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Personally speaking



'A peculiar people'

This happened recently in Alabama. The daughter of Presbyterians married a Catholic, much to the heart-break of her parents. Not many days after the wedding, and while the bride's parents were still in the depth of despair, a Methodist neighbor dropped by to try to console them.

worse," philosophized the Methodist. "Your daughter might have married a Baptist—and they just don't bend

ate all!"

And this happened in Little Rock, Arkansas. In a discussion of racially-mixed marriages, a man—an Episcopalian—was asked: "Would you want your daughter to marry a Negro?"

"No," replied the man. "But neither would I want

my daughter to marry a Baptist preacher!"

Just how peculiar should Baptists—and Christians generally—be? Sometimes there is evidence to indicate that some of us may not understand too clearly part of Apostle Peter's declaration in his first letter, chapter 2, verse 9:

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of dark-

ness into his marvelous light."

Usually, when we speak of someone as being "peculiar," we are not trying to flatter him. What we really mean is that he's a queer old duck, that he is not only "different from the normal or the usual," but that he is eccentric.

Other versions besides the King James throw light

on Peter's meaning here:

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The Amplified Bible: "[God's] own purchased, special people..."

The New English Bible: "a people claimed by God

for his own. "

Revised Standard Version: "God's own people" ..."

There is much in the scriptures to indicate that Christians are to be a called-out people, different from what they were like before they became followers of Christ. But nowhere do we find any justification for Christians being oddballs or crackpots.

Paul's counsel to first-century Christians is still

timely:

men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15, RSV).

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Elwen L. M. Bonse

IN THIS ISSUE:

COMMENTING on Governor Rockefeller's veto of the gambling bill, the Editor, page 3, calls for an amendment to the state constitution repealing gambling in any form in Arkansas—ridding the state of horse racing at Hot Springs and dog racing at West Memphis.

ONE of the highlights of the recent Evangelism Conference in Hot Springs was a stirring address by Rear, Admiral James W. Kelly, chief of chaplains of the United States Navy. He had a message to share with all Baptists, so we are on pages 6 and 7 printing his talk.

CONTEMPORARY moral, social and economic problems are not getting enough attention from Southern Baptists: That is the majority opinion revealed following a survey of church leaders by the Sunday School Board at Nashville. Other opinions may surprise you. The story is on page 12.

IN addition to our regular "Bookshelf" (page 18) we have for you this week a review of the newest records which the Editor believes will interest you. You will find it on page 14.

REMEMBER the Seventy-five Million Dollars Campaign of 1919-24? It was then that Baptists realized they had money! So says Dr. Bernes K. Selph when he writes of the gold mine tapped by Baptists, page 15.

AN outstanding young wife and mother, who received her education at Ouachita and married an Arkansas native, has been signally honored. Read Anita King's story about Grace Agena Efurd on page 9.

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Nix to gambling

GOVERNOR Rockefeller's veto of Senate Bill 391 saves our state from the hands of the gamblers. But the very fact that the State Legislature could be influenced to ride roughshod over the will of the people of the state in passing this nefarious bill demonstrates how firmly the gamblers and their associates are entrenched. It is becoming more and more apparent that the only hope for our state is an amendment to the state constitution repealing the provision for gambling in any form, ridding us of Hot Springs horse racing and West Memphis dog racing.

That gambling is the keystone of all crime, as has been demonstrated over and over—and nowhere better than in Nevada, the only state with legal casino gambling—indicates there can be no compromise. Legalization of gambling makes it clean and wholesome like tying a red ribbon around a rattlesnake's neck makes it a safe and delightful pet.

Those who are interested in knowing just how infiltrated Arkansas is already with gamblers should read a front-page story which appeared in the Arkansas Democrat of Saturday, March 4. The article, the headline of which was: "Too Late to Stop Gamblers? Power, Influence Great," cited widespread involvement of gamblers in such legitimate enterprises as hotels and motels, shopping centers, loan companies, taxi and bus companies, country clubs and vending machines.

We will have more to say later. Suffice it to say now that we thank God for men like Governor Rockefeller and those members of the legislature who could not be bought and whose stalwart stand assures us that the vetoed bill cannot be passed by the required two-thirds majority. We suggest that all those who are really concerned about good government take note of the names of the sponsors of this gambling bill and of those who voted for and against it, for future reference.

What would Jesus do?

WHAT would happen if Christians suddenly started living and conducting their personal affairs on the basis of what they feel Christ would have them do? How much difference would it make in one's business deals if one first considered the question, What would Jesus do?

Many years ago a Kansas pastor preached a series of "sermons" on what he imagined would be the result in one church in which a large part of the members dedicated themselves to daring to do according to what they believed Jesus would have them do. These messages were made into a book, In His Steps, which continues to be a best-seller after all these years,

Reminiscent of the many interesting developments reported in In His Steps is the action recently of an Arkansas publisher—Fred Wulfekuhler, Paragould, in decid-

ing to give up liquor advertising in his paper, the Paragould Daily Press.

But let Mr. Wulfekuhler, a Methodist layman, tell his own story, as he did in the following editorial from his paper of Feb. 22:

"A newspaper has a responsibility for others where public problems are concerned. And, one of the public's biggest problems today is alcohol.

"Extolling public responsibility without doing something to help is like James' illustration of saying to the poor, "Be warmed and filled," without attempting to provide food and clothing.

"For some time now, I have been concerned about the continuing reports of teenage drinking—not only in-Paragould but all over the area. I have attempted through a meeting with county liquor dealers to make them aware of their responsibilities in selling to minors. Still, the reports continue to come in of youngsters some even of junior high school age—appearing in publics intoxicated.

"When I purchased The Daily Press nearly eight" years ago, the paper's listing in Editor & Publisher, Ayer's Periodicals, and Standard Rates & Data stated "Accepts liquor advertising." And, this has been the case until today.

"As of today, The Daily Press has advised its national advertising representives, Editor & Publisher, etc. that The Daily Press no longer accepts liquor advertising!

"I have been brought up in this business of newspapering to 'See that your advertisers get results.' And, I have been proud that such has been the case.

"But, this is also one of the reasons that I have decided that *The Daily Press* can no longer accept liquor or beer advertising.

There are other reasons, too, to be sure. One is, that the carrying of liquor and beer advertising in my newspaper is not compatible with my assignment as a Sunday School teacher at the First Methodist Church and as a lay speaker for the church.

"It is not compatible with being a father of five fine children, whom I hope and pray will never be victimized by John Barleycorn.

"Billy Graham tells us: "Most Americans are indifferent concerning the problem of excessive drinking. They hark back to the days when people cried, 'Prohibition causes drinking!' But they do not seem to be aware that legalized liquor has brought even more drinking. The simple truth is—man is the same under either system, and if we don't find something to fill his empty heart, he will stuff his stomach with artificial stimulants."

"I sincerely hope, that in the days ahead, The Daily Press can be a force to help man find something to fill his empty heart. And, to this end The Daily Press will not encourage the liquor traffic—even in moderation."

The people speak-

Chicago 'exposure'

You might be interested in knowing that the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine received a five-minute "exposure" on NBC-TV's Chicago outlet.

How come? Well, I have an assignment to report weekly on the Everyman program on some significant happening in religious journalism. It so happened that I was struck by the touching letter of Chaplain Carter Tucker in your Feb. 9 issue. I read it in its entirety as an example of what a man of God can do for our men in uniform. And I gave the Arkansas Baptist full credit.

I realize you won't get many subscribers in this area but you should be encouraged to know that people outside your state hear about your journalistic efforts.—Alfred P. Klausler, Executive Secretary, Associated Church Press, 875 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

REPLY: Your humble servant appreciates this Chicago "exposure" much more than the exposure he experienced as a visitor to the Windy City during the blizzard of late January. Thanks a million!-ELM

The reserve chaplaincy --

Permit me to report my annual two weeks Naval Reserve Chaplain's duty.

I reported for on-the-job training at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Pensacola, Florida, Monday morning, February Florida, Monday morning, February 18th. Two experiences of special interest happened before checking-in.

On Sunday night before reporting for duty, I preached for Jim Pleitz at the First Baptist Church in Pensacola. He has done a real fine job pastoring there and is now helping to provide effective denominational leadership in Florida, serving presently as chairman of the State Executive Board. On Wednesday evening of the second week I preached for another friend and former Arkansas pastor, Al Butler, at the Myrtle Grove Baptist Church.

The Naval Hospital is located at the main Naval Air Training Center in Pensacola. There are several Auxiliary fields nearby. Like similar hospitals over our nation, it ministers to active-duty Navy and Marine personnel, their dependants and retired servicemen and women in the area.

The patient load includes the usual cases of influenza, traffic accident victims, etc., but by far the most noteworthy are the many sailors and ma-rines who are recovering from wounds received in Vietnam. Most of their injuries were caused by Viet Cong booby traps, mortar shells, land mines and ambushes. Several of the lads most seriously wounded are termed modern miracles by those ministering to them. These in particular were inspiring to talk with.

Besides my work at the hospital which consisted primarily of Ward vis-

itation, I conducted two worship services. One a pre-Easter, noon-day serat the beautiful new main base chapel chapel and the other a Sunday Morning service at Corry Field, a nearby Naval Communications Training Cen-

Close by the hospital are several places of interest; Fort Barrancas, ov-erlooking the gulf and the place from which Geronimo escaped years ago is of special interest to a history major. The U.S. Naval Aerospace Medical Center, Aviation Museum, Pre-Flight and Basic Pilot training centers are also near.

In case of an all-out conflict, along with many other pastors in similar programs, I will be much better qualified to serve God and country, as a result of this annual training.—Robert A. Parker, Pastor, Cullendale First Baptist Church, Camden, Arkansas

Church assets, liabilities

A church is like any other business. It has its assets and liabilities. Its assets may be actual or potential. In general church's assets consist of its active members, competent leaders, faithful workers, systematic givers, regular attendants, potential workers and supporters, as well as property and money.



... "Report on Organized Gambling" is the title of a comprehensive report issued by the National Council of Churches' Commission on Social Welfare. It may be ordered for thirty cents from the agency's office at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

.. There is too much sex in automobile advertising, according to the President's Consumer Advisory Council. The committee's report asserted that "manufacturers' advertisements tend to stress. sex, status, thrills and luxury."

