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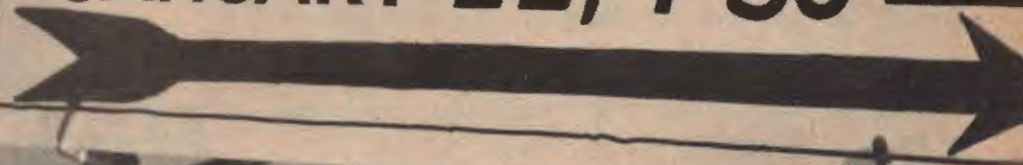
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Personally
speaking



'Yet speaketh'

IN a Christmas letter to this columnist—one we appreciated very much—Mrs. Sherman Smith of Rt. 1, Bentonville, described herself as “an old-fashioned Baptist who believes there is no in-between as far as Christian people and sin go.” Mrs. Smith observes:

“Though we live in the world, we sure don't need to let it live in us. It takes all kinds of people to make the world, but does it take the world to make Baptists? Sometimes it seems it does, for it is hard to tell the difference.”

Mrs. Smith was writing the first Christmas after the death of a daughter, the oldest of her seven children. Christmas of 1965 had been a happy one for the Smiths and no one had dreamed that it was to be the last on earth for this loved one. But not many weeks after Christmas the daughter became ill and was soon found to be afflicted with incurable cancer.

In just a few weeks she was gone. But those last weeks of her life live on in the grateful memory of her mother and other loved ones.

“I went to her and stayed there those five memorable weeks, weeks that will remain with me as long as I live,” writes Mrs. Smith.

“Not once did I hear her utter one word of pity for herself; not once did she complain. Her main concern was her Lord's business for her to do. She prayed to live to serve Him, in His will. She was faithful in Bible reading—she read as long as she could and then I read to her.

“She prayed earnestly, fervently, not for herself but her desire to God was that He would grant her petitions for others. She prayed for His church throughout the world, for her home church, and for the lost about her. She prayed for her son, that he'd be a faithful child of God. She prayed for the sick, for the missionaries, for missions, for comfort for her loved ones. And there was never a sign of fear. One night she smiled and kissed all of us “Good night.” The next morning she went Home.”

She is no longer here, but her prayers are still felt. A brother and a sister for whom she prayed have accepted Christ. And the spiritual awakening she prayed for her church has come.

Isn't this an inspiring testimony for us at the beginning of a new year?

Thank you, Mrs. Smith, for sharing it.

Edwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

REPORTS OF gambling in Arkansas were circulated again around Arkansas this month. The Editor comments on the reports and our new governor in the lead editorial on page 3.

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CHRISTIAN Civic Foundation Director W. Henry Goodloe today brings us the first in a series of reports on the actions of the state legislature. Dr. Goodloe's evaluation of the opening sessions is in the Arkansas pages beginning on page 7.

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WE doff our hats today to Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr. for an unusually fine piece of writing—“The Story of Mike,” page 11. Whether or not you have ever owned a dog, we believe you will be touched by his memories of this faithful friend.

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A VITAL ministry in a small church—these words are used by J. T. Elliff to describe Cushman Church in the Missions-Evangelism section, pages 18 and 19. You'll also find further information about the upcoming Evangelism Conference and the Rural-Town Church Conference.

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PARLIAMENTARIAN Carl Overton begins a new series today (page 6) which will be of more than ordinary interest to every churchman. Today's article is on rules of order.

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LAST week Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, promised a breakdown of the record receipts of the 1966 Cooperative Program. He presents it for you on page 6.

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WR and gambling

MORE than two years ago, when he was first running for governor of Arkansas, Winthrop Rockefeller was asked point-blank in a meeting of Little Rock ministers over which the editor of this paper was presiding, what he would do about enforcing the anti-gambling laws of the state if he should be elected governor. Without any hemming or hawing, Mr. Rockefeller stated his personal conviction against gambling and declared that if elected he would use the powers of his office as governor to enforce the laws against gambling anywhere in the state.

Many of us believed Mr. Rockefeller. So, when he announced immediately after the votes were in from the 1964 general election that he would continue to run for the governorship subject to the elections of 1966, we did not go back to him to ask him again about his attitudes on gambling.

This editor believes Mr. Rockefeller to be a man of great integrity of character whose word is as good as his bond—and who would question a Rockefeller bond? So we are greatly encouraged by the new governor's latest word on the gambling situation. Said Governor Rockefeller last week:

"My position has not changed since the day I was asked about the matter two years ago. I am opposed to it" [gambling].

Declaring that he was making every effort to be "reasonable and fair" in the handling of all questions involving state problems, including the problems of gambling, The Governor said that he would not "be pushed into taking precipitate action." But he let it be known that he would not stand for open and flagrant violation of the anti-gambling laws anywhere in the state.

It should be a great encouragement to everyone committed to the principles of civic and moral righteousness to hear the Governor of the state dealing so fairly and yet so forthrightly with a situation that has long been a running sore in the side of Arkansas.

Baptist polity

ONCE in a great while someone among us mentions something called "Baptist polity." What meaning does this terminology have for the average Baptist?

Polity is "the form of government of a religious denomination." So, Baptist polity would be the form of government of Baptists—not only for the Baptist denomination as such, but for the local church, the association, the convention, and any other Baptist groups or bodies operating on an organized basis.

We say that we Baptists have a congregational or democratic form of government. And that is correct. For

in our affairs, each and every member has a voice and a vote. But, of course, we are not equal in our influence. So one Baptist often has, by reason of the quality of his leadership, a much greater following among his brethren than has another Baptist in the same group. This is due in part to the fact that each one of us not only has a vote and the right to a hearing by his group, but each one must bear his own burden of responsibility for what he says, does, or proposes. And if one turns out to be a crackpot, he may pop up and speak on everything that comes up, but he is not likely to carry much weight of influence.

No doubt many who might exert good leadership among us are hindered in not knowing how to go about presenting their views. For one who is to speak not only should have something worth saying, but he should know how to present his ideas correctly or according to proper procedure. This, in a public meeting, involves what is called parliamentary procedure.

Parliamentary procedure, of course, constitutes the rules set out by an organization for the governing and the conduct of its affairs. This procedure is designed for the protection not only of each individual and his rights and privileges as a member of the body, but also for the best interests and protection of the body as a whole. It is easy to see how vital this is to Baptists, who so frequently are involved in meetings and business sessions.

For those who wish to make a serious study of parliamentary law, there are, to be sure, books available. Two of the leading authorities for Baptists are Kerfoot and Robert, both of whose works are available from the Baptist Book Store.

We realize that a detailed book on parliamentary procedure will be too technical, if not too involved, for many among us. So we have asked our own Arkansas Baptist State Convention parliamentarian, Associational Missionary Carl M. Overton of Ashley Association, Hamburg, to give us a boiled-down, simplified highlighting. Mr. Overton has gladly accepted the assignment, and we are happy to begin the series in this issue of our paper. We trust that many of our Arkansas Baptists will study the Overton materials and that they will preserve them for future reference.

As we need to study our Bibles and apply its doctrine in our daily living, we need also to study Baptist polity and follow its principles where two or three Baptists are gathered together to do Baptist business.

Slap liquor ads

EDITORS of *Christian Century* have attacked *Life* magazine editorially for carrying 32½ pages of liquor advertising in a pre-Christmas issue. Said the *Christian Century*: "When a magazine going into millions of homes devotes nearly one-third of its space in a single issue to liquor ads, it defaults its public charge in a crass pursuit of the almighty dollar."

The people speak

Cause for concern

The other day two of us were drinking coffee in a restaurant when a friend with whom we were talking introduced us to the friend with him. Upon proceeding with the casual conversation, the new "friend" shared with us some facts which should be labeled, cause for concern.

Upon completing twenty years in service this gentlemen went into the beer business as a distributor. How happy he was to meet a minister and state, "At one time I felt called into the ministry"! He went to a Baptist college and went into military service upon graduation believing that later he perhaps would attend seminary. He liked the military so well that he made this into a career. His new career is the cause for concern.

Imagine a man relating his conversion experience (?), the where and when of his baptism, his serious thoughts about the ministry and having a beer pin in his lapel while talking the language of Zion.

This is a commentary on the plight of our day. Most "beer people" are church members. Most claim to be Christians. In many cases their families are active in some church. Is not this type of situation, the inconsistencies of our lives, the thing that's hurting our witness today more than anything else? May God help us to have a profession and a practice that are one and the same.—L. H. Coleman, Pastor Immanuel Baptist Church, Sixteenth and Hickory, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Ministerial scholarships

Any Baptist ministerial student interested in a scholarship to attend a Southern Baptist College or seminary should write to the First Baptist Church, Nevada, Missouri, 64772, for an explanatory brochure.

For the ninth year, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Richardson of Nevada, Missouri, are providing scholarships through their church. The scholarships are for \$500 each. Ten of them are available for the 1967-68 school year.

The basic considerations are as follows:

1. Commitment to the Christian ministry;
2. Membership in a Southern Baptist church, or in case of a Negro, membership in a cooperating church of an acceptable Negro Baptist convention;
3. Attendance of a Southern Baptist college or seminary, or again in the case of a Negro, attendance of a school

mutually acceptable to him and the church scholarship committee;

4. Personal need;

5. Approval by the scholarship committee of the First Baptist Church, Nevada, Mo.

The final date for receiving applications for the 1967-68 scholarships is February 28, 1967. The awardees will be notified by May 1, 1967.

Although the scholarships are designed primarily for students preparing for the Gospel ministry, consideration is given to worthy and qualified students who may be preparing for other full-time church-related vocations such as mission service, the ministry of music or the ministry of religious education.

Bibleland at Christmas

On the way home from our Christmas Tour of the Holy Land, Dr. Cecil Sutley, of Ouachita University, our sponsor, said that he would appreciate my giving you a report of our trip.

There were sixteen in our party, coming from Missouri, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, and Arkansas. We met at Kennedy Airport in

The Cover



FINISHING TOUCHES—A prayer breakfast will kick off observances of Baptist Men's Day Jan. 22 in thousands of Southern Baptist churches throughout the United States. This event, emphasizing the contributions of men in missions, is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and state Brotherhood departments. (Photo by Kenneth Everett)

New York and left there for Cairo, Egypt at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 19, Via Transworld Airlines. We visited Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Israel.

