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Personally
speaking



Drop-outs, drop-ins

WHEN I started to school—yes, down on Bunker—my chief ambition was to get to be sixteen years old so that I wouldn't have to go to school. A side aspiration was to make it to sixteen without being vaccinated for smallpox. For vaccination—compulsory vaccination, that is—was about as controversial and riot-inciting in those days as was compulsory cow-dipping.

With the passing of years it became increasingly more evident to me that going to school, with all of its restraints on doing just as you pleased, was not as confining to a fellow as being a drop-out. My longing for an education was spurred by a spring or two of plowing in new-ground, topped off by a few falls of cotton picking. (One thing about coming up on a farm, anything you get into after that will seem mighty easy!)

Finally, at the not-so-tender age of 20, I graduated at the head of my class—from high school, that is. (The several years of extra living I had had over the most of the rest of the kids in my class finally paid off!)

Well, I graduated from high school in 1928; from junior college, in 1932; and from senior college in 1943. It took me till 1947 to get out of the seminary. And I am not out of the University of Hard Knocks yet!

All of this is written neither to brag nor to apologize. If it is funny, laugh. It is inspired, really, by the story that a 30-year-old Little Rock mother of two who has always wanted to go to college but could not because she did not have the wherewithal, is now ready to matriculate at Little Rock University. She has just received an all-expense scholarship as a singer.

As I look back now after more than a quarter of a century as a Baptist pastor and "denominational servant," I remember some fatherly advice by dear friend the late Steele Hays (father of Brooks) gave me when I was trying to decide, with a wife and two children, whether to give up my job as a newspaperman-preacher and go on to finish college and seminary. Said Mr. Hays: "Erwin, if you don't have but ten years left to serve after you get through school, it will be worth it!"

Whether my schooling has been a boon or a curse to society may be considered by some as a moot question. But I am glad we went on. And if this inspires any other drop-outs to drop back in, maybe it'll be worth the ink and the space.

Erwin L. McDonald

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VIETNAM. . . why is he there? A Baptist chaplain, a former Arkansan puts that question to himself. . . . and answers it. His report will touch you deeply. Read the letter from Carter Tucker on page 4.

PARLIAMENTARIAN Carl Overton previously took up the rights of members in his special series for the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. This week, page 7, he discusses the duties of members.

FORMER Arkansan Harry Ashmore has written a new book about the average American citizen, "The Man in the Middle." His work is reviewed in The Bookshelf on page 16.

FROM the pen of the Editor comes comment on the current session of the Arkansas Legislature, the award to President Johnson of the national brotherhood citation and the education of the Negro ministry. The editorials are on page 3.

STEPS have been taken to increase benefits of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board retirement plans. Executive Secretary S. A. Whitlow of the Arkansas State Convention outlines the plan for you on page 6.

OUR 'people page' (9) carries some interesting items about folks we think you know. Here are a few of the names—Jerry Moody, Doyle Combs, William A. Cox, D. C. McAtee . . . there are others!

THE Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board received nearly two million dollars of Cooperative Program advance funds in 1966. Ione Gray, director of press relations for the Board, covers the report of Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen on page 11.

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Politics and life

AS we have done in the past, we are sending the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* to the Governor and to all members of the Arkansas State Legislature, for the duration of the 1967 session. This is meant to be more than a mere gesture of interest in the men and women who represent us in our lawmaking body. We have been greatly impressed with the letters of appreciation which have come to us from the legislators as a result of this little project. We believe the lawmakers as a whole like to have contact with their constituents and that they like to have suggestions on what is for the best interests of the state.

A new call for Christian participation in political affairs has been sounded by Dr. Charles Malik, former president of the United Nations General Assembly and prominent Christian statesman. Speaking to the Middle East Consultation of the Laity, held in Beirut, Lebanon, on Jan. 24-29, Dr. Malik said:

"Participation in political life is one of the responsibilities placed on the Christian."

Now professor of philosophy at American University, Beirut, Dr. Malik stressed the role that "strong churches, especially at the congregational level, can play in nation-building." He also emphasized the central place of the Christian family.

"The Christian must recognize the difficulties that public service entails," he said, "including the fact that compromise is often demanded."

As much as we'd like always to reach a clear-cut decision between good and evil, that is often not possible. Sometimes, in the world we live in, we have to choose between the lesser of two evils. To refuse to choose, in many such situations, is to choose the greater of two evils. Here, it seems to us, is the brunt of the problem for Christians. Choosing not to be involved in politics, because compromise is sometimes necessary, is to make the worst compromise of all—abdicating citizenship and abandoning government and politics to others.

Good investment

ONE of the greatest needs of our Negro people is for an educated ministry. The problem of adequate spiritual leadership for Negroes is greatly magnified by the fact that there are so few young Negroes entering the ministry and having the privilege of securing for themselves college and seminary education.

Dr. Clyde Hart, secretary of Negro Work for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, has the name and address of an outstanding young Negro ministerial student who needs financial aid in order to attend seminary. The young man is well qualified in every way and has

long been active in the religious affairs of his denomination. He is now about to finish his college work at Arkansas A. M. and N. College, Pine Bluff, and wants to attend Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. Anyone interested in helping him may contact Dr. Hart, whose office is in the Baptist Building, 401 West Capitol Ave., Little Rock.

We believe this would be an excellent investment in the Lord's work and a great contribution toward helping our Negro people to help themselves.

Death penalty

WE agree wholeheartedly with the sentiment of a resolution passed on Monday of last week by the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Association recommending the abolition of the death penalty and reform of the Arkansas state prison system and penal code, "with all due haste."

House Bill 61, which would abolish the death penalty in the state, has received favorable committee endorsement but has not come before the House for a vote.

President cited

AT a time when his national popularity is at low ebb and he has become the butt of many a sordid joke, President Lyndon B. Johnson has just been awarded the national brotherhood citation of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The citation commends the President "for alerting our nation and the world to the human cost of poverty and discrimination, and to the crucial necessity of extending freedom and justice to all persons." The citation also praises Mr. Johnson "for securing the enactment of legislation which represents historic and unparalleled progress by our nation in seeking to provide equality of opportunity to all persons;

"For leadership in obtaining greater economic and educational opportunities for persons of all ages, races and creeds, in this country and throughout the world;

"For service as spokesman for the needs of the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed;

"For his determination to establish a peaceful world in which all shall have their divinely endowed rights supported by neighbors so that all may live as brothers in freedom, justice and dignity."

Former recipients of the NCCJ citation include Brooks Hays, former Arkansas congressman and special assistant to Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson, and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Hays received the citation in 1963.

The people speak

Where to find it

Personally speaking I agree with you that a good verse of scripture to have in heart and mind as we walk uncharted paths is the one you selected this week [“Personally Speaking”, Jan. 12] but we should remember where to find it —Ha!

Now really I know you are just testing to see if anyone reads your remarks from week to week. Well I do and enjoy them.

You are great and publishing a good paper. Happy New Year!

—Mrs. Lark Walker, Berryville

REPLY: Yes, Romans 8:28, not 10:28. Thanks!—ELM

Moves membership

Mr. Orval E. Faubus, former governor of Arkansas has set a good example before our Baptist constituency by moving his church membership from First Baptist, Little Rock, to First Baptist, Huntsville, upon the very first Sunday following the last day of his tenure in office. We are very pleased with his presence and we think that many people would like to know that he has joined in the work with us and will be an asset to the promotion of the work here.—J. Doyle Farrel, Pastor.

SBC resolution?

Out of 13 years' service as a chaplain and from the severe experience of being removed from a chaplain position because of my view of the Lord's Supper as exclusively a local church ordinance I have finally come to the conclusion that a resolution like the following ought to be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Florida, May 30-June 2, 1967.

WHEREAS, there are reports of discrimination within the military services against chaplains who hold particular religious views,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Convention:

1. Advise the Chiefs of Chaplains that we view with alarm any discrimination against any chaplain for his religious convictions;

2. Request the Chiefs of Chaplains to strengthen the respective regulations restraining commanders from interference in chaplaincy matters of doctrine or ceremony;

3. Instruct Southern Baptist chaplains and prospective chaplains that they are expected to stand for their convictions in spite of the pressure to conformity. Assure them that the

Southern Baptist Convention will uphold their right to maintain their convictions within the military services.

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or suggestions. Please do not mention my name in a publication.

—Signed, but name withheld

A chaplain reports

Since I have been in Vietnam I have had some time to reflect, and reflect I have done. I must admit to you that when I first arrived I had some days of doubt about volunteering for this

thing and almost some regret. This is such a terrible and indescribable war. No one, except the one who has been here, can even begin to understand how it is. These things flashed through my mind many times the first couple of days. I thought of that great little church I had resigned in El Dorado, Arkansas to prepare for this. I thought of my family and friends and I was lonely. The question that kept coming back was, “What in the world am I doing in this tent in the middle of this mudhole in the midst of this strange country?”

Somehow I know the answer to the question now. My very first day I attended two boys badly wounded. I saw two the first day and four the second day who had been slaughtered by deadly mines. I wrote letters to their wives and parents. I tried to comfort their buddies. I wept when some had listed their church preference as “none.” After the last combat operation a thirty year old private—an Indian—came to me and said in broken English, “I am sad for haven't got no religion.” So I presented Christ and gave him some. I have prayed with frightened boys in machine gun bunkers and I've seen them stand with weapons in hand and tears running down their cheeks in a church service in the field. I've seen them take new rope when they hear once again about Jesus.

Now I know why I'm here. The comforts are no greater, the water is still hot, the jungles are still dangerous, the men are still dying, and the days are still lonely, but somehow I know the Lord wants me right here to do a job that is waiting. When you know that it makes the day a little bit easier. Pray for us over here that we might never lose sight of our calling and that we might do God's will under trying circumstances.—Carter Tucker HHC 2-27 Inf. Battalion Chaplain Vietnam.

The Cover



New missionaries

Southern Baptist missionary appointees and candidates for appointment, in Richmond, Va., for eight days of orientation at the Hotel Jefferson, lined up on the grand stairway for a historical picture. This was the last of brief semiannual orientation conferences to be held by the Foreign Mission Board, at least for a time. Beginning in September, two 16-week conferences will be held each year at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly.

The recent conference, which ended Jan. 24, enrolled 62 appointees and candidates (not all got into the photo). A few of the faculty of 32 furloughing missionaries, three guest lecturers, and Foreign Mission Board staff members are in the picture. Director of this last brief conference was Rev. Samuel A. DeBord (right, front row), an associate secretary in the personnel department of the Foreign Mission Board.

Rev. W. David Lockard, somewhere on the back row, has been elected by the Board to give full time to the new orientation program.

Revival in Kenya

Nyeri, Kenya, East Africa. There are big dividends on revival effort here in Kenya. At least this is true in certain areas of Kenya.