... Since Iowa adopted "liquor-by the-drink" in 1963, there has been a steady increase in per capita consumption of alcohol beverages, a license to sell liquor issued for every 1,122 persons in the state, and an alarming increase in fatal accidents. Iowa Highway Patrol Chief Ted Mikesch said, "I think many drivers get more reckless when they get a few drinks into them,"

Commenting on the Iowa Public Safety\ Department report that forty-seven percent of Iowa's traffic, fatalities in 1976 the first four months of 1966 involved in the should be publicly drinking, Chief Mikesch stated, "I know in thanked for the personal work that percent of Iowa's traffic, fatalities in of no cause of accidents so important I. know he did for both Billy Graham as liquor." (18) 100 molling films, "The Restless Ones," and "For

Most valuable of all is its assets of unbroken fellowship with Christ and in the membership, its saving gospel and spiritual power and its influence of good will in the community.

Just as other business takes inventory at regular intervals, so should a church take inventory on its past and present condition in order to meet the needs of its people.

Why not as a pastor, and other leadership of the church take a look at the church's liabilities? See if within this area might be found the WHY of so many sick churches in the area of attendance. Liabilities consist of inactive members, irregular givers and noncontributors, members unwilling to serve, insufficient budget, cash operating deficit and debts on property

Notice, that business men in taking inventory, are careful to list assets, but are even more concerned about their liabilities. If liabilities over balance, and the business continues to go "In The Red", bankruptcy lies ahead.

Only as individuals attend, support, and undergird the total church program, then, as a church there will be no attendance slack, or slump. Because God's children will be where they are supposed to be on the Lord's Day, doing what they were called to do, 'exalt Christ, and spreading the Good News. re in

Homer Haltom Pastor, First Baptist Church Bearden, Ark. 71720

Phelps, Hall admirer

How much I do enjoy the articles in the Ark. Baptist written by Ralph Phelps and Harriet Hall so do keep them coming. I'm 69 years old and have a husband who loves the outdoors and hunting—especially deer hunting and Ralphs article in Dec. "A Po' boy goes huntin" was very clever and interesting, Mrs. Halls teachings are fine and good for grandmothers and mothers. Sure I like the paper in every way and really read it for it improves each month and gets more "human" and informative. I always read "Personally Speaking" by E. L. McDonald. Some of his articles are a "scream" for many of us grew up on a farm and poor .- Mrs. Claude Collie, Mountain Home, Ark.

Grateful for Mr. Karam

Your readers have read a great deal in your papers from time to time both pro and con concerning one, James T. Karam.

Pete's Sake." He himself would never mention the fact that he personally raised the money for our high school and junior high school coaches and their athletes, our children at our Baptist Orphanage in Monticello and the Catholic Orphanage of Little Rock, and the students at our Boys' and Girls' Training Schools to attend these films free of charge. He gave freely of his Itime, efforts, and money (hundreds of dollars) to see that the funds would be provided for these groups. Of course, these groups included both white and Negro children.

Therefore, I say again, "Thank you, Jimmy Karam."

> -Fred Stark North Little Rock, Ark.

California's gain

After 42 years as pastor and evangelist, we retired last June, moving to California. We have purchased a home near our doctor son here. I am serving as interim pastor, supplying, and holding revivals. I shall be glad to hold some revivals in Arkansas.

"All things work together for good to them that love the Lord." Our beloved denomination might profit by other institutions being transferred to a Baptist Corporation. Then so much of our Cooperative fund income would not go to institutions, and more could go to missions and evangelism.

> E. Butler Abington 689 Hamann Drive San Jose, Calif. 95117



Feminine intuition

by Harriet, Hall

Letter from an unhappy teenager

Dear Mrs. Hall.

My parents are "good Christians" but they act so silly about what time I get home from a date. They think I'm ungrateful for all they've done for me. They tell me I have a lot of advantages others don't have, such as the chance for an education, nice clothes, etc. I don't think they've ever known what it's like to have some one nagging at you. If a certain someone doesn't call me I'm miserable. Then when I go out I have to come home at a certain time or they raise the roof. If I were writing Ann Landers I guess I'd sign this "Miserable Mary."

Dear "Miserable Mary,"

If you want to change your name to "Merry Mary" try coming home on time so your parents won't worry. Prove that you can be trusted. Try being thankful for nice clothes, an education, etc. Try remembering that some parents have not said "No" enough to their children and have let them get into real trouble. Your version of "nagging" may be their genuine concern for your happiness. Be thankful they love you enough to say "No" about some things.

About wanting someone to phone—perhaps it's good that a certain someone doesn't phone you-unless that someone is good for you.

Think of girls your age who will never go anywhere except in a wheel chair and be glad you can walk.

Think of girls who are deaf and be glad you can hear.

Think of those who are blind and be grateful that you can see.

Forgive me if this sounds brutally frank, but I think you have some things to learn. I will pray that your "good Christian" parents are patient and loving in their relationship with you.

Questions, suggestions, or comments may be addressed to: Mrs. Andrew Hall. Mt. Sequoyah Drive, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701.



uled for October. At the clinic in the village of Mon (near missionaries attended the clinics.

OCTOBER CAMPAIGN-Rev. Joseph B. Underwood (right), Mbale), Uganda, Missionary C. Ray Bundell (left), two Africonsultant in evangelism and church development for the can pastors, and Missionary Jimmie D. Hooten study a poster Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, helped Baptists of that was used to promote an evangelistic campaign in Spain, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzahia with evangelistic clinics held Other evangelistic clinics were held in Nyeri, Kenya, and in preparation for a tri-nation evangelistic campaign sched. Arusha, Tanzania. Approximately 180 pastors, laymen, and

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THE CHAPLAINCY

The world we know is tired. It has run with increasing speed and fever but sometimes in the wrong direction. It is a world that knows no relief from desperation, which cannot rid itself of ever-present threats—a world that is alive, active, breathing but "short-of-breath," as Carl Henry puts it. Frankly, the world in which we live is an evil world.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This address was given by Admiral Kelley at the recent State Evangelism Conference in Hot Springs.

When faced with our kind of world, there can be no evangelistic paralysis in the Armed Forces. Clergymen of over 50 denominations are engaged in a ministry of redemption and reconciliation.

Multiplicity of uniqueness

Obviously, the plan of battle varies widely. Fifty denominations and over 3000 clergymen make inevitable wide interpretations of the word "evangelism." To some it means men under the conviction of sin who are won to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. To others evangelism includes bringing the comfort, strength and love of Christ to the lonely, defeated and distraught. To still others, the central thrust of evangelism is the redemption of society and the transformation of social structures. Many chaplains work under all these definitions, considering no one exclusive of the other.

Regardless of their interpretations of the world evangelism, the Christian chaplains, I have observed, share a common aim in their ministry. They want men to find God through Jesus Christ, to accept Christ as their Savior and to serve him as their Lord.

As you know, chaplains are free to minister according to the teaching and practices of their respective curces. But, increasingly, there is a voluntary, common understanding of the core of the Christian gospel.

Some seek the salvation of men because of the commission to the church to evangelize the world. Others are aflame with their own vivid acceptance of Christ as Lord and Saviour and constantly want to share this experience with others. Still others must rescue lost men because chaplains fear their condemnation under judgment unless the men are reconciled with God.

The social, psychological, moral and spiritual needs of men become a driving force with some chaplains.

Once again, many chaplains have more than one of these motivations for engaging in evangelism.

There is, I hope, no doubt that the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ is the basic way to make men and this world into what God would have them be.

Evangelism of young adults

Evangelism in the chaplaincy has another difference from evangelism in the usual civilian community. The armed forces are largely made up of young adults—mostly male—between the ages of 17 and 28 years.

A number of the church-related young adults in the military are similar to the ones you see in your church. They support mass evangelism and participate in personal evangelism and tract evangelism. They will take part in organized evangelistic campaigns and carry the message of Christ informally to the people with whom they work and live. They respond to and practice full scriptural evangelism.

We have other church-related young adults in the military,

as you do also, who are struggling to integrate their faith to self and family and community. This is a deep and involved problem for each of them. They are not confident enough of their faith to engage in evangelism.

Here the predominant mood is that of critical openness on all fronts, a readiness to entertain small doses of new insights, a willingness to venture careful amounts of commitment, a yearning to go just as far as it is safe. Part of this same mood is a wariness of unguarded convictions, even though a convincing conviction is the thing most to be desired. In spite of the mood of caution and limited convictions, the young adult has a not too hopeful yearning that a great faith may emerge.

Non-church related

In contrast to both types of church-related young adults are the non-church-related ones. Many of these give little or no evidence that they are interested in God or the Gospel. Apparently, they couldn't care less if the Christian message is never preached. They are not experiencing the absence of God.

If they have any question at all it is: What earthly good is faith? They want a demonstration that the gospel is indispensable, that it answers the issues of our times. They ask: What dimension does faith add to my life that cannot be obtained in any other way?

There is little evidence that the evangelistic efforts of the past will stir many of the unchurched young people today. More challenge and appeal is found by some of them in the Peace Corps or civil rights activity. They resist the description of the pressing issues of our day in an exclusively theological frame of reference.

This new unchurched generation is neither a worthless nor a trifling one. We must win some, hopefully many, of them to Christ. And we do not have to go outside the New Testament to find approaches that will work.

Evangelist Leighton Ford has listed six methods of evangelism found in the New Testament. Two of them have great promise with our young adults. One is impromptu or informal evangelism. Jesus demonstrated this method at the well; also, Peter and John at the Gate Beautiful. The other method is dialogue or discussion evangelism. Paul demonstrated this at Mars Hill and Apollos at Ephesus.

The goal of informal and discussion evangelism is to make the gospel visible, intelligible, desirable. Surely, if we can get our young people to take a heart-and-mind look at the gospel, we can count on the good news of God and the power of the Holy Spirit to win them to repentance and reconciliation.

Intelligible

Let me begin with the second requirement, intelligible. "Intelligible," says Webster, "means capable of being understood." I do not need to tell you how often we think we have told the story simply enough for a little child, only to have a grown-up misunderstand what we thought we said.

We can deplore the widespread scriptural illiteracy which exists today. But our problem is worse than that. Many of the precious words of scripture are simply not understood by our unchurched young people. Such terms as grace, love, hope, faith, justification, salvation and sanctification are not in the vocabularies of many of them. We can use these words and think we convey a message. Instead, fre-

AND EVANGELISM

By REAR ADMRIAL JAMES W. KELLY

CHIEF of CHAPLAINS

UNITED STATES NAVY

uently, we rebuff our hearers with what they consider to be technical, and largely irrelevant, words.