Some visited with one of our Southern Baptist missionaries in Lebanon, and a number attended services not only at the Southern Baptist Church while in Jerusalem, but also at the First Bible Baptist Church.

Nine of us drove to Ajloun for a visit with two Arkansas missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Graddon Hardister, stationed at our hospital there. Places of greatest interest to us were those directly connected with the life and ministry of Jesus.

It was my privilege to bring the message for our group at The Garden Tomb on Christmas Day.

We returned to New York on Jan. 2. Miss Judy Evans who is a Ouachita University student from Tennessee, Dr. Sutley, and I landed back in Little Rock at 1:15 p.m. Jan. 3.

I expected a great trip, but it exceeded my expectations. It was a Christmas present from my wife's sister, Mrs. Leslie Hardin.

This was Dr. Sutley's sixth trip to the Holy Land. Should I ever be privileged to go again, I hope that he will make at least one more tour.

—D. W. Stark, P. O. Box 305, Bear-den, Arkansas.

Points overlooked

In all the discussion over seating the messengers from Russellville's First Baptist Church by the past session of the Arkansas Baptist Convention two points seem to be overlooked.

First, the Convention did not refuse to seat the messengers from Russellville. The Convention voted with no objection to seating duly elected messengers from churches cooperating with the Convention. Any question of messengers would have had to be raised at the time the messengers were seated. In effect the Russellville messengers were seated if they had chosen to register.

Second, action to table indefinitely Dr. McClanahan's resolution had nothing to do with seating the messengers. When I voted to table the matter I said in effect, "I do not want the issue discussed on the floor of the Convention and I do not think Russellville needs to be given special consideration by the Convention."

I may be mistaken in my interpretation. But when I voted as one messenger at the Convention I understood that the above was involved.—Gerald W. Jackson, Pastor, First Baptist Church Ozark, Ark.



Mrs. Cureton and her Thanksgiving arrangement

HOBBIES:

Flower arrangements

BY JO ANN CURETON
CASH BAPTIST CHURCH

Making flower arrangements for your church can be a rewarding service if it is a joy and not a job. Every church has someone who loves to do this and I imagine most of you have already eased into this place.

Many churches have traditions as to where floral offerings are placed. In some they are put directly in front of the pulpit and at others they may be placed on each side of it. The enjoyment of flowers and arranging is a highly personal thing and it is not necessary to take courses and follow long lists of rules. An eye for balance, color, and space will go a long way for you. These DO'S and DON'TS are commonsense rules that you probably do without thinking.

DON'T scatter colors—keep them grouped.

DON'T use too many varieties of flowers—three are good, two better.

DO cover your mechanics—an extra leaf, a stone, shell, or such.

DO face your flowers in different directions—don't let them all stare straight ahead or at each other.

DO break the rim of your container with a few leaves or flowers—this will tie the two together.

DON'T let rules scare you.

DO practice.

There are necessary mechanics such as holders and containers. These are your tools of the trade. Crumpled poultry wire makes an excellent holder in a tall vase, or try wet sand in one that cannot be seen through. Your kitchen is full of containers—pie plates, compotes, a cereal bowl cemented to a tumbler, tincans. Any of these may be painted black or grey-green. I used parts of a discarded farm disc to make one of my most useful containers. The spool (spacer between the blades) and a blade painted black may be used in any number of ways. The spool alone is a lovely candle holder. With the blade on top of it, it is excellent for fruits or dried arrangements.

For those requiring water, place a tuna can in the center of this and fill with a round of Oasis. Remember to hide the can.

In planning your flower plantings, remember the colors you especially want to use. Plant some tall spike-like forms such as glads, larkspur, salvia, Bells of Ireland, snapdragons and plume celosia. These are line flowers.

Mass flowers may be zinnias, marigolds, lilacs, Queen Ann's lace, daisies and such. Filler flowers are quite often small but necessary. These may be baby's breath, dusty miller, statice and ageratum.

Since flowers do have shapes, these must be considered and fitted together. A rose bud is oval but full blown it is round. These three types of flowers have a purpose in your arrangement. The line flowers establish the main lines and form the silhouette and also determine the size of the composition. Mass flowers if used with line flowers are placed near or at the center of interest. If used alone the buds of smallest size are placed at the outer edges, growing larger as they near the focal point, just as they do on the plant. Filler flowers are just that and they are placed toward the back and low to add depth. Foliage is much the same way.

ARRANGEMENT FOR EASTER

An effective arrangement for Easter is made with some small sticks of weed stems, a limber thorn branch, a few spring flowers and some ivy. Make a circle of the branch about 15 to 18 inches in diameter. Anchor this in an upright position on a block of styrofoam. Make three crosses of the sticks that will be in proportion to your circle. These will be placed directly in front of your circle of thorns, one in the center and the other two slightly back and at an angle. At the base of these, place a small container of flowers and ivy. Don't let them overshadow the crown of thorns and the crosses.

At Thanksgiving the bounties of our gardens and field are gone and you may wish to use this theme at harvest. For our harvest arrangement I used old faithful, the disc blade and spool. This was heaped with tomatoes, pepper, okra, corn, sweet potatoes and squash, and small sprigs of ivy were tucked in among them. To one side was placed three red and green peppers and on the other side an open Bible.

Visit the fence row for some of your most interesting materials, wild grape branches, brown dock, cattails, mullein leaves, bittersweet and wild oats. These make good dried materials, too.

WINTER TAXES INGENUITY

Flowers are plentiful in the summer but winter taxes your ingenuity! I find artificial flowers come to the rescue. Using a block of styrofoam as the base, place five large pink poinsettias as your focal point. Fill in, around and beneath with a mass of white bamboo. Re-use three of these poinsettias in a footed white compote with white or green filler. Milk glass with red-berried holly is striking. A mass of cedar or pine in a black container with a few real or artificial red carnations as the focal point is attractive. Or consider a basket of leaves that the frost has turned to jewel tones. Spray white some dried weed heads such as goldenrod and maybe some sumac, and mass in a black container. Change the center of interest from time to time with small pine cones painted gold or a few red or pink carnations.

In spring an armful of forsythia in a simple container looks like a pool of sunshine. Or white bridal wreath as a background for purple lilacs is lovely. (There are those line and mass flowers.)

When your own garden is low on materials you will find other gardeners most generous in sharing and hedge rows, fences, swamps and woods are full of goodies.

Church arrangements take time and forethought but to me it is a great personal satisfaction.

Evangelism speaker authors new book

One of the featured speakers for the annual Evangelism Conference Jan. 23-25 in Hot Springs will be a native of



DR. RALPH SMITH

the city, Dr. Ralph Smith, now pastor of Austin, Tex. He will conduct the Bible study for the conference. Dr. Smith, a former pastor of Lake Hamilton Church, near Hot Springs, is a graduate of Hot Springs' Central High School and of Ouachita University, and has the B. D. and the Th. D. degrees from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Dr. Smith is also a former pastor of Oak Grove Church, Ashdown, and of First Church, Rosenberg, Tex.

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A book by Dr. Smith, *Living the Spirit-filled Life*, has just been published by Zondervan and will be available through the Baptist Book Store in Little Rock and at the Evangelism Conference.

Dr. Smith draws from personal experience and from the Scriptures to describe the Spirit-filled life and the path to it. He asks the reader to take a long look at himself and to become aware of the things in life that hinder the Holy Spirit's work. He writes of the promise, the possibility, the power, and the peril of the Spirit-filled life. He describes for the reader the God, the Guide and the Goal of the Spirit-filled life, and, concludes with the task the test, and the triumph of the Spirit-filled life.

Graham film at Benton

Benton church and civic leaders combined in united effort to present the Billy Graham film, "The Restless Ones", recently after six weeks preparation and training.

Donald E. Loveless, M.D., served as general chairman. A total of 2,600 tickets were sold for the five showings. According to the Billy Graham representative, Everett Yielding, there were 192 total decisions with 152 of these being professions of faith.

Revivals

Mt. Pine First, Jan. 4-8; O. K. (Jack) Hazelwood, evangelist; 118 decisions; 17 for salvation; 15 for baptism; 1 by letter; W. B. Davis, pastor.

Breakdown of receipts

Following is a list of allocations of the \$2,171,972.98 undesignated receipts received in the office of Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention during the year 1966:

Southern Baptist Convention		\$ 706,016.90
Annuity—Retirement Plans		118,300.00
Arkansas Baptist Hospital		60,875.00
Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis		14,640.00
Arkansas Baptist Home for Children		80,686.16
Camps—Assembly		
Operating	12,600.00	
Indebtedness	20,190.23	
Construction	49,600.00	
Future Baptist Building		82,390.23
New Mission Sites		35,500.00
Ouachita Baptist University		24,500.00
Southern Baptist College		437,080.92
Ministerial Aid		76,700.81
Administration		3,250.00
Arkansas Baptist Foundation		34,675.00
Baptist Student Union		13,540.00
Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine		126,363.96
Brotherhood Department		15,000.00
Church Music Department		27,550.00
Convention		18,950.00
Division of Services		12,000.00
Miscellaneous		27,200.00
Missions—Evangelism Department		10,400.66
Race Relations Department		94,750.00
Religious Education Division		10,770.00
Reserve		4,500.00
Stewardship Promotion		21,470.00
Sunday School Department		33,250.00
Training Union Department		30,400.00
Woman's Missionary Union		43,440.00

TOTAL

\$2,171,972.98

Parliamentary procedure

Rules of order

AMERICANS are an organizational people. It may be the local wives' morning get-together over coffee or the local service club for men. From the extremely informal to the highly organized procedures of the national congress there come into play certain rules of order.

First in a series

There are two basic documents which govern the operation of such organizations. These are: the constitution of the group and the rules of procedure.

For the purposes of this column, we shall be concerned with such organizational statements and rules of procedure as relate primarily to religious bodies. We shall, then, base our presentation largely on Kerfoot's *Parliamentary Law* with references to Robert's *Rules of Order Revised*. Other works will be consulted to shed further light upon the particular procedure under consideration.

The constitution of a body is that document which governs its organization and delineates its limits of authority and activity. Its parliamentary

procedure governs the manner in which is authority and activity is conducted.

Parliamentary law is one name for that set of rules of order for the conduct of business. It is also known as parliamentary practice, procedure, rules of order, rules of decorum. By whatever name it may be known its purpose is four-fold. It is to insure:

1. That the will of the group be determined.
2. That open, honest and complete discussion take place.
3. That the will of the majority rule.
4. That the rights of the minority are protected.

