member of the American Medical Association; Southern Medical Association; Arkansas Medical Association; Pulaski County Society and a Fellow in the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The Watsons have two sons, Dr. Clarence Fletcher Watson, Jr., a major in the Air Force, specializing in Aero Space Medicine, and Dr. Terry C. Watson, a dentist.

A retirement luncheon was given by the Administration of ABMC, in recognition of Dr. Watson's many years of support and service to the Center. The luncheon was held in the Board Room, Tuesday, October 8. Those in attendance included former employees of Dr. Watson's office, friends on the medical staff and members of Administration.

Lab Presents Program To Warren High School

Odare Murphree, Clinical Laboratory Supervisor, and five students in the Medical Technology School, traveled to Warren in October to present a program to students at the Warren High School. A film, "In a Medical Laboratory" was shown and brief talks were given by Mr. Murphree and each of the students. The Chamber of Commerce of Warren invited the group and arranged the program.

On November 7, Mr. Murphree and several of the students traveled to Harding College at Searcy, and presented this same program to the Science Club at the College.

Roberts Is President Of A. H. A.



Norman L. Roberts, Jr.

Norman L. Roberts, Jr., Administrator of Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock, was installed as president of the Arkansas Hospital Association during its convention held in Hot Springs last month.

Mr. Roberts is a graduate of Baylor University and received his master's degree in hospital administration from the University of California at Berkeley. He is a Fellow in the American College of Hospital Administrators and has served as administrator of Memorial Hospital since it was opened, in January, 1962.

Officers installed for the coming year were: President, Mr. Roberts; president-elect, Mr. C. E. "Gene" Melville, administrator of Jefferson Hospital at Pine Bluff and treasurer, Mr. Glen Estes, administrator of Washington General Hospital at Fayetteville. Installation ceremonies were held at the annual banquet held in conjunction with the convention. The installation ceremonies were conducted by Dr. Frederick Elliott, assistant to the director, Council on Professional Practice, of the American Hospital Association.

Practical Alumni Meetings

The first quarterly meeting of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center Practical Nursing Alumni Association will be held Tuesday, November 26, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Student Union Building, across the street from ABMC. All graduates of the school are invited to attend.

The annual dues for active members are \$2.00 per year, and for inactive and non-resident members, \$1.00 per year. Quarterly meetings will be held, alternating day and night meetings, in order to give all members the opportunity to attend, regardless of the shift they work. An annual meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of September, in each year.

Sign Erected On Building Site



A beautiful new four-color sign has been placed on the 53 acres in the western part of Little Rock, where the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center System proposes to begin construction of a new 500-bed medical complex, by 1969. The sign is placed adjacent to the proposed entrance leading to the medical complex which will be located some several hundred feet east of University Avenue.

Parking Lot Sale Raises \$450



The ABMC Auxiliary held its annual fund-raising event, Friday, October 11, 1968, by conducting a parking lot sale.

Many articles were donated by members of the Auxiliary and their friends. A total of approximately \$450.00 was made on the sale of the merchandise. The proceeds of the sale go to support the needs of the various

programs of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. George Spencer was the general chairman for the activity and was assisted by Mrs. Doyle Hornaday, Mrs. James Puddephatt, Mrs. Irving Spitzberg, Mrs. J. F. Halliburton, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. J. O. Henry, Mrs. A. C. Kolb, Mrs. Maye Payne, Mrs. Mae Duckett, Mrs. Carl Olsson, Mrs. Doris Coe and Mrs. Jack Porterfield.

Engineer Assoc. Holds Meeting At Center

Approximately 35 to 40 members of the Arkansas Association of Hospital Engineers, and their wives, attended the quarterly meeting held at the Center, Saturday, October 26.

Mr. Weldon Taylor, Director of Linen Service at ABMC, presented a talk on "The Importance of Good Laundry Equipment Maintenance." Also included in the program were demonstrations on electronic wall systems and hospital communications. Concluding the program was a problem-solving panel. A business meeting of the Association was held following the general program.

While the men were attending the associational programs held in the Student Union Building, the wives were taking a guided tour through the Center and shopping at the Mall.

In addition to Pulaski County hospitals, delegates from Warren, Harrison, El Dorado, Pine Bluff, Heber Springs, Danville, Searcy, Fort Smith, Camden and Van Buren were in attendance.