The glorious good news of God is that he has "visited and redeemed his people" in Jesus Christ. I never speak these words without a quickening of my heart and mind. Yet, I wonder? In a sense, we must be saturated with the historical background of such a sentence for it to have meaning in our lives. How puzzling the words must be to someone who lacks this historical backgrounds.

We use words so frequently, so commonly, that we grow careless about how they may be understood by others. One of the early satellites aimed at Mars, "Mariner I," went off course into oblivion because a single hyphen was left out of the instructions fed into the guidance system. The mistake cost our country \$2 million.

Our message can go tragically off course unless we have the right words and accent marks. We must present the message of repentance and redemption in plain language. I do not suggest that we develop a "pop" gospel for a "mod" generation. Yet we must remember that Jesus spoke the language of the people. He was earthy, colorful, vivid in his speech. We must be equally direct and simple.

Visible

We may have the words of life in simple, appealing form and still have no hearers. Many will only hear the words when they see them incarnate in the person and work of the chaplain.

Here we have an advantage. The chaplain shares the work, recreation, living spaces, dangers and hardships of the men he serves. With little or no effort he is continually visible to them. And they watch him! Dr. J. B. Phillips has translated a verse from I Peter in this way: "It is for you now to demonstrate the goodness of Christ."

Impromptu evangelism is particularly suitable for the informal association between chaplain and serviceman or servicewoman. In a passing remark made at a greeting, in a question asked because the padre just happened by, in a conversation when seated next to a person at the snack bar, opportunities exist to demonstrate the love, interest and acceptance of Christ.

Once the troops know that a chaplain is open-minded, understanding, willing to listen to their thoughts and feelings, they will give him plenty of opportunity for discussion or dialogue evangelism. If he can approach them non-judgmentally and accept their hostility, they will probe some of life's depths with him.

The chaplain will have to participate in the dialogue as an equal rather than an authority if the gospel is to be made visible. Once he limits the dialogue to his terms, he will probably lose his audience. But if the chaplain will have a bold faith in the magnetic attraction of God's love, he can turn informal daily meetings into encounters with Christ.

There are no spots roped off from the world in which God is more present than in other spots. There are no holy shrines where God is more likely to be "at home" to visitors than he is at other places. Eternity is pressing into time whenever men are living and working. God is as likely to be met in any front room, outer office, boiler pit, or laboratory on earth.

We may feel more comfortable and competent making the gospel visible in the familiar structures of the church. Yet, there are no sacred temples. Instead, the whole earth is a temple. We are likely to meet God in the most everyday, worldly situations.

It is not always easy to hold the gospel up to view from questions or challenges, no control of the ebb and flow of ideas and topics. Yet, like Jesus, we were not sent into the church with all its defending structures, but into the world.

The gospel is made visible when the chaplain sees more clearly, knows more fully, feels more deeply, acts more surely.

Desirable '

It is difficult enough to make the gospel seem important in a world of competing values. It is more difficult to make the gospel desirable when many claiming to possess it seem little, petulant, prejudiced, selfish, self-centered, arrogant and exclusive.

A narrow, demanding, self-serving chaplain can ruin the work of many effective and dedicated chaplains. How often we hear, "If he's a Christian, I don't want to be one." How often we reflect only the austerity of our faith—law, order, rightness. How seldom we portray God's love and salvation.

We seem to forget that the answer to estrangement is acceptance; to loneliness and fear, relationship; to hostility, kindness; to insecurity and uncertainty, love.

We appear to feel that we must protect Christ from those who might mislead him or misuse him or cheapen him. Why aren't we willing to do anything just to have a person meet our Lord? We can't overemphasize his love nor overstate the limitlessness of his forgiveness.

Unless we can identify with men, we can give no warm, winning invitation to God. Men are not difficult to reach when we are willing to move close enough to grasp their hands. Apart from this, evangelism is short circuited. Our ministry of invitation demands this open sharing of ourselves as well as our profession.

Howard Thurman, the great Negro preacher, visited India in 1935. A little boy from one of the villages where Thurman had spoken rapped on his door late one night. The boy's garments showed that he was an Untouchable. In halting English, he explained his visit: "I stood outside the building and listened to your lecture, Sahib Doctor. Tell me, please, can you give some hope to a nobody?"

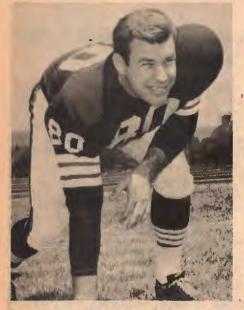
The boy dropped to his knees and Thurman reached down and compassionately gathered him in his arms. Thurman understood the boy's plight. He knew what it was to be classed as a "nobody."

It has been to the erasure of this problem that Howard Thurman has directed his unique ministry, using the genius of the Christian faith—identifying love. Identification is risky but it makes the gospel desirable.

The chaplainty and evangelism are effectively joined when many clergymen in many different ways make the gospel visible, intelligible and desirable. Christian Civic Foundation

Gambling bill 'worst of session'

BY W. HENRY GOODLOE



BILL GLASS

Glass BSU speaker

Bill Glass of the Cleveland Browns professional football team will be the speaker for the spring banquet of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Arkansas on Mar. 18. All students are invited, and special invitations have been extended to all Razorback and Fayetteville High School athletes and their coaches.

Glass, a defensive end, made All-Pro in 1963 and played in the 1962, 1963 and 1964 Pro Bowl games.

He is a graduate of Baylor University where he was a unanimous All-American guard. He received his bachelor of divinity degree in 1963 from Southwestern Seminary, Ft Worth, after six consecutive off-season periods of study.

Architect employed

Little Rock architect Scott Farrell has been awarded a contract to draw up plans and specifications for the new headquarters building of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Purcell Smith, building committee chairman, has announced.

The new building will be located at 525 West Capitol Ave., one block west of the present Baptist Building. The present building at the new location, recently purchased by the Baptist Convention from Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Arkansas, will be extensively remodeled and renovated to form the new building.

new building.
Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the convention, said that it was hoped the plans can be ready for approval by the convention's Executive Board soon after July 1, the date on which the convention takes over the Coca-Cola property.

"Nomination for Worst Bill of the Session" is an editorial description of Senate Bill 391 recently introduced and at this writing still before the Senate for disposal. The imminent editorial writer further described the bill to legalize casino gambling in Hot Springs as follows:

"It is difficult to believe that the gambling bill is constitutional, more difficult to believe it would pass the legislature— inconceivable that Rockefeller would sign such a proposition into law."

Certainly the next worst bill of the session was H.B. 393 to legalize liquor-by-the-drink in Pulaski and Garland Counties, which was soundly defeated in the House. Its companion measure, S.B. 213, expired in the Senate chamber. This proposed measure created most interest and activity among supporters of the Christian Civic Foundation and we are thankful that the proposal is presently dead.

H.B. 21, making liquor sales to anyone under 21 unlawful, with stiff penalties for violation, passed both houses and without the Governor's signature became law as Act 120.

H.B. 22, making it unlawful for a person under 21 to purchase any alcoholic beverage, passed both houses and was signed by the Governor to become Act 44.

H.B. 181, requiring applicant a time of making application for a permit to sell alcoholic beverages at retail to file proof that notices of intention to apply have been published for a specified length of time prior to application, has passed both chambers but with reconsideration notice given.

H.B. 395, to legalize sale of alcoholic and malt beverages within three hundred feet of state boundaries, is at this writing still before the House Revenue and Taxation Committee.

H.B. 426, making it unlawful to acquire in any manner any alcoholic beverage in a dry territory, was amended and came from the Rules Committee with a "Do Pass" recommendation.

H.B. 551, requiring liquor stores to close not later than 10 p.m., is out of the House Judiciary Committee with a "Do Pass" recommendation.

H.B. 513, amending the present Local Option Liquor Law to provide for the filing of Local Option contests in Circuit Court and specifying that election results became effective immediately and that retailer be allowed 60 days to dispose of stock, is still before the House Rules Committee.

S.B. 154, prohibiting the Alcohol Beverage Control Board from granting or transferring liquor permits within the last three months of an even year and before the 15th day of the following odd year, has passed the Senate and is in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee for study.

H.B. 119, discussed in this column earlier, making it unlawful to deal in, possess or show any obscene film, has passed the House and is before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Parliamentary procedure

Sudsidiary questions

"... subsidiary ... questions are those which are used to dispose of the main motion either permanently or temporarily, in the manner desired by the assembly. These questions are designed to postpone, to suppress, to commit, or to amend." P. H. Mell, Rules for Conducting Business in Deliberative Assemblies (New York: Sheldon & Co., 1874, p. 36).

"The subsidiary motions, properly classified, are as follows:

For Total Suppression:
Question of Consideration
For Delaying Consideration:

To lay upon the Table

*To postpone to a Time Definite
For Partial Suppression:

*The Previous Question
*Indefinite Postponement
For Perfecting:

*To Commit, or Refer To Amend" (Kerfoot, p. 39)

In the list given the motions are shown in their order of rank. The "Question of Consideration" has the highest rank and Amendment the lowest. When one of these questions is before the body, all those above it are in order while the ones below are out of order.

Robert puts indefinite postponement lower in rank than amendment. He also makes the previous question of higher rank than indefinite postponement (p. 56).

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

It's still in the Bible!

"J. Harold Smith's house is on fire!"

This was the startling news blurted out by my wife on the telephone just a few days ago. "Go by and see if you can help in any way," suggested my wife.

I jumped into my car and made my dway to Dr. Smith's house. As I approached the burning house I could see the black smoke soaring high into the sky.

I parked my car and made my way through police, fireman and a great crowd of spectators. I found Dr. and Mrs. Smith. They were both carrying Bibles, books and various items from the end of the house that was not yet burning.

After most of the fire had subdued I had opportunity to talk with this pastor and his wife. I tried to help by offering words of encouragement. (Their house was practically a total loss.)

In the midst of this great loss Mrs. Smith said, "We don't know why this happened, but we do know that Romans 8:28 is still in the Bible."

What a wonderful testimony. And yet, in the midst of every calamity of life, the Christian can rejoice in the fact that Romans 8:28 is still in the Bible.—Rick Inle, Oakcliff Church, Ft. Smith.

Clergy's problems

RACINE, Wis.—Clergymen face common problems regardless of denominational affiliation, Protestant leaders reported at a three-day conference here on the use of church manpower.

Six denominations were represented in the conference at Wingspread, a conference center of the Johnson Foundation.

Dr. Theophilus M. Taylor of New York, secretary of the General Council of the United Presbyterian Church, favored a study to determine whether ministerial crises follow career patterns. He said it might be possible to deal with the problems more effectively if they could be anticipated.

