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Personally speaking



Finishing the unfinished

ONE of the things that attracted us to the house we bought—or started buying—many years ago, now, was the fact that it had a full-sized, unfinished basement. "Just think what you will be able to do with all this extra space," said the salesman.

Yeh, just think!

Maria and I must have backed in and out on that basement project at least a hundred times in ten years. See us one day and we would be rolling our sleeves up and getting ready to really work that place over. But, by the next day, we would have decided we had enough space already, or something.

Once I even decided to get to work myself with the necessary excavation to level the floor area for the pouring of concrete. But a single session with pick and shovel one day after work was more than enough to teach me the folly of my ways.

Many a friend told me what he would do, with saw and hammer, if he had a treasure of a deal like our dirt-floored, high-ceilinged basement. But I never could make a decent chicken coop, myself. No, I don't have any more building talent to brag about than does today's average building contractor.

But now that we have been in this project six weeks, I have discovered that I am a natural-born superintendent of building construction. I can't do the job myself but I am mighty good at telling the carpenters where they miss the boat. (My little wife is a big help here.)

It is interesting to look back now and see how we got into this building project. We made the mistake of going out to look at houses for sale. Every one we'd find that was anything like what we wanted always was priced several thousand above what we could expect to get for our house. But we finally figured it, this way: by staying put and finishing the basement, we could save the closing costs and realtors' and lawyers' fees that would be involved in selling our house and buying another. Too, we could save the cost of moving. So, the first thing we knew, we had "saved" enough to finish the basement!

A few "hidden costs" have begun to rear their ugly heads: more taxes, more insurance, more utilities, more upkeep and more maintenance.

But just think what we have been able to do to that unfinished basement!

Yeh, just think!

Anybody know where we can get a three-room apartment, with no basement a-tall?

Edwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

OUR paper is the only Baptist state paper that publishes, as a part of its regular editions, current indices of its materials. The Editor has just returned from Nashville where he appeared before the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission to discuss this aspect of our work. His report on this commission, established 20 years ago, appears on the facing page.

THE world was thrilled recently by the announcement of strides in the battle against leukemia. A Texarkana, Tex., deacon is devoting his time and his money to the project. On page 5, the Editor reports on a recent visit with J. K. Wadley, chairman of the Board of the J. K. and Susie L. Wadley Research Institute, Dallas, and a Baptist deacon. Mr. Wadley, an oilman, is a native of Arkadelphia. He has contributed over two million dollars to the institute.

ARKANSANS to foreign and home mission fields have been appointed in recent days. The news stories are found on pages 6 and 7, where you will also see a list of meeting places and dates over the state for Arkansas State Convention churches with members of an Executive Board committee.

A BILL has been introduced into Congress to require ministers to be placed under Social Security. The Baptist Press story is on page 10.

ARKANSAS State Convention departments are busy, busy these days with plans for the RA Congress, youth revivals, the rural-town conference, youth choir festival and BSU planning retreat. We suggest you see the enthusiasm these projects are engendering on pages 11 through 15.

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The Historical Commission

NASHVILLE, TENN., April 19.—This week I have had the privilege of being a program participant here at the annual meeting of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

As the editor of the only Baptist state paper that publishes, as a part of its regular editions, current indices of its materials, I was asked to be one of a panel of four to discuss indexing procedure. Others appearing on the panel represented three other state papers—*Baptist Standard* (Texas), *The Religious Herald* (Virginia) and *The Baptist Courier* (South Carolina). Incidentally, of these, only the Texas paper produces a current index, which it publishes annually in volumes separate from the paper itself and in quantity less than the total circulation of the paper. The Virginia and the South Carolina papers each have extensive indexing in progress on early volumes, but nothing on the current issues of the papers.

On short notice from Executive Secretary Davis C. Woolley of the Historical Commission, I accepted the additional assignment of speaking on the topic, "Recording History in State Papers," at one of the sessions of the annual meeting.

The Commission is made up of members elected by the Southern Baptist Convention. Arkansas representatives currently serving are: Thomas A. Hinson, pastor of First Church, West Memphis, who was present at the annual meeting, and Bernes K. Selph, pastor of First Church, Benton, and author of our *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* feature, "Beacon lights of Baptist history," who was absent.

The Commission is just completing 20 years of service to the Southern Baptist Convention, dating its beginning from 1947. First known as Southern Baptist Historical Society, it was duly recognized as an agency of the Convention, and in 1951 the charter of the Society was changed making it the Historical Commission. (The Southern Baptist Historical Society operated for ten years on the campus of Southern Seminary, Louisville, as a self-perpetuating agency before being recognized as the official historical agency of the Convention.)

Norman W. Cox was the first executive secretary of the Historical Commission. He served from Feb. 15, 1951, to his retirement, in 1959. Dr. Woolley was named as the successor of Dr. Cox.

Operating at first on a shoe-string budget, the Commission has sold itself through stellar services across the years and now has an annual budget of \$110,000.

One of the continuing bright stars in the crown of the Commission is the two-volume *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists*, published in January, 1958, a work, incidentally, that needs very much to be revised and brought up to date.

A few Commission highlights for the year 1966 were:

Completion and publishing of the second volume of the *Index to the Southern Baptist Convention Annuals 1954-1965*.

Micro-filming (during the first nine months) of 90-, 126 pages of materials, including basic and rare Baptist materials in the Angus Library, Regent's Park College, Oxford, England. (This brought the total of microfilmed materials, to date, to 8,168,015 pages!)

Continuing the gathering of biographical materials on leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention, the ultimate objective being the preparation of a master file of biographical information.

Continuing advisory and consultative services to clerks of churches, associations, and state conventions in the preparation of minutes, reports, and other materials that will become primary source materials for historians.

Continuing the recording of oral history by interviewing former convention leaders, along with preserving the tape-recorded proceedings of the Southern Baptist Convention made by the Radio and Television Commission.

Procuring 226 books, 366 annuals and associational minutes, 55 pamphlets and tracts, 27 periodicals, 6 recordings (disc and tape).

Securing valuable archival materials, including 21 reels of 16 mm color moving pictures of annual Student Retreats held at Ridgecrest, 1934-1944.