Annual Silver Tea

The Silver Tea, which is the annual fund-raising event of Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary, will be held Sunday, December 1, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ostedgaard, No. 1 Heritage Park Circle in North Little Rock.

Proceeds of the event will go toward the purchase of equipment for the hospital's new coronary intensive care unit. Mrs. Robert Harriell is chairman of the event.

Medicare Rates Increased 10%

H. E. W. has announced that effective January 1, 1969, all Medicare deductibles under Part A (Hospital Benefits) will be increased by 10 percent across the board. This means that the present \$40 per year deductible for the first 60 days will be increased to \$44. Beginning with the 61st day of hospitalization, the patient will be required to pay \$11 per day for the next 30 days and beginning with the 91st day of hospitalization in any calendar year, the patient will be required to pay \$22 per day.

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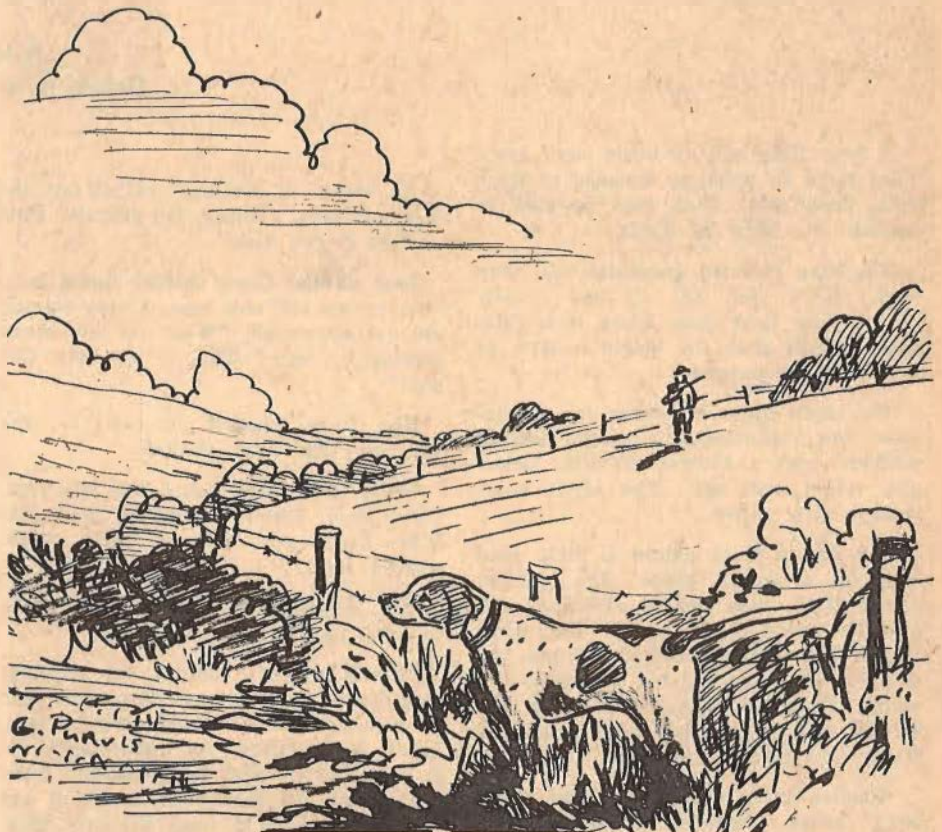
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'NO TRESPASSING' signs don't have to state "positively." The true sportsman will heed them, or ask the landowner's permission before hunting on posted property.

On the first day of this month was the beginning of the year's most severe clashes between hunters and landowners. It is the annual 2½ month encounter between some landowners and some quail hunters. It is true that other groups sometimes have 'brushes' with landowners, but it is in quail hunting that the conflict seems to reach its greatest intensity.

If hunters would realize that hunting is not a right but a privilege, then it would follow logically that permission should be acquired before the privilege of hunting on someone's land can be exercised.

Landowners do not own the game on their land. They certainly do have the unquestioned right to control access to and crossing of their property—even to the extent of keeping every one off of it except themselves and their select friends.

This year's good crop of quail will bring out large numbers of hunters and it is each one's responsibility to be a real sportsman, respecting the posted signs and all of the rights of the landowner. If every hunter had the proper regard for landowners' rights, there would be no conflicts and there would be more land open to hunting.