Here in the Nyeri district where I have been preaching for the past eight days there have been conversions at every service. At one church, the Kanunga Baptist, where I preached daily at 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, there were 129 professions of faith. Many more came forward indicating their desire to become disciples of the Lord Jesus, but the pastor would screen the number at each service, and the above number represents those who, in

the pastor's opinion, understood the step they were taking. They were individuals who had heard the gospel before, and whose minds and hearts had been prepared through no little teaching of the Bible. The same church baptized 125 souls last year. Quite obviously, the number of baptisms will greatly exceed that this year.

At all the services there was an abiding consciousness of the Spirit's presence, but at one service in particular we felt the Spirit's presence in amazing power.

According to Missionary Jack Hull, who has been here on the Nyeri field since 1959, there is a desperate need for more evangelists—young men with burning hearts who stand convinced that the gospel of Jesus Christ continues to be relevant to modern man, and that in the gospel man in today's world can find the answer to every critical need in human experience.—R. Paul Caudill, Pastor First Baptist Church Memphis, Tennessee.

House Bill 127

I have introduced in the House of Representatives, House Bill 127, which would repeal the Fair Trade Liquor Law. My interest in introducing this bill is that a few people in the state are getting rich because of the guaranteed mark-up under the present law.

The only opposition that I have received on this bill is from the liquor industry, and from a number of Baptist preachers. I can understand the liquor industry's opposition because it will take money out of their pockets, but I believe the preachers opposition has arisen because of a misunderstanding. They argue that this will bring prices down and thereby make it available to more people. It is true that competition within the industry will probably bring prices down, but I don't believe that this will materially influence the consumers ability to purchase alcoholic beverages.

I will appreciate any help you can give in helping to clear up what I believe is a misunderstanding as to the intent and effect on this bill.—Glen E. Kelley Representative, District 35, Position 1, Arkadelphia.

(Ed. Note: The bill by Representative Kelly was given a "do not pass" recommendation by the House Rules Committee Feb. 2, virtually killing the bill.)

Medical Center discounts

I am wondering if you would put a brief notice in the Arkansas Baptist to the effect that the Board of Trustees of

BULLETIN

Special alert to all Baptists and other concerned Christians:

A mixed-drink bill was scheduled to be presented to the Legislature Feb. 6, providing for liquor-by-the-drink in certain localities. If passed this legislation would simply mean open bars. Contact your district legislators. They want your help.

—Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc.

the Medical Center in its meeting last month passed a resolution instructing the administration to continue with the same ministerial discounts which have been in effect in previous years.

As you know, this discount policy is to give 50% to Arkansas Baptist Convention pastors, as well as to their "immediate family." The "immediate family" definition is children under 18 years of age, and wife. Where ministers have the Southern Baptist Hospital Plan, the hospital charges off whatever balance there might be on the bill. If other insurance is carried, the balance is charged off if the insurance covers one-half the total bill. In some cases where the hospitalization carried by the minister does not cover 50% of the bill, the hospital still discounts only the 50%.

There seem to be so many questions regarding this matter that I thought it might be wise to acquaint our pastors with the regulation.—J. A. Gilbreath, Administrator, Arkansas Baptist Medical Center, Little Rock, Ark.

Miracle through mail call ..

BY DARREL L. HEATH
PASTOR, PLUM BAYOU BAPTIST CHURCH
WRIGHT, ARK.

On Christmas Day, 1965, a soldier in Vietnam by the name of Harold Tiller reached into the Vietnam Mail Bag and pulled out a letter from Mrs. Clyde Archer, of Wright, Ark. This was one of many letters sent to Vietnam Mail Call, through which our boys in Vietnam who were not receiving much mail might hear from someone in the states. The people who wrote these letters did not know who would receive them. A wonderful story has evolved out of this particular correspondence. The following letter, which came in response to the gift of a Bible sent to Mr. Tiller by the beginner class of the Plum Bayou Baptist Church, will reveal this story.

Thanksgiving

24 Nov., 1966

"Dear Boys and Girls:

"Writing a few lines to thank you for the wonderful Bible that you sent to me. It sure was a wonderful gift. I accepted it with great pleasure, and I am very proud to have a Bible like this, because it gives much enjoyment when I have time to sit down and enjoy the Bible.

As today is Thanksgiving, we all have very much to be thankful for, and I am sure that you all are having a wonderful time at home on this Thanksgiving Day. I am a Christian, and, as I have only been a Christian for a few months, this Bible that you gave me will really help me to learn more about God. I want to thank you very much for this wonderful Bible.

"On our last Christmas, I received a letter through the Vietnam Mail Call from the Archer family, and, through wonderful letters from Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Archer and Miss Linda Archer I accepted Christ in my life, and today I am very thankful for His presense; because, here in Vietnam, or anywhere in the world that we might be, our good Lord is right beside us.

"Today I am on duty, but here we are on duty seven days a week, but we enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner and a wonderful prayer by our Battalion Chaplain.

"Again, I thank you for this wonderful gift, and when I return to the States, I hope to visit your church and meet each one of you in the Beginner's Class.

Your Friend:

Harold Tiller

P.S. I also enjoyed the nice pictures. You are a very nice group of boys and girls. Be sure to remember me in your prayers. [The Beginner Class had glued their pictures in the Bible that they sent to Mr. Tiller.]

[The Clyde Archers are members of the Plum Bayou Baptist Church, Wright, Ark., Harmony Association. Miss Linda Archer is teacher in the Beginner Class.]

Alumni raise \$60,000

A total of \$60,000 in contributions to Ouachita Baptist University has been raised by the Former Students Association during its annual fund drive, according to Robert S. Moore, Arkansas City, FSA president.

Moore expects contributions to exceed \$70,000, with an additional \$7,000 in pledges and additional commitments totaling \$3,000 by corporations who are matching the gifts of their employees.

Although the solicitations campaign ended Jan. 1, gifts will continue to be received until August 31.

Christian Civic Foundation

Legislature free of 'bad bills'

BY W. HENRY GOODLOE

I once heard a distinguished lawyer, Sunday School teacher, and gubernatorial candidate, in answer to the often heard criticism that politics is a dirty business, reply with dignity and truthfulness, "To the contrary, politics is a noble science; it is unfortunate when bad men get into politics, but

As the 66th Session of our General Assembly moves into the second half of the session, one is impressed with several facts as he listens in the hallway, observes from the galleries, or talks with individual legislators. The members are really down to business in earnest and the existence of the pressures of too many matters demanding attention becomes evident but does not detract from the seriousness with which individual lawmakers approach their task.

Increasingly, the galleries are filled with interested observers who represent almost every profession, business, industry and ideology found in Arkansas. Dominance in numbers must still be given to concerned youth groups.

It is indeed gratifying that many legislators have personally expressed appreciation for the work and interest demonstrated by the Christian Civic Foundation in public affairs.

Thus far, the Legislature has been notably free from "bad bills" that would lower ideals or endanger morals or conduct. The total atmosphere is constructive.

We have read in the newspapers and witnessed on television the signing by the Governor of the bill now enacted into law dealing with penal reforms and the problems and studies related to desired solution.

We call your special attention to the

Increase retirement benefits

In keeping with the action of the Convention last fall, the Annuity Board has taken steps to increase the benefits of our retirement plans. Many of our churches have been paying the full 10% of the retirement plans for the pastors; that is, the church's and the pastor's part. The denomination pays then another third (5%) on a basic \$4,000 salary. Churches are now permitted to pay 10% on the entire salary of the pastor and any amount above the 10% on the basic salary of \$4,000 may be directed into either the Variable An-

nuity or Age Security Plans. This saving then gives the pastor a tax benefit.

This method is an excellent way for a church to grant raises in salary. An increasing number of our churches are granting salary raises on the basis of increases in the cost of living. Otherwise, the pastor would be taking a reduction in salary from year to year. This method of dealing with salary increases is a plan followed by many businesses. It would be a good business practice for our churches.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

mons of Forrest City, would clamp down on the illegal sale and use of "dope", and hallucinogenic drugs (LSD, DMT, etc.). This seems to us a good bill and its enactment should in every way be encouraged.

following bills still under consideration:

House Bills 21 and 22, increasing restrictions on sale of alcoholic beverages to minors, have passed the House. H. B. 22 was passed by the Senate, and No. 21 is before them with a "do pass" recommendation.

Previous reference has been made to H. B. 119 dealing with obscene films, etc. This bill, which seeks to help in solving a serious problem in every community, is still in Committee.

H. B. 199, by Representative Ham-

S.B. 154, introduced by Senator Heern of Jonesboro, forbids the granting or transferring of liquor permits within the last three months of even-numbered years or before the 15th day of odd-numbered years. Recent circumstances in some dry counties increase the need for this type of legislation.

Mention was made in an earlier report as to the noteworthy competence, thoroughness and fairness shown by the news media in the effort to let the people know, because the people are concerned and intend to be involved.



OBU RECEIVES GRANT— Looking over a capital grant of \$10,000 from Gulf Oil Corporation to Ouachita University are Dr. Ben Elrod, vice president for development at Ouachita; J. A. Griffey, district manager of Gulf; and Dr. Ralph Phelps, Ouachita president.

Parliamentary procedure

Duties of members

VARIOUS ways have been used to express the duties of members of the body. Yurchak (*The Club Leader's Handbook*, pp. 106-107), lists them as follows:

Fourth in a series

To obtain the floor before speaking.

To stand while speaking.

To avoid speaking upon any matter until it is brought before the house by a motion, properly made and seconded.

To keep upon the question then pending.

To yield the floor to calls for order, etc.

To abstain from all personalities in debate.

To refrain from all words and acts of indecency.

To avoid disturbing in any way, speakers or members.

Gregg (F. M., *Handbook of Parliamentary Law*, p. 8) expresses the last one above in this way: "To refrain from conversation and from crossing the floor during debate, or voting, or while the chairman is speaking."

Questions on parliamentary procedure are invited. Address to Rev. Carl M. Overton, 109 West Adam Street, Hamburg, Ark.)

Kerfoot lists five duties (pp. 25-26):

1. Should respect the officers of the body.
2. Should respect fellow members.
3. Should show due respect to the body.
4. Should render required service.
5. Should submit to decisions.

Thus, a member not only has some rights as a part of the body, but there are some definite obligations as well. As indicated by the lists given above, these obligations stem from the rights of the members. My rights end where the other member's rights begin. I owe to him the same privilege I ask for myself.

Once a body has properly arrived at a decision, it then becomes each member's duty to cooperate in that decision. Where he cannot do so, two choices are open to him. One is to attempt in a proper spirit to lead the body to see his point of view. The other choice is to leave the body.

Kerfoot expresses it: "Each member should promptly and cheerfully submit to all decisions of the body. If he cannot do this, he ought to withdraw from its membership" (p. 26).—Carl M. Overton

Plan building

Several churches in Gaineville-Current River Association are in the midst of building program. Calvary Church has sold a \$45,000 bond issue and the new sanctuary is under construction. Pastor Larry Evans says the old building will be rearranged to accommodate educational work.

Corning First and Success are in the planning stages for new building also.