"Few denominations now would offer lists of their unemployed clergymen, or clergymen who are looking for a change," Dr. Taylor reported. "Yet they do it in the case of various specialized personnel."

Church bodies represented at the conference, the first of its kind, were the United Presbyterian, Methodist, Evangelical United Brethren and American Lutheran Church in America, and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. A similar conference is planned for 1968. (EP)



The Efurds

Named outstanding woman

By ANITA ASHLEY KING

KONA, HAWAII—Mrs. O. W. Efurd Jr., wife of a Southern Baptist pastoral-missionary in Kona, Hawaii, has been selected among "outstanding young women of America."

Mrs. Efurd, the former Grace Agena, is a native of Hawaii. She was chosen by the Board of Advisory Editors to appear in the annual biographical compilation of 6,000 young women between the ages of 21 and 35, who have made significant contributions in civic, religious, professional, and political activities.

After attending school on the mainland, Mrs. Efurd came back to Hawaii three years ago with her husband, who was appointed by the Home Mission Board to serve as pastor of the Kona Baptist Mission in the Keauhou District of Hawaii.

They have been meeting in the Konawaena High School library but plan to begin construction on a church building within a few weeks.

The 31-year old Mrs. Efund is a teacher in the 50-member Sunday School in the Kona Mission, where she also is pianist and shares with her husband in the youth and adult work.

But church work is only one facet of Mrs. Efurd's activities. She teaches prekindergarten children at the Honaunau school and works with the mothers club, an organized parents' group.

She is a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, and Southwestern Seminary, where she received a master of religious education degree. Mr. Efurd, an Arkansas native, also is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

The Efurds have two children Stephen Lee, 5, and Laura Lynn, 2.



UNVEILING—Artist Jack Hamm (left) of Dallas, Tex., watches as his bust of Dr. J. W. Conger, founder and first president of Ouachita University, is unveiled in the recent Founder's Day program in Mitchell Hall by A. B. Hill, a former president, and Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, present president. Mr.-Hill was also a Ouachita student during the administration of Dr. Conger.

From the churches-

Southside to enlarge

Southside Church, El Dorado, is unindergoing an enlargement and improvelment program. The church is constructing a new educational building to house
departments from nursery through
adults. Space will be provided for the
church offices, recreation, socials and
imusic.

10 The new brick building will have two floors. Central heat and air-conditioning will be installed. J. Paul Palmer is pastor.

Texarkana date set

Sept. 24 has been chosen as the date of the dedication of the new educational building by Beech Street Church, Texarkana. Among the guests will be Dr. R. G. Lee and Dr. James Harris. Dr. Lee will speak at the dedication service and Dr. Harris will deliver the morning worship service sermon.

Milton E. DuPriest, pastor, is inviting all former pastors, both regular and interim, to participate.(CB)



Mr. Glover and the Lasaters

Lasater honored

Pastor Lonnie Lasater was honored Jan. 22 by First Church, Greenwood, on the occasion of his second anniversary there.

During his pastorate, there have been 198 additions, 41 by baptism. A house and lot adjoining the church property were purchased for \$6,500 and \$5,000 was put into the building fund.

At the evening service the \$20,500 church note was burned. A fellowship hour followed when the Lasaters were presented with shower gifts by Chair-



Pastor Lewis E. Clark (right) presents diplomas to the first graduating class. First to receive a diploma was Dr. Rutledge. Others in the class were Jim Graddy, Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. Graddy, Mrs. F. H. Rutledge, Mrs. Bassano, Paul Woodward, Mrs. Woodward, Tom Lloyd, Mrs. Lloyd, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Alice Ann Shirley, Prince Duke Jr., Clay Wadell and Tommy Lloyd Jr. Not pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Crossno and Mrs. Tommy Lloyd.

Theology class at Marianna

Fourteen members of the theology department of the Training Union of First Church, Marianna, received certificates of graduation in recent Sunday night services.

Members were required to be present 90 percent of the class meetings, read seven selected books, write a research paper and pass a final test covering all of the areas of theology taught in the 23 weeks.

Custer Thomas, director of Religious

man Jack Glover of the Appreciation Day Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Lasater have a daughter, Wynonne, a freshman at Ouachita University.

Halsells to Brazil

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Halsell, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, returned to their mission field recently, following furlough. Formerly associated with the Baptist theological seminary in Belem, they will now do evangelistic work in Sao Paulo. Their new address is: Caixa Postal 572, Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The Halsells are natives of Arkansas. Son of a Baptist minister, Dr. Halsell was born in Benton and grew up in Little Rock, Mrs. Halsell, the former Mary Elizabeth Tolson, was born and reared in Rison.

When the Halsells, were appointed missionaries in 1915, Dr. Halsell was pastor of Poplar Avenue Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Education, is also director of the School of Theology. Working with the Training Union director, Mr. Thomas has organized other classes now in progress. Teachers are Dr. F. H. Rutledge, Mrs. Paul Woodward and Mrs. Charles Bassero

The Training Union reports that attendance on a given Sunday night has grown by 73 over a year ago as a result of the program. Twenty-five new members were enrolled in the second class.

Stetson president resigns after twenty years

DeLAND, Fla.—The president of Stetson University here, J. Ollie Edmunds, has submitted his resignation after 20 years as top executive of the private Baptist university.

The Stetson board of trustees almost immediately created the position of chancellor of the university, and asked Edmunds to fill the post when a new president is selected.

His resignation as president would be effective when a new president of the university is elected and installed by the board of trustees.

Edmunds said he needed to spend more time in the management of timber holdings in California, in fairness to the families of two business associates who have looked after his business affairs in California while he devoted his time to college affairs in Florida. (BP)

OBU grads published

Two recent graduates in music from Ouachita University have had their compositions published by companies in Chicago and New York.

"Processional," a piece composed by Ellis Melton in Francis McBeth's theory-composition class for his own graduation exercises, in 1965, has been published by the Hal Leonard Music Publishing Company of Chicago. A graduate of North Little Rock High School, Melton was drum major at Ouachita for four years.

"Chorale and Toccata" and "Sinfonia," compositions for concert band written by Douglas Willis, have been published by Pro-Art Music Publishing Company of New York. A 1964 OBU graduate from Warren, Willis is now band director of Strong High School. He studied composition for three years under Francis McBeth.

Hazelwood moves

O. K. (Jack) Hazlewood, who entered the field of full time evangelism ayear ago, has moved from Donaldson to



JACK HAZELWOOD

child.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazlewood have one

ministered to

in Hot Springs.

and may be reached at SK 8-8544. His ad-

dress is 5701 North

Allen, Mr. Hazle-

wood recently grad-

uated from Ouachita

University. He has

served previously as

pastor of several

Garland County Jail

and, has

the

churches

To youth conference

Thearon McKinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest McKinney of Forrest City and a junior at Ouachita University, will attend a leaders' regional conference of The American Youth Foundation at St. Louis Mar. 11-12.

McKinney served as a young boys' leader at the foundation's Camp Miniwanca at Stony Lake, Mich., last summer and has been invited to serve again this year.

Harris as interim

Dr. Thomas L. Harris, 2200 Main Street, North Little Rock, has accepted the interim pastorate of Grace Church, North Little Rock.

Dr. Harris formerly served as pastor of First Church, North Little Rock for 17 years and of First Church, Camden, for 17 years. college affair





PAUL McCRAY

At Graves Memorial

C. W. Brockwell Jr. is the new pastor of Graves Memorial Church, North Little Rock. Former pastorates include Geneva Church, Ge-



neva, O.; Cole Ridge Church, Blytheville; and First Church, Illmo, Mo. He is a native of Hamburg and a graduate of Ouachita and Southwestern Semi-Brocknary. Mrs. well, the former Cathryn Davis, is a native of Forrest

C. W. BROCKWELL JR. 'City.

Mr. Brockwell has written articles for The Adult Teacher, Baptist Program, Church Administration, Brotherhood Journal, Quarterly Review, Church Musician, Baptist Bulletin Service, Home Missions, Missouri Word And Way, Arkansas Raptist Newsmagazine, and Patterns for the SBC Radio and T. V. Commission.

He has also completed a number of assignments for the Sunday School Board including a unit on "How to Study the Bible" for Baptist Adults (TU) to appear July, 1967; a unit on "Deepening My Commitment to Christ" for Baptist Adults (TU) to appear August, 1968; the first quarter uniform lessons for Sunday School Young Adults on John for 1968; the first three quarters of Bible Reading comments for 1968 in Young People and Adults Training Union quarterlies, both Life and Work and Christian Training Series; as well as over 100 interest inserts for Young People and Adult Training Union quarterlies.

CORRECTION:

In the issue of Feb. 2, the amounts given by Farmington Church, Washington-Madison Association, were omitted from the annual report for 1966. The amounts given were: Cooperative Program \$1,091.25; Designated \$321.66. \$321.66.

Harbuck to Scotland

Dr. Don B Harbuck, pastor, First Church, El Dorado, will participate lin the Scotland evangelistic crusade, schaduled for the last part of April and the early part of May.

Last year the Baptist Union of Scotland extended him an invitation ato preach this year in the nationwide crusade, inaugurating a concerted effort by Scottish Baptists to double their membership before their centennial celebration in 1969.

Dr. Harbuck will conduct - area-wide campaigns in two different locales. The first will be centered in New Cumnock, Ayrshire, in a region made famous by Robert Burns. The second will be in Glasgow, the first city of Scotland with more than a million population.

Dr. Harbuck leaves New York Apr. 20, in the company of Dr. Loyal Prior, former pastor of Norphlet Church, now serving Hilton Church, Newport News, Va. Dr. James Baldwin of Bartlesville, Okla., is the other Southern Baptist assisting in the crusade.

In Jonesboro pulpit

Paul McCray, who has spent nine years in full time evangelism and conducted more than 425 evangelistic meetings in the United States and other countries, is the new pastor of Central Church, Jonesboro.

Mr. McCray, who began his pastorate Feb. 26, is a native of Oklahoma and graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary.

-pastorates include Church, Fredrick, Okla., First Church, Vinita, Okla., and Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith.

He is married to the former Miss Ruth Ann Justice. They have three children, Julie Ann, 11, Jeffrey Paul, 8, and Joel Mark, 5.

Dillow to Illinois

Dr. Myron D. Dillow has resigned as pastor of Trinity Church, Blytheville, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Harrisburg, Ill., Mar. 1,

During his service there since June, 1965, there were 30 additions by baptism and 62 by letter. Trinity was Dr. Dillow's first full time pastorage since graduation, from Southwestern Seminary in 1965.