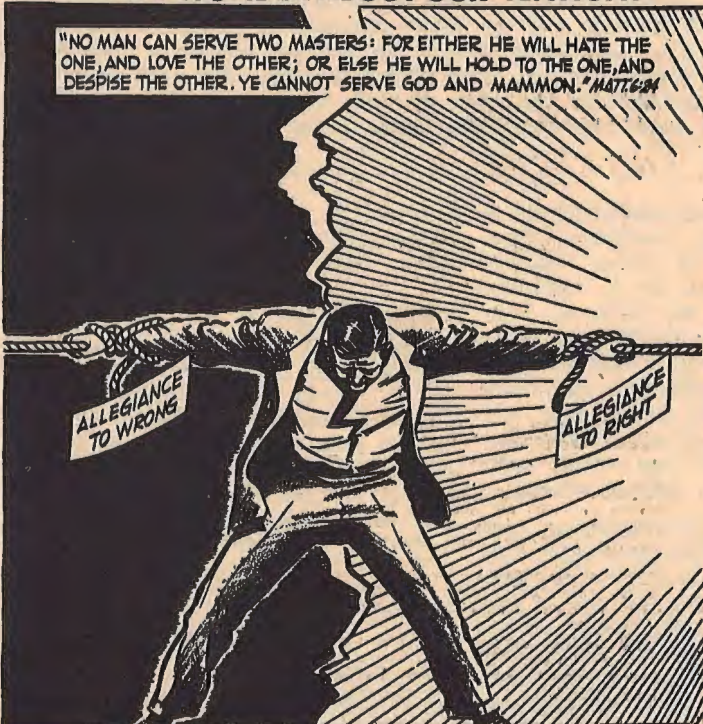
Filming the records for 30 churches, retaining the master negative for the use of historians and students.

Completing the first volume of *Baptist History and Heritage*, a scholarly journal of Southern Baptist history.

—ELM

YET WE WONDER ABOUT OUR 'TENSIONS'

"NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS: FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE, AND LOVE THE OTHER; OR ELSE HE WILL HOLD TO THE ONE, AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON." MATTHEW 6:24



Not stand still

I read in the April 6 issue of the Baptist paper that Allen T. McCurry had left our Faulkner County Association to become pastor of the Archview Church, Little Rock. And that he assisted in organizing the Harlan Park Church, and that it was the first church to be organized in this county in 44 years.

And I would like at this time to make a correction of that statement, as I have been a member of this Association for over 45 years and I would like to name some of the churches that was organized less than 30 years; the Brumly Church is not 44 years old. Cold Springs Church, Naylor Church, New Bethel Church, Immanuel Church, Immanuel was organized about 1940. Bro. E. F. Simmons organized a church at Round Mt. Members moved away from there and it faded out.

Bro. Mac, I just wanted you to know that we have not just been standing still all these 44 years as it was made to appear.—V. M. Harmon, 615 Merri-man, Conway, Ark.

For Crime Commission

I wrote the following letter on April 10 to Governor Rockefeller:

Your office has and continues to confront a difficult criminal law enforcement problem in the area of casino gambling operations. The good name of Arkansas continues to be maligned for our historical toleration of illegal gambling. Respected leaders of civic action groups are expressing a renewed concern over the prudence of the continued existence of our pari mutual tracks. Acting largely without the benefit of established local statistics the General Assembly was recently confronted with a capital punishment abolishment bill, a so called "liquor-by-the-drink" bill, a casino gambling bill and a bill which would have seriously curtailed the normal functions of our State Police.

Recent United States Supreme Court decisions have placed an extremely demanding new set of procedural due process requirements upon our courts and upon our law enforcement officers. We continue to operate under a haphazard, antiquated and sometimes ineffectual criminal code. Our bail bond system fails to take advantage of the money saving and rehabilitating systems being employed in other areas. The possibility of using law students to represent misdemeanor indigent criminal defendants has only begun to be explored in our State.

Other states, other communities have

Missions out of medicine bag

BY BERNES K. SELPH, T.H.D.

PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH BENTON

The skill of a medical doctor opened the way for mission work in Rangoon, Burma. What Felix Carey failed to do by opening the scriptures in proclaiming the gospel he accomplished by opening his medicine bag and alleviating pain.

His missionary father, William Carey, sent Felix and a company to Rangoon to establish a mission. But they met with failure. Felix entered the service of the Burman government, in which he remained. His father's comment to this was: "Felix is shriveled from a missionary to an ambassador."

The king ruled with absolute law. Every officer was a despot in his sphere and a slave to his superior. Person and property were subject to the will of the ruler. But Felix Carey, through his medical skill, had won favor of the viceroy of Rangoon and obtained permission from the king to translate the Bible into Burman language. Dr. Carey had begun literary work on this project when Adoniram and Ann Judson arrived at Rangoon, July 13, 1813.

The Judsons lived in the Careys' home. Felix turned the translation work over to Adoniram. Progress was slow. Judson was compelled to prepare his own dictionary and grammar as he studied. So carefully did he gather words and compare idioms that his works remained a basis for others in language study, and his translations became notable biblical versions of all time and tongues.

By 1816 he had translated the gospel of Matthew and prepared several tracts that might attract the Burmese attention, and acquaint them with the fundamentals of Christianity. On Oct. 15, 1816, the newly formed American Missionary Convention sent Rev. George H. Hough and wife to assist Judson. The new missionary was a printer. The Serampore mission supplied equipment and materials.

Judson thought some Christian converts in Arakan, whose dialect was similar to Burmese, would speed up his work. He set out on a voyage to secure them. Weeks passed with no word from Adoniram. Trouble increased during his absence and the Houghs decided to leave Rangoon. Mrs. Judson was compelled to go with them. They caught the last foreign boat to leave. Before the boat could sail, Ann changed her mind and decided to stay, the Houghs with her. Within a week Adoniram returned, safe and hearty.

Their work showed promise. In time a Baptist church was organized. But the opposition of Buddhist priests and Burman officials towards the Judsons increased. Adoniram sought favor of the king of Ava but their petition was rejected. Disappointed, Judson and the other missionaries concluded that their work would be moved to Chittagong. When the Burman Christians learned of this they implored Judson not to leave. They argued that not even the powerful emperor could destroy the work of God. Their faith encouraged the Judsons and kept the work from being abandoned. It was the beginning of better days.

These and other related problems are effectively resolving them through the efforts of Crime Commissions. But to this date we in Arkansas largely continue in the darkness born of ignorance, in the indifference born of toleration and in the ineffectual emotionalism born of ineffectual leadership to either pretend that our criminal law problems are non-existent or non-consequential or to spin our wheels upon short lived one shot reform efforts.