Pastoral changes in the association include: Charles Todd to New Hope; De Witt Kelly from Mr. Pleasant to Illinois; Travis Ward, Southern College student, at Brown's Chapel; Dennis Turner to Peach Orchard. (AB)



Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

Love, moonlight, marriage

The full moon shines brightly on the snowladen hills of the Ozarks. The cold clear air is still and the drifts of snow are calm. The bare branches of the maples and the oaks trace their shadowy blue-black modern art in the moonlit snow. The chickadee has found a cozy bed in the obeia bush.

Inside this old English-style house a fire crackles and glows in the fireplace to give brightness and warmth to a winter evening. The old house creaks a little but there is something nice about the soft sounds it makes in winter. It will soon be Valentine's Day and thoughts turn to the ever-popular topic of love.

Love is more than moonlight and a glowing fireplace and the familiar strains of great music in the background.

Recently a young bride-to-be came to see me, eyes aglow. Her smile was her prettiest. Her face was radiant. A diamond on the third finger of her left hand could not out-sparkle the joy in her eyes. Nothing makes a girl more beautiful than love.

During the same week another girl came to see me. Her eyes were troubled and showed signs of crying. Her heart was torn with mixed emotions as she poured out her problems. She had serious doubts that the young man she was dating was the right one for her.

"What makes a good marriage work?" "How can I know if he is the one for me or I'm the one for him?"

The best marriages are those in which love is shared and continues to mature and grow in four ways: physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually.

While physical attraction is only the first step it is of great significance for it leads to a rich sharing of life. Mental sharing is helpful and stimulating and brings much satisfaction as a necessary part of growth and maturity in the marriage relationship. Social relationships involve various areas in which each can be proud of the other. The greatest happiness comes to the Christian marriage partners as they share their lives in an upward path of service to God—for love is of God.

Security in love lies not alone in the sentiment of looking back, nor in the hope of tomorrow, but rather in the confident living in the present—in the day to day knowledge that each wants the happiness of the other. We also must accept the fact that love is somewhat like the ocean as it brings us ebb-tides of breathless excitement and moments of quiet solitude. Love is perhaps more nearly perfect when it becomes the art of complete living.

There are many who ask, "How can I know the secret ways to perfect love?" We learn to walk by taking steps; we learn to study by studying; to work by working; to pray by praying. We learn to love God and man by loving. It is only when we learn to love another intensely and strongly that the full power and glow of love is manifested in us.

Galatians 5:22 tells us that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith."

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



DR. JOHN E. STEELY

Former Arkansan receives study award

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—Dr. John Edward Steely, professor of Historical Theology at Southeastern Baptist Seminary here, recently received an award of \$750 from the Christian Research Foundation for his "distinguished translation" from German into English of *Das Kirchliche Apostelamt: Eine Historische Untersuchung (The Office of the Apostle in the Early Church)* by Walter Schmithals.

This translation was chosen from the 1965-66 competition of worthy translations into English of "important or significant modern works in foreign languages on the subject of early Christian History and Literature," according to Dr. Ralph Lazzaro, secretary for the Christian Research Foundation.

Dr. Steely, the son of a Baptist minister, is a native of Arkansas and a graduate of Ouachita University and Southern Seminary. He has done post doctoral studies at Union Seminary (BYC), University of Southern California and the University of Munster (Germany). He has held several pastorates in Arkansas and Illinois. He served as head of the Department of Bible and as dean of administration at Southern Baptist College (Arkansas), before he came to Southeastern Seminary in 1966.

Revivals

Fexarkana, Beech Street, Mar. 19-26; Dr. Robert Naylor, president, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, evangelist; Fritz Smith Jr., music director; Milton E. Dupriest, pastor.

Berryville Freeman Heights, Mar. 13-19; Lehman Webb, pastor, First Church, Hot Springs, evangelist; Ed F. McDonald, pastor.

Crusaders sought

Jesse S. Reed, director of Evangelism, Arkansas State Convention, has received a request for crusaders from Lewis S. Steed, secretary, Evangelism and Brotherhood, Oregon-Washington Convention. Mr. Steed is seeking 50 to 100 preachers and music leaders for their Crusade of the Americas, Feb. 16-Mar. 2, 1969.

Mr. Reed said that they are searching for men whose churches will help bear the expenses for the trip, although the Oregon-Washington churches will provide an honorarium. Plans are for special evangelistic conferences and rallies in areas Monday and Tuesday nights with the Crusades beginning Wednesday night, Feb. 19.

"If you can go," Mr. Reed urged, "please let me know soon. One superintendent of missions says his brethren are thinking of taking this as a special project. It seems to me that there could be no better way of doing missions and

evangelism than for associations to take this as an outside project."

Mr. Reed asked that those interested contact him as soon as possible as he wishes to advise Mr. Steed of the amount of assistance he can expect from Arkansas.

Deaths

MRS. DONA LEE SOWELL, 95, Little Rock, widow of Dr. W. J. Sowell, Jan. 25. She was a member of Second Church, the Gleaners Bible Class and the Woman's Missionary Union. She was a native of Austin, Lonoke County, and had lived at Little Rock for 67 years.

GEORGE MECKLIN HOLT, 68, Little Rock, retired owner and operator of a food store, Jan. 25. He was a native of Kosciusko, Miss.

Mr Holt was a member of Forest Highlands Church and the Adult Men's Class.

Beacon lights of Baptist history

Stay with the task

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

What Christian, zealous and interested in God's work, has not felt the drag of discouragement? But this is not new and should not be the determining factor in making decisions. History says so.

John Mason Peck faced many such occasions in his ministry. Some pages from his diary show low and high ebbs in interest. He spent the month of June, 1832, on a missionary tour of four countries in Illinois.

He was dissipated by the conditions. War alarms disturbed the people and Sundays were given over to mustering of soldiers in which both preachers and professors alike took a prominent part. He felt this was a desecration of the holy day of rest. With their mind on such it was hard to get people together for services. Too, he faced the evil influence of antission ideas and practices.

He describes his experiences on Saturday, June 9. He rode 12 miles to Crooked Creek and preached to a small crowd of old members opposed to missions. A "do-nothing class" he said. At services two candidates for baptism related their experiences, and a case of discipline came up in which a man was excluded. Peck thought the business was handled in a bad way with much contradiction.

The people with whom he lodged that night lived miserably, though they had ample means. He complained of their serving bread made from moldy, almost rotten, corn though they had good grain.

The next day after the people assembled he addressed those in the cabin on Sunday School instruction. Some of the men, members of the church, but out of doors, kept talking, scolding, and making mockery of Peck. They threatened and blustered around. One professor of religion was heard to say the missionary should be shot while at prayer. This was the temper of both preachers and people in that area.

But about 100 people gathered and Peck preached. All the while some kept talking and laughing, encouraged by professors of religion. Later, four young persons were baptized. Peck lamented that there was no one to instruct them; some of the converts could not read. There was no one to lead in Sunday School work.

He accounts of another meeting a few days later in which a brother preached and Peck exhorted. At first, many young men behaved rudely out of doors but soon calmed down. They listened and became deeply impressed. Many asked for prayers. Church members joined in in earnest and a revival of interest in religion was evidenced.

Others have faced what present day Christians face, not the same expressions of opposition, but opposition nevertheless.

Mr. Clarksville High

Jerry Moody has been named Mr. Clarksville High School by the faculty.

Mr. CHS is selected each year from the senior class as the boy who possesses those qualities which the faculty feels best specify the desirable student. Qualifications include leadership, scholarship and citizenship.

Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Moody, and is co-editor of *The Panther*, school paper, a member of the annual staff, the library staff, and National Honor Society. Jerry is a member of First Church, Clarksville.

Combs accepts post

Doyle Combs, a staff member of Ouachita University who is working on his master's degree in Music Education, has accepted the call of First Church, Booneville, as youth and music director.

Mr. Combs will serve part time during the school term but will be employed full time during the summer months.

He has worked with churches in Texas, Arkansas and Illinois and has held the appointed position of drum major of Ouachita's marching band for two years. He is a native of Texarkana, Texas.

W. A. Cox returns

NASHVILLE—William A. Cox, minister of education at Miami Springs (Fla.) Church, will return to the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here as a supervisor in the Broadman Films department.

From 1957 to 1960 Cox was on the staff of the Board's Sunday School department and for two years prior to this was on the staff of the Audio-Visual department. (BP)

McAtee reelected

D. C. McAtee, pastor, First Church, Smackover, Ark., was re-elected chairman of the Baptist Student Union Area Committee for Southern State College, Magnolia, Jan. 17.

Mr. McAtee is second Vice President of the Arkansas State Convention, Southeast Arkansas District Training Union representative, and a member of the Arkansas State Convention Executive Board. He also serves as a member of the personnel committee of Liberty Association.

Other officers elected were Milton Dupriest, pastor, Beech Street Church, Texarkana, vice chairman, and Mrs. Harold Barr, Waldo, secretary.



JERRY MOODY



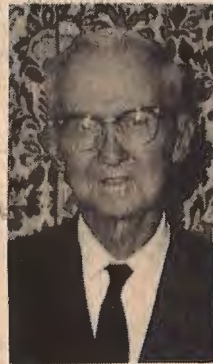
JAMES H. SMITH

Accepts Manning church

D. W. Stark has accepted the interim pastorate of Manning Church. He will continue to live in Bearden.



ANDY A. KERR



S. A. HALEY

Ex-Arkansan honored

Mrs. Jerry St. John of Jackson, Miss., has been selected to appear in the 1966 edition of *Outstanding Young Women of America*, an annual biographical compilation of 6,000 outstanding young women between the ages of 21 and 35.

Mrs. St. John, the former Erkle Kessinger, was born in Conway, the daughter of Mrs. Ollie Kessinger and the late Ernest Kessinger. She graduated from Ouachita University.

She and Mr. St. John were appointed by the Home Mission Board in July, 1963, to work with the deaf in Mississippi. Before that time they had worked with the deaf in Oakland, California, where Mrs. St. John helped interpret worship services, and taught deaf Beginners.



D. C. McATEE



MRS. JERRY ST. JOHN

New Illinois executive

CARBONDALE, ILL. — James H. Smith, pastor of the First Church, Ferguson, Mo., is the newly-elected executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association, succeeding Noel M. Taylor, resigned.

A native of Somerville, Ala., Smith spent six years of his boyhood in Memphis, Tenn. He received his Doctor of Theology degree from Central Seminary, Kansas City, Kans. He attended Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and graduated from John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark. In 1962 William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., conferred on him the doctor of divinity degree. (BP)

Kerr in Jacksonville

Andy A. Kerr has resigned as pastor of Archview Church, Little Rock, to become pastor of Second Church, Jacksonville.

A native of Arkansas, he is a graduate of Ouachita University and attended Southwestern Seminary. Arkansas pastorates he has held are Ogden, First Church, Lockesburg, and Archview, where he served from October, 1963.

During his years at Archview there were 41 baptisms and 102 additions to the church. An educational building was constructed at a cost of \$36,000.

Mrs. Kerr is the former Miss Alice Moran, Little Rock. They have three children, Charlotte, 17, Tina Gail, 12, and Larry, 8.

Mr. Kerr moved on the field Feb. 1.