Mrs. Dillow is the former Marjorie L. Sheffer, Dongola, Ill. They have two children, Mark Douglas, 7, and Beverly Beth, 5.

Southern Baptist datelines-

Attitude to SBC surveyed

NASHVILLE—Southern Baptists are not giving enough attention to contemporary moral, social and economic problems.

This is the opinion, with varying degrees of agreement, of nearly two-thirds of Baptist church leaders polled in a broad, cross-section survey to determine attitudes of church leadership toward the Southern Baptist Convention.

More than two-thirds of the respondents agreed to some extent that Southern Baptist churches often seem to be afraid to face controversial issues.

Nine out of ten agreed to some extent that Southern Baptist pastors "present the divine truth as stated in the Bible in a way which has meaning for us today."

More thas 6,800 Baptist leaders from 590 churches were polled in the survey, with usable questionnaires returned by 3,445 persons.

The survey was conducted by the research and statistics department of the Baptist Sunday School Board here, at the request of the SBC public relations advisory committee and the Baptist Education Study Task steering committee.

A majority of the respondents were generally opposed to federal aid in the form of outright grants or loans, a summary of the research report said.

On outright grants, 47.1 per cent were opposed to grants under any circumstance, and 25.1 per cent said they did not favor government grants "as a rule."

On government loans, there was less opposition, with 31.4 per cent opposed under all circumstances, and 35.3 per cent saying they did not favor loans "as a rule."

Eighty-two per cent of the respondents felt Baptist colleges are vital to the denomination.

In rating the work of nine SBC agencies and organizations, the SBC Sunday School Board and the SBC Foreign Mission Board had the highest number of "excellent" ratings.

The pastors were more critical of the convention than those of any other respondent group, said the research paper summary statement. WMU presidents were the most favorable.

Pastors and religious education-music directors disagreed generally with laymen and laywomen on a question asking if they believed Southern Baptists have a bad reputation in race relations. Nearly 70 per cent of the pastors and 61 per cent of the religious education-music workers generally agreed that the SBC's race relations reputation was bad; but from 50 to 63 per cent of the lay leaders of the churches responding said the reputation was not bad. On the overall average, about 40 per cent of the respondents said the race reputation was bad, and 51 per cent said it was not.

The pastors and laymen generally agreed, however, that Southern Baptists' words on race relations speak louder than their deeds, with degrees of agreement ranging from 60 to 79 per cent.

Almost two-thirds of the respondents felt that Southern Baptists should be willing to involve themselves in the profession, general process and specific issues of politics.

Big majorities of both pastors and laymen agreed that Southern Baptists are probably considered "fundamentalists" in the interpretation of the Bible.

Its no sleeper!

MURFREESBORO, N. C.—A campus pet named Charley, who last year made headlines because he sleeps through classes at a Baptist school here, now is the star performer for the Chowan Players.

It is believed to be the first time that a dog has played the starring role in children's theaters on a troupe of college dramatists.

"Chowan Charley," the campus pet who lives at Chowan College (Baptist) here, plays the lead role, and supporting roles are performed by sophomore college students, said Mrs. Edith Larson, director of the Chowan Players.

They are performing thre three-act drama, "Mr. Dooley, Jr.," before elementary school children in schools and children's theaters in northeastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia.

Last year Charley gained national prominence for his habit of going to sleep on the classroom floor during lectures at Chowan. If the classroom is quiet, Charley leaves and seeks a room where he can sleep through a lecture.

But when Charley walks on the stage, he isn't a sleeper. Now he's top dog. (BP) Percentages of agreement ranged from 60 to 87 per cent, with pastors on the high end.

In a check-list of 23 words, the words considered most descriptive of the SBC were "well-organized" and "missions minded."

Only about six per cent of the laypersons felt the quality of work for most Southern Baptist churches in their areas was below average, while almost one-fourth of the pastors felt SBC work in their area was below average.

About 62 per cent of the laypersons not in designated leadership positions said they attend church twice or more each week, compared to 94 per cent for laypersons holding the designated leadership positions.

The lengthy research study was entitled, "Southern Baptist Speak Out '66" and was designed "to obtain a profile of attitudes toward the Southern Baptist Convention on the part of Southern Baptist," said the report. (BP)

150th birthday for SBC birthplace

AUGUSTA, Ga.—Evangelist Billy Graham will speak here during a weeklong celebration in observance of the 150th anniversary of First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga.

The historic church, organized on March 25, 1817, is where the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845.

Dates for the 150th anniversary celebration are Mar. 24-Apr. 2. R. Jack Robinson is pastor of the 3,600-member church, which was started as the Baptist Praying Society of Augusta with 18 charter members.

Robinson said the sesquicentennial celebration will begin Mar. 25 when deacons of the church, dressed in custumes of the 1817 era, will ride horses from Kiokee to Augusta, simulating rides of Daniel Marshall. Kiokee is the oldest Baptist church in the state and Marshall was the first Baptist preacher in Georgia. (BP)

Philadelphia for '72?

NASHVILLE—The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention voted here to recommend that the convention hold its 1972 session in Philadelphia, Pa.

If the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, meeting May 30-June 2, approves of the proposal, it would be the first time in the denomination's history that the convention will be held in Philadelphia.

Exact dates will be proposed at the Miami Beach meeting. (BP)

Create scholarship

BILOXI, Miss.—Members of the Baptist Public Relations Association voted here to establish a journalism or public relations scholarship to be awarded each year to a Baptist college student looking toward a career in church, related communications. The association also voted to increase its annual dues from \$10 to \$15 to provide necessary funds for the scholarship program.

The association approved unanimously a recommendation of its projects committee, which suggested the amount of the scholarship be \$500, payable at \$250 per semester "to a senior in a Baptist college studying in the journalism or public relations field."

Church now mission

MIAMI, Fla.—A 45-year old Englishspeaking congregation which for years has maintained a Spanish-language department has switched the two roles.

Calvary Baptist Church here now has become a Spanish-language mission with an English-language department.

The \$125,000 property, which includes a 350-seat sanctuary and 35 classrooms, were turned over to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention during a special ceremony here.

"I think this is the first situation of this kind anywhere in the denomination," said James F. Brooks, who has been pastor of the 250-member Englishspeaking congregation.

Armando Ginard, who has headed the church's Spanish department, has become pastor of the Spanish mission. Brooks, the former pastor, has become associate pastor.

The two congregations held a joint service led by Ginard in which the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was observed. (BP)

Laymen hear of Crusade

NASHVILLE—An informal group of influential Baptist laymen interested in the proposed 1969 Crusade of Americas heard plans outlined here for a hemispheric-wide layman's congress in Brazil in 1968.

Tentative plans for the congress, expected to attract about 500 Baptist laymen from North and South America, call for the meeting to be held July 15-19, 1968, in either Rio de Janeiro or Sao Paulo, Brazil.

No official actions concerning plans for the layman's congress were taken by the informal group of laymen meeting here. About 35 Baptist laymen, most of them Southern Baptists, attended the meeting held during the week of the Executive Committee meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)



FUTURE—The Christian college student is the future of the world but also has the world in his future. As he visualizes the whitened fields of which Jesus spoke he discovers they are people. And to them he must go.

Missions conference

FORT WORTH, TEX.—More than 1700 college students from campuses throughout America are expected to attend the Eighteenth Annual College Student Missions Conference at Southwestern Seminary here, Mar. 10-12.

Student participants will have the opportunity to attend their choice of 37 seminars on subjects ranging from vocational missions to the work of the Holy Spirit on campus. Seminary faculty members, furloughing Southern Baptist missionaries, and missions leaders will direct the seminars.

Speakers include T.V. (Corky) Farris, department of evangelism, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas; Charles Culpepper, former missionary to China and Taiwan; and Ray Roberts, executive secretary of the Ohio Baptist Convention, Columbus.

Miss Jo Ann Shelton, music consultant for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Ft Worth, will direct the music.

Catholics favors Crusade

HUNTINGTON, Ind.—A Roman Catholic editor has responded favorably, with certain reservations, to an unofficial suggestion that Catholics might participate in the proposed 1969 Crusade of Americas.

"We think it would be good for Catholics to carry on a great evangelism campaign too," said an editorial in Our Sunday Visitor, a Catholic publication.

"Whether it can be done in cooperation with the Baptists is something that would have to be discussed seriously," the editorial said.

The editorial responded to remarks made by Wayne Dehoney, Baptist pastor in Louisville, Ky., and North American coordinator for the Crusade of Americas. Dehoney made the remarks in an interview with the Dallas (Tex.) Times Herald.

No official invitation, however, for Catholic participations in the crusade has been discussed by the Directory Council or the Central Coordinating Committee of the Crusade of Americas, which determines policy and programs for the crusade.

The Crusade of Americas is an evangelistic program for Baptists in North, Central and South America in 1969. Each participating Baptist body is to conduct its own campaigns. (BP)

Baptist Briefs

Emeritus missionaries will be honored guests at the Foreign Mission Conferences at Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assemblies this summer. The Ridgecrest meeting will be held June 15-21, the one at Glorieta, Aug. 17-23.

NASHVILLE—A church secretaries' conference sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board here is scheduled to be held at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly, June 22-28, and at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly, July 27-Aug. 2.



Your state convention at work-

Together you build

YOU ... YOU ... YOU ... YOU pastors . . . YOU ministers of education and music . . . All YOU who work with Nursery, Beginner and Primary age children-together you build the

Together you will have unusual opportunity of training at the Elementary Workshop to be held at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Apr. 25. This is being offered jointly by the Sunday School, Training Union, Music Departments and Woman's Missionary Union of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

In addition to conferences for workers with specific elementary aged children, there will be a special one for pastors and ministers of education under direction of Bob Fulbright of Nashville. Other outstanding conference leaders have been secured for each group. Watch for further announcements.

At the 9:30 a.m. opening session, Dr. Payton Kolf, well known psychiatrist and outstanding Baptist layman, will speak on "YOU . a Leader of Children." At the brief closing session at 2 p.m., Mr. Fulbright will close the conference with a message on "The Joy of the Task."

HAVE YOU READ IT?

As the eyes of the world focus on publicity that China is getting, it is important to know of the China which is developing in Taiwan.

Taiwan As I Saw It was written by Miss Juliette Mather, and was published after manuscript was approved by missionaries and nationals in Taiwan. We call your attention to its availability for the sake of China and Taiwan and their future which greatly affects the progress of the Kingdom.