The many-colored bird

A legend

Retold by O. J. Robertson

A long time ago all birds were gray. They were so unhappy because of their dull, drab color that they decided to consult the king of birds.

The king listened carefully and then said, "Soon you will all have lovely colors. The next time there is a rainbow, I will give its bright colors to you. Just be patient."

The birds began to watch for a rainbow, but unfortunately weeks passed without even a shower of rain. Lakes and rivers ran dry. The birds grew weary with thirst.

One day a finch found a little pool deep in a forest glade. She was so elated that, even before drinking, she told the good news to all the other birds. The others flocked around the pool, pecking and shoving to get to the water. The finch was pushed away. After all the other birds had drunk, no water was left in the pool.

"Foolish bird, why didn't you push, too?" asked a golden buttercup.

"That isn't the proper way for a bird to act," answered the finch. "After I rest a bit, I'll look for another pool."

"Some dew is in the bottom of my cup," said the flower. "You may have a drink. Here," and the buttercup bowed over to let the finch drink the dew caught among its petals.

"Oh, thank you," said the thirsty, gray finch.

"Now don't forget," cautioned the buttercup. "If you want to get anywhere in the world, remember to take your part. Push and shove just as much as the other birds do."

A few days later, dark clouds began to gather in the evening sky. Thunder began to rumble. The lightning zig-zagged down to the horizon.

"A storm is coming," called out the king of birds. "Hurry, my friends. Find shelter if you can."

Just as the finch settled down in a hole in an old oak tree, a jay darted up and squawked, "What do you mean coming up here? This is my hole. Get out!"

The finch hopped out and let the jay have the cozy shelter.

"Silly, silly bird," said the oak tree. "That hole didn't belong to that jay. Why don't you demand your rights around here?"

"Oh, maybe I'll find some other place to keep dry," sighed the finch.

"You'll drown if you fly out into this rain," said the oak tree. "See that limb on my right which arches like a rainbow? A tiny twig is underneath. On it you can sit and be sheltered from the storm. I'll bow down some of my nearby branches to keep the rain from blowing upon you."

"You are kind," said the finch.

Soon night came. The finch, tired and weary, slept the whole night through. When morning came, it awakened to hear doves cooing, swallows twittering, and other birds chirping and caroling with glee.

What has happened, wondered the finch? Why are the birds so happy?

"Hurry, sleepyhead," called the oak tree. "The rain is over and the sun is out. A magnificent rainbow is in the sky. The king of birds is about to give out the colors. Don't settle for any but a very bright one. You deserve it."

The finch flew down to join the other birds, who pushed and shoved madly to get near the king.

"Give me lots of red," screamed the parrot.

"I want only blue," said the jay.

"Yellow for me, please, King," cried the oriole.

The finch could not make herself heard above the clamor. Soon the rainbow's colors were all gone. The birds, delighted with their bright feathers, looked into the rainpools to admire their new beauty. They smoothed their wings with their bills until each feather shone. Then the king of birds saw the poor finch, as drab as she had always been.

"A bird that is still gray!" the king exclaimed with displeasure. "What is the matter, Finch? Didn't you want a new color, too?"

"Oh, yes," faltered the finch, "but I—I waited my turn. I didn't want to push and shove as some birds were doing. Isn't there just a little bit of color left—enough perhaps to tint the tips of my tail and wings?"

"You waited?" The king of birds was surprised but pleased with the finch's behavior. "The colors are all gone, but you deserve better than that coat of gray. I shall give you a special reward for your patience. Come and stand here at my side."

The king of birds called all the other birds to gather round him. He took a bit of color from each bird and gave it to the finch. When he had finished, the finch shone with all the colors of the rainbow. To this day, it wears its beautiful many-colored coat.

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Power to change men

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Life and Work

December 8, 1968

Acts 16:16-40

Today's lesson is a continuation of the theme, "The Power of The Gospel." The gospel's power is illustrated in the marvelous story of the conversion of the Philippian jail-keeper. This conversion occurred during Paul's second missionary journey.

The background of this lesson is Paul's response to the Macedonian call (see v. 6-10). While at Troas Paul changed his anticipated travel route because he received a vision and heard God's call. The call was clearly revealed: "Come over into Macedonia and help us" (v. 9). Paul went. His first visit in Macedonia was in the city of Philippi (Later Paul would write an epistle to this church which became a book in the New Testament.)