Preaches for 60 years

S. A. Haley, pastor, First Church Mission, Van Buren, will observe his 60th anniversary as a preacher Feb. 12.

Most of his ministry has been in Crawford County. He has served churches at Haroldton, Cross Lanes, Mountain Grove, Shady Grove, Shibley, Bethlehem, Ft. Smith, and First Church, Prague, Okla. His longest pastorate was for 34 years at Concord. He has been in his present pastorate for ten years.

65 years married

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pierce, Straw Floor Church, Jonesboro, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Jan. 16.

They are regular attendants of their church. Mr. Pierce will be 90 in March. Mrs. Pierce is 78. They have eight living children, 18 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Gets UNC-G post

The appointment of Dr. Thomas L. Tedford, native Arkansas, as associate professor in the department of drama and speech at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, was announced recently by Chancellor James S. Ferguson.

A graduate of Ouachita College, he received his Master's degree from Louisiana State University, where he also received his doctorate in 1958. Currently he is chairman of the department of speech and an associate professor at Appalachian State College.

Previous positions include chairman of the department of speech and director of debate at Ouachita; director of speech training at New Orleans Seminary; assistant professor and director of debate, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.

He is a native of Little Rock, son of Mrs. L. C. Tedford and the late Mr. Tedford.

Gnade is licensed

John Paul Gnade was licensed to preach Jan. 18 by Central Church, Jonesboro. He is a student at Ouachita University.

From the churches

Ordain pastor, deacon

First Church, Emmett, recently ordained to the ministry its pastor, Ronald Munn, who graduated in January from Ouachita University. Prior to his college training he served with the United States Air Force for nine years. Mrs. Munn is the former Lillie Basco, Montgomery, La. They have a son, Ronald Jr.

At the same service J. M. Watson was ordained as a deacon.

Participating in the service were Charles Conner, Red River Association missionary; D. D. Smother, pastor, First Church, Prescott; Charles Stanford, pastor, Boughton Church, Prescott; Lawrence Vowan, pastor, Reader Church; James R. Snell and C. B. Ward, deacons.

First queen crowned

First Church, Corning, crowned its first Queen with a Scepter in a recent GA ceremony when Miss Ruth Ann Smith was honored. Miss Suzi Cochran was honored as queen.

Others receiving honors included: Linda Adams, Pamela Baker, Patricia Lynch and Pam Vinson: princesses; Robin Atkison, Becky, Barnhill, Kathy Donavan, Fran Ermert, Dona Baker, Susan Gordon and Gayler Yamnity, maidens.

Mrs. Don Baker is GA director.



OBU JOURNALISM AWARD—Lamar James (right), Ouachita University sophomore from Malvern, is the recipient of a \$100 journalism award from Keith Tudor, editor and publisher of the weekly SOUTHERN STANDARD of Arkadelphia.

Honor Hugh Meredith

SAN MARCOS, Tex.—The husband of a woman who was active in Baptist work in Arkansas during her college years has been named one of the five outstanding young Texans for 1966. He is Dr. Hugh E. Meredith, who received the honor from the Texas junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Meredith, is the former Bennye Sims, a Ouachita graduate and a member, from 1950 to 1953, of the first youth revival team sponsored by the Baptist Student Union. In 1952-53, she served as youth director of the First Church in Lake Village.

Dr. Meredith is a professor and chairman of the modern language department at Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos.

Page at Providence

Arthur Page has moved from Missouri to accept the pastorate of Providence Church, Washington-Madison Association. Mr. and Mrs. Page have three children.

Another association church has a new pastor. Bob Feese, Springdale, is serving Black Oak. (AB)



New University Church home

University Church, Little Rock, is now meeting in its new home off University Avenue between Lakeshore Drive and 32nd Street.

The congregation began to meet eight years ago, offering its ministry to the residents of the southwest area of Little Rock. The small group moved from private home to rented building and finally purchased a kindergarten building serving the Broadmoor area. The church

still maintains the kindergarten.

Two years ago the church purchased adjoining property from another church. Expanding membership made further facilities necessary. The new building (above) will accommodate 500 and permits addition of a balcony for more seating.

The former building is being converted for adult Bible classes and new nursery rooms.

Get \$1,829,531 advance funds

BY IONE GRAY, DIRECTOR, PRESS RELATIONS

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, announced in the Board's monthly meeting Jan. 12 that at the end of the year just closed the Board received \$1,829,531 of Cooperative Program advance funds.

This was the Board's share of money received by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention after the operating budget of the Convention was met in late November. (The money was divided between the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, with the Foreign Board getting two thirds.)

The Board designated all of the 1966 Advance funds for its overseas work: \$500,000 for Latin America, \$500,000 for the Orient, \$250,000 for Africa, \$250,000 for Europe and the Middle East, \$100,000 for relief to be used anywhere there is need, and \$229,531 for special projects in evangelism and church development across the world.

The final report on the Board's total income for 1966 is not complete, but it is expected to be slightly in excess of \$28,500,000. Dr. Cauthen called attention to the fact that advance in foreign missions requires a minimum of \$2,000,000 annually in the operating budget of the Board. And even then approximately \$4,000,000 of officially submitted requests from the Missions remain unanswered each year after all funds have been received and appropriated, he said.

Four new missionaries

Other Board actions included the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Livingston Jr., as career missionaries for Colombia and the employment of Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Choy, of Honolulu, Hawaii, as missionary associates for Korea. (Associates are employed for a specific period for Korea, five years in contrast to regular missionary appointment with expectation of lifetime service.)

Three volunteer workers were also approved for mission posts. James Y. Garbern, of El Paso, Tex., is going to Nigeria to be assistant manager of Baptist Press, Ibadan, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Allison Banks, of Boynton Beach, Fla., are going to Israel to do agricultural work at the Baptist Center at Petah Tiqva (they will substitute for a furloughing missionary couple).

Check lost 23 years

NASHVILLE—Most people who write for the Sunday School Board watch their mailboxes eagerly until that check arrives. Such was not the case with Miss Lila Watson of DeLand, Fla., a retired Southern Baptist missionary.

Recently Miss Watson returned to the Board a check for \$10 which was issued to her Sept. 16, 1943, for her article about Chinese home life, which appeared in *The Better Home*, forerunner of *Home Life* magazine.

Miss Watson explained that she had just discovered the check in its unopened envelope among some other papers.

Needless to say, the Board issued Miss Watson another \$10 check.

All three expect to serve overseas approximately one year. The Foreign Mission Board will provide their travel funds and housing on the field.

Radio-TV man named

The Board named Rev. E. Wesley Miller, a missionary associate, to be radio and television representative for Europe and the Middle East.

Mr. Miller, formerly chief engineer for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth, was employed by the Board in 1963 to serve at the Baptist radio and recording studio in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. In addition to his work there he has recently assisted in the establishment of a Baptist studio in Beirut, Lebanon, which will provide a radio ministry throughout the Arab world.

Freedom guaranteed

"One of the most encouraging developments of 1966 was the guarantee of religious liberty by a new constitution in Spain," Dr. John D. Hughey said, as he summarized mission events in Europe and the Middle East for the year. (The constitution, overwhelmingly approved in a national referendum in December, provides that the State will assume the protection of religious freedom.)

Greater religious freedom has already brought changes in Spain, Dr. Hughey reported. In December the first Baptist book store ever to operate in Spain was opened to the public in Barcelona. Previously, the sale of evangelical literature was restricted mainly to church members and their friends.

In Yemen, entered as a Southern Baptist mission field two years ago, medical mission work progressed during 1966. The temporary Baptist clinic in Ta'izz, which treated 13,000 patients in 18 months, was closed in September, and the staff moved to Jibla to establish a new hospital.

Staff travels

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, sent his report from Hong Kong, where he has been making his headquarters since September. He requested prayer for the Orient Mission Conference to be held in Hong Kong, March 28-April 6. The third such conference (the others held in 1957 and 1961), it will bring together more than a hundred Asian Baptist leaders and Southern Baptist missionaries to consider ways to share the gospel more rapidly and effectively in the Orient.

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, expects to leave Feb. 6 for a six-week trip to Africa. He will go first to Nigeria, where he hopes to visit the capital city of each of the four major political regions. "It is important that we keep in close touch with the political situation and stand ready to revise plans for our missionary work in the event of any major political change," he said.

From Nigeria he will go to East and Central Africa. He plans to visit Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, where he will try to complete preparation for the placement of the first Southern Baptist missionary couple in that country next summer.

Nursing director

AMARILLO, Tex.—Lynda Bishop, R. N., associate director of nursing services, University of Kentucky Medical Center Hospital, has been appointed director of nursing services for the new High Plains Baptist Hospital, Amarillo Medical Center, here. (BP) Endowments

College PR man

PLAINVIEW, Tex.—R. B. Hall, director of student recruitment and religious activities for Wayland College here, has been named the school's new public relations director. He succeeds Charles Arrandell, who has resigned to join the editorial staff of the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*, effective Feb. 1. (BP)

Relations erupt in Carolina

BY TOBY DRUIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR, *Biblical Recorder*

RALEIGH, N. C.—A Baptist editor's suggestion that a "gradual, harmonious separation" be achieved between the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and Wake Forest College apparently stopped a request for a special convention by the college trustees here.

Wake Forest trustee chairman G. Maurice Hill of Morganton was expected to ask the Convention's General Board here January 16-17 to call a special session of the State Convention to consider changing the college trustee qualifications to permit non-North Carolinians and non-Baptists to serve on the 36-member board.

The trustees had announced that they would make the request for the special session following their meeting January 13.

The request was part of a three-point program which also proposed the following: (1) change the college charter to designate the college as "Wake Forest University"; (2) ask for a special session of the Baptist State Convention in May or July to consider permitting 12 of the 36 trustees to be non-North Carolinians and 6 of the 12 to be non-Baptists; (3) complete a proposed \$3.5 million football stadium by September 1968.

Editor J. Marse Grant of the *Biblical Recorder*, official journal of the Baptist State Convention, called attention to these previous defeats and expressed strong disapproval of a special session. His opposition to the special session was made to news media the day before the General Board convened.

"As one whose job it is to try to keep a finger on the pulse of Baptist life in the state," Grant said, "I do not believe that the required change of sentiment has occurred."

Grant said further: "My chief concern is that a special session will reopen old wounds between Wake Forest College and sizable segments of our Convention. There usually is an emergency when a special session is requested. No one has satisfactorily explained the need for a special session to act on an issue that has been twice defeated."

He continued, "Wake Forest needs tremendous sums as it goes to university status. It may be that the time is near for it and the Convention to agree on a gradual, harmonious separation, perhaps extended over 5 years. If this can be done peacefully and without disruption in our Baptist fellowship, it may be better for the college and the Convention."

"Something must be done," Grant concluded, "but I do not think another controversial Convention is the solution. It will be a waste of emotion, time and money and, in my opinion, will not accomplish its purpose. I hope the General Board will gracefully decline the request."

The request for the special session was never made. Chairman Hill told the General Board that he would make no such request in the light of events of the preceding days. He said that Wake Forest would never initiate a move to separate the college from the Convention.