While the reference is made to such rules as law, the application should not always be rigid. Frequently, the rules are relaxed that the sense of the body may be arrived at. The ultimate purpose is to accomplish the will of the body in a fair and equitable manner, always mindful of the rights of each member of the body.—Carl M. Overton

Arkansas' 66th session of the Legislature opens

BY HENRY GOODLOE

THIS is the first of what we hope will be periodic and regular reports from the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc., concerning problems and issues confronting the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas whose 66th session began Jan. 9. Serving as chairman of the 100-member House of Representatives is Sterling H. Cockrill. Lt. Gov. Maurice Britt serves as president of the 35-member Senate.



W. HENRY GOODLOE

The opening sessions were marked by an atmosphere of excitement, enthusiasm and expectation, the calling of friend to friend, introductions, hurried conversations and conferences on questions likely to be considered. To many it seemed like a homecoming, for numbers of these men—and women—have served together during previous terms. In the midst of this felicity, however, one could detect in the faces of the group a latent seriousness and grave concern.

The State Legislature is the chief source of our form of government and it should be the desire of every citizen not only to elect the good and worthy men and women who represent us there, but to follow intelligently and carefully the proceedings of the Legislature and to render every support possible to those representatives of ours who are endeavoring to enact just, sound, and judicious laws.

For the duration of the session, the Christian Civic Foundation has employed a special legislative information assistant in the person of Rev. Roy H. Gal-yeau, who for eight years served with distinction as a member of the legislative body. He is especially noted for his leadership in the Assembly in the fight against illegal gambling at Hot Springs. He and the executive director will be in constant contact with the House and the Senate as concerned citizens representing the united approach to matters of civic righteousness seeking expression through the Foundation.

We can well be proud of the type of representatives sitting in the Assembly. Approximately 30 per cent of them are newly elected and serving for the first time. They deserve our intelligent cooperation and our earnest prayers. They will welcome, we are sure, not only ex-

pressions of appreciation from their supporting constituency, but suggestions from the home base on desired measures. Feeling themselves to be representatives of the people back home, unless these

same people give them tangible expressions of their own hopes and needs, the representative cannot be sure of his really representative task.

The need was never greater than now for each Christian citizen to study the issues crowding for decision and to use every legal means available to enable the achievement of the goals desired. We hope that our interpretations of the General Assembly's leadership during the weeks ahead may be helpful and encouraging to them and to the average citizen and church member in the local community and church.

Beacon lights of Baptist history

Equanimity is lacking

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

Equanimity, the quality of remaining calm and undisturbed, evenness of mind or temper, is lacking in modern life. We are the victims of our age. Ministers, churches, and members find themselves frustrated and disturbed, and no wonder, with all life's pressures.

Now and then we learn of someone who meets the vicissitudes of life, takes them in stride, and refuses to be ruffled by them. John Mason Peck, pioneer missionary to the Mid-West, was such a man as this. A friend said of him that he neither became elated or buoyant over success, or depressed and disturbed over failures and disappointments.

In the early years of his missionary work in Illinois he lost his horse, clothes, valuable papers, and journals while on a trip. In a lonely, sparsely settled section of the country he had occasion to dismount from his horse. The animal, frightened by some object, suddenly bolted and ran away, out of reach and soon out of sight.

All afternoon Peck followed the runaway horse. Night found him at a cabin where he lodged, and with whose occupants he established a friendship which lasted the remainder of his life. Next morning he resumed the horse-hunt but without success.

Undaunted, he returned to the cabin with the boys who had gone with him that morning. Jovially, as though it had been an object of his tramp, they gathered nuts on their way home. That night, seated on the hearth stone he cracked and ate nuts and entertained the family with anecdotes of which he had a plentiful supply from his travels. This spirit and versatility of powers gave him an immense influence among the people with whom he labored.

Late in life he suffered a tremendous loss by fire. For 30 years he had collected periodicals, pamphlets, and papers, mostly unbound, but carefully filed, enough for "several thousand volumes" he said. All these with his books and mineralogical collection from every part of the country were destroyed by fire when the old building of Rock Spring Seminary burned.

Naturally, he regretted the loss of his life-time work. His remarks were, "I tried and failed". He left it in God's hands. His biographer said of him that though some of his plans were doomed because of the fire yet within a half hour one would not have noticed "any disturbance of his accustomed equanimity".

True, all of us may not be possessed with such inner or outer calm as illustrated. But it may be that Peck's kind of committal of life into the hands of God and the centering of one's mind on "things above" might help some in the frenzy of modern life.

Beech Street ordains

Three were ordained as deacons Jan. 8 by Beech Street Church, Texarkana: George Cannedy, Frank Hodnett and Jewel Wayne Shoptaw.

Passes offering goal

Crystal Hill Church, Little Rock, received \$221.33 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. The goal was \$190. Ralph Raines is pastor.

Arkansans in Texas

A youth team from Gravel Ridge Church, North Little Rock, lead the Youth Week services during the holiday season at Kinney Avenue Church, Austin, Tex.

The group of 57 attended the Peach Creek Baptist Encampment near Houston. They were also taken on a tour of the NASA Manned Spacecraft Headquarters near Houston and met and heard a talk by two Baptist astronauts who are in training in the Apollo Moon Mission (See Arkansas Baptist News-magazine, Jan. 12, page 5).

Ashdown hits goal

First Church, Ashdown, reached its \$2,400 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Jan. 1, exceeding last year's goal by \$200. The receipts were registered on a huge clock, which filled the opening of the baptistry and contained a map of the world. Twenty-four small light bulbs ringing the face of the clock were turned on as each \$100 was received. Charles Trammell directed the offering service. Ross O. Ward is pastor.

During 1966 the church gave \$4,674.87 through the Cooperative Program, 19 percent of its undesignated receipts. Total gifts to associational, state, Home and Foreign Missions during the year totaled more than 40 percent of the entire receipts for the year.



ALMA FIRST BURNS NOTE—First Church, Alma, in the morning service Jan. 1, burned a 15-year note made in September, 1962. The \$12,000 indebtedness on the parsonage built in 1962 was paid in a little more than four years, with more than half being paid in the last 15 months. Left to right above: Charles Starbird, chairman of trustees; L. E. Ritchie, chairman of deacons; Joe Hawkins, treasurer; and J. Ronald Condren, pastor.

West Memphis dedicates sanctuary



First Church, West Memphis

First Church, West Memphis, dedicated its \$427,000 sanctuary Jan. 1 with Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Sunday School Board, Nashville, as principal speaker.

In addition to the sanctuary, which seats 1,040, the church has also completed a new office suite, library-conference room, music suite and baptismal pool with adjacent dressing areas.

Inside the dark oak finish on both woodwork and furniture is complimented by the off-white exposed brick interior and the gold carpets.

Others taking part in the dedication included Rev. B. Greer Garrott, Dr. H. E. Williams, Rev. Lynton Cooper and Pastor Thomas A. Hinson.

In addition to the Sunday service the

church featured a music night Jan. 3, directed by R. D. Roberts, minister of music, and denomination night, Jan. 4. At the latter, speakers were Dr. T. K. Rucker, Annuity Board, and Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary, Arkansas State Convention; Rev. E. E. Boone, Tri-County Association Missionary; Dr. George Schroeder, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Brotherhood Commission; and Dr. James H. Smith, newly named executive secretary of the Illinois State Convention.



C. H. Rowton, building committee chairman, and Pastor Thomas A. Hinson in the sanctuary.

Two ordained

Two were ordained as deacons of Tyler Street Church, Little Rock, Jan. 22, Layman's Day: Oswald Weise and Ken Karnes.

Reeves to meeting

Sam Reeves, pastor, First Church, Arkadelphia, will represent Arkansas Baptists at the 49th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board trustees on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, said the Arkansas trustee will join 68 other local and state trustees from 26 state conventions to hear reports on work accomplished in 1966.

Included in the report will be a review of the new Southern Baptist Protection Program which all state conventions approved last fall for opening in January, 1968.

Finn to association

John Finn has resigned as pastor of Cotter Church to accept the call to become Boone-Newton Association missionary.

In other news from White River Association Alvin Wiles has moved from Tomahawk Church to the pastorate of Summit, and Wilbur De Priest has resigned the Whiteville Church effective Jan. 15. (AB)

Maker to Springdale

Ed Maker, Coyle, Okla., has accepted the call of Berry Street Church, Springdale. He began his new ministry Jan. 8. Mr. and Mrs. Maker have two daughters.



FOR LOTTIE MOON—David Dennie, 6, and sister Ruth, 4, stand among the soft drink bottles they collected for a year to make their own donation to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at First Church, Heber Springs. With the aid of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dennie, they accumulated \$30 from December, 1965, until the turning on of the Lottie Moon lights in early December, 1966. Pastor Walter Hill invited the two children to turn on the first light (each represents the sum of \$30) on the large map of the world charting Southern Baptist missions



OAK GROVE BUILDS—Oak Grove Church, Washington-Madison Association, recently dedicated its \$12,000 educational building which contains nine classrooms and three restrooms. The brick structure will provide for 100 in Sunday School. Jerry Mann, Lake Charles, La., college professor and pastor of the church during its building program, was guest speaker. Others on the program included Pastor Jack Brown, Randall Watson, Burton A. Miley, and Alexander Best, associational missionary. Organized a year and a half ago, the church now averages 60 in Sunday School.

Edwards to Tuckerman

Benson Edwards is the new pastor of First Church, Tuckerman, succeeding Dr. Tom L. Harris, North Little Rock, who served as interim pastor since the resignation in June of Curtis Pennington.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have a daughter, 14, and a son, 11. He began his new pastorate Jan. 1.

He is a graduate of the University of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Tex., and attended Southwestern Seminary.

For the past two years he has served as pastor of First Church, Grubbs.



REFUS CALDWELL

Takes mission post

Refus Caldwell resigned as pastor of the Dr. John Grace Memorial Church, Belleville, Jan. 16 to become the missionary of the Conway-Perry Association. He has been pastor of the church for two and one-half years.

During his service the church was re-decorated and air-conditioned, and rest rooms, storm windows and a plate glass entrance added. The membership increased.

A native of Mississippi, he was educated at Southern College. He entered the ministry from Elaine.

His wife is the former Miss Minnie Lea Moore, Bigelow. They have four children, Refus Jr., Marty, Lynette and Martha.