How did Paul manage to become a visitor in residence at the city jail? Imagine following God's leadership into a province and going to jail as the first order of business! Verses 6-24 give the background of Paul's conflict with paganism which resulted in his being cast into jail. When her masters could no longer exploit a certain slave girl, they sought to punish those who interfered with their source of gain. The legal charge brought against Paul and Silas was disturbing the peace and teaching customs unlawful for Romans (v. 21). The accusers played upon prejudice by emphasizing "being Jews." Perhaps this context would imply a charge of illegal proselytism by Paul and Silas. Some scholars state that the slave girl was a ventriloquist.

I. The jailer's reaction to the earthquake (vs. 25-30)

Perhaps Paul and Silas were conducting a midnight revival service. What better way could they have had to welcome the hour of midnight? During the first part of the service (praying and singing part) an earthquake erupted. This earthquake was followed by a "birth-quake" (new birth experience for jailer and household). The earthquake caused the prison's doors to open and the bands of those in prison were loosed.

The earthquake was God's answer to their prayers. Paul and Silas could have escaped easily. But their main concern was meeting the spiritual needs of the jailer. The jail keeper, being responsi-

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ble for his prisoners with his life, was at the point of committing suicide. Upon being apprized by Paul that no prisoner had escaped, the jailer asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Can anyone ask a better question than this?

II. The jailer's conversion (vs. 31-32)

Conviction led to conversion. Only a man under deep conviction of sin would inquire earnestly about salvation. Paul gave the most simple and direct, yet profound, statement of how to be saved that is found in the entire word of God. Paul commanded this prisoner of sin, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Note the inclusion of the word "Lord." A person cannot in reality accept Jesus as Saviour and reject Him as Lord. Paul's statement to the jailer was in essence exactly the same as Peter's statement to Cornelius.

Verse 32 relates that Paul gave a fuller explanation of the plan of salvation. The jailer received Christ.

III. Events that followed conversion (vs. 33-36)

Three things followed:

1. The jailer and his household were baptized.
2. The jailer extended hospitality to the two missionaries.
3. The two missionaries were released.

The first event following conversion was baptism. Have you noted the emphasis in the book of Acts upon baptism, which was the badge of a believer? Baptism expressed to the world that a person was an open follower of Jesus Christ. Why were these new converts baptized the "same hour?" This was the request of the jailer and Paul simply granted the request. Some situations today demand baptism immediately following conversion.

The next event involved hospitality. A meal was served. All present perhaps were hungry. What an impressive sight: New converts partook of food with the missionaries as a sign of fel-

lowship in the new faith. Joy pervaded the house. Although darkness was outside, the sunshine of God's love filled the souls of the new converts.

Next came the release. The magistrates gave permission for the missionaries to be released. Their message was, "Now therefore depart, and go in peace."

Paul's Macedonian call was a missionary, evangelistic call. When did you last respond to your "Macedonian call?" Maybe you and I will not experience such a dramatic evangelistic opportunity, but we do have opportunities every day to be a good witness for our Saviour and Lord.

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Christ speaks to his churches

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Revelation 1-3

In approaching the study of this first lesson from Revelation, the teacher or student should by all means read carefully the article by Dr. Summers in the Adult Teacher. The book of Revelation, written to Christians who were suffering persecution under Domitian because of their loyalty to Christ, was intended to give them assurance that God was on his throne, that he had heard their cries, and that he was marshalling his forces to rescue his churches and preserve his cause.

Various systems have been devised for interpreting Revelation. Some interpreters think of the book as a preview of world history from John's day until the end of the ages. Others understand the book to be dealing with events immediately prior to and following the return of Christ. Still others say that Revelation concentrates on issues and events of John's day and looks beyond them to the final consummation when Christ returns. In recent years increasing numbers of interpreters, even though they fall into one of the three schools mentioned above, find in the book a set of principles by which God governs the world.

Whatever system or combination of systems one may choose to follow, he must not fail to see that the Revelation of John brought meaning and assurance to suffering Christians at the end of the first century.

Revelation can best be studied with a telescope rather than a microscope. The sweep of events is of more value in one's search for its meaning than are the details, and one gains more from a knowledge of what the chapters mean than from knowing what the verses mean.

The book was written to impress the reader more than to inform him. The reader is impressed with the authority, power, and serenity of God; the frenzy and restlessness of evil forces; and the joy and exuberance of the redeemed in heaven.