Baptist beliefs

The righteous use of mammon

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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

"Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye [it] fail, they may receive [welcome] you into everlasting habitations" (Luke 16:9)

This is a lesson which Jesus applied from the parable of the unjust steward (Lk. 16:1ff.). The steward, learning that he was to lose his stewardship but, while it still remained, took steps to make friends through it who would welcome him into their homes after he was put out by his master. The "lord" in the parable commended the steward for acting "wisely" or "shrewdly." While the unrighteous mammon still was under his control, he used it for his future benefit. Now Jesus was not approving the act. It was simply a part of his story. A parable usually teaches one lesson. We must not lose sight of that as we press incidental details.

The lesson which Jesus taught is found in verse 8. "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." And then He applied the lesson in verse 9. If an ungodly man will use present opportunity for future material benefit, God's people should do likewise for spiritual benefit.

The Bible often speaks of "mammon" as being unrighteous. In verse 13 Jesus said, "Ye cannot serve [be a slave to] God and mammon" (cf. Matt. 6:24). But you can serve God with mammon.

That is the point of Jesus' words in verse 9. He did not say to make friends with mammon. "Of the mammon" should read "out of [ek] the mammon of unrighteousness" or out of the proper use of money. "When ye fail" in the best manuscripts reads "when it fails." Money will fail. Your stewardship of money is temporary. While it remains under your control, you should so use it as to bless others. Specifically, to make it possible for others to be saved, and, possibly, to precede you to heaven. When you arrive in "everlasting habitations" the "friends" whom you have made by a proper use of the mammon of unrighteousness will "welcome" you when you arrive in heaven.

The thought here is not that you can purchase your entrance into heaven. It is that with the proper stewardship of money you can enable others to go there by grace through faith in Jesus. When you arrive there by the same way, you will receive a glad welcome by those who are there because of your wise stewardship. And this will make heaven all the more glorious for you.

Hill detailed his reasons for declining to make the request in an executive session of the Board, asking the eight newsmen present to "exclude themselves from a family affair." No one left, but they respected Hill's request not to quote him.

Grant said that he had stated his position to the press because the action on Jan. 13 by the Wake Forest trustees had not given him time to comment editorially in the *Biblical Recorder*.

"To resurrect an issue we have dealt with twice in a democratic way would hurt both Wake Forest College and the Convention." He referred to the \$72 million Wake Forest contends it needs to become a great university as "being beyond our Baptist program. Baptists simply don't have \$72 million," he said. (BP)

Urge gambling fight

ATLANTA — Georgia's controversial Governor Lester Maddox, himself a Southern Baptist, faced pleas from Baptist leaders during his first few weeks in office to enforce the state's anti-gambling laws, to take a strong stand on moral issues, and to work for racial justice.

Editorials in the *Christian Index*, official publication of the Georgia Baptist Convention, on two successive weeks urged the new governor to fulfill campaign promises to enforce gambling laws and uphold "morality, honesty, and the highest principles of Christianity."

Governor Maddox is an active member of the North Atlanta Baptist Church here, and teaches an adult Sunday School class.

The first editorial in the *Christian Index*, an open letter to Maddox, urged Gov. Maddox to "maintain toward Georgians of all races the wholesome attitudes which you expressed in your inaugural address."

Christian Index Editor Jack U. Harwell wrote to Maddox: "You can be a powerful example for tolerance, equality, and justice in these troublesome days."

Harwell told the Baptist Press that the governor's inaugural address hinted that he might be taking a more moderate stand on the racial problems that face the state, not so much because of what he said but because of what he did not say. "To the amazement and surprise of many present, he took a moderate position on non-discrimination," Howell said.

The next week, the *Christian Index* editorially called for Governor Maddox to "put his money where his mouth has been" on the issue of gambling in Georgia.

The editorial pointed out that the governor, during his campaign, had stated he believed the answer to the gambling problem in Georgia lies in law enforcement rather than in new laws.

A delegation led by Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta and chairman of the Georgia Baptist public affairs committee, visited the governor with other leaders of the Georgia Council on Alcohol Problems to seek commitments from him on gambling, liquor, and other moral issues facing the state.

Governor Maddox told the delegation he would stand behind his campaign pledges in opposition to gambling, liquor and "other immoral forces." He said, "I will not lie to the people of Georgia. I will stand on my campaign promises."

Two Baptist schools get aid

WASHINGTON — Two Baptist schools, Wake Forest College (N. C.) and Furman University (S. C.), will receive Federal funds totaling \$3,255,553, according to announcements made by officials of two Government agencies. Surgeon General William H. Stewart of the U. S. Public Health Service of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) announced a grant of \$2,105,553 for Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The grant, authorized by the Health Professions Educational Assistance Act of 1963, is for the construction of an addition to the science building.

Secretary Robert C. Weaver of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced approval of a \$1,150,000 reservation in College Housing Loan funds for construction of a new dormitory at Furman University in Greenville, S. C.

Wake Forest is one of 11 institutions receiving grants totaling \$49,922,516 for construction, expansion, or modernization of health schools. The grants will enable the institutions, located in 10 states and Puerto Rico, to increase the number of their first-year places.

Xavier University (Roman Catholic), New Orleans, La., is the only other religious institution listed.

The Federal fund reservation for Furman University is established on the basis of a preliminary application for

assistance under the College Housing Program. This amount is set aside for subsequent use by the University if the project is approved by HUD, following review of a complete application.

Furman is one of 15 church-related institutions approved for reservation funds totaling \$11,653,000. Of the 15, five are Presbyterian, five Roman Catholic and two are Methodist. There is one each Reformed and African Methodist Episcopal institutions. (BP)

Baptist Briefs

The voice of Dr. Kenneth L. Chaffin, Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism at Southern Seminary, Louisville, will be heard regularly on the SBC Radio and Television Commission's "Master Control" during the first six months of 1967. He will serve as a devotional speaker, delivering vignettes on the internationally distributed radio program heard by 44 million people over 480 radio stations in the United States and 20 foreign countries.

NASHVILLE—A church administration conference featuring church public relations and long-range planning is scheduled to be held at Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist assemblies during this coming summer. Conference dates will be Aug. 10-16 at Glorieta and Aug. 24-30 at Ridgecrest.

ATLANTA—An increased involvement in community life, including new government programs, was urged here for rural Baptist churches. Making the suggestion were members of the Long-range Rural Church Committee, an advisory group to the Rural-Urban Missions Department of the SBC's Home Mission Board. The committee wants pastors and church leaders to inform themselves about governmental programs such as the War on Poverty, Vocational Retraining, and the Rural Areas Development. (BP)

Baptist Hour sermon topics for February include: Feb. 13 "Choosing Two Birds In A Bush" (Heb. 11:24); Feb. 20 "The Walls Came Tumbling Down" (Heb. 11:30); Feb. 27 "The Past Is Not Enough" (Heb. 11:39).

NASHVILLE—A seminar for local church and denominational workers with the mentally retarded is being organized at the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Program Training Center here to be held Feb. 27-March 3. Purpose of the seminar is to provide basic information and guidance in helping churches render an appropriate ministry to the mentally retarded.

Note mailing change

Effective Feb. 1, the 56 Southern Baptist missionaries in Korea no longer have APO mailing addresses. All their mail should be sent to the addresses that have previously been given for their second- and third-class mail.—Foreign Mission Board.

Two days later, Governor Maddox issued instructions to the State Commission of Revenue to provide names and addresses of those who own federal gambling stamps to the solicitors general of all districts in Georgia where stamps have been issued.

He pledged the full resources of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and other state law enforcement agencies to immediately assist local solicitors general in closing down gambling operations.

Governor Maddox also had announced in a press conference that he and his staff would begin each day with a period of Bible reading and prayer, and that no alcoholic beverages would be served in the governor's mansion.

Eye on USA!

Week of Prayer For Home Missions, Mar. 5-12. A tremendous task has been assigned to the Home Mission Board and is stated in the objective adopted at the 1966 Southern Baptist Convention. It states: "The objective of the Home Mission Board is to support the Southern Baptist Convention in its task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ by developing and promoting, in cooperation with churches, associations, and state conventions, a single uniform Southern Baptist missions program for the United States and assigned territories."

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Supplementary materials (build-up poster, stand-up prayer reminder for each family, Annie Armstrong Offering envelopes, streamers, etc.) are available at State WMU Office. Samples are being sent WMU presidents. Suggestions for observances by WMU are included in organizational programs. Last year the goal was met for the first time in several years. A total of \$99,616 was

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Spanish book store

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Government permission to open the book store is tangible evidence of extended religious liberty in Spain, where previously the sale of evangelical literature was restricted mainly to church members and their friends, according to Southern Baptist Missionaries.

Lopes speaker

Dr. Rubens Lopes, Brazilian Baptist leader who first proposed the Crusade of the Americas and who is president of its central coordinating committee, told of progress being made in preparation for the hemispheric evangelistic undertaking during a recent visit to Arkansas for the Evangelism Conference. The conference was held at Second Church, Hot Springs.