He formerly held pastorates at New Hopewell, Red Hill, Standford and Bigelow.

Pastors move

Two Mississippi County Association pastors have moved. L. N. Hinch has resigned at Etowah to accept Blackwater Church. James McDaniel has gone from Whitton to First Church, Bay.

Dr. Bayless moves

Dr. C. Gordon Bayless has sold his Hidden Valley Ranch at Ferndale and now lives at 409 West K Street, North Little Rock, Telephone SK 9-9871.

Federal aid question voted top SBC '66 story

NASHVILLE—The most significant news of 1966 among Southern Baptists was the action of state Baptist conventions which adopted policy statements denying federal grants to their institutions, according to a vote of state Baptist paper editors.

Ranked second was the action of Tattnall Square Baptist Church in Macon, Ga., firing its church staff over the issue of integration. Voted third were numerous developments during 1966 involving relationships between Southern Baptists and Catholics.

The annual balloting to determine the editors' pick of ten top Southern Baptist stories of the year was conducted by the Baptist Press, news service of the SBC. Twenty-nine state Baptist papers, plus the editors of the Baptist Press, were polled.

Other stories picked by the editors among the ten most significant Southern Baptist news developments of 1966 were:

(4) Maryland Court of Appeals rules grants to denominational colleges unconstitutional and Supreme Court refuses to hear case; (5) Baptist Education Study Task (BEST), first national conference reveals divided opinions on

higher education problems; (6) SBC participation in Crusade of Americas launched; (7) Dirksen prayer amendment fails in Congress; (8) Cuba gives missionary Herbert Caudill conditional prison release; (9) American Baptist Convention General Council rejects Crusade of Americas participation; and (10) Arkansas convention relinquishes Baptist hospital to accept federal grants.

Five of the ten top Southern Baptist stories of the year dealt in some way with the principle of separation of church and state and the crisis which faced Baptists during 1966 in interpreting the principle. (BP)

Dehoney to Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, W. Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., has been named pastor of the Walnut Street Church here.

The 5,200-member church is the largest Southern Baptist congregation in Kentucky and the 18th largest in the SBC.

Dehoney, pastor of the First Church, Jackson, Tenn., for the past nine years, will assume the pastorate in Louisville on Feb. 1. (BP)

Virginian to Tattnall

MACON, Ga.—The Tattnall Square Baptist Church here has named Byron M. Wilkinson, pastor of the Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., its new pastor, effective Feb. 1.

Tattnall Square has been without a two other male staff members were fired Sept. 25 in a hassle over integration of worship services.

Holmes is now vice-president for public relations at Mercer University (Baptist) located at the corner of the corner of

Ousted along with Holmes were associate pastor Douglas Johnson and organist Jack Jones. Both are still affiliated with Mercer and Johnson is pastor of a group which calls itself mainly of former Tattnall Square members. The Fellowship is considering constituting as a church in the near future.

Wilkinson has been pastor at the Richmond church since Sept. 1, 1957. Prior pastorates were First Church, Griffin, Ga.; Grove Avenue Church, Richmond, and First Church, Lakeland, Fla.

A native of Huntington, W. Va., heological Seminary, Louisville, and is a graduate of Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va., and Southern Seminary Louisville. (BP)

Deaths

M. B. CARROLL, 50. Southern Baptist Convention leader and veteran Texas pastor, Dec. 30 of an apparent heart attack at his home in Dallas.

A former president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and pastor since 1958 of the 3,300-member East Grand Church, Dallas, Carroll was a native of North Augusta, S. C. (BP)

MRS. LYDIA WILLIAMS GREEN, 86, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, Jan. 2, in Danville, Va. Mrs. Green served in Nigeria for 38 years before her retirement in 1945. Her late husband, Dr. George Green, was Southern Baptists' first medical missionary in Africa.

MRS. EDNA McMILLAN, the woman for whom Oklahoma Baptists named their annual state missions offering, Dec. 19 in a Tulsa nursing home.

For 11 years, Mrs. McMillan served as state president of the Woman's Missionary Union for Oklahoma Baptists. She was also for 10 years chairman of the organization's state advisory board. The state missions offering promoted by the Oklahoma WMU was named for her in 1939.



BAPTIST PROF TO INDONESIA: Greek and Religion Professor Barclay Newman of William Jewell College (Baptist), Liberty, Mo., checks a copy of a new Greek-English dictionary he has prepared for American Bible Society publication this spring before leaving for Indonesia where he will become a translation consultant with the United Bible Societies. Barclay plans two trips to Indonesia before his assignment begins this fall. Barclay spent his boyhood in Mississippi and Tennessee, and was a pastor in Kentucky and Tennessee. (BP PHOTO)

Church programing

NASHVILLE — Church programing seminars conducted by the Brotherhood Commission, the Woman's Missionary Union and the Baptist Sunday School Board will be offered at the Sunday School Board here Feb. 20-24, April 17-21 and May 8-12. Emphasis of the seminars will be on more effective programing through the work of the Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union and Music Ministry.

The seminars are planned specifically for church staff members, lay leaders, and associational, state and denominational leaders.

For information and registration write: Church Program Training Center Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Ave. N, Nashville, Tenn. 37203. Registration is \$20.

Advocates state aid

INDIANAPOLIS—Advocates of state aid to both public and private school children will press their cause in 1967 in the Indiana General Assembly, according to a report from Alvin C. Shackleford, editor of the *Indiana Baptist*.

Sponsored by Citizens for Educational Freedom (CEF), a predominantly Catholic organization, the School Children's Assistance Act of 1967 will be introduced in the state legislature this month, according to announced plans.

The bill, referred to as the Hoosier Junior G. I. Bill of Rights, would provide \$50 annually to each school child attending an "approved school" under the Indiana school laws. The checks would be made out to the parent or guardian of the school child, but could be honored only by endorsement by an official of the school attended.

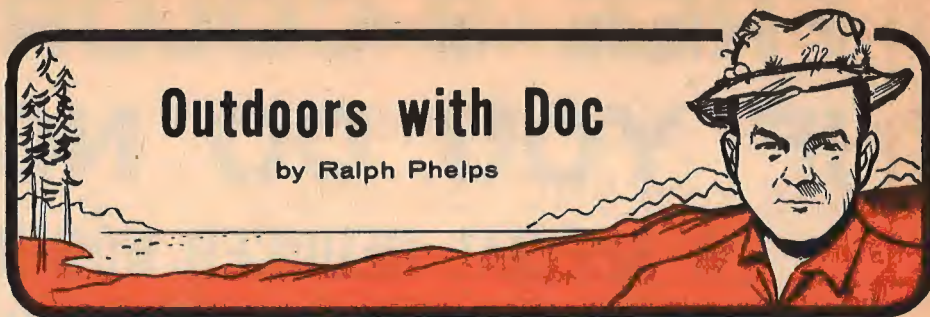
Cost of the program is estimated to be \$7½ million annually.

A similar proposal was made to the 1965 Indiana General Assembly. The new proposal indicates a renewed emphasis by CEF. During the election campaign in 1966 CEF questioned all legislative candidates and endorsed those who were for the proposed assistance act.

The Evansville Press reported that this "CEF slate" was distributed at a number of Catholic and Lutheran churches on the Sunday prior to the election.

A last-minute attempt by Baptists in the Evansville area, according to Shackleford, was unsuccessful in blocking election of the CEF-supported candidates.

Shackleford reports that this so-called "Hoosier Junior G. I. Bill" is one of



The story of Mike

Quail hunting is a great sport in many ways, but one of the finest parts of it is a man's association with his favorite bird dog. In a life time a hunter usually has one dog that stands out above all others; and when that one finally dies hunting is never quite the same again.

Mike was that one dog for me. He earned no headlines, won no field trials, cut no wide swathe through anything. But when he died a couple of seasons ago, a part of this columnist died also.

Mike was a little setter of unknown origin and undetermined age. For that matter, his name was probably not Mike. I first saw him on the last day of a quail season when he, with the hurt and puzzled look of a lost dog, trailed along as we hunted.

Quite obviously someone had slipped off the dog's collar and gone off and left him as the hunting season closed.

(This is a favorite gambit of some "sports" who don't want to feed a dog for 10 months until the next season.) Since he wasn't bothering anything, we let him follow us, and before the afternoon was over he had pointed a covey of birds—the only ones we found that day.

For several weeks I tried to locate the owner of the dog, but no one claimed him. It was then that I called him Mike and called him mine.

several attempts planned this legislative session to secure tax funds for parochial and private schools. "Money for textbooks, lunches, and school bus transportation will also be sought in other bills prepared for the General Assembly," he said. (BP)

Missions workshop

LOUISVILLE—Kenneth Chafin and Wayne E. Oates of the Southern Seminary faculty will head a six-professor team at the 1967 Associational Missions Workshop here Feb. 1-9.

Sessions will meet four hours daily, and the workshop participants will attend regular Seminary chapel services and will be able to audit Seminary classes when workshop sessions are not being held. (BP)

From the very first he rewarded my kindness with a devotion such as no other dog I ever owned displayed. He loved to hunt and was always ready to go. During summer and spring, he hopped in the Jeep every time I headed toward the garden at the farm and spent countless hours keeping me company as I worked.

While working birds, Mike was as careful as any dog I ever saw; I don't recall ever seeing him flush a quail. Many a time I have seen him frozen stiff with a bird no more than an inch from his nose. He didn't "dog it" but hunted hard, and he was that rare animal with outstanding bird sense.

As a retriever, Mike was superb. One time I hit a quail that fell on the opposite side of a flood-swollen Caddo River. Without a word of direction, Mike hit the water, battled the swift current, found the dead bird, swam back and laid it at my feet. He acted as if it were all routine duty.

Shortly before his death Mike was feeling bad but wanted to ride in the Jeep as three of us went several miles below town for a float trip on the Ouachita River. I figured he'd sleep in the back of the Jeep until we returned.

An hour and a half later and a mile and a half downstream, we dragged the boat out on the opposite side of the river and were enjoying a cup of hot coffee when Mike, dripping wet, came up wagging his tail. He had swum the river, winded us, and joined the party. He curled up in the boat and slept peacefully the rest of the trip, acting as if he had been float fishing all his life.

For some time before his death I knew Mike's days were limited, for an inoperable cancer was growing on his jaw. The day before I had him put to sleep, he made a last gallant hunt. He had the heart of a champion, and the four years I owned him were pure delight.