The President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice has recommended that Crime Commissions be established as one of the most proven and effective means of resolving the very problems confronting us in Arkansas. I respectfully urge that you seriously consider this recommenda-

tion and do include the establishing of such a Commission in your call for a special session of the General Assembly.

In my judgment, the complexity and magnitude of these 20th century criminal problems in Arkansas are justification enough for including a State Crime Commission proposal in your special session call. If now is not the time to initiate this proposal, then when is? If we are not the ones to meet this responsibility, then who will?

—Charles D. Matthews.

State Representative, District 22, Position 1

1515 Lakewood House
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Cure for cancer?

BY ERWIN L. McDONALD

TEXARKANA—J. K. Wadley, the Texarkana nonagenarian whose recent announcement of a breakthrough in the search for a treatment of cancer made world headlines, is a Southern Baptist.

Baptists of two states can lay claim to this Christian business man, for he lives on the Arkansas side of Texarkana and has his church membership in a church on the Texas side of the city. For 63 years he has lived at his present residence, at 618 Pecan, in a large, two-story, typically "Old South" frame residence, graced by a large magnolia at its front door and surrounded by a flower garden dominated by roses.

And for 66 years he has been an active member of First Baptist Church, Texarkana, Tex., where he is a deacon, and where he served as Sunday School superintendent for 15 years, as chairman of deacons, and as chairman of the finance committee.

Says his pastor, Dr. Lory Hildreath:

"John Keener Wadley is a genuinely great Christian. Like the Lord he worships and honors in his daily life, he quietly 'goes about doing good.'"

Pastor Hildreth described the oil millionaire as "a truly humble man who never throws his weight around, and who is abidingly loyal to his pastor and his church, and a liberal giver to missions and benevolences."

There has been some adjustment necessary because of his advanced age—he no longer attends Sunday School and Training Union, for example—but everyone at First Church knows Mr. Wadley will be in his pew for both the morning and the night worship services, as well as for mid-week prayermeeting.

Mr. Wadley takes time out at mid-day for a nap, but puts in full days at the office, five days a week, except when on some benevolent mission—or playing golf or fishing.

When I called him at his home on a recent Saturday just before noon, he was getting ready to go fishing but agreed to allow an interruption for a brief interview, on his spacious screened-in porch.

"What do you regard as our number one problem today?" I asked the kindly gentleman. Interestingly enough he did not say "Cancer," or "Disease," or

"War," or "Over-population." Without a moment's hesitation he replied: "The deterioration of the morals of the people."

This deterioration he was inclined more to lay at the door of the home than of the church. He feels that the lives of children are being undermined by over-indulgent parents and an absence of discipline in home situations.

A life-long teetotaler who "never tasted a drop of liquor," and one who is dead set against gambling and its many attendant evils, Mr. Wadley is, however, no blue-nosed negativist. He likes to put an arm around a young man's shoulder and encourage him to make the most of life, with God's help.

The day of my visit he had talked with a youth on the street near the Wadley home. He expressed great concern that the young man, aged 19, had seemed to be devoid of anything resembling ambition. "He had no job and was not in school," Mr. Wadley told me. "And when I asked him why he had dropped out of school, he merely said, 'I didn't like school.'"

Mr. Wadley places strong emphasis on daily Bible reading. "Reading the Bible is like eating your daily meals," he said. "If you don't eat, you don't grow. But there are lots of people today content to feed their bellies and starve their souls."

A native of Arkadelphia, Ark., where he was born on April 1, 1877, Mr. Wadley comes from a long-lived family. His parents, W. G. and Emily Allen Wadley, lived to celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary, and four of their six children are still living.

Regarding recreation as a necessary part of a well-rounded life, Mr. Wadley alternates fishing with golfing. In past years his golfing took him to tournaments in Scotland. He has said that he will not give up golf as long as he can keep his score below his age. And, so far, he has had no problem keeping his score below 90. He does not hit the ball as far per shot as he formerly did, but he is still amazingly accurate, and, "once he gets on the green, he is deadly."

His favorite fishing hole is a 30-acre lake which he owns just east of Texarkana. The only time he lapsed out of his characteristic modesty was when he began telling me about the big ones—bass and bream—he catches out there.



J. K. Wadley

The newspapers and newsmagazines have given extensive space to Mr. Wadley's dramatic revelation, at his 90th birthday party, recently, that a bacterial extract developed at the J. K. and Susie L. Wadley Research Institute in Dallas—L-asparaginase—had saved a 9-year-old victim of acute leukemia. (For one of the more detailed accounts of this development, see the Medicine department of the April 14 issue of Time magazine.)

By the time I interviewed Mr. Wadley, some cancer cells had been discovered again in the blood of Frank Hayes Jr., whose blood had been cleared by shots of the new remedy. But Mr. Wadley was still confident that it was just a matter of using the remedy in larger quantity. He hopes his research center can soon have an additional supply of the rard-to-come-by L-asparaginase to resume the child's treatment.

A combination of sorrow and sense of stewardship apparently has been the motivation back of Mr. Wadley's investing more than \$2,000,000 in the research institute since it was established, 15 years ago.

The sorrow was occasioned by the loss of a grandson, Keener Bob Mosley, who died of leukemia in 1947 at the age of 7. The sense of stewardship comes from Mr. Wadley's recognition of God's blessings upon him throughout his long life.

"God has been so good to me," he said. "The least I can afford to do is to be a good steward of my life and all that God has given me."

And that is the story of a man who, long past the time of normal retirement, insists on staying in the thick of the fight in the war to overcome cancer.

Convention group sets up meetings over state

The committee appointed by the Convention to make a study of long-range plans of our Executive Board programs and the institutions has arranged a schedule of meetings to discuss these plans with our people. Dr. Loyd L. Hunnicutt is chairman of this committee. He is anxious for our people to know of these plans and through their participation a stronger Baptist witness will be provided. It is hoped that our pastors and as many lay members of our churches as possible may be able to attend.

The hour of these meetings will be 8 p.m. Daylight savings time will be on at that time and the eight o'clock hour seems to be the best time. The meeting will not last more than one hour.

These meetings will provide an excellent opportunity for our people to more adequately inform themselves about our work, and will likewise give those in the Baptist Building the advantage of their thinking.