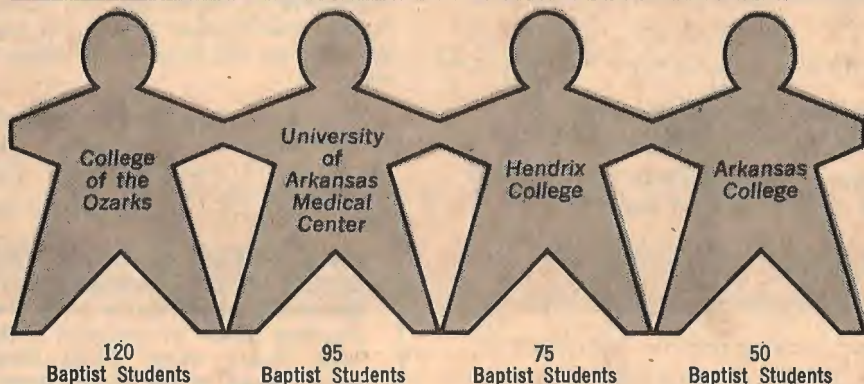
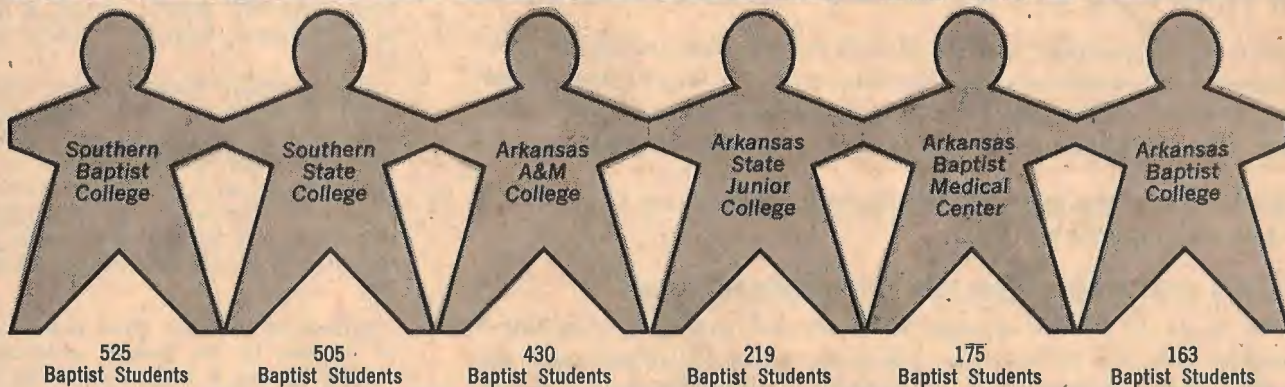
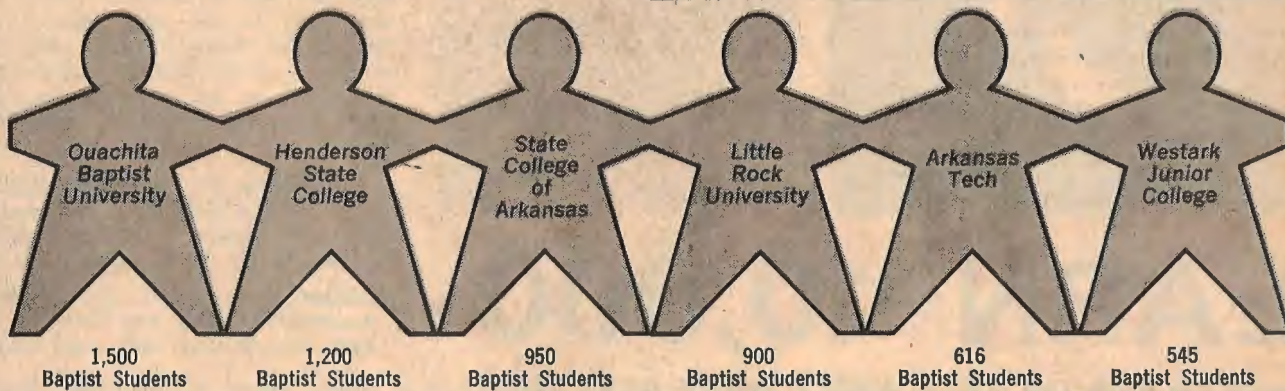
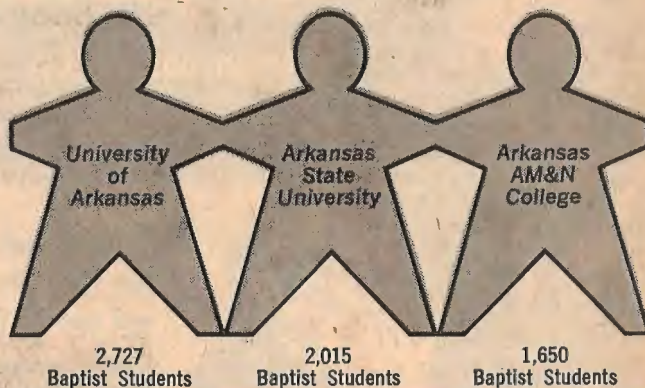
Dr. Rubens Lopes



FOREIGN MISSION FILM—Checking the script of Some To Be Missionaries, new motion picture of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; are some of the cast and production crew. To be released May 1 the 30 minute motion picture (in sound and color) will be available at Baptist Film Centers for a \$3.00 use fee.

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The bookshelf

The Man in the Middle, by Harry S. Ashmore, University of Missouri Press, 1966, \$2.50.

This little book is comprised of The Paul Anthony Brick Lectures given by Dr. Ashmore, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and former editor of the *Arkansas Gazette*, on the campus of the University of Missouri in March, 1965.

"The Man in the Middle," who gives title to the book, typifies the average American citizen. He lives in the center of a narrow horizon, occupied primarily by his own concerns. . . . His perception of the Great World is dim; unless public affairs intrude upon areas immediately affecting him he is disposed to leave them alone. He is equipped with a full set of human prejudices, but unless prodded (as when a Negro goes to school with his daughter) or mesmerized (as when a charismatic leader frightens and/or inspires him), he is not likely to act upon them. . . . He reaches the stage of action only when conditions in his interior world become intolerable in his own private terms; otherwise he is committed to the Status quo."

So declares Dr. Ashmore. And the "Man in the Middle" lives in a world in which "No system. . . can stand still and survive; change is the order of life."

Daedalus, Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Fall 1965, and Winter 1966, each \$2.50.

These issues of **Daedalus**, each of more than 400 pages, present a study of "The Negro American," Parts I and II.

The American Negro, despite the judicial decisions and legislative enactments of the last decade, will not enjoy the freedom of choice available to the white citizen until present practices are altered in the areas of employment, education, and housing, states the preface to the Winter 1966 issue of **Daedalus**.

A need is seen for strict enforcement of statutes by the federal government, and on "giving a lead to state and local authorities to encourage the invention of new institutional devices to protect and advance the interests of those now deprived. . ."

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Planning the program for the three weeks are Ralph Davis (left) and Lawson Hatfield.



PURL A. STOCKTON

UNION RESCUE MISSION



HORACE GRIGSON JR.

Mission has anniversary

Union Rescue Mission's tenth anniversary banquet will be Friday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m. in the new dining room at Immanuel Baptist Church, 10th and Bishop Streets, Little Rock. On our program are two outstanding speakers, Rev. Don Price, superintendent of the Saginaw Rescue Mission, Saginaw, Mich., and Rev. Charles F. Dickinson, superintendent of the Fort Wayne Rescue Home and Mission, Fort Wayne, Ind. Group singing will be led by our own P. A. (Uncle Purl) Stockton with Mrs. Albert Haney and Mrs. Harvey Evans at the pianos.

Friendship House

For several years we have needed a place to care for women and children. The Lord answered our prayer for this in 1965 when Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Mohr became superintendents of our women's and children's work in a rented house at 812 Rock in September. The door was opened that made it possible for us to purchase a permanent home

for "Friendship House" at 2218 Battery Street in Little Rock in September, 1966. Friendship House at the present time is our only indebtedness.

Assists program

Horace G. Grigson Jr., former pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church, became assistant superintendent of the Union Rescue Mission Jan. 1.

He is assistant to Superintendent Purl A. Stockton. He was pastor at Woodlawn Church 15 years and 5 months. He resigned the pastorate in September but stayed on until completion of the new parsonage which is almost ready for occupancy. The congregation had a building program four years ago in which the auditorium and educational unit were constructed.

Mr. Grigson formerly pastored South Texarkana Church and several rural churches.

He is a graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary.

'From all walks of life'

Union Rescue Mission was organized December 15, 1957. It was begun in an old building propped up with telephone poles with a few beds and no showers. Now we have a building worth \$150,000 all paid for. Men come to us from all walks of life from college presidents down. We interview these men as they come to us.

We have two worship services each day: A devotional service each morning and an evangelistic service at four o'clock each afternoon, with 160 to 300 men attending these services each day.

Of the great number of men that come to our mission, more than one-third come from Arkansas.

We would be happy for you to come see us at 3000 Confederate Boulevard, Little Rock. Our telephone number is FR 4-6648. Union Rescue Mission does not receive any of its support from the United Fund. We receive our support by gifts from individuals and churches who have placed the mission in their budget.

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Wednesday	Runyan Chapel Charles Sewell	Church of the Open Door Arvis Griggs	Dennison Street Baptist Church J. T. Summers	Pine Grove Baptist Church J. A. Hogan	Visitor
Thursday	First Baptist Church, N.L.R. J. C. Myers	Forest Highlands Bap. Church Johnny Jackson	Calvary Baptist Church North Little Rock Bill Kreis	Archview Baptist Ch. Andy Kerr	Visitor
Friday	Markham St. Baptist Church Ray Branscum	Forty-Seventh Street Baptist Church R. D. Harrington	Grace Baptist Church North Little Rock R. E. Fowler	First Free Will Bap. Church, N.L.R. Charles Warner	Visitor
Saturday	Indian Hills Baptist Church Roy Mathis	Baptist Tabernacle Don Hook	Amboy Methodist Ch. Dois Kennedy	Crystal Valley Bap. Church North Little Rock Jack Parchman	Pike Ave. Baptist Church R.H. Dorris
Sunday	Westside Baptist Church Bro. Whitley	First Baptist Church Training Union T. P. Gladden	St. Andrews Brotherhood Trinity Episcopal Cathedral	First Church of the Nazarene Thomas Herman	Immanuel Bap. Ch. Training Union

Union Rescue Mission

Our Record for 1966

Church Attendance	90,236
Decisions for Christ	225
Meals served	170,815
Lodgings	56,935
Jobs Found	5,164
New Men	2,243
Families Helped	2,344
Clothes Given	19,239
Prayer requests	6,977
Hospital visits	375
Doctor visits	990

Friendship House

Our Record for 1966

Bible Study	1,511
Decisions	9
Meals	8,056
Lodging	2,440
New Women	65
Clothes given	731
Prayer requests	84
Hospital visits	12

Addendum complete

An addendum to A History of North Pulaski Baptist Association has been completed and sent to Southern College for printing. It brings the events of the association with comparisons of the work five years ago to the present.—W. B. O'Neal, historian.

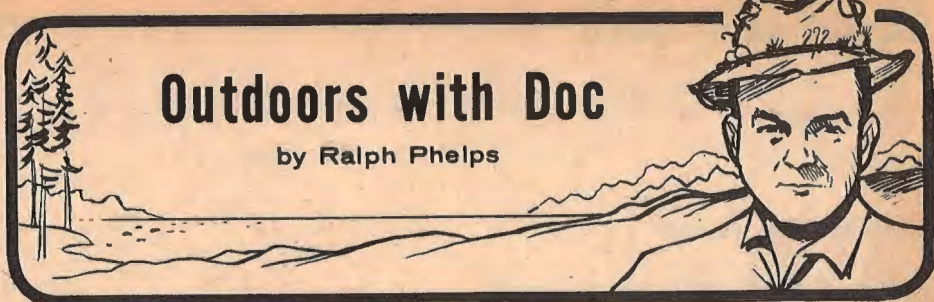


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Bigger fish on a cold day?

With such a lead toward the title of World's Worst Shot that it appeared impossible to be overtaken by anybody else, I felt justified recently in taking an afternoon from the quail season in order to go fishing.

Ordinarily, I feel obligated to hunt during quail season, since I feed a couple of monstrously hungry bird dogs 12 months out of the year and think that they ought to earn their board, even if it is unappetizing. But when a few unseasonably warm days came along, the yen to angle became irresistibly strong.

In the days before I took up pursuit of the elusive bobwhite, I did some of my most productive fishing in the winter time. The late John Plumlee of Hot Springs introduced me to cold weather fishing, and, on occasions when the temperature was so low that ice froze in the guides of the casting rod, we caught a great many fish. The average fish caught in cold weather seemed to be larger than that caught in the summer—or maybe it just looked bigger through wildly watering eyes.