My theology is pretty fuzzy about whether or not dogs make it to any kind of hereafter, but if bird hunters get to heaven it would seem that bird dogs ought to be there, too. Maybe Mike is running where there is a covey in every field.

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YWAs in focus

To be sure, YWAs are never out of focus, but they will especially be in focus the week of Feb. 12-18 for that is YWA Focus Week. The "plus" is offered Arkansas YWAs in the 60th Anniversary YWA Convention to be held at Second Church, Little Rock, Feb. 17-18. This is for all young women.

Activities will begin at 7 PM Friday, Feb. 17, and will close with a beautifully appointed luncheon on Saturday. Each hour will be packed with exciting, inspiring experiences for the "Miss in Missions." There will be missionary speakers . . . "Sound of YWAs" . . . "Miss America YWA Pageant" . . . Mission Tours . . . a YWA Museum . . . etc., etc.

All sessions and meals will be at Second Church. The nearby Albert Pike Hotel will be headquarters hotel, where a block of rooms has been reserved for those who wish hotel accommodation. The cost of hotel room (four to room) . . . fellowship snack-supper following Friday evening session . . . Saturday breakfast and anniversary luncheon . . . insurance . . . registration is only \$8.75 per person. For those desiring to participate in all activities but who do not want hotel accommodation the cost will be \$4.75.

Feb. 14 is the deadline for reservations, and "the sooner the better." Full payment must accompany each reservation and be sent to State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Bldg., Little Rock 72201.

Suggestions for planning for YWA Focus Week are in the January Idea-Notebook, and guide for observance in the February issue of the Window.

IT'S FOR YOU, TOO!

The annual Evangelism Conference, Jan. 23-25, is for all Baptist people interested, in the number one task of every Christian . . . soul-winning. The conference will be held at Second Church Hot Springs. The full program was in the Jan. 5 issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine and promises to be an enriching experience.

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Baptist beliefs

Paul's sentence of death

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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

"Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision!"
Acts 26:19.

Paul had just related his dramatic conversion experiences on the Damascus road (26:12-18). He had seen the risen Christ. Certainly this was involved in his "heavenly vision." But was that all? No. For his vision involved not only his conversion but also his commission.

Jesus saved him for a "purpose" (v.16). He was to be a "minister" (under-rower of Christ) and a "witness" of what he had seen (the living Christ) and what he will yet see as Christ watches over him in his ministry to a lost world (v.17). He is "to open their eyes," turning them from darkness to light and delivering them from Satan's powers. Thus they will receive forgiveness and an inheritance in Christ (v.18).

That Paul was not disobedient to this vision is seen in verse 20. He began in Damascus, where he was, and preached at Jerusalem, in Judea, and to the Gentile world. No price in suffering was too great for him to pay as he followed his vision. Even as he spoke he was in prison facing possible death. It is no wonder that he blazed a trail of evangelism throughout the pagan Roman world, and wrought work without parallel in Christian history.

The "vision" which Paul followed should be that of every Christian. We are saved for a purpose, a purpose which does not end with our conversion. Too many of us are satisfied to be born again, and then to remain babes in Christ. Until twentieth century Christians catch and follow this first century vision, the cause of Christ will never make in our time the impact upon a pagan world that it made in Paul's day.



. . . . Four things menace world peace, according to U.N. Secretary-General U Thant: First: the bitter differences in political idealology. . . peace can always be threatened by any nation believing that it alone knows the whole truth. Second: the troubling remnants of colonialism. Third, the ugly conflicts of race and color. Fourth: the terrible division between rich and poor peoples.

. . . . "Contrary to what might be imagined, the unwed mother is usually the shy, withdrawn, subjective type, lacking in self-confidence," according to Lloyd Shearer in an article, "They Had To Get Married" (Parade magazine). Shearer stated that 50 percent of the teenage brides today are already pregnant. If the bride and her husband are both of high school age her pregnancy is an 80 percent certainty.

. . . . Negroes have made only token gains in the struggle against employment discrimination, according to studies made by Wayne State University for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. EEOC Chairman Steven N. Shulman said that the findings confirm the view "that the Federal law's stated purpose of achieving equal employment opportunity for all Americans will not be realized without affirmative efforts by Federal, State and Municipal Commissions in cooperation with employers and community groups." The studies showed that employers who made an effort to recruit non-white workers succeeded in finding qualified applicants, but that only 40 percent of those questioned reported having taken such measures.

January Music Meeting

The annual January Music Ministry Planning Meeting for all Arkansas Baptist music directors meets Jan. 23. In cooperation with the Evangelism Department, the meeting will be in Hot Springs this year. The meeting will be held in a conference room at the Ramada Inn from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Our department will provide a luncheon for the noon meal and 4 cents a mile travel expense. Join us for the fellowship and to give us the value of your thinking concerning future plans for the state music program.

JAN. 23-25

EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

Following the music meeting, all male music directors will want to make plans to stay to sing with the Music Men for all sessions of the Evangelism Conference. Rehearsal will be at Second Church, Hot Springs, Monday afternoon, and the first session of the conference begins at 6:45 that evening. Adjournment of the conference will be at noon Wednesday.

Those planning to stay for the Evangelism Conference should write for reservations in the bloc of rooms reserved for the music personnel at the Ramada Inn in Hot Springs. Meals and motel expenses for the conference will be taken care of for the Music Men.

Hoyt A. Mulkey is in charge of the music for the conference. Nancy Jane Blair, minister of music, First Church, Osceola, is organist and Eleanor Anne Harwell, Music Department Associate, is pianist.—Hoyt A. Mulkey, Secretary



Returns for state conference

Neta Stewart, Junior field consultant for the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Church School Board, will visit Arkansas Valentine Day to assist in the state Vacation Bible School Conference. She will lead the Junior leadership conference.

Miss Stewart formally served as office secretary in the state Sunday School Department in Arkansas under the former department secretary, Dr. Edgar S. Williamson. Miss Stewart since that time completed her training at Southwestern Seminary and served several churches as youth director. Her last church position was with the First Church, Tulsa, Okla.

The clinic will start at 9 a.m. with coffee and donuts at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, on Feb. 14. Lunch will be served at the church and the clinic will close at 4 p.m.

Others who will assist in the clinic include Sibley Burnett with general officers; Bob McKee, Intermediates; Mrs. Pat Jones, First Church, Benton, Primaries; Mrs. Mary Emma Humphrey, state Elementary Director, Beginner; and Mrs. J. E. Morrow of Vicksburg, Miss., Nursery.

Hoyt Mulkey will conduct the music.

The one day clinic is planned primarily for the associational Vacation Bible School teams who conduct Associational clinics later in the spring.

Arkansas reports more schools in 1966 than the year before.—Lawson Hatfield, Sunday School Department Secretary.

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State Youth Convention

1. Place: Second Church, Little Rock
2. Date : Friday, March 24, 1967
(Friday before Easter)

3. Time: 10:15 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

4. Pre-session events:

(1) 17-18 year elimination tournament, room 234, new educational building.

(2) 19-24 plus college students elimination tournament, room 233, new educational building.

(3) Choir concert by youth choir of Grand Avenue Church Fort Smith, 10:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

5. State Sword Drill: 10:30 a.m.—Sanctuary — 10:55 a.m. there will be a question and answer period for thirty five minutes. Bill Glass of the Cleveland

"M" NIGHT ATTENDANCE

December 5, 1966

Liberty Association — 928

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Browns football team and three college students will answer questions from the audience. In the program booklet there will be twenty questions printed and young people may select these or any other questions that they desire to ask the panel members.

6. Rev D. C. Applegate — First Church Starkville, Miss., will bring two messages. At 10:35 a.m. he will speak on "Man Makes God in His Own Image." At 2:20 p.m. he will speak on "Be A Conformist."

7. There will be seven conferences for intermediates in the afternoon on the general subject, "What is God Like." For 18 year intermediates who have special interest in the subject and for young people and adults there will be

two special conferences from 2:50—4:15:

(1) Recreational conference will be conducted by Cecil McGee of the Sunday School Board.

(2) Vocational Guidance conference will be conducted by Lee Garner of the Sunday School Board.

8. Youth Fellowship — MacArthur Park 4:30—6:00 p.m. — box lunches will be presented only to those with tickets. Send 50 cents to the Training Union Department for tickets. Churches with large groups should send one check for the tickets needed.

9. Speakers' Tournament finals will be held at night.

10. Closing feature will be the drama, "I Saw Him" conducted by the youth of Second Church, Little Rock. — Ralph W. Davis, Secretary, Training Union Department

The bookshelf

Journey Through the Holy Land, by Betty Hartman Wolf, Doubleday, 1967, \$4.95

Mrs. Wolf, wife of the well known Lutheran minister and Biblical archaeologist Dr. C. Umhau Wolf, has produced here a most interesting guide to the Holy Land as of today. The Wolfs spent a year in Jordan observing the lively and colorful country as it rises against the panoramic remnants of Biblical history. Mrs. Wolf included many practical tips for those anticipating a visit to the Holy Land but her book will be of interest also to those who have been there and those who want to visit this enchanted area from the arm chair.

Life Through the Cross, by Marcus Loane, Zondervan, 1966, \$5.95

Dr. Loane is Bishop coadjutor in the Sydney Diocese of the Anglican Church in Australia. He has served in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and is the author of a number of books.

In this book, Dr. Loane follows the course of events from the Lord's anguish in Gethsemane to his condemnation by the Sanhedrin. The first part of the book moves toward the drama of Christ's death on the cross. The second half of the book is concerned with the events from morning until evening on the third day, when Jesus emerged from the tomb. The reader will find new insight and understanding of the meaning of the ministry and last days of Jesus Christ on earth.

Women in the World of Religion, by Elsie Thomas Culver, Doubleday, 1967, \$5.95

This is the story of an ages-old "battle of the sexes" in matters of religion. It is replete with colorful personalities—all female, of course—and anecdotes about them. Mrs. Culver seeks to demonstrate that there is a great gulf of ignorance between what we think we know about women in religion and the role they have actually played. Mrs. Culver is a Congregationalist and an ordained minister.

God With Us, A Life of Jesus for Young Readers, by Marianne Radius, Eerdmans, 1966, \$4.50

The author emphasizes the central message of the Bible—that God is with us.