John's commission (Rev. 1:9-11)

1. Identification. After a preface of eight verses, the author introduced the book by identifying himself. He called himself "John, your brother" and said that he was a fellow-sufferer with them in tribulation.

Early tradition was probably right in identifying John as the Apostle John, but it must be recognized that the text does not state that much. From the tone of the book, it can be known that the

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author was conscious of his authority and influence with the churches addressed, and that sounds like the Apostle.

2. Situation. Although the book deals with visions, figures, and ecstatic experiences, these came to John in a historical setting. He was on the "island called Patmos" some fifty-five miles off the coast from Ephesus. He was held there as a prisoner in isolation. Being alone, but "in the spirit," he conducted Sunday worship services. The attendance record in his church was not impressive, but he did reach a hundred per cent of the island's enrollment.

3. Instruction. The prisoner was told to write down what he was about to see and send his manuscript to seven churches on the mainland close by. The list of churches begins with Ephesus and ends with Laodicea, listing the churches in the same order in which a messenger from Patmos might have visited them.

The seven churches of Asia were local, historical churches. Chapters two and three record individual letters to each of the churches—letters which commend and rebuke, encourage and warn the churches.

The church with an open door (Rev. 3:7-13)

All of the seven letters are structured after the same general pattern. The Lord (a) identifies himself, (b) evaluates the spiritual condition of the church, (c) commends the good qualities—if any—in the church, (d) complains of evils—if any—in the church, (e) offers counsel to the church, (f) calls the saints to spiritual attention, and (g) makes promises to them. In this letter to Philadelphia there are no complaints.

1. The destiny of the church is in the hands of the risen Lord (3:7). The Lord is identified as "holy," "true," and sovereign—holding in hand the "key of David." With the key he "opens and no one shall shut," and he "shuts and no one opens"—an expression lifted from Isaiah 22:22 which was spoken concerning Eliakim. The description of the risen Lord also restates a portion of the first description of Christ in the first chapter in which he claims to have "the keys of Death and Hades."

Jesus fashioned his experience of death and resurrection into a key which he used to open the doors of death and

leave them locked open. He also, as Lord of the churches, uses the key of sovereign authority to open doors of opportunity to the churches.

2. Philadelphia was a small church with a great opportunity. Located near the borders of three provinces, it could readily be thought of as a church with an open door for communicating the Gospel.

3. The church was short on power and influence but long on faithfulness and endurance. The Philadelphia church was suffering persecution, not from Roman authorities so much as from "the Synagogue of Satan"—unbelieving and defiant Jews. When Christianity first moved out into the gentile world, it enjoyed good standing with Roman officials; but when the Jews rejected the new religion, they helped influence the government to turn against the Christians. Philadelphia, quite removed from the large population centers, seemed at the time of writing not to be under persecution by the Romans but by the Jews.

4. The Lord promised to spare the church from the hour of trial which was scheduled for "those who dwell upon the earth"—non-Christian earthlings. The author used the expression to refer to the unregenerate population (8:13; 17:8).

5. The Lord told the church to conserve what it had. It was to hang onto the things which had proved to be valuable and useful. Conservative Christianity has always been more effective in expanding the Christian movement. The weakness of "progressive" Christianity is that it makes so little progress in bringing new people to Christ, or in bringing Christ to new people. Those who have found God in Christian experience have found life's greatest joy and life's greatest riches, and they want to keep it. They learn from Jesus that the surest way of keeping it is to share it with others.

6. God gives assurance to those who overcome sin and the evil one. (a) Christ will make him secure, like a pillar in a temple. (b) Christ will mark him as God's own, like stamping God's mark of ownership upon him. (c) He will guarantee deliverance unto heaven, like writing his New Jerusalem address upon him and consigning him to an angelic postman. The person who has been wrapped and packaged by the Son, sealed and stamped by the Spirit, and addressed and posted by the Father will finally arrive at the heavenly address.

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Life

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Female logic: "Just admit that I'm right."