Upon embarkation on quail hunting, though, I let winter fishing drop. For my money, this type of hunting is the finest of all outdoor sports. It may also be that my ardor for winter fishing was cooled somewhat by falling out of a boat three times during frigid seasons, but that story must wait for another day.

Wimpy Hendricks, James Orr and I headed for Lake Hamilton on the aforementioned warm afternoon. We had heard that bass had been hitting quite well on the edges of moss beds.

After getting the motor on the boat to run after a long winter's nap, we stopped first so that I could throw a small white jig at a submerged brush pile. To my amazement, I caught three crappie in quick succession. Two of them were in the slab category, but the third should not have been permitted outdoors without a baby-sitter. The two big fish fought as vigorously as if it were the middle of the spawning season.

Since my partners were champing at the bit to have a try at the bass, I put my spinning rig up and suggested that we get started casting. It was almost as hard a thing to say as "I was wrong." Jig fishing for crappie is one of my very favorite watersports.

The bass were far less cooperative as we chunked the large safety pin baits—including the popular spider—at them. Wimpy finally caught two blacks, one of which was in the three-pound class. He was using a white-headed safety pin with a yellow hula skirt. My bait was as unpopular as ecumenicism at a Southern Baptist Convention.

Finally I suggested that if the other guys would take me back to the area where I could throw the jig at the brush pile, they could take my boat and go just anywhere they wanted in search of bass. They did, I did, but the crappie didn't. They had all moved out to sea or somewhere else while I was searching vainly for bass.

All fishing must have heard taps for the day, for another hour failed to produce anything else for Jim and Wimpy, either. But it was a good introduction to a new year of fishing and made me almost glad I had spent \$3.50 for another license. It was at least more rewarding than walking ten miles without getting so much as a bird feather.

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BLUEBIRDS AND VALENTINES

BY THELMA C. CARTER

"The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come" (Song of Solomon 2:12).

Sometimes snow is still on the ground when bluebirds appear. Why these beautiful birds leave their warm winter to come where there are frosts, chill winds, and cold winter nights is difficult to understand. But they come.

These birds feed on the first spring-time insects in fields, orchards, and gardens. Their cheery songs fill the air with music.

People who welcome these birds and want to protect them provide homes for them. They cut short sections of hollow tree limbs and cover the top and bottom. After making a one and one-half inch doorway, they secure the homes in tall cedars and other protected tree areas.



Bluebirds are likely to come back to the same nesting places year after year. Upon their arrival in February and March, they stake out their nesting homesites with bursts of song.

Take time to study the valentines in store windows, as well as the ones you give to your friends and the ones your friends give you. You'll find many pictures of these beautiful birds. An ancient legend tells that on Valentine Day birds begin their housekeeping.

Take a moment to look at the rest of the world about you. You will find that Nature is already at work, mending the torn, shabby world of winter. Spring time peeps out from dried grass and leafless trees in the form of lacy green foliage and tiny green buds. The miracle of springtime is in the making. (Sunday School Board Syndicate, all rights reserved)

A valentine for Cousin Jim

BY RUTH BISHOP JULINE

Hodi and Anna Quail, two Navaho sisters, had been to the mission school to a party. The teacher had given each one a lovely valentine. The valentines had been sent to the school by boys and girls from the Midwest.

"Valentines are nice," said Hodi as the girls scuffed through dry sand on the way home. "I've never had one before."

"I had never even heard of one," said Anna Quail. "Mine is so pretty—a red heart and a white heart woven together. These letters say, 'Be My Valentine.'"

She ran her fingers tenderly over the words.

"Mine is prettier," said Hodi. "It has paper lace around the edge, and three hearts are in the middle: a big blue one, a middle-sized white one, and a tiny red one." She gave a deep sigh. "I wish Cousin Jim could have gone to the party. Then he would have a valentine, too."

"He couldn't go," Anna Quail reminded her, "not with a sprained ankle."

The girl looked off toward the two hogans in the distance. A curl of smoke was coming from a hole in the center of the roof of each of these dome-shaped structures.

Anna Quail added soberly, "Our cousin will be disappointed because he has no valentine."

"You can give him yours," Hodi suggested brightly. "I'm sure he would like it. I'll share my valentine with you. One is enough for us."

Anna Quail stopped in her tracks. "Why should I give him mine?" she asked. "Yours is prettier. You yourself said so. Why not give him yours?"

Hodi said, nothing for quite a while. She walked along, feeling sad.

At last she said, "I can't give away my lacy valentine. I'm the younger sister. It is you who should give your valentine to our cousin."

The sisters seldom quarreled. They had been taught to control their tempers and to speak kindly to one another. Before the two reached the dry creek bed, Hodi turned from the main trail and wandered off alone among the red rocks. She needed to think.

Anna Quail plodded on. Happiness was gone from her heart. Although her eyes were dry, her mouth tasted of tears.

Inside the hogan, smoke from the supper fire filled the room. Her mother, seated on the floor, was stirring mutton stew in a black pot.

Anna Quail looked around, hoping to see Hodi there ahead of her. But no little sister greeted her.

"Come, my elder daughter," her mother spoke softly. "Bring your sister. Your father waits for his food, and it is ready."

"Hodi will eat later," Anna Quail said simply.

She was glad her mother did not ask questions. She herself sat in the shadows, too lonely and sad to think of food.

"The mission teacher says we must be

kind to others," she remembered. "We should do for them what we would want them to do for us. I shall go to Cousin Jim and give him my valentine. By doing that, I shall feel friendly toward my sister once more."

Anna Quail slipped from the room and hurried to the hogan in which her cousin lived.

"Look," she cried, holding out the red-and-white heart. "I bring you my valentine. I hope it will help you pass the time until you can run and play again."

"Thank you, Anna Quail," her cousin smiled. "You and Hodi are thoughtful and kind. Now I have two valentines. Hodi has just given me hers."

When Anna Quail heard what he said, she laughed softly. She could laugh easily now because, suddenly, she was happy all over. As she left the hogan, her sister ran to meet her:

"Oh, Anna Quail," Hodi giggled, "aren't we the funniest Indian sisters! We each gave away our valentine. Now we have none for ourselves."

"It makes no difference, Little Sister," said Anna Quail, slipping her arm into Hodi's. "The important thing is that we are friends again."

"I've been thinking," Hodi paused under a juniper tree. "We can make valentines of our own. We can make them from bark and pine needles."

"Someday we shall do that," Anna Quail promised. "But right now I'm hungrier than a coyote. I'll race you to our mother's hogan."

Jesus offers us a cross

BY TAL D. BONHAM
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Life and Work

February 12

Mark 8:34-38; Romans 6:7-14

The geographical heart of London is Charing Cross. All distances are measured from this landmark which is simply referred to as "the cross." A small boy, lost in the London fog, was unable to find his way home even with the help of a policeman. Finally, he said, "If you will take me to the cross, I think I can find my way home from there."

Unifying symbol

The cross of Christ is the unifying symbol of Christianity. Jesus was spit upon; whipped, slapped, mocked, and tantalized. He was subjected to the strain of six illegal trials. He fell under the burden of a heavy wooden cross. A bystander was forced to carry his cross to the place of crucifixion. The cross was lain upon the ground and his feet and hands were cruelly nailed to it. The cross was lifted up and dropped into a hole. He hung between heaven and earth from early morning till midday. Finally, he suffered the horrible death of the cross.

Praise God for the crucifixion of Christ! Jesus taught, however, that there is more to the cross than his crucifixion. The other half of the cross is the crucifixion of self in the life of a Christian (Mark 8:34-38). At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus began to prepare his disciples for his own crucifixion. But they could not reconcile a cross with a King. He went further than his own crucifixion to tell them that they, too, must go to the cross. Jesus put it this way: "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

The other half

All of our sins can be traced to a love for self. This is true of the sins of the flesh as well as the sins of the spirit. This is true of the sins of omission as well as the sins of commission. L. H. Marshall was right when he said, "Whenever and however we sin, the ultimate cause is to be found in inordinate self-love" (L.H. Marshall, *The Challenge of New Testament Ethics*; London: Macmillan and Co. Ltd., 1956, p. 33).

Heredity and environment may be contributory factors but the ego that is absorbed in the love of itself is the root of all our sin. Since the root of all

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sin is a love for self, it follows that the very essence of saving faith is a crucifixion of self in which one's love is transferred to someone else. To "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 16:31) means to commit one's whole life to Christ. When this is done, the object of one's love is no longer self. Love is then transferred to God and fellowman (Matt. 22:37-39). Thus, the Apostle Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless, I live" (Gal. 2:20).

Demanding discipleship

The Christian is one who has died to self and sin and lives under God (Rom. 6:7-14). It is only when we crucify self that we experience genuine repentance. The Greek word that Jesus used for repentance (*metanoia*) means "a change of mind." When you change your mind about something, you also change your attitude toward it. Not until you change your attitude are you likely to change your actions. When one repents, he stops loving self and starts loving God and his fellow man. This change of mind and attitude is then evident in his actions.

Jesus taught that self-crucifixion is a necessity for the Christian. The words, "whosoever will come after me," indicate that he is stating an absolute requirement. He made it plain on another occasion when he said, "Whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27).

Not only is Christian discipleship demanding, it must also be voluntary. Jesus said, "let him deny himself. . . ." Each individual must commit his own life to Jesus Christ and confess his own sins.

Self-crucifixion

Just what does it mean to crucify self? The story of the cross is the story of God's love for man. The crowning virtue of the Christian life is love. From Boston came Anne Sullivan to teach young Helen Keller who could neither see, hear, nor speak.

Ann's first gift, to Helen was a doll. As she presented the doll, she spelled in her hand-"d-o-l-l." One day, in a rage, Helen threw the doll down and stamped on it until it was smashed to bits. But Anne didn't give up. One day at the water pump, water flowed over the cup and came running over Helen's hand. Anne was spelling in the other hand "w-a-t-e-r." Here the light came to

Helen's mind for the first time. She realized that everything must have a name. She reached out and touched the pump with the other hand and asked, "What's its name?" She did the same with the trellis hanging over the pump. Then, she touched Anne's face and learned to spell "t-e-a-c-h-e-r."

The cross of Jesus Christ spells out to a world blinded in sin "l-o-v-e." To take up the cross must mean to love Jesus more than one loves his family. Jesus said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me" (Matt. 10:37-38). To crucify self means to love Christ more than we love material things (Mark 8:35-37).

World crucifixion

We crucify self by crucifying fleshly desires and lust (Gal. 5:24), and selfish acts and attitudes which characterized our lives before they were committed to Christ (Gal. 6:14). The Apostle Paul boasted in the cross of Christ, "By whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world" (Gal. 6:14).

Augustine lived a sinful, promiscuous life before he was saved. On a visit to his home town, a woman met him on the street with whom he had lived in sin before his conversion. She ran toward him shouting, "Augustine, Augustine, it is I. It is I." He turned to her and said, "But this is not I." To deny self in one's life means to deny sin. Paul said that the old man is crucified with Christ, "that henceforth we should not serve sin" (Rom. 6:6).