Portrayed here is not only the Man who walked the dusty roads of Palestine, but also the Messiah and Savior who was the hope of the Old Testament saints and is the living Lord of men today. The 90 chapters of the book are suitable both for personal reading and for family devotional use, for young

readers and also for older readers who wish to recapture something of their own youthful experiences with Jesus. The book is beautifully illustrated with linoleum cuts made especially for the book by Frederick Ashby.

Offer OBU courses

Registration will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24 in the Old Post Office Building for 14 courses to be taught during the spring semester at the Camden Extension Center of Ouachita University, according to Robert F. Burns, director.

Classes will be taught at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays or Thursdays one night each week for 50 minutes for each hour of credit. Tuition is \$16 per semester hour for college credit courses. Any course audited or taken for no credit costs the same fee as for credit.

Up to a maximum of 30 semester hours of extension credit may be applied toward a college degree at Ouachita and at most institutions of higher learning. A minimum of 10 persons must enroll in a class before it can be offered.

Tuesday classes include Elementary Accounting 113, Advanced Painting 303, Freshman English 133, General Psychology 203, Business Communications 313, Office Procedures 413, Social Factors in the Development of Personality 213, and Elementary Spanish 203b.

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Missions in action

IT IS rather difficult to separate being thoroughly Christian from being missionary in thought and action. Through the years a great tragedy in

Southern Baptist life has been the lack of reaching and involving a large percentage of the men in the churches in missionary education and action. When men are informed and motivated by a challenge a large majority will respond.

The assignment of the task of missionary education for Baptist men, Baptist young men, and Baptist boys to Souther Baptist Convention provides a special channel for reaching this large group in our churches with the information that will challenge and motivate them to mission action.

For Baptist men, missionary education will open avenues of service in actual participation in mission work in their own communities, and through prayer and giving to other areas of the world, both at home and abroad.

For young men and boys, it may provide the incentive needed for them to hear God's call to a full-time Christian vocation in mission work. The predominant need today of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards is for young men volunteers in all types of mission service. As the world population increases the need will also increase.

Missionary education will lead Baptist men, young men, and boys to see and recognize mission needs at home and in their own church area and provide ideas to meet the need through missionary actions. Missionary education for Baptist men and young men is needed to meet the needs of today and in preparing boys to meet the needs of tomorrow.

Every Christian should be a missionary, for a missionary is one who shares the message of Christ with one who does not know Christ. Every man desiring to be a good missionary and to share Christ with others will be blessed by attending the Evangelism Conference on Jan. 23-25, at Second Church, Hot Springs. George Euting from the Brotherhood Commission will be speaking on Wednesday morning and we trust that every man who can possibly do so will be present to hear him. Attend every session of the Conference possible and receive a rich spiritual blessing.—C. H. Seaton



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Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

One teenager's problems



A few days ago I received a rather lengthy letter from a young person—a girl in her late teens, whom I will call Betty. She had several questions which may be bothering some other teenagers so I have taken excerpts from her letter as follows:

"How can I keep from becoming so attached to people? . . . I want an answer for so many things . . . I get hurt so easily . . . When a friend dies or even leaves town, it's as if they're taking part of me with them . . . I don't know how to keep from letting things bother me . . . My boy friend may become a preacher . . . What kind of wife would I make for him when I can't even talk to some people? . . . When I feel the closest to God is when I've finished drawing a portrait . . . Please answer this letter, even if it's just to tell me I'm crazy."

Dear "Betty:"

From the tone of your letter I feel you have a very sensitive nature, so if I speak frankly I hope you will not be offended. You seem to be very uncertain about your relationships with some people. I suspect you are suffering from a slight inferiority complex.

Perhaps you need to appreciate your own good points a little more. For example, you must be artistic because you have a beautiful handwriting and you draw portraits—which in itself is quite a talent.

You have said that you cannot talk to some people, yet you have put down quite a bit about yourself on paper and expressed it well. You ask how you can keep from becoming too attached to people. This makes me think that perhaps you have taken too much of someone's time on some occasion and that person was unkind to you—maybe rude—and the memory is unpleasant. Don't be too hard on yourself if such is the case. This could happen to anyone and often happens to teenagers. Try to profit from the experience. When new friends are made try to be friendly without consuming too much of their time. You mentioned that you feel free and easy around some people, so capitalize on these relationships. If others do not seem drawn to you, don't overstep your welcome.

Be glad that you have a boy friend who is also a Christian and who is interested in dedicating his life as the Lord will lead him. You ask about your potential as a pastor's wife. You are crossing that bridge before it happens, but if it should I don't think you need to rule yourself completely out of the picture. You have the ability to analyze some of your own failings and you are honest about them. This is half the battle in overcoming our weaknesses.

There is a verse in James (5:16) that reads, "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another . . . The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Another passage, I Peter 5:6-11 is a favorite of mine including the phrase, "Casting all your care upon Him for He careth for you."

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

Cushman Church sets pattern



Is it possible to have a church with a vital ministry in a small community today?

The answer is too often thought to be negative, but a few of our churches' records say "Yes!" The Baptist church at Cushman is a good illustration of thrilling results in a small community.

Cushman is located 11 miles north of Batesville in Independence Association. The church was organized in 1918 but died about 15 years ago. After being resurrected, the church had only half-time preaching with 24 active members in 1964. Their total income in 1964 was \$918.91. Their only organization was a Sunday School.

For 1966, they report 41 active members, full-time preaching, Sunday School, Training Union, WMU and Brotherhood organizations, with an average Sunday School attendance of 40 since last August, and an income of \$2,137. They baptized 16 people in 1966. This is almost a 2 to 1 ratio of baptisms.

What are some growth and progress factors?

First, they have dedicated and capable leadership. Brother Sneed is a retired school teacher and principal. He is energetic and optimistic in his work and outlook. He has been working at

the Cushman church two years.

Second, the people have manifested a spirit of cooperation to match their pastor's leadership. Many physical improvements have been made to enhance their church's image in the community as well as improve their ministry.

Third, they have used their organizations. The pastor reports a program of new member orientation and emphasis on stewardship and missions.

Finally, they have accented evangelism. They had two revivals last year and plan three for 1967!

Cushman is assisted in their ministry by a pastor's salary supplement from the Cooperative Program through the Missions Department. From all indications, they need only one more year's help to reach the place of complete self-support.

Cushman boasts an A-rated public school and is the only Baptist church in a radius of about eight miles in all directions. It has a future. There are 57 lost people and 25 others not in Sunday School in the town alone. Arkansas Baptists have linked hands with these faithful people in maintaining and building this work.

The main purpose of pastoral aid is to help a promising church field get the kind of leadership which will lead to self-sufficiency. Cushman seems to be a good illustration of such purpose being achieved.—J. T. Elliff



Rural-town church Conference in April

The 1967 conference for rural-town pastors will be held at Paron Apr. 11-13. The meeting will begin with lunch on the 11th and conclude with lunch the 13th.



CURTIS VAUGHAN

The Missions Department is making an all-out effort to make this conference a significant one this year. There will be five conference periods with an afternoon off for recreation.

Mr. Curtis Vaughan of Southwestern Seminary will lead the period on sermon preparation. He will use his wide training and experience to instruct pastors in "How to Study" and "How to Preach and Teach."

Professor James Milliken of Southern Baptist College will lead in a Bible study each session. Dr. T. L. Harris, Rev. Maddux, Rev. Tommie Hinson and Rev. Don Moore will lead sessions on pastoral counseling. Four rural-town pastors will preach their favorite sermons, and all present will have an opportunity to share in discussion.

The cost will be announced soon, but plans are being made to keep it at a minimum. A special price will be made for pastors and their wives. Sessions for the women will be conducted at times when the general program would not be of greatest interest to them.



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Roberts is conference speaker

Dr. Ray E. Roberts, Executive Secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, will be the featured speaker for the State-wide Evangelism Conference at Second Church, Hot Springs, Jan. 23-25.



DR. RAY ROBERTS

Dr. Roberts was reared in Asheville, N. C., and attended Wake Forest College, where he was a member of the football squad. He holds the Bachelor of Theology Degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.

The emphasis of his ministry has been in the field of evangelism and missions, from the beginning. As a pastor and now as a denominational worker, he has served widely as an evangelist, having preached in evangelistic campaigns in most of the U. S. A., including Alaska. He has also preached in evangelism conferences and rallies in many of the States and has preached before convention-wide groups at Glorieta, Ridgecrest, and Southern Baptist Convention pastor's conferences. He preached the annual sermon for the 1966 Southern Baptist Convention in Detroit.

He went to Ohio as pioneer missionary in July, 1952, at which time there were 19 churches and six missions. When the State Convention was constituted in January, 1954, there were 39 churches and 15 missions. At that time, he was elected Executive Secretary of the new convention, the position which he now holds. At the present time, there are 364 churches and 126 missions. During the ten years, the membership has grown from 4,000 to more than 70,000.

Evangelism Conference

The annual State Conference on Evangelism has a place in Arkansas Baptist life all its own. Brother Reed has managed to bring to this conference outstanding speakers who help make this a most profitable meeting.

Churches should insist that their pastors attend and stay through the entire conference. Lay people should attend if at all possible.

With your attendance and prayers, this may be the best meeting for emphasis on evangelism our state has had. God grant it to be so. — J. T. E.

The hotels and motel facilities are being offered our people at winter commercial rates. For this we are indeed grateful.

Tuesday night, Jan. 23, is Youth Night. The special session will meet in Convention Hall which seats 4,000. We are expecting hundreds of young people from all over the state.

Make your plans now to attend. — Jesse S. Reed, Director.

Schools of Missions

Each year our state is supplied with foreign, home and state mission personnel to enable us to have three associational Schools of Missions. An association usually tries to have a School of Missions every three to five years to keep church members in vital touch with missions.

Those who attend the Schools of Missions usually have a never-to-be-forgotten Christian experience. The information received about the use of mission money is worth the time invested. The inspiration received is usually such that cannot be adequately measured. Thrilling chapters are still being written in associational, state, home and foreign mission endeavor.

Here is a statistical report on the 1966 Schools of Missions. The only discouraging note is the poor attendance. It would appear that the devil works hard to keep Baptists away from such conferences. There is too much danger of enlarged vision and increased mission support!

Associations holding Schools: Delta, Liberty and Pulaski County

Churches Participating: 76

Total Attendance: 41,155

Missionaries Participating: 26 foreign, 23 Home, 20 State, 11 Others

Volunteers for Special Service: 8

What are your association's plans for this vital ministry?