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First	496	99		
Hillside	126	60		
Cherokee Mission	58			1
Crossett				
First	606	211		
Mt. Olive	268	156		2
El Dorado				
East Main	293	253		
Ebenezer	159	65		1
First	700	456		
Victory	65	21		
Forrest City, First	607	169		1
Ft. Smith, First	1,228	451		7
Gentry, First	177	87		3
Green Forest, First	165	78		
Greenwood, First	290	136		
Gurdon, Beech Street	144	64		
Harrison, Eagle Heights	260	102		2
Hicks First, Ashdown	32	28		
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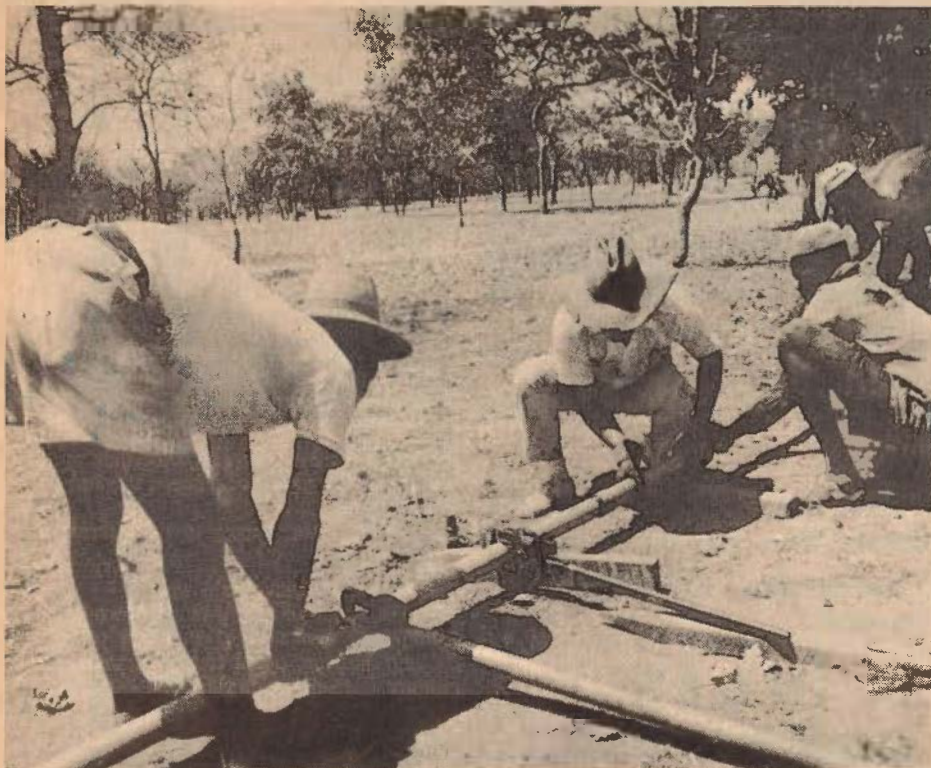
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OFFERING IN ACTION—Water, a precious commodity in many parts of the world, surges through this pipeline to a Baptist hospital in Africa, thanks to generous gifts by Southern Baptists to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.—Photo by Gerald Harvey



TOKYO PROGRAM PLANNERS. Mrs. R. L. Mathis, a Southern Baptist (USA) women's leader and a vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, has been named chairman of the program committee for the 12th Baptist World Congress at Tokyo. She is shown here with Pastor Yoshikazu Nakajima, center, president of the Japan Baptist Convention, and Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance. The Congress will meet in Tokyo July 12-18, 1970, with an expected attendance of 10,000 Baptists from 80 countries.

Poll finds Baptists approve transplants

Vy Malcik, features editor, and Billy Keith, director of public relations, BGC of Texas, recently published a feature based on results of a Baptist Opinion Poll conducted among 500 Texas Baptist ministers concerning the ethics of human heart transplants.

Results indicated a general approval and even enthusiasm for such strides in modern medicine. Two-thirds of those polled said they would submit voluntarily to the operation.

Nearly half of the respondents said they believe there are religious or moral implications in the performance of the human heart transplant, but most hastened to say the implications are positive ones, indicating man should use this new "God-given" ability to save lives.

Swiss Baptist choir sings at mass

ADLISWIL, Switzerland—Accepting an invitation from Roman Catholics here, the 19-voice choir of the Baptist seminary in nearby Ruschlikon sang six Negro spirituals during a Sunday morning mass.

The performance, according to choir director Mrs. Kay Wheeler, was given to a well filled sanctuary and was received enthusiastically.

The use of spirituals in the service was the idea of the Catholic church's lay music director who had previously heard the choir sing. (EP)

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