Boldness

The cross speaks of boldness. There is no trace of selfish silence in the life of the committed Christian (Mark 8:38).

The cross is nothing more than a cruel method of Roman execution if we have not realized its demand of self-denial in the life of the Christian. The cross is not only the source of our salvation. It is also the symbol of what our lives ought to be after we have been saved.

"I must needs go home by the way of the cross.

There's no other way but this:

I shall ne'er get sight of the gates of light.

If the way of the cross I miss."

The call to repentance

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February 12

Luke 13:1-9, 34-35

Desperately but futilely as he neared the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus tried to get his fellow Jews to change their attitude toward God and his representatives. Instead of altering their course, however, these who had stoned the prophets and killed those sent to them by God continued on their headstrong course that was to see Jerusalem completely destroyed in less than 40 years after the death of Christ.

Today's lesson from Luke's Gospel reveals Jesus as he yet again tries to get his countrymen to change their ways. Like many other of his pleadings, however, these words fell on stubborn ears that refused to hear.

I. The necessity of repentance, vv. 1-5.

Like effective preachers today, Jesus took advantage of a current event to introduce a subject and to teach a lesson. Some people came up to him and related an incident in which Pilate, the Roman Procurator, had slaughtered certain Galileans as they made sacrifices at the altar. The ghastly murder had allowed their blood to mingle with that of their sacrificial animals. This was completely in character for Pilate, who was later removed from his post when the administration in Rome heard of his cruelty in murdering some unarmed Samaritans as they searched for treasure on Mount Gerizim.

Jesus asked, "Are you thinking that these Galileans were worse sinners than any other men of Galilee because this happened to them? I assure you that is not so." Then, having disposed of what may have been their interpretation of the event, he changed the direction of the conversation abruptly as he declared, "You will all die just as miserable a death unless your hearts are changed!" (13:3—Phillips) He stressed the price of non-repentance.

This led to the recollection of 18 people who had been killed when a wall tower collapsed and fell on them. Jesus assured the crowd that these who had died were not worse offenders than any of the other people who lived in Jerusalem. Then he again stressed the results of non-repentance: "You will all die as tragically unless your whole outlook is changed!" (13:5—Phillips)

Thus, in two graphic illustrations Jesus urged his hearers to repent. Not doing so will bring tragic consequences.

II. The delay of sentence, vv. 6-9.

The lack of any evidence of repentance on the part of the nation may well have prompted Jesus to relate the parable of the barren fig tree. In the story, a man had a fig tree growing in his garden, but when he came to look for the figs he found none. Calling the gardner to him, he said, "Look, I have been expecting fruit on this tree for three years running and never found any. Better cut it down. Why should it use up valuable space?" (13:7—Phillips)

The gardner interceded for the unfruitful plant. "Master, don't touch it this year till I have had a chance to dig round it and give it a bit of manure. Then, if it bears after that, it will be all right. But if it doesn't then you can cut it down."

George R. Bliss in *An American Commentary* explains the parable as follows: "The vineyard is the goodly land, with its civil and religious institutions, originally assigned to Israel. The fig tree is the chosen and favored people. The vine-dresser is Jesus Christ. The failure to produce fruit, as sought, is the obstinate rejection of God's ways by that people, their worldliness and hypocrisy and unbelief. The cumbering the ground is their standing in the way of its occupancy by men more willing and able to render acceptable service to God. The cutting down is the approaching destruction of the existing state and nation, delayed for this year also that they might have full opportunity to repent and accept the Messiah; but which, it is intimated by the agitation of the gardner, will then have to come."

God's judgment will not be unleased until man has had every reasonable chance to straighten up, but when he has given opportunity in vain God will not hesitate to strike down the offender.

III. The folly of preference, vv. 34-35.

In a pathetic apostrophe, Jesus cries out to the Jerusalem which he loves but which has refused to accept him as God's Messiah. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that murders the prophets and stones the messengers sent to her! How often have I longed to gather your children, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings; but you would not let me. Look, look! there is your temple forsaken by God. And I tell you, you shall never see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessings on him who

comes in the name of the Lord' " (13:34-35, NEB)

Jesus said, "I would . . . you would not." This was the foolish choice they had made. Instead of responding to his loving call, they had insisted on following other invitations. While they could have enjoyed the shelter of his presence, they chose to wander elsewhere. The result? It would be death and destruction. Such a prospect caused Jesus to weep.

Because of their reaction, they will not see him again until the day that they change their views and cry out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" The only thing that can change their status as the condemned is a change of their attitude toward the Christ—a change from rejection, through repentance, to acceptance through faith.

Conclusion.

These passages show eloquently that the unrepentant, unfruitful life will eventually be struck down by God's judgment, no matter how sorrowful a necessity this may be for the Father. The ultimate sin which will bring the ultimate punishment is rejection of God's Son.

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Santa Claus

He gave her a three-piece swea-
ter set for Christmas... two nee-
dles and a skein of yarn.

Or March

A movie executive, once famous
for his long after-dinner speeches,
is now the epitome of brevity.

Seems he overheard a remark,
as he paused for breath during a
speech. One man said to another,
"What follows this speech?"

The answer came, with a sigh,
"Wednesday."

Suggestion

The best way to tell good ad-
vice from bad is to give it to a
friend. When he hands it back,
the flaws will be immediately ap-
parent.

Paging Dr. Spock

When I had my first baby I
phoned the doctor every time it
sneezed. But when my youngest
swallowed a nickel the other day,
I just looked at him and said,
"Young man, that money comes
out of your allowance!"

Kindly attitude

Two spinsters were talking.
One remarked, "Last week I ad-
vertised in the paper for a hus-
band."

"You don't mean it!" the other
exclaimed. "Get any replies."

"Hundreds of them. And they
were all the same. They all said,
'You can have mine.'"

The kids, too?

"For months," said the gad-
about girl, "I couldn't discover
where my husband spent his even-
nings."

"And then what happened?"
asked her friend, in anticipation.

"Well," she answered, "One eve-
ning I went home and THERE HE
WAS!"

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Alzheimer First	16	76	
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Central	512	196	3
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First	335	118	2
Second	280	127	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	643	165	1
South Side	32	17	
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Harmony	51	41	
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Park Hill	393	246	
Indian Hills	121	60	2
Sixteenth St.	44	28	
Sylvan Hills First	306	138	1
Paragould Mt. Zion	109	54	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	247	103	4
First	871	222	6
Mission	127	60	
Second	286	93	
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Springdale			
Berry St.	101	69	
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First	426	106	
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Second	105	54	2
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In the world of religion

Upcoming Scot crusade

Evangelistic crusades during the spring in six places in Scotland mark the beginning of a three-year program of evangelism, climax of which will be the centennial of Scottish Baptists in 1969.

"During these years special selected teams from within the ranks of our own ministry and churches will conduct evangelistic crusades wherever opportunity is given," reported Andrew D. McRae of Glasgow, secretary of the Baptist Union of Scotland.

Evangelists from the United States, however, will direct the six crusades reported for the coming spring.

Donald B. Harbuck, El Dorado, Ark., will preach at services Apr. 22-29 in New Cumnock, Ayrshire, and Apr. 29-May 6 in Adelaide Place Baptist Church at Glasgow.

James M. Baldwin, Bartlesville, Okla., will preach at Aberdeen, Apr. 22-29, and at Stirling the following week.

Preaching at Hamilton and Dundee in the same two-week succession will be Loyal Prior, Newport News, Va., a former Arkansan. (EPBS)

Tithes store bonanza

LA CRESCENTA, Calif. — After Frederick A. Johnson Sr. was handed \$50,000 by a local super market, he remembered his tithe in all the excitement of planning how to spend the money.

Ten per cent of the money will go to the local La Crescenta Methodist Church for its building program.

"I guess we just happened to be smiled on at the right time," Johnson said in groping for an explanation. He said the thought of the \$50,000 in his bank account offset any ill feeling generated by crank phone calls and "nasty" callers who pestered the Johnsons and their three children. (EP)

Red guard massacre

DJAKARTA—Tens of thousands of Moslems were reported to have been slaughtered by the ultra-revolutionary Red Guards on the China mainland.

A statement by K. H. Dahlan, a top Moslem leader here, condemning the massacre, stated that not only the mass killings but also the constant persecution of Moslems, Catholics and Protestants on the Chinese mainland had made it clear the Peking government was pursuing a consistent anti-religion policy.

"This," he said, "calls for severe denunciation by all believers in the world."

Dr. Dahlan is first chairman of the Nahdatul Elama, the Conservative Moslem Party, and second vice chairman of its Supreme Advisory Council. He said it was his belief that the Peking regime intended to utilize the Red Guards to get rid of all religious believers in China. (EP)

Smokers vanishing

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Deaths from chronic bronchitis and emphysema in the past 10 years have risen by 400 per cent and by 900 per cent in the past 20 years, according to the Public Health Service.

The cause was given as cigarette smoking. A PHS report said the risk of death from all causes is 70 per cent higher for cigarette smokers than for nonsmokers. (EP)

'Bible of the Air'

QUITO, Ecuador—In the 17 years of its history, HCJB's "Bible Institute of the Air" has helped 18,000 students to know the Bible better.

This report by Difusiones InterAmericanas said the BIA staff is zealously expanding the facilities, believing that the more urgent need of Latin America and Spain is for more trained Christian leadership.

Since the great majority of those who need instruction are unable to attend a Bible school or seminary, the Bible Institute of the Air through correspondence meets their needs. (EP)

India delays travel

LONDON—Eight British Baptist missionaries have had to cancel sea bookings to India because of a new edict there governing the granting of endorsements for their entry visas has not been received. Travel of other missionaries, planned for February, are also held up at least temporarily.

Under the new Indian regulation, applications for visa endorsements now have to be made to New Delhi instead of to the High Commissioners in the respective Commonwealth countries. Only when permission has been received from India may missionaries now enter the country. (EP)

Chicago Judson Store

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Chicago Judson Book Store now operates from a new location. The new address is 1916 North Harlem Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60635.

Mail orders from states in the mid-West area are processed at the new address. (ABNS)

Frozen, live again?

The body of a man was frozen minutes after his death in the hope that science may later discover how to bring it back to life.

The "freeze funeral" was conducted here by members of the Cryonics Society of California who told a press conference that the freezing process was carried out at the prior request of the man and his family.

No names or locations could be obtained about a man whose body may meet the resurrection frozen. (EP)

Gospel for Indians

PANAMA CITY, Panama — The translation of the Gospel of Mark has been completed for publication in the Epera dialect of the Indians in Panama.

The translation was given a final proof reading by Choco Indians in December. It will be published by the American Bible Society.

The Choco Indian churches in Panama are assisted by Mennonite Brethren Church personnel. (EP)

Excitement too great!

SAIGON—Public Relations officers with the U. S. Air Force decided to stage a television bonanza by filming the downing of seven North Vietnamese MIG-21s in one day.

They used 1,300 feet of film showing the airmen and their planes getting ready for the sorties but when the pilots came face to face with their death struggle they forgot to turn on the cameras. (EP)

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