J. T. ELLIFF



JESSE REED

FRIENDLY BOTANIST

BY MARY C. LANE

You may wonder what a French botanist has to do with you. Andre Machaux is the man who sent our wild strawberry plants and seeds back to his home in France many years ago. These berries became the cultivated strawberries we enjoy today.

Andre Michaux's son, Francois, compiled his father's notes taken during years of plant gathering in this country. He prepared these notes for publication of the first flora of North America ever printed.

The story of Andre Michaux is a romantic, adventurous one. He was born in 1746 and spent his boyhood on his father's farm outside of Paris. Andre grew up with a love for the flowers around him. As he became older, he married a neighbor girl. She died when Francois was born.

Andre then decided to move away and to become a botanist. He studied in Paris in the King's gardens, and later went to the royal gardens in London.

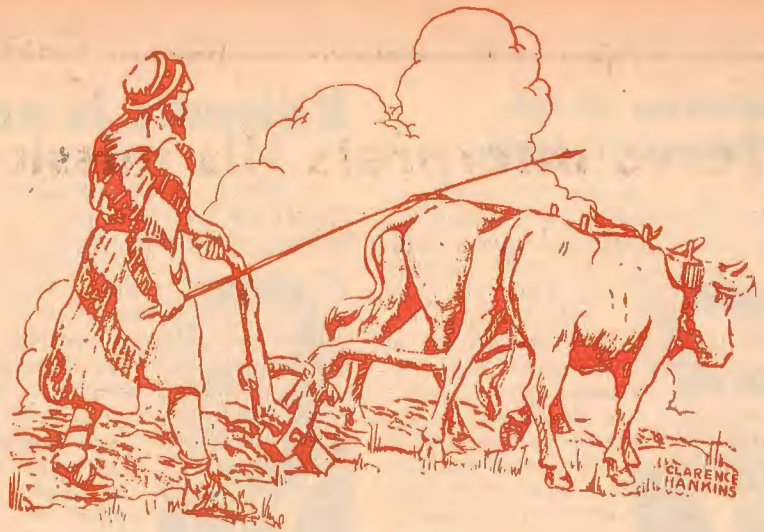
Finally, the king of France sent him to Persia to collect flower seeds and plants for France. Andre spent three happy years in Persia. He returned with a large collection for the king's garden.

Andre Michaux was disappointed in 1785 when King Louis sent him to North America instead of back to Asia. On the other hand, Francois, now fourteen was overjoyed to have a chance to see the wild Indians in the strange country across the sea.

Andre, Francois, and an assistant sailed to New York. They worked hard establishing a botanical garden in New Jersey. From it, they sent five thousand trees and twelve shipments of seed to France.

Leaving his assistant in charge, Andre and his son went to Charleston, South Carolina. There on about one hundred acres, he started his second American garden. In a few years, Francois went back to Paris to complete his schooling.

Andre Michaux made his headquarters in Charleston for ten years. Francois rejoined him and, from time to time, the boy and his father took trips through North Carolina and South



Long-ago farming

BY THELMA C. CARTER

Most of us know that our country is famous for its success in farming. Pictures of our abundant harvests of grains, fruits, and vegetables are found in magazines and newspapers all over the world.

How did we become such successful farmers? History tells that we learned to cultivate our land little by little and by keeping on. The farming lessons learned by early people were passed on to their sons, then to their sons' sons, and on and on through the centuries.

We are told that probably cavemen found that the seeds growing in the tops of certain wild grasses were good to eat. Perhaps a man noticed that at certain times of the year the seeds fell to the ground and, in time, new plants appeared there.

This gave him the idea of gathering seeds and planting them where he wanted not only grains, but also fruits, berries, and vegetables to grow.

With a digging stick or a tree branch, the long ago farmer scratched the ground and loosened it, making it soft so that the rain could reach the seeds and the roots could spread out. The first plow was probably a branch from a tree.

The planting of seeds changed man's whole way of living. At first, people had depended on hunting and on raising cattle and sheep for food. Now they settled in one place to live. They made their homes where they planted their seeds. They no longer had to wander about in search of food. And so farming began.

Carolina, and even into the Far West. The Michauxs and their Indian guides trusted and respected one another.

Even during the years of the French Revolution, Andre Michaux continued with his plant collecting. For seven years he received no salary, and his savings were finally gone. In 1796 he decided he should sail for his homeland. Francois stayed in America.

En route, Andre was shipwrecked on the coast of Holland. Fishermen thought at first he was dead. As soon as Andre regained consciousness, he inquired about his collection of pressed flowers. Luckily all had been saved. He stayed in Holland for six weeks to wash the flowers in fresh water, to dry them, and then to store them between new papers.

Andre Michaux enjoyed a happy reunion with his family in France, but the French Republic would not pay him the back salary which was owed him. Nor would they send him back to America as a plant collector for the French Republic.

Finally, in 1800, Andre started a botanical garden on the island of Madagascar for the care of plants to be sent to France. Under the hot, tropical sun he overworked. He died of a fever in 1802.

The world mourned Michaux. In George Washington's diary is an account of the trees and plants that Andre Michaux had given him. The Madisons and Thomas Jefferson were his friends. Everywhere Andre Michaux was known for his courtesy, his honesty, and his dedicated love for plant collecting. Wherever he went, he transplanted beauty.

Written accounts tell that from Florida to Canada, Michaux introduced new vegetables, plants, and trees. Indeed, travelers in Persia and Africa, as well as on the vast continent of North America, often found some family that said, "These are trees that we owe to Andre Michaux."

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Jesus interprets His mission

BY TAL D. BONHAM
PASTOR, SOUTH SIDE CHURCH, PINE BLUFF

Life and Work

January 22

John 10:7-15, 27-30

A survey in midtown Manhattan by Cornell Medical College showed that 82% of 75,000 residents were "disturbed" to some degree. Another survey discovered that one out of every twelve adults in America are now taking tranquilizers regularly. Tranquilizers are now the third largest selling prescription drug on the market.

Our eternal contemporary

Is there no word for our day of anxiety? Is there no hope for millions who are confused and bewildered? The Apostle John said, "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31). Men can find assurance in our topsy-turvy world only in Christ. One of the keys to understanding the ministry of Christ is to understand his interpretation of his own mission and ministry. In the Gospel of John, Jesus claims to be the great "I am." He simply said, "Before Abraham was, I am." (John 8:58). He is our eternal contemporary who is never out-of-date. Several times in the Gospel of John, Jesus said, "I am." As we discover the meaning of the "I am's," we discover our Lord's interpretation of his mission. In each case, the Greek verb is in the eternal presence. Jesus is saying, "I was. I am. I shall be." Let us notice his claims.

Bread and light

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" (6:35). Bread is a necessity, not a luxury. Jesus did not say, "I am the cake of life." Bread is the staff of life. What bread is to our physical bodies, Jesus Christ is to the total man. Jesus Christ is an absolutely necessity for every life. He is the central figure of history—his story.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (8:12). Sin causes darkness. Light dispels darkness. Only Jesus Christ can forgive our sins and dispel the darkness of sin in our lives. He is the light of the world—not just one small area of the world. He who died alone now has millions of followers scattered over the face of the earth. He who wrote nothing, save a few words on the sand, has had more books written about him than any other man who ever lived. He died penniless but, in his name, untold wealth is owned in the form of churches, hospitals, Christian colleges, and character-forming agencies. He who left little artistic legacy has inspired some of the most beautiful treasures of architectural, painting, music, and literature.

Out, in, and from

Jesus also said, "I am the door" (10:9). The sheepfold of Jesus' day was an enclosure into which several flocks were brought at night. There was a door or gate to the sheepfold which was guarded by the keeper. The shepherds were allowed to enter and leave by the door. However, thieves often climbed over the fence into the sheepfold.

What is Jesus saying when he claims to be the door? First, he is the only entrance into the Christian life. One does not get into the Kingdom of God by holding a certain ethical code or theological view point. One does not gain entrance to the Christian life by being loyal to a church. We get into the Kingdom of God only through Jesus Christ. Second, Jesus speaks of protection when he claims to be the door. The door would keep in, keep out, and keep from. The door would keep the sheep in. We are, therefore, "kept by the power of God" (1 Peter 1:5). The same Christ who has the power to save has the power to keep us saved. The door kept out the wild animals and other harmful influences upon the sheep. The door also kept the sheep from straying. We are reminded of the shepherd psalm where the psalmist said, "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake" (Psalm 23:3).

The Good Shepherd

Jesus also said, "I am the good shepherd" (10:11). His sheep hear his voice and follow him. He gives his life for his sheep. As he leads, his sheep

follow. A man who doubted his salvation was asked, "How were you saved?" When he recounted his conversion experience and recalled that he was saved by trusting in Christ, then he was asked, "Did Christ change?" He admitted that Christ had remained true but that he had failed to follow his leadership.

Jesus made another claim in the Gospel of John to Martha while Lazarus was still in the grave: "I am the resurrection and the life" (11:25). In this claim he joined temporal life and eternal life. Not only will the Christian be triumphant in the resurrection because of Christ, but he also lives the triumphant, meaningful life before death.

The way to God

When Thomas said, "We know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?" Jesus made another claim: "I am the way, the truth and the life" (14:6). He is the way to God. Jesus does not just point to God; he IS the way to God. Jesus Christ is the embodiment of the truth of God for every man. In him is life which is meaningful and lasting.

The last claim that Jesus made is, "I am the true vine" (15:1). Here, he teaches us the absolute necessity of our dependence upon him. Christ is the vine and Christians are the branches. The branch is unable to produce its own life and nourishment. Only as we abide in Christ do we bear much fruit.

Lifting all men

Confucius tried to lift China. Zoraster attempted to lift Persia out of darkness. Plato tried to reform. Athens. Caesar tried to lift himself and Rome. Buddha was dedicated to lifting India. There was Savonarola in Italy, Luther in Germany, and Knox in Scotland. But Jesus said, "If I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

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Our response to Christ

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January 22
Luke 8:9-21

The way we respond to Jesus Christ when confronted by him will determine not only our eternal salvation but our present usefulness as well. Jesus knew this and urged upon those who crowded round him proper responses to his person and message.

This week's lesson finds Jesus in the midst of preaching, teaching and healing. Healing the sick, raising the dead, casting out demons, changing lives and teaching fascinatingly, he naturally attracted great throngs wherever he went. No doubt many pushed close to see what unbelievable thing he would do next, just as children push close to a stage to see a magician pull a rabbit from his hat.