Taiwan As I Saw It is available at the Baptist Book Store.-Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer,

The Cover



'The Vine' Sunday

The long winter of working and waiting is almost over. Spring is bringing with her revitalization and refreshing and unique experiences. She is also bringing with her a radically different television documentary prepared by the Radio-Television Commission and the National Broadcasting Company.

"The Vine," depicting the life of Christ, will be aired on NBC, Sunday, Mar. 12, 1967, according to Miss Doris Ann. Miss Ann is manager of NBC Religious Programming. Dr. Paul M. Stevens, Executive Director of the Radio-Television Commission, served as religious consultant. He and Miss Ann were executive co-producers. NBC's Martin Hoade was director of the hourlong color re-creation of Christ's days on earth.

"The Vine' is the most ambitious and best television production we've ever done," said Truett Myers, production manager. Myers serves as television production director for the Radio-Television Commission.

"We've been planning this film since

1960," said Myers. "It was our desire to present the message of the glory of Ohrist in a unique manner. We feel 'The Vine' does this. It is both inspirational and contemporary," he added. "We wanted to portray more of an experience with which people could identify rather than a historical story," he

RECORDS REVIEW

"The Great Banquet and Other Parables" retold by Clarence Jordan is an unusual, long-playing record and has just been issued by Koinonia Records, of Evanston, Ill.

Speaking in his native-Georgia : (?) brogue. Dr. Jordan makes use of a vivid imagination and a life-time of personal experiences in the deep South to bring four parables of Jesus home to the hearts of modern Americans.

Side I features the Jordan version of "The Great Banquet" (Luke 14:12-24), and "The Angry Banker" (Matt. 18:21-35). Side 2 features "The Rich Farmer" (Luke 12:13-21), and "Buried Treasure" (Matt. 24-14-30)

The Church Choir of First Baptist Church, Little Rock, directed by Dr. Jack Jones, has issued a record of sa-cred music entitled "Amazing Grace."

The record takes it title from the widely loved hymn, "Amazing Grace," with which Side 1 opens, featuring a special arrangement with brass and timpani:

Included are "Medley on the Good Shepherd," "Medley on the Cross," and "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray," a moving spiritual.

Side 2 includes, "How Great Thou Art," with Dr. Jones as soloist; and "Medley on the Name of Jesus," "Love Faileth Never," by Shelly, and "Gloria in Excelsis," arranged by L. Hoggard.

The record may be secured from First Church, Little Rock.

New subscribers

Church Pastor New Budget After Free Trial: Emmanuel Ch.,

Batesville Ravenden Gaines Ch., Wilmot Billy E. Goyne Bill Johnson C. C. Barton

Three months free new church:

1st., Shannon Hills Gene Davis Association

Independence Black River Delta

Pulaski Co.



URGE YOUR
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TOO!

Men to hear Schroeder

Dr. George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention



will be the speaker for the Baptist Men's meeting. The men's meeting will be held in connection with the Royal Ambassador Congress on May 5-6. All sessions of the Congress and men's meeting will be held in facilities of First Church, Little Rock. Dr. Schroe-

executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission since Jan. 1, 1952. Dr. Schroeder's introduction to denominational life came in 1940 when he was appointed Brotherhood secretary of Illinois. After six years he was chosen associate secretary of the Commission.

In his promotion to the chief office of Brotherhood Commission, Dr. Schroeder succeeded Lawson H. Cooke, who retired. Since 1952 there has been à 500 percent increase in the number of churches with Brotherhoods and the number of men enrolled in the organizations. Under his leadership Brotherhood work in the Southern Baptist Convention has grown to represent one of the largest movements of men in the history of Christianity. Born and reared in Pinckneyville, Ill., he was Sunday school superintendent for seven years. ·He is a deacon and currently a member of First Church, Memphis.

Dr. Schroeder has traveled widely in sharing with Baptists in other countries the value of organized men as seen in the Baptist Men's groups of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. has visited Europe, Panama, Mexico, Australia, South America, and several Far East countries.

Every Baptist man and boy will be richly blessed by attending the Royal Ambassador Congress and men's meeting and hearing Dr. Schroeder and others whose lives are dedicated to the Lord and the work of missions.— G. H. Seaton

Beacon lights of Baptist history

Baptists tap a gold mine

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

Baptists little realized they had money until the Seventy-five Million Dollars Campaign got underway. It was the greatest single money raising effort Southern Baptists have undertaken.

A five year program, 1919-24, it was designed to greatly increase support of all Baptist missionary, educational and benevolent work among the states and Southern Baptist Convention. It set a new day for Baptists and pattern for cooperation.

For long Baptist leaders had seen the need of united effort. How to combine forces and still maintain the independence and autonomy of the individual churches proved their big problem. Surprisingly enough they received a suggestion from the United States effort in World War I.

Alert Baptist leaders observed that the national government had centralized its forces in the sale of Liberty Bonds to finance the war effort. They had worked with and through the states without interfering with the state sovereignty. It was a cooperative movement, respecting the rights of each party but soliciting the interest of all. They reasoned that some such effort might be adopted for a general movement among Southern Baptists.

Other factors entered the picture: The general prosperity of Southern Baptists, need for advance along missionary lines, experiences in YMCA and Salvation Army work during the war, and contacts of Baptist men in the armed services with foreign countries.

Arkansas Baptists had a very personal interest in this movement. The idea and plans were discussed at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Hot Springs in 1918.

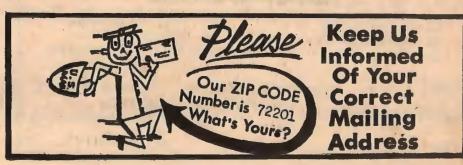
Dr. James B. Gambrell emphasized this new endeavor in his president's address before the Convention in 1919. He challenged Baptists to adopt a program in relationship to the reasonable demand made upon them. A committee of 29, including the state secretaries, was appointed to study the financial aspects of the denomination.

This committee met immediately but were unable to work out the details before adjournment. It recognized the need of such financial effort and recommended a Convention goal of \$75,000,000 to be raised over a period of five years.

The Convention agreed to the proposal that a committee of one member from each state be appointed to plan, in cooperation with the state agencies and organized agencies of the Convention, for a simultaneous drive to be taken each year in cash for a proportionate share of the \$75,000,000. The campaign was to be so arranged that the amounts raised each year would be greater than the year before, the largest amount the last year.

This same committee with boards of the state and Convention would be responsible for distribution of the funds outside the local churches.

Those responsible for the campaign held their first meeting in Atlanta, Ga., June 4-5, 1919. They met with the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and the executive secretaries of the state boards. The general procedures were agreed upon. Nashville, Tenn., was designated as campaign headquarters and the Sunday School Board was asked to provide the needed quarters for the campaign staff. Quotas for the various objects in the campaign were fixed. The cooperating states were asked to assume a proportionate share of the total goal. Arkansas' share was \$3,200,000.



Revivals

Grandview First, Feb. 5-12; Jamie Coleman, evangelist; 2 by letter; 6 on profession of faith; 15 rededications; C. A. Wynn, pastor.

Lockesburg First, Mar. 26-Apr. 2 Bill Solesbee, missionary from Philippines; Howard Latimer, song leader; James H. Cannon, pastor.

Hamburg Gardner, Feb. 19-26; Jamie Coleman, Fayetteville, evangelist; 8 professions of faith; 4 by letter; Raymond Carpenter, pastor.

El Dorado East Main, in progress through Mar. 12; Al Finch, pastor, Central Church, Mobile, Ala., evangelist; Robert L. Hartsell, minister of music, East Main Church, song leader; Glenn Morgan, pastor.

Pine Bluff Second, Mar. 12-19; Larry Taylor, San Antonio, Tex., evangelist; Franklin Johnson, choir director, Second Church, music director; Jay D. Tolleson, pastor.

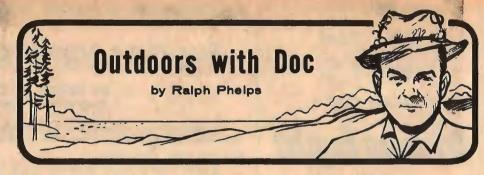
Dutch Mills Liberty, Feb. 19-26; Oscar Wells, evangelist; 8 additions; 5 by baptism; Eddie W. James, pastor.

Springfield, Mo., Grant Avenue, weekend youth revival; Ed F. McDonald III, pastor, Freeman Heights Church, Berryville, evangelist; 7 professions of faith; 5 additions; Blake Westmoreland, pastor.

McGehee First, Apr. 9-16; Herbert E. Hodges, pastor, First Church, England, evangelist; Charles Hughes, First Church, Searcy, music director; Mason Craig, pastor.

Jonesboro Walnut Street, Mar. 12-19; Sam T. Cathey, evangelist of the Great Lakes Evangelistic Association, evangelist; Don Moore, pastor.

Manila First, Mar. 12-19; Curtis Bryant, pastor, Dell Church, evangelist; Kyle and Baraba Lollar, Joe Galihar,



Never too sick to fish

The ultimate in self-hypnosis must surely be a hunter or fisherman convincing himself he ought to pursue his hobby.

Take a recent Saturday afternoon as an example. All week long this columnist had been whooping, crouping, snorting, snuffing, blowing and wheezing with what the family doctor had inelegantly but aptly called "the crud." When I tried to talk, either I sounded like a sick bull-frog or started a series of coughs that began like a braying donkey and ended like a scared guinea. As the doctor put it after checking me over, "Except for an infection of the eye, ear, nose, throat, and chest, you are in great shape."

For five days I took antihistamines until my mouth was dry as the Sahara and antibiotics until my wallet was as flat as a steam-rollered alley-cat. And each day, as the freezing winds blew, my fishing fever climbed higher.

Saturday morning the weatherman said the temperature was 22 degrees at 8 a.m., but the wind showed signs of abating. By noon when Wimpy Hendricks mentioned casually that he had thought about running over to Lake Hamilton to check our boat, I was convinced that a heat wave was virtually upon us. I volunteered to help him check the craft.

As a hedge against the weather, I wrapped myself in layers of clothes until I was like the Egyptian mummy pressed for time.

Finding the boat just as it was the last time we saw it, Wimpy and I decided to fish a little—since we were already there, anyway. We worked hard at it for a couple of hours and finally caught three bass, of which I landed one. Our catch would have fed a small family that didn't like fish too well.

When we didn't get a strike for the second hour, we began to notice the weather a little. We might have stayed longer but I had to get home to take a pill.

Steele, Mo., musicians; Carrol Evans, pastor.