One member from the committee and S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary, will be present for each of these meetings:

AREA MEETINGS

Dated	Places	Presiding
June 8	Fayetteville, First	Paul Myers
June 9	Harrison, First	Paul Myers
June 12	Batesville, West	Walter Hill
June 13	Jonesboro, Central	Emil Williams
June 15	Forrest City, First	Emil Williams
June 16	Little Rock, First	Jerre Hassell
June 19	DeWitt, First	D. B. Bledsoe
June 20	Pine Bluff, First	Guy Wilson
June 22	Monticello, First	Richard Vestal
June 23	El Dorado, First	Loyd L. Hunnicutt
June 26	Hope, First	Loyd L. Hunnicutt
June 27	Norman, First	Loyd L. Hunnicutt
June 29	Fort Smith, Calvary	D. Hoyle Harie
June 30	Russellville, Fair Park	D. Hoyle Haire

—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

Arkansans to serve in India



Dr. and Mrs. Wikman

Dr. John H. Wikman Jr., surgery resident at the University of Arkansas Medical Center, Little Rock, and Mrs. Wikman a registered nurse, were appointed missionaries to India Apr. 11, during a three-day meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

The Wikmans are the third Southern Baptist couple assigned to India, where a Baptist hospital is planned for Bangalore, Mysore State.

Born in Ann Arbor, Mich., Dr. Wikman grew up in Van Buren. Mrs. Wikman, the former Barbara Biggers, is a native of Camden.

He is a graduate of Ouachita University, and the University of Arkansas School of Medicine, Little Rock (class of 1960). She attended Ouachita one

year and graduated from the School of Nursing at Arkansas Baptist Hospital (now Medical Center), Little Rock.

Dr. Wikman told the Foreign Mission Board that while he was a college student he began to believe God was leading him into a church-related ministry. At a religious retreat when he was a senior, he went alone into the woods and committed his life to God for medical missions.

During student years Dr. Wikman had jobs with churches in Parkin and North Little Rock. He was a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board summer worker in California one year.

He interned at Confederate Memorial Medical Center, Shreveport, La., and served as a medical officer in the U. S. Army before beginning his present residency in Little Rock in 1963.

Mrs. Wikman said she searched her heart, found convictions, and dedicated her life to Christ when she was 17 years old.

Her nursing experience includes positions with Arkansas Baptist Medical Center, T. E. Shumpert Memorial Sanatorium, Shreveport, and Providence Memorial Hospital, El Paso, Tex.

She and Dr. Wikman are now members of University Church, Little Rock (where their pastor is a former Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, C. Glynn McCalman). They have two daughters, Suzanne, 5, and Laura, 3.

Dr. and Mrs. Wikman are among 27 missionaries appointed during the Foreign Mission Board's April meeting.

Arkansans chosen for 'journeymen overseas'

John Little, schoolteacher in Little Rock, is among 61 young people invited by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to train this summer for journeyman overseas. He hopes to work with university students in San Jose, Costa Rica, where Baptists maintain a student center just off the campus of the national university.

Mr. Little, who has taught in Little Rock for four years, is the son of Mrs. J. M. Little, of Conway. Born in Heber Springs, he grew up in Conway and Osceola. He studied elementary education in the University of Arkansas and at Arkansas State College, where he received the bachelor of science degree in 1963.

The new journeymen also include Miss Doris Stark, who was born in Walnut Ridge, Ark., but grew up in Missouri. Now a schoolteacher in Lee's Summit, Mo., she hopes to teach English in Hong Kong Baptist College.

New offices for Home

Arkansas Baptist Home for Children will have office space in the Pulaski County Association offices at 1522 West 10th Street, Little Rock. Sixty of the home's 87 children are from a 50-mile radius of Little Rock.

The home recently announced that Gary Gray, Searcy, has joined the staff as social worker. Mr. Gray has done graduate work in the field of social work at the University of Louisville, Ky. For four years has been employed at a child welfare worker in the State Department of Public Welfare.

Name summer missionaries

ATLANTA—In June, an integrated team of 13 student summer missionaries will attack critical target areas in St. Louis, attempting to infiltrate youth gangs, plot a strategy for an inner-city housing project, and begin new work in an unchurched area.

The students are part of a record 696 student Summer Mission Volunteers assigned by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to reinforce the work of career missionaries across the nation.

Baptist Student Unions are sponsoring 107 of the record figure, said Beverly Hammack, director of the board's summer missions ministry.

More than 9,000 students have been summer missionaries during the 23 years of the program.

Several in the St. Louis task force will be housed in either a high-rise apartment or in another housing complex to experiment in securing information and enlisting volunteers to work in such areas.

Pairs of students will work as evangelism teams in the Oregon-Washington area and the rural areas of Tennessee, working with youth and youth leadership in churches and conducting youth revivals.

Student missionaries also will be returning this year to such hot spots as the Watts area of Los Angeles, the Hough District of Cleveland, a crowded Brooklyn community in New York City, and a predominately Czechoslovakian neighborhood in Chicago.

Assignments range from construction work on pioneer churches and recreation work to preaching, counseling, surveying and work in Baptist centers.

Of the 589 volunteers sponsored by the Home Mission Board, 357 are single women, 182 single men. Twenty-five couples were assigned. The record total of 696 includes 37 Negro students.

Arkansans among those assigned include:

Sharon Ann Ashcraft, McGehee, Ouachita University, to Ohio; Cecil Doyno Bailey, Little Rock, Ouachita, to Tennessee; Reynold Wayne Blair, Lavaca, Arkansas A & M College, to West Virginia; Vicki Lynn Bryan, Little Rock, Ouachita, to Indiana; Claudette Burchett, Helena, Agricultural, Mechanical & Normal, to Texas; William Allen Byrd, Little Rock, Arkansas State College to California;

David Charles Claybrook, Paragould, Ouachita, to Utah-Idaho; David Alan Cone, Ft. Smith, Ouachita, to Autrey, Ga.; Charlotte Gay Dewey, Lavaca, Ouachita, to California; Carol June Doak, Lake City, Arkansas State College, to California; William Clinton Elton, Crossett, Arkansas A&M to Minnesota; Zella Mae Farr, Marvell, Agricultural, Mechanical & Normal, in Arkansas;