One of the problems Jesus faced throughout his ministry was that of

getting people to accept him for spiritual reasons and as a spiritual leader rather than as a wonder-worker or possible leader of a civil revolt against Roman rule. Even those who were willing to acknowledge him in spiritual terms tended to bask in their newfound truths instead of assuming responsibility to share the Word that had tabernacled among them.

Note four responses Jesus urges in Luke 8:21:

I. Growing, v.v. 9-15.

The meaning of many parables Jesus related may be debated, but the parable of the sower is not one of them, for he not only told it but explained it as well.

In the story, the sower scattered his seed in four places and encountered four different responses. The first seed fell on the path, were trodden under foot, and were eaten by birds. The second fell on rocky soil, sprouted, lived briefly, and died from lack of moisture. The third fell among thorns which grew along with the seed until they finally choked the plants to death. The last fell on good soil, grew and produced a crop a hundred times what had been sown.

Jesus explains that the seed "is the word of God" (8:11). Then he tells what the seedbeds represented; "The seed sown by the roadside represents those who hear the message, and then the devil comes and takes it away from their hearts so that they cannot believe it and be saved. That sown on the rock represents those who accept the message with great delight when they hear it, but have no real root. They believe for a little while but when the time of temptation comes, they lose faith. And the seed sown among the thorns represents the people who hear the message and go on their way, and with the worries and riches and pleasures of living, the life is choked out of them, and in the end they produce nothing. But the seed sown on good soil means the men who hear the message and accept it with a good and honest heart, and go on steadily producing a good crop" (8:12-15 Phillips).

The parable teaches that what happens to the word of God depends upon the soil on which it falls. The soil would be the heart, mind, or life of the hearer. For a bountiful harvest to follow, there must be growth in soil rightly acclimated, receptive and pro-

ductive.

II. Lighting, v.v. 16-17.

The basic function of light is to dispel darkness, and the light-of-the-world follower of Jesus Christ is to destroy darkness.

Jesus reminded his listeners that nobody lights a lamp and then covers it with a basin or puts it under a bed—both obviously absurd courses. Instead, a man puts his lamp on a lampstand so that those who come in may see the light.

The believer should remember that his light (i.e., life) will be viewed. "For there is nothing hidden that will not become public, nothing under cover that will not be made known and brought into the open" (8:17, N.E.B.).

III. Hearing, v. 18.

Another response is careful listening to the Son of God. "Take care, then, how you listen" (N.E.B.). Those who are to be light-bearers to people in darkness should listen attentively, understandingly, appreciatively to what Jesus has to say lest they misunderstand or misrepresent his message.

Jesus adds, "The man who has will be given more, and the man who has not will forfeit even what he thinks he has." This is a difficult verse to interpret with certainty, but it appears that our Lord is saying that one who has heard and accepted truth will find that what he has will increase. The person who has not learned from the right source or in the right way will eventually recognize himself as an impostor. Results of hearing depend on the content and responsiveness of the heart. Life and influence depend on the truth or error one accepts.

IV. Doing, vv. 19-21.

In the middle of Jesus' work, his mother and brothers arrived to see him but could not get near him because of the crowd. A message was passed to him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside wanting to see you" (8:20, Phillips). To this Jesus replied, "My mother and my brothers—they are those who hear the word of God and act upon it."

At first glance this appears to be a harsh disowning of his own family, but what it really is is a declaration that a spiritual relationship is more important to Jesus than mere flesh and blood. Those who are truly members of the



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family of God are those who listen to God's message and then obey it. Hearing is essential, but doing something about what has been heard is equally necessary. Faith without works is dead; we are to be doers of the word, not hearers only. Talking a good game of religion won't cut the mustard; one has to play the game as well.

A Smile or Two

Following orders

Mama: "Where have you been, Johnnie?"

Small Boy: "Playing ball."

Mama: "I told you to beat the rug, didn't I?"

Small Boy: "No, ma'am, you told me to hang the rug on the line and then beat it."

Native wit

Thinking to take a rise out of the villager who was showing him around, the visitor pointed to a scarecrow in a field and remarked:

"Another of the natives, I suppose."

"Oh, no," came the prompt reply, "just a visitor like yourself!"

Political palaver

The senator was back home looking after his political fences and was asking the minister about some of his old acquaintances.

"How is old Mr. Jones? Will I be likely to see him today?"

"You'll never see Mr. Jones again," replied the minister. "He has gone to heaven."

Lion tamer

Jane: "Does your husband have a den?"

Mary: "He doesn't need one. He growls in every room in the house."

The way it goes

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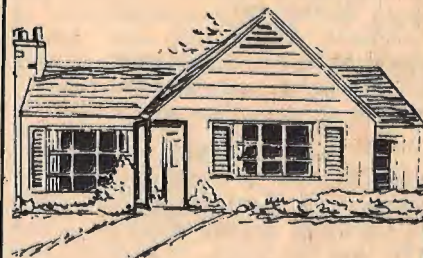
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Cullendale First	436	129	2
First	557	144	
Crossett			
First	562	145	
Mt. Olive	241	99	2
Dumas First	312	69	
El Dorado			
East Main	304	123	1
Caledonia	44	36	2
Ebenezer	175	82	
First	821	515	1
Immanuel	496	167	
Forrest City First	579	148	
Ft. Smith			
Calvary	284	104	2
Townson Ave.	175	97	
Greenwood First	266	133	
Gurdon Beech Street	165	68	
Harmony	74	50	
Harrison Eagle Heights	224	97	2
Hope First	479	130	7
Imboden	123	76	
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	140	82	1
First	486	153	4
Marshall Road	283	162	3
Jonesboro			
Central	541	245	
Nettleton	300	131	4
Lavaca	238	110	
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	132	105	
Gaines Street	423	180	2
Immanuel	1,237	406	4
Rosedale	4
Magnolia Central	728	241	5
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In the world of religion

Catholic leaves church

LONDON—"I do not think that the claim the church makes as an institution rests upon any adequate Biblical and historical basis. I don't believe that the church is absolute, and I don't believe any more in papal infallibility. There is concern for authority at the expense of truth, as I am constantly shown by instances of the damage to persons by the workings of an impersonal and unfree system."

With these, and thousands of other words, the Rev. Charles Davis, 43, left the church he had served for 20 years as a priest.

Shocked and dumbfounded, Roman Catholics in Great Britain were at a loss to explain the actions of a man many considered to be England's top theologian.

To add to the consternation of his associates, Father Davis announced that he would be married to an American Catholic, Florence Henderson, 36, of Farmingdale, N.Y. She, too, plans to leave the church.

"I am marrying," Davis was quoted in *Time* magazine as saying, "to rebuild my life upon a personal love I can recognize as true and real, after a life surrounded in the church by so much that is, at best, irrelevant and at worst an obstacle to genuine human experience."

His announcement touched off a welter of shock comment in both the lay and religious press, which still continues. It also has been followed by his resignation as professor of theology at Heythrop College, the famed Jesuit center of learning at Oxford, and his succession as editor of the authoritative *Clergy Review* by Father Michael Richards, professor of Theology at St. Edmund's College at Ware, north of London. (EP)

Needed: Rebirth of faith

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va.—Michigan's Governor George Romney, a leading GOP possibility for the presidential nomination, says that despite what the "sophisticated" or "cynical" may say in criticism, he is going to continue to speak out on religion.

"The country needs a rebirth of faith," he said in a recent airplane interview with Godfrey Sperling Jr. of the *Christian Science Monitor*. "I have faith that the people in America think soundly when they have a clearcut choice."

The Mormon governor believes "we are all the children of a creator, endowed by Him with inalienable rights."

"Look at Theodore Roosevelt," he told Sperling. "He had no reservation about talking about the religious base of the American Constitution."

"Some people are so sophisticated and cynical today that if you talk about it as regularly as he did—as a fundamental part of American life—they think you are giving excessive emphasis to it."

Romney declared: "This country would not be as unique as it is—politically, economically, and socially—if it weren't for the fact that the Declaration of Independence is essentially a religious document." (EP)

Indifference on race

SYDNEY, Australia—An Australian Methodist clergyman, just returned from two years in the United States, said American church life was marked by an indifference to poverty and to racial segregation.

The Rev. Dudley Hyde told a congregation at the Central Methodist Mission that white churchmen "are ignoring racial problems, sitting pat and saying they don't matter. Unfortunately, it's still true that the most segregated hour in America is Sunday morning at 11."

Mr. Hyde charged that the church in the U.S. is increasingly out of touch with the realities of life, even though 60 per cent of the American people are churchgoers.

American churches, he charged "have become welded to the existing order. They are a buttress rather than a conscience of society." (EP)

Sikh suicides stayed

AMRITSAR, India—Prime Minister Indira Gandhi agreed to act as a personal mediator in studying the complaints of six Sikhs here and thereby prevented their fiery death by self immolation.

Their complaints were that the new Sikh state of Punjabi Suba was short-changed when it was created.

There were shouts of "No, no!" in the sacred Golden Temple where Sant [Saint] Fateh Singh has been fasting, as he and his followers wrapped themselves in clothing and prepared for a gasoline bath and the spark that would slay them.

The drama which threatened to precipitate a bloody battle between Hindus and Sikhs ended when Fateh Singh broke his fast by accepting a glass of fruit juice from Hukam Singh, Mrs. Gandhi's emissary. (EP)

'Evangelism' watchword

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica—A rapid expansion of evangelistic ministries to the vast university and high school student population of Latin America is planned by the Latin America Mission headquartered here.

Juan M. Isias is LAM's man to coordinate the efforts as acting director, according to an announcement by the mission's associate general director, W. Dayton Roberts.

The Evangelism Division of the mission will also join with the Latin American Biblical Seminary here when school opens this spring to form a Department of Evangelism. Evangelism-in-Depth advisor Jonas Gonzalez, a 1954 graduate of the seminary who was national advisor for the 1964 Venezuela in-depth movement, has been named to head the department during 1967. The school year opens in March. (EP)

YWCA in second century

BOSTON—At its triennial convention here April 23-29 this year the Young Women's Christian Organization begins its second 100 years of service.

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A national committee of the YWCA for three years has been rewording a new statement of purpose. An evangelistic fervor carried the YW through its first century. Now its new guidelines reaffirm its Christian heritage while it lays stress on civil rights, social action and the religious pluralism of the times. (EP)

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