Star City First, Mar. 12-19; Jerry Don Abrnathy, pastor, First Church, Crossett, evangelist; C. Don Cooper, pastor. North Little Rock Park Hill, Mar. 26-Apr. 2; Dr. Roy Fish, associate professor of Evangelism, Southwestern Seminary, evangelist; Hoyt Mulkey, state Music secretary, Arkansas State Convention, musician; Rheubin L South, pastor.

'Hot Springs Park Place retreat at Lonsdale, Feb. 10-11; O. K. (Jack) Hazlewood, evangelist; 2 professions of faith; 1 surrendered to preach; 10 recommitments; Damon Shook, pastor.

Osceola First, Mar. 12-19; Dr. J. R. White, First Church, Montgomery, Ala., evangelist; Max Alexander, minister of music, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, music director; Harry G. Jacobs, pastor.

Cabot First, Apr. 30-May 7; Russell Clearman, pastor, Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, evangelist; Harold O'Bryan, pastor.

El Dorado Southside, May 7-14; Dr. Clifton Brannon, Longview, Tex., evangelist; J. Paul Palmer, pastor.

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The Pacific States, California, Oregon, and Washington, by Neil Morgan and the editors of Time-Life Books, Time, Inc., 1967, \$4.95

For book lovers, about the only thing that this first volume of the projected 12-volume Time-Life Library of America has in common with the old time geographies is the tantalizing smell of fresh ink on high grade paper.

It would appear that the publishers are off to a good start with this attractive, interesting study of the strategic states of California, Oregon, and Washington. Declares Kenneth Rexroth, the California poet, in the introduction to this volume: "The inhabitants of the Pacific Coast are in the front rank of a world revolution that will make a far greater difference in human life than either the French or the Russian Revolutions, or both of them together."

This is a view expanded upon by Author Morgan. He holds that the three states comprising America's "Restless Edge" constitute our country's most "dynamic and abundant region," a region which exerts a profound impact on our time and portends an unlimited potential.

As he turns the spotlight on the West Coast, Morgan inspects the historical, social, economic and environmental underpinings of the region's development.

The volume contains 45,000 words and is illustrated by hundreds of new pictures and maps. The series of 12 volumes will cover the 50 United States, region by region.

An Intellectual and Cultural History of the Western World, by Harry Elmer Barnes, Third revised edition, in three volumes, Dover Publications, 1965, \$2 per volume in paperback.

Volume I covers from earliest times to the Middle Ages; Volume II, from the Renaissance through the Eighteenth Century; and Volume III, from the Nineteenth Century to the present day.

In his preface to the three-volume set, Author Barnes expresses his indebtedness to Professor James Harvey Robinson, and his The Outline of the History of the European Mind. He states that the Robinsonian influence "has been supplemented by many other contributions in the more than 40 years since I was a student in his notable

class on "The History of the Intellectual Class in Europe."

The author describes his history as "a comprehensive introduction to the story of how we have come to think, live, and utilize our leisure moments as we do in the second half of the Twentieth Century." He attempts a review of the history of the thought and culture of the past "in order to throw light upon our present days."

While principally concerned with the development of European thought and culture, he has "made a sincere effort to trace the main intellectual and cultural influences which have come to Europe from other areas or have been transmitted to extra-European regions from Europe itself. In other words, he has attempted to write a history of the thought and culture of the whole Western World, into which scene the United States has entered "in ever more prominent fashion since 1800."



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Manuel's little

Flying high

book

BY HILDA V. RICHARDSON

Manuel shoved the little book into his shirt pocket. It was his most precious possession. Everywhere he went, he carried it with him.

The American lady, who taught the Bible class in the little, white-washed shack, had given him the little book for his very own. Ever since, Manuel had been busy telling the other boys in the village about the Bible class and about the wonderful book the American lady had given him.

Some of the boys were tough. They did not care to hear about the Bible class. They laughed at the little Book Manuel carried in his pocket.

"Let's take the book away from him and burn it," suggested the tallest boy. "Then we won't have to listen to him talk about it every time we meet him."

"Let's! the other boys agreed, laughing loudly as though it were a grand joke.

They quickly surrounded Manuel and were about to take away his precious book when he cried, "Wait a minute! You don't even know what the book is about. You should find out before you burn it."

The boys looked at one another. Then the tallest boy shrugged his shoulders and said, "That's only fair. Read us something in the book. Then we'll burn it. Hurry! We don't want to take all day."

With thumping heart Manuel cleared his throat and opened his book. He read the words the best he could.

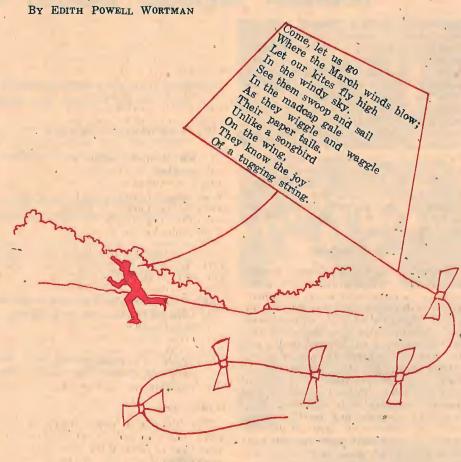
"A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves."

The group of boys stood around and listened wide-eyed till Manuel had read to the end of the story.

Then one boy spoke up. "That's a good story. Read some more."

Manuel opened the book to another place and read, "Depart from evil, and do good."

BY EDITH POWELL WORTMAN



"Mm-m-m," said another boy. "That must mean us."

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," Manuel read from another page.

"Go on," said the tall boy.

When Manuel had finished reading and had closed the little book, the tall boy spoke again, thoughtfully.

"Maybe we had better not burn the book after all."

"When does the American lady have the Bible class?" asked one. "I'd like to come." '

"Will they give me a little book?" inquired another.

When Manuel arrived at the little,

whitewashed shack the following Sunday morning, he saw the group of boys waiting outside the door. They smiled at him and followed him into the build-

The boys filled one whole row. They learned to sing "Jesus Loves Me" and "I Love to Tell the Story." They listened eagerly to the Bible story the American lady read. They watched, scarcely breathing, as she drew a picture on the chalkboard. When they filed out of the little shack, each boy was carrying his own Bible.

"Every bench will be filled next Sunday," they promised.

Manuel's face pictured the happiness in his heart as he listened. (Sunday School Board Syndicate, all rights reserved)

God's purpose for his people

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

Life and Work
March 12
I Peter 2:-10

"Chairman Mao is the red sun in our hearts; his thoughts shed light all over the world." Michael Browne, a Christian journalist, heard these words recently from enthusiastic Chinese young people who were testifying of their faith in Mao Tse-Tung. He was staggered by the revolutionary fervor of these young people behind the Bamboo Curtain. There are 700 million people who praise Mao as "our great leader, teacher, supreme commander, and helmsman." Almost every bicycle that Browne saw in Canton was equipped with a red-painted metal plate fixed to the lamp bracket containing "thoughts" from Mao. He noted that the pillars supporting the covered sidewalks are covered with such slogans as, "Long live Chairman Mao."

The Mao Bible

Browne said, "A significant proportion of China's 200 million youth, mainstream age from 14-26 years, are wholly given to learning the sayings and applying 'thoughts' of their national leader." Browne notes that this revolution is built around a red covered book about the size of a pocket Testament called, "Quotations from Mao Tse-Tung." He said, "Daily they gather in groups all over the country to read, memorize, and preach from this little red book. They underline passages and mark it in exactly the same way a Christian does his Bible." Browne says that this 300 page book is the greatest best seller that China has ever produced.

If Christians ever win the world to Christ, we must regain such a simple faith in the written word of God! Perhaps the most needed admonition in the life of Christians today is, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (I Peter 2:25).

Timeless Book

When Sir Walter Scott, the literary genius, lay dying he said to his son-in-law, "Bring me that book." His son-in-law looked at the more than 20,000 volumes in the shelves of Scott's costly library and asked, "What book?" "Need you ask?" said the great man, "There is but one book—the Bible." In 1861, the French Academy of Science published a little brochure indicating 51

This lesson treatment is based on the Life and Work Curriculum for Southern Baptist Churches, copyright by The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. All rights reserved. Used by permission. scentific facts which disagree with the Bible. Not a single one of these 51 facts is now believed by modern scientists. Scientific discoveries come and go but the Bible continues to be the written Word of God. The God who gave man the Bible also gave him the knowledge to make scientific discoveries. God knew about jet propulsion before man discovered it. God was aware of atomic energy, electricity, and the 103 basic elements before man discovered them.

Ulrich Jelinek, scientist, inventor, and president of the Severna Manufacturing Corporation in East Orange, N. J., says, "I believe that the present scientific revolution is giving a richer and fuller meaning to the Bible instead of discrediting the Scriptures."

Such men as Hobbes, Bolinbroke, Voltaire, Rousseau, David Hume, and Gibbon were intellectual giants but they failed to destroy the Bible with their criticism. William Jennngs Bryan said, "The Bible could not have lived because of favoritism shown to it because it has been more bitterly attacked than any other book ever written." He asked, "How shall we account for its vitality, its indestructibility?" He answered, "By its inspiration and by that alone."

Helpful book

The Bible is a helpful book. If you know where to look, it can help you in your time of need. When God seems far away, read Psalm 139. When sorrowful, read Psalm 46. When men fail you, read Psalm 27. When you have sinned, read Psalm 51. When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34. When you are ill, read Psalm 41. When in danger, read Psalm 91. When you have the blues, read Psalm 34. When you are discouraged, read John 14. When you are lonely or afraid, read Psalms 23. When you forget your blessings, read Psalm 103. When you need courage, read Joshua 1:1-9. When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90. When you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11:25-30. When you want assurance, read Romans 8. When you are looking for joy, read Colossians 3. When you leave home to travel, read Psalm 121. When you grow bitter or critical, read I Corinthians 18.

How to study

A 16-year-old boy said to his pastor, "There must be two ways of reading the Bible. We both read the same Book.

You find it intersting; I find it dull. Can you tell me why this is?" The Bible need not be dull! God intended it to be a blessing, not a trial. Here are some simple suggestions that will make Bible study interesting and helpful to all:

- (1) Approach the Bible reverently. Before you even open the Bible for study, pray the psalmist's prayer: "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of they law" (Psalm 119:18).
- (2) Set aside a definite period for Bible study each day. We find time for everything else. Christian growth is dependent upon finding the time for Bible study. Someone has said, "Turn to the Bible each day, no matter how you feel. It is not primarily a shelf of medicines for emergencies; it is a daily food for daily needs." The morning time, if at all possible, is always the best.
- (3) Read the Bible with a sincere desire for blessing and truth. Peter said "DESIRE the sincere milk of the word." This is basically the same word that the psalmist used when he spoke of the hart, "panting after" the waterbrooks (Psalms 42:1).
- (4) Study the Bible systematically.