Gloria Beatrice Foster, Pine Bluff, Ark. A. M. & N., to North Carolina; Ester Elizabeth Glover, Dermott, Ark. A. M. & N., to California; Mary Lynn Goodson, Arkadelphia, Ouachita, to Maryland; Troy Richard Gray, Texarkana, Ark. A. & M., to Maryland; Donald Glenn Henry, Jonesboro, University of Missouri, to Arizona; Harris

Terry Herron, Gurdon, Ouachita, to New York; Barbara Jeanette Irwin, Pine Bluff, Ark. A. & M., to Colorado; Alyce Louise Jones, Little Rock, Henderson State Teachers College, to Maryland; Matthews Lincoln Jones, Snow Lake, Agricultural, Mechanical & Normal, to Atlanta; Charles Wesley Kent, Jonesboro, Ouachita, to Oregon-Washington; Annie B. Knox, Crawfordsville, Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal, in Arkansas; Leola Liddell, West Helena, Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal, to Louisiana;

Benny Mac McCracken, Flippin, Ouachita, to New Mexico; Daniel C. McKinney, Paragould, Ouachita, to Ohio; Charles William Martin, Watson, Arkansas A & M, to Arizona; Karr L. Voyne Miller, Mena, Ouachita, to Wisconsin; William Don Moses Jr., McGehee, Ark. A&M to Ohio; Harold Permenter Jr., Luxora, Arkansas State College, to New Mexico;

Judith Kaye Philliber, Little Rock, Ouachita, to Oregon-Washington; Deloris Jean Pickets, Pine Bluff, Ark. A. M. & N., in Arkansas; Richard Lee Proctor, Wynne, University of Arkansas, to Illinois; Robert Frederick Selby, Little Rock Baylor, to Hawaii; Troy Faily Smith, Calico Rock, University of Arkansas, to Ohio; Yevonne Starling, Warm Springs, University of Arkansas, to Colorado;

Mae Ola Thomas, Pine Bluff, Arkansas A. M. & N., in Arkansas; Mary Deloie Towns, Magnolia Southern State College, to North Carolina; Linda Anne Wasson, North Little Rock, Arkansas State College, to California; Patsy Gale Wasson, North Little Rock, Henderson State Teachers College, to Kentucky; Barbara Faylene Webb, Greenwood, Ouachita, to New Mexico; Peggy Joyce Woodruff, Forrest City Ouachita, to Michigan;

Barbara Gail Chafin, Little Rock, State College of Arkansas, to Hawaii; Gary Lynn Hayden, Batesville, University of Arkansas, to Massachusetts; Teddy Gene Keen, Crossett, Arkansas A&M, to North Dakota. (BP)

Two Arkansas students have been selected to assist in Southern Baptist mission work overseas this summer, sponsored by state Baptist Student Unions in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board.

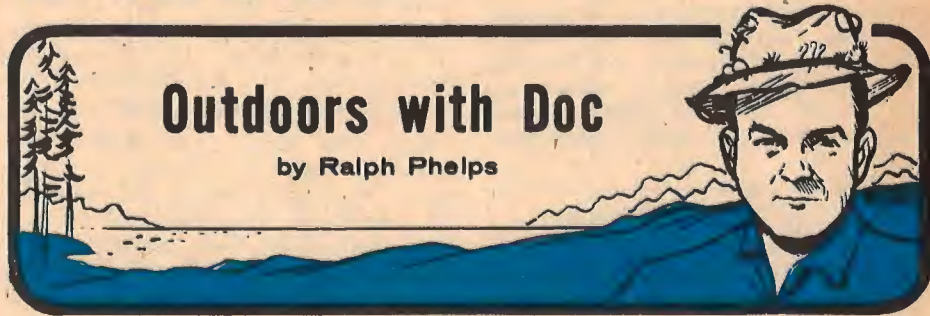
Billy Joe Crumpler, Ouachita University student from Camden, will serve in Austria. James Randal Lee, Pine Bluff, who attends the University of Arkansas, will be in Trinidad.

Critic at OBU

Henry Hews, drama critic for Saturday Review magazine, will deliver the dedication address May 2 for the new Verser Speech and Drama Center at Ouachita University. The program will begin at 2 p.m.

Housing Ouachita's speech and drama department, the new center will include a 234-seat auditorium, classrooms, offices and conference rooms.

While on campus, Hews will attend a performance of "J.B." by Archilbad MacLeish, a presentation of the Ouachita Theater and the first to be seen in the new drama center.



His Zodiac sign—Black Cat!

Although this columnist has never believed in astrology, there are times when he strongly suspects that he was born under the sign of the Black Cat. Take a recent 24-hour span as an example.

After work one day during turkey season, I decided to take my cedar-box caller and go in search of a gobbler. During the squirrel season last fall I had seen turkey signs a few miles east of Arkadelphia, so I grabbed gun and shells and headed for the turkey's range.

Unfortunately, I took everything I did not need and left at home the one most essential item—mosquito repellent. No sooner had I gotten seated in the woods and hit the caller a couple of licks (which, incidentally, sounded much more like a rusty windmill than like a husband-hunting turkey hen) than swarms of mosquitoes engulfed me.

On an average, the needle-beaked varmints seemed about the size of half-grown quail. How they could be that large I could not understand for obviously they had not had a square meal—that's a meal one gets when he eats a square—since I was there last October. If a turkey had gobbled, I couldn't have heard him above the mosquito chorus, which sounded twice as loud as Fred Waring doing "Battle Hymn of the Republic." I finally surrendered and beat a full retreat.

The next day I went fishing at Lake Ouachita and left my gun at home. So what happened? For an hour a giant turkey fed along the bank where we were fishing, and all I could do was fume. With my luck, I was fortunate not to fall in and drown while he gobbled gleefully.

From the churches

Conway has dedication

Harlan Park Church, Conway, organized Sept. 18, 1967, from a mission begun only two months earlier, dedicated its \$50,000 auditorium in appropriate ceremonies Apr. 16. From an original membership of 22, the church lists have grown to approximately 60.

Allen T. McCurry, now pastor of Archview Church, Little Rock, and then missionary of Faulkner County Association, served as pastor from July until March of this year. He led the dedicatory service. Ed F. McDonald, Arkansas State Convention Foundation secretary, was the speaker.

Among others participating in the program were John Evans, pastor, Pickles Gap Church; R. F. Weeks, pastor, Pleasant Grove Church; William West, pastor, Conway Second Church; Jack Bean, pastor, Cadron Ridge Church; Dr. Bert Stark Jr., chairman, board of deacons.

Cornerstone laid

First Church, Stuttgart, laid the cornerstone of the church Apr. 16. Among the items placed in the vault were a Bible, church membership roll, building committee names, deacons' names, copies of the Arkansas Baptist News-magazine, and The Daily (Stuttgart) Leader. (CB)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

If there are any buses or cars going to any of the Training Union weeks at Glorieta or Ridgecrest and would have room for other persons please notify the Training Union Department.

Storm hits church

The steeple of First Church, Smackover, was destroyed by the storm Apr. 17. It is being repaired.

Midway to be constituted

Midway Chapel Mission, White River Association, will be constituted into an independent church at 2:30 p.m. Apr. 30.

The mission was started in the community building at Three Brothers in 1953, and was moved to Midway in 1954. The church plant is located near the center of the village. First Church, Mt. Home, has sponsored the mission since its beginning.

An educational wing, built on the rear of the auditorium two and a half years ago, contains classrooms, a fellowship hall, restrooms, a nursery, and the pastor's study. The three-bedroom parsonage is adjacent to the church. L. A. Doyle is pastor. (AB)



GROUNDBREAKING—Apr. 2 Eastview Church held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Highland Hills Church, Texarkana, Ark. The congregation will relocate as well as take a new name. Those who handled the shovels for the service were John Holston, pastor, Elbert Brandon, chairman of the building committee, Jesse S. Baker, chairman of the deacons, and J. D. Tinsley, chairman of the trustees. Following the ceremony construction began on unit one of a long range building program. This unit will include a temporary auditorium to seat 275 with educational facilities for 250 and is expected to be completed by Aug. 15, 1967.

Revivals

Lincoln First, Mar. 26-Apr. 2; Gene Palmer pastor, Towson Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, evangelist; 11 additions; 24 professions of faith; 8 by baptism; 3 by letter; P. O. Harrington, pastor.

West Side First, Little Red River Association; Apr. 2-9; Dorsey L. Crow, pastor, Warrenton Church, Mo.; evangelist; Leo Stark, West Side, song leader; Cleta Davis, West Side, pianist; 14 for baptism; 1 by letter; 23 rededications; 40 other commitments; Noel Tanner, pastor.

Bourbon, Mo., Calvary, Mar. 5-12; Jamie Coleman, evangelist; James Williams, music director; 9 professions of faith; 8 for baptism; 19 rededications; 4 family altars; Chester Rogers, pastor.

Jonesboro Strawfloor, Mar. 26-Apr. 2; Bill Holcomb, evangelist; Carl Fielder, song director; 6 by baptism; 2 by letter; 2 surrendered to special service; James Holcomb, pastor.

Tulsa, Okla., Brookside, Apr. 3-9; C. Gordon Bayless, Pampa, Tex., formerly of Arkansas evangelist; Tom Carter singer; 18 baptisms, 1 by statement; ples, pastor.

Shelbyville, Ky., First. Sam C. Gash, assistant pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, former pastor of First Church, Forrest City, evangelist; 35 decisions; Fred T. Moffatt Jr. pastor.

Harrisburg Calvary, Apr. 2-9; Thomas Carney, pastor, Corner's Chapel. Payneway, evangelist; 21 professions of faith; 5 by letter; E. C. Edwards, pastor.

Crossett Mt. Olive, Dr. Arthur Rock-ett, Lake Charles, La., evangelist; Haskell Lindsey, El Dorado, singer; 4 profession of faith; 2 by letter; 3 for special service; Kenneth R. Everett, pastor.

Desha First, Mar. 26-Apr. 1; Theo Cook, evangelist; 6 professions of faith; 1 by letter; Paul Huskey, pastor.

Independence Association Sulphur Rock, May 1-7; Theo Cook, evangelist; Charles Jones, pastor.

Camden Cullendale First, Apr. 9-16; Walter K. Ayers, evangelist; Tom Long, singers; 18 baptisms, 1 by statement; 4 by letter; Robert A. Parker, pastor.

Jonesboro Nettleton, Apr. 9-16; Paul Kirkindall, Blytheville, evangelist; Jack Hancock, Jonesboro, music director; 15 for baptism; 2 by letter; Harold B. Ray, pastor.

Edmond, Okla., First, Apr. 2-9; M. E. Raymay, pastor, evangelist for his own church for the 27th time; Nelson Tull, Little Rock, visitation; 36 for baptism; 1 surrendered for special service; 12 rededications; 1 by letter.

El Dorado Caledonia, in progress through Apr. 30; Preston Taylor, missionary to Argentina, evangelist; Ray Bromley, youth director, Ebenezer Church, El Dorado, song director; Hugh Nelson, pastor.

Mountain View First, Mar. 20-26; Jamie Coleman, Fayetteville, pastor; Allen Simmons, Little Rock, singer; 9 professions of faith; 5 baptisms; 1 by letter; 30 rededications; 9 soul winning commitments; 1 family altar; Billy Cartwright, pastor.

Wins fifth pin

Kim Kimbrell, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kimbrell, was awarded a five-year perfect attendance pin recently by Monette Church. Sunday School superintendent is R. D. Kee. Her pastor is James Sanders. Kim is a member of the church and of the intermediate choir.



KIM KIMBRELL



WESLEY M. PATTILLO

Picked by seminary

Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo, director of information services for Southern Seminary, Louisville, for the past two years, has been named executive assistant to the president at the seminary.

He will service the seminary's public relations development, student recruitment, and alumni affairs programs.

Mr. Pattillo supervised the topographical changes in the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine in September, 1966.

Turner calls Cooper

T. F. Cooper has accepted the pastorate of Turner Church. He resigned as pastor of Casa Church. Previously he served other churches in Arkansas and in Mississippi and Illinois.

Changes pastorate

Glen Johnson has resigned the pastorate of Ridgerest Church, Mississippi County Association, to accept a pastorate at Holland, Mo. (AB)

Chapel pastor resigns

John Kilburn, pastor at Green Meadows Chapel for four years, has resigned effective May 1, for reasons of health. The chapel is sponsored by First Church, Pine Bluff.

Brotherhood head resigns

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—W. J. Isbell Jr., secretary of the Brotherhood department for the Alabama Baptist State Executive Board here for the past 12 years, has resigned, effective May 1. He will enter business as vice president of the Insurance Management Corp., Birmingham, Ala. (BP)

Lunsfords in Brazil

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lunsford, Southern Baptist missionaries, have returned to South Brazil, following furlough in the States. They may be addressed, Caixa Postal 558, Brasilia, D. F. Brazil. Mr. Lunsford was born in Paducah, Ky. and grew up in Jonesboro; Mrs. Lunsford, the former Jewel Conway, was born in Jackson County, Okla., and lived in Lawton, Okla., and Jonesboro while growing up. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1940 he was pastor of First Church, O'Donnell, Tex.

Huddleston to Holy Land

William C. Huddleston, pastor, Trinity Church, El Dorado, returned Apr. 24 from a three-week tour of the Holy Land.

Supplying the pulpit during his absence were Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary, Arkansas State Convention, and Dr. T. K. Rucker, Annuity Board representative, Southern Baptist Convention.

Deaths

ARTHUR R. WHITE, 49, Baptist pastor, Floral, Independence County, Apr. 12.

JOHN L. SIMMONS, 69, Clinton, Apr. 15. He was a former tax assessor of Van Buren County, a former supervisor of the Arkansas Children's Colony, a veteran of World War I, a Master Mason and a member of First Church.

ROSCOE R. BRYANT, 67, Little Rock, Apr. 17.

A special clerk at the post office, he was a member of Second Church and an usher in the church for 20 years. He was a member of Roland Masonic Lodge 508, the Arkansas Consistory and was past worthy patron of the Jenny B. Hopkins Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. He had been with the Post Office Department for 41 years and was a member of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks.

William West honored

William West was honored by Second Church, Conway, Apr. 11 commemorating his tenth anniversary as pastor. The family was presented with a gift.

Under his leadership increases have been seen in Sunday School and Training Union enrollment. The budget has grown from \$225 weekly to \$1,200. The church now gives 25% of all undesignated gifts to world mission causes.

During his service a new \$90,000 educational building was erected, a \$17,500 parsonage built and properties valued at \$20,000 acquired. Mr. West baptised 412 persons into the church and 591 have been received by letter or statement.

A church-sponsored kindergarten was begun in 1962 with classes filled to capacity. The church is now planning a new auditorium to seat 750. A full-time minister of music and youth is to be employed.

The Cover



LIFE COMMITMENT SUNDAY

—What does your church do to help young people and young adults to recognize their God-given gifts? Historically, Southern Baptist churches have been instrumental in helping their members to recognize and use their unique gifts. A continuation of this is necessary. Life Commitment Month, April, and more specifically Life Commitment Sunday, Apr. 30 should be culmination points in a church's constant effort to challenge youth and young adults to consider church vocations. Life Commitment Sunday, Apr. 30, provides an opportunity for every church to start a concern in its members for total commitment of life in all areas of work and leisure as well as church vocations.

—BSSB Photo

Salary raise voted at Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here voted to increase faculty salaries effective next January, and elected a new executive assistant to the president.

Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo Jr., a native of Alabama who has directed the seminary's news bureau since 1965, was made executive assistant to the president.

Pattillo will supervise the seminary's programs of public relations and development, alumni affairs and student recruitment. He succeeds Badgett Dillard, who became director of administration and business manager for the seminary last August.

In other action the trustees promoted six faculty members, granted sabbatical study leaves to six professors for the 1968-69 school year, elected new officers, filled three vacancies on the board of the seminary's foundation, and honored six retiring trustees.

Named full professors were Joseph A. Callaway, professor of Biblical archaeology; William E. Hull, professor of New Testament interpretation; and Sabin P. Landry Jr., professor of religious education.

Appointed associate professors were William R. Cromer Jr., religious education; Hugh T. McElrath, church music; and J. W. Wilkey, church music.

Sabbatical study leaves were granted to Callaway, Clyde T. Francisco, James Leo Garrett, G. Maurice Hinson, Landry, and Eric C. Rust. Academic leave of absence was granted to E. Glenn Hinson for the second semester, 1969-70.

Louisville attorney Joseph E. Stopher was named chairman of the board of trustees, the first laymen since 1934 to hold the post. He succeeds J. R. White, pastor of First Church, Montgomery, Ala. (BP)

Compulsory security proposed for preachers

WASHINGTON—Ministers should be treated no different from other people under the Social Security law on the basis of conscience or religious liberty, according to a staff report by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here.

The occasion of the Baptist Joint Committee's report is a bill in Congress introduced by Rep. George M. Rhodes

(D., Pa.). Hearings have been completed on the bill by the House Ways and Means Committee.

At present ministers are classified as "self-employed" under the Social Security law. As such their participation in Social Security is now voluntary.

If passed, the Rhodes bill would make

Social Security coverage for all ministers as self-employed persons automatic unless they individually applied for exemption.

According to the new bill, ministerial exemption from Social Security would be acceptable only if the minister objects on grounds of conscience. (BP)

Current issues in Baptist life

Should baptism be postponed?

BY WAYNE E. WARD, PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY
SOUTHERN SEMINARY, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Some of our leading Baptist pastors and teachers have suggested that baptism should be postponed in some cases, until a level of Christian maturity has been attained. This has been recommended especially in the case of young children who may not be able to understand or accept the responsibilities of church membership.

There is reason for concern about the careless acceptance of people, both young and old, without instilling in them the serious responsibilities of church membership. However, the suggestion that baptism be postponed until the child reaches puberty, or the suggestion that persons be held in a kind of probationary or conditional church membership until they have demonstrated a certain measure of Christian growth introduces a dangerous distortion of the New Testament teaching about baptism.

Baptism, in the New Testament, is a sign of Christian beginning—not the sign of Christian maturity. It was, in fact, exactly the point at which the early Christian publicly proclaimed his faith in Christ! Over and over again, the Greek words of the New Testament proclaim that one is "baptized into the name of Christ"! It was by the act of baptism that one was publicly identified with Christ, and it marked the beginning of the Christian journey. What we usually locate today in the invitation at the close of an evangelistic service—the public profession of faith in Christ as Savior—was centered in the act of baptism in New Testament times. This does not mean that baptism saves one, any more than walking down an aisle can save one. It means that by the act of burial and resurrection from the waters of baptism, the Christian was declaring his death to an old way of life and his resurrection to walk in a new life with Christ. It was the outward declaration of the inner experience of faith in Christ.

Sometimes appeal is made to the example of our mission fields, where baptism may be postponed for months or years. Sometimes Baptists in foreign countries are praised for holding baptismal candidates back for a year or so until they have proved themselves as Christians. But these are not really cases of postponing baptism! This is a case of the need for teaching and training before the person is even able to know what it means to confess Christ as Savior. There are certainly many cases where, in our own country, people need to be taught a great deal before they are ready to make a public declaration of faith in Christ. But whenever they are ready to do that, they are ready to be baptized; that is what baptism means.

It is dismaying to find that some Baptist groups in foreign countries keep people on probation for a year or more to make sure that they have not attended a movie or slipped around and smoked a cigarette before they will admit them to baptism. It is well and good to have moral standards, but these ought to be taught within the discipline of church membership.

This is the order of the Great Commission: "And as you go, make disciples of all nation, baptizing them . . ." and then comes teaching: "teaching them to observe all the things which I have commanded you" (literal translation) Matt. 28:19-20).

At the exact point where a person is ready to confess Christ as Savior and Lord, baptism should come—no earlier and no later. For that is what baptism means!



W. TRUEMAN MOORE



GEORGE HAILE



SAM SANFORD

Collegiates at Tanako

Three hundred twenty-five college students are expected for the annual Spring Planning Retreat to be held at Tanako this weekend. Principal speakers include Trueman Moore of Pakistan and a University of Arkansas graduate, George Haile of Ruston, La.; and Sam Sanford of New Orleans. Other program personnel include Bill Junker of Nashville, Tenn., Don Hammonds of Hammond, La., and Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Whitlow of Little Rock.

Youth Choir Festival scheduled for May 6

The Youth Choir Festival Category A (or advanced festival) which was originally scheduled on our calendar for Apr. 22 has been changed to May 6 because of a major conflict with the public school music program in the state. C. H. Seaton and the RA leadership of the state were gracious enough to allow us to have our choir festival on the same day as the state RA Congress in Little Rock. It is our hope that the festival will not conflict with the RA Congress, but it indeed may strengthen it. We are asking the youth choir directors to bring their choirs to the festival and also encourage those members of the choir who are also Royal Ambassadors to attend as much of the RA Congress as they possibly can. The Congress, begins, of course, on Friday night and the choir festival begins on Saturday morning. There is an RA breakfast at First Church at 7 o'clock, and following the breakfast, the choir members could go to the choir festival at Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, and remain until time for the closing session at the RA Congress at 11 o'clock. I am sure that transportation could be worked out for those trying to attend both meetings. This may work somewhat of a hardship on directors and perhaps on the young men, but we certainly owe it to Mr. Seaton to try to cooperate and to

encourage our young people to attend both meetings if possible.

Last year, almost 1,500 young people were registered for the youth festival and we look forward to even a greater number this year.

Max Alexander, minister of music, Park Hill Church, is making good preparation for our coming. Surely by now the directors who are planning to bring their choirs have already registered.

Also, the following week, on May 13, the Youth Choir Festivals, Category B, or the festivals for small, beginning youth choirs will be held in Crossett, Walnut Ridge, Ft. Smith, and Second Church, Little Rock. These festivals will be for more clinical work with the guest director and will not major on performance as in the other festivals. It is to encourage those small, beginning choirs with part-time, or volunteer, leadership to come and learn what the festivals are all about and experience, perhaps for the first time, the joys of singing with a larger group, and in this way prepare for the larger festival in future years.

It is hoped that by having these different clinic-festivals throughout the state we may reach some of the smaller churches and bring them into our music program, thereby strengthening the music program in their own church.—Hoyt A. Mulkey, Secretary

Parliamentary procedure

Intervention of incidental motions

In the conduct of business by a deliberative body it often happens that certain questions arise by the way, or incidentally, and upon the proper decision of these, as they arise, must depend the proper and successful management of the other business. These questions, because they arise thus incidentally, are called incidental questions, or incidental motions. The chief incidental questions, or motions that can arise may be classified as follows:

Points of Order

- *Reading of papers
- *Withdrawal of motions
- *Suspension of Rules
- *Division of the Question

Limiting Speeches

- **Method of Consideration Closing

Debate

- *Taking vote, etc. (Kerfoot, p. 75)
- *—equal grade with one another unless one grows out of and is incidental to one of the others.
- **—see above*

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

Points of Order

"The aim in a point of order, or question of order, is to have the chair rule as **out of order** something that is engaging the time or attention of the house. It is the business of the chair to require that everything shall proceed according to the rules of the assembly. If the chair does not perform this duty of demanding the proper order, any member may rise to a point of order and demand it" (Kerfoot, p. 76).

To make a point of order any member rises, and, without waiting to be recognized he calls out, "Mr. President, I rise to a point of order." This must be done as soon as one observes what he thinks is out of order.

No second is required since this is a demand for rights rather than a motion. As soon as it is raised, the chair must stop all proceedings and request

that the point of order be stated. A point of order cannot be amended. No debate of any kind is allowed until the chair has ruled. The point of order cannot be debated except under appeal.

If the chair decides affirmatively, then what is out of order is corrected. If negatively, the member may accept the ruling of the chair or he may appeal to the body. When doing this he says, "I respectfully appeal from the ruling of the chair." (Further consideration will be given under appeals.)

Once decided it cannot be renewed. It may be sidetracked for the moment by a motion to lay on the table. When a point of order is laid upon the table the whole business out of which it grew would go to the table also.—Carl Overton

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Excitement and anticipation reign

Excitement reigns in many homes throughout the state as Royal Ambassadors anticipate attending the Royal Ambassador Congress in Little Rock May 5-6.

The excitement, for some boys, results from making plans to attend their first statewide Royal Ambassador meeting. This group includes those who have become chapter members during the past year and those who, although members, have been unable to attend in past years. Others are excited as they look forward to having fellowship with friends made at past Congresses and to making new friends from over the state.

Many of the boys are excited because of the prospects for learning more about missions and how they may have a definite part in "Making Missions Live." This will be the general theme of the Congress. For many it is thrilling to anticipate learning more about Royal Ambassador chapter work, how to plan and make chapter meetings and activities even more interesting. This will be done in group meetings.

Ambassador-age boys should be excited about the breakfast on Saturday morning. Jay Chance will be present to discuss Ambassador chapter work and how this group may really "Make Missions Live," in their church and school communities. John Smith, a senior at the University of Arkansas, will be sharing some of his experiences as a summer missionary in New York.

The anticipation of hearing inspirational messages by Rev. W. D. Lawes, from