 Just opening the Bible and reading it at random yields only a minumum of blessings. It is best to study a book of the Bible rather than reading snatches here and there.
- (5) Memorize and mark your Bible. For further information on scripture memorization, write The Navigators, Colorado Springs, Col., 80901. Some of the greatest blessings in the lives of many Christians is in Bible memorization.
- 6) Translate the Bible into life. We are admonished, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22). R. A. Torrey said, "To obey a truth you see prepares you to see other truths. To disobey a truth you see darkens your mind to all truths." As you read a passage, ask yourself three questions. What is the point of the passage? What are the problems of the passage? What is the profit of the passage?

Man under judgment

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.
PRESIDENT, OUACHITA UNIVERSITY

International
March 12
Luke 20:9-18

In their hostility to the kingdom of God, his enemies will stop at nothing, but their efforts to thwart its growth will be defeated, and they will ulimately be destroyed. This is the meaning of the parable of the wicked husbandmen, which serves as the basis of this week's lesson.

Jesus related this parable during the last week of his public ministry, perhaps on Tuesday following the Triumphal Entry on Sunday. During this last series of the teachings, Jesus discussed signs and events of the last days, declared that he would return, pronounced judgment on those who had rejected him, and predicted ultimate victory for God's cause on earth. The parable is a part of these bigger teachings.

I. The parable.

In the story, a man planted a vineyard, let it out to tenants, and went to another country for a long while. When time came to collect his rent, he sent a servant so that the farm workers could give him his share of the vineyard's crop. Instead of doing what they were legally and morally bound to do, however, they beat up the servant, and sent him back empty-handed.

Whereupon the owner sent a second servant, who was also beaten and manhandled disgracefully. The farm workers gave him nothing but black eyes and a fat lip.

This prompted the owner to send a

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third servant. After the tenants had "wounded him severely they threw him out." Nobody would have nominated this rent collection task for Job of the Year honors.

With his staff worked over like a batch of mashed potatoes, the owner hit on another plan. "I will send them my Son who is so dear to me. Perhaps they will respect him." But when the son came, the tenants threw him out, of the Vineyard and killed him.

Jesus asked, "What then do you suppose the owner will do to them? He will come and destroy the people who were working his property; and hand it over to others" (Phillips Tr.).

When his audience heard this, they exclaimed, "God forbid!" Apparently what they would avert was not merely destruction but also the cause of it—the murder of the owner's son.

Looking at them with a deeply penetrating glance, Jesus asked, "What then is this that is written: "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner?" Every one who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but when it falls on any one it will crush him."

II. The parable's meaning.

As is the case in interpreting all parables, it is unwise to press every detail into some allegorical significance. Parables were intended to have one central teaching, and other teachings are incidental unless they relate to that central truth. The truth here is that rejection of the Son of God will be fatal.

To see the parabolic significance, we might think of the owner as God, the vineyard as the Jewish state, the farm workers as the officials in the Jewish state, the servants as God's prophets who were sent with little effect except the abuse they suffered as representatives of God, the son as Jesus Christ, and the plot as the scheming of the leaders who were trying to do with Judaism what they pleased and for their own gain—without any regard for God's interest or rightful claim.

Just as the farm workers were wrong in thinking that if they killed the son of the owner they would have all the vine-yard to themselves, even so the priests and Pharisees who had a good thing going (albeit in an ungodly direction) were not going to be able to usurp as their own what belonged to God. The wrath of the owner at the abuse and murder of his son would be paralleled

in God's wrath toward those who were about to reject and murder His Son.

Although he might be treated as a building stone thrown out and left unused because the construction workers did not like it, Jesus Christ would yet become the "head of the corner." This is a Hebraism used to describe a stone "so fitted and placed as, by forming a part of two walls, to bind them together at a corner and give security to the whole structure." (Bliss) It was a most important stone.

While the stone lay on the ground, it was a hazard to those who might trip and fall on it. But when it was lifted up, it was an even greater threat, for if it should fall on a man it would grind him to dust—"powder him." Those who took offense at Christ in his earthly manifestation would perish, but those who continued to reject him after his exaltation would be crushed and scattered as dust before the wind—literally, winnowed.

Evil may appear to be winning in the game of life, but God is going to be ultimately victorious. Jesus may be rejected, but he is going to be God's means of executing eternal judgment on those who have rejected God's messengers and God in Christ.



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A Smile or Two

See Red?

In Moscow a woman worker approached her boss. "Madame Troyvanovish," she said, "may I go home earlier tonight in order to attend the opera?"

"Now you know we have no titles under Communism. We are equal," reminded her boss. "So don't say 'madame' . . . say 'comrade.' What opera are you going to see?"

"Comrade Butterfly," the worker replied.

Preachers, too?

A speaker at a civic luncheon had given a tremendous talk and received a standing ovation. The president of the club was so impressed that he said to the speaker: "Everyone here is so enthused about what you said, I wonder if you won't please say a few more words to us since we have about ten minutes left of our regular meeting, time."

The speaker stood up and said: "Once there was a little baby cabbage who said to his mother, 'Mommy, I'm worried about something. As I sit in this row of cabbages and grow and grow day after day, how will I know when to stop growing?" "The rule to follow," the mamma cabbage said, 'is to quit when you are a head'." And he sat down.

How to succeed

The man was telling about his father. "Every day," he said, "Dad would give me a penny and a pat on the head... so on my fifteenth birthday I had \$54.75 and a flat head!"

Name that tune

One of my sons tuned in the radio. The orchestra was playing the first eight bars of the "Wedding March."

"What's the title of that song?"
my son asked his mother.

"Oh!" she tossed off, "That's the beginning of Stormy Weath-

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In the world of religion-

Girl's poem offends

PHILADELPHIA—The Defense Department has canceled 13,000 subscriptions to a Sunday School magazine because of a poem on napalm by a 13-year-old girl, according to the publishers, the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education.

The poem was described by the Defense Department as "an embarrassing item concerning Vietnam," the board said.

The author of the controversial piece, Barbara Beidler of Vero Beach, Fla., was writing in Venture used in Protestant Sunday Schools of American military bases around the world.

"I don't know why this poem should embarrass the Defense Department any more than anything else that appears in newspapers," said the Rev. Dr. William Morrison, general secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education here. "It was only a little girl speaking her concern for little children."

The cancellation, he says, raises questions of religious freedom.

The magazine is not to be confused with the travel periodical of the same name or with the magazine of Christian Service Brigade. (EP)

Pentagon sells arms

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An argument is allegedly growing about the moral issue of America's selling of armaments to other countries.

Critics of U. S. sales see them as immoral. They say sales merely strengthen military castes while siphoning off money which should have been spent for development.

At issue are Pentagon arms sales which add up to \$11.1 billion in the five years ended last June 20. Henry J. Kuss Jr., chief Pentagon arms salesman, projects a continuing market of at least \$1 to \$1.5 billion annually through 1971, with potential annual sales even higher, at \$2 billion a year. (EP)

Thief had conscience

CAMARILLO, Calif.—At the height of the U.S. economic depression 30 years ago a thief stole eight or 10 sheep from Neil Shontlemire in Findlay, Ohio.

Last week Farmer Shontlemire, now living here, received \$250 from the thief in payment for the sheep.

"I feel sorry for the poor guy," said Shontlemire, a retired Navy civilian employe. "I didn't worry about the sheep for more than 30 days and here was some unknown man who worried for 30 years." Shontlemire said he didn't report the theft because he figured whoever stole them "must have needed them pretty badly."

The thief sent the farmer the money through the victim's aunt in Ohio. He asked for forgiveness.

"As far as I'm concerned," Shontlemire said, "the thief was forgiven a long time ago." (EP)

Pray for British aid

VALLETTA, Malta—An estimated 70,000 persons from various denominations attended an all-night prayer vigil in most of the churches on Malta to protest the British government's decision to cut its defense expenditures on this small Mediterranean island.

The Anglican Church, the Methodist Church, and the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) supported the prayer vigil organized by the Roman Catholic Church in Malta.

Liquor's road toll

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 50 percent of all drivers killed in California traffic accidents had been drinking and eight out of 10 of the victims had been drinking heavily, a state-wide survey shows.

Royal A. Neilson, assistant managing director of the California Traffic Safety Foundation, reported on the study for as American Bar Association regional traffic court conference in San Francisco.

Neilson said: "I hope I have shot down any misconceptions such as "the problem is one of social drinking" or "the drinking driver problem is not a primary one." Both conceptions are false." (EP)

Sunrise service ecumenical

NEW YORK—New York City's traditional Easter Sunrise Service at Radio City Music Hall—for the first time—will be an ecumenical event.

Father John Sheerin, C.S.P., editor of The Catholic World, and Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister-emeritus of Christ Church (Methodist) in New York and for many years a network radio preacher, will speak. (EP)

Jews oppose instruction

TORONTO, Ont.—Two Jewish organizations here said religious instruction should be removed from the public schools because, among other things, it sets up Christianity as the official religion and relegates all others to "second-class tolerated" faiths.

'Peace on Red terms'

TOKYO—In a message to Pope Paul VI recently, North Vietnam President Ho Chi Minh declared that unless his country's peace terms are fulfilled, real peace cannot be restored in Vietnam,

Ho repeated Hanoi's old stand in a reply to a papal expression on Feb. 8 which was carried by the Vietnam News Agency through the Associated Press here.

"The U.S. imperialists must put an end to their aggression in Vietnam, end unconditionally and definitively the bombing and all other acts of war against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, withdraw from South Vietnam all American and satellite troops, recognize the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation (Viet Cong) and let the Vietnamese people themselves settle their own affairs," said Ho. "Only in such conditions can real peace be restored in Vietnam." (EP)

Reds study 'trends

BELGRADE—Reflecting the recent "thaw" in church-state relations emanating from the Tito government, The League of Communists of Crotia has urged Communists to familiarize themselves with "new processes and trends" in Yugoslavia's churches.

The League stipulated that the study should be directed primarily to "transformations" in the position of the Catholic Church on war and peace, international cooperation, colonialism and "a more tolerant attitude" towards other religious communities and atheists. (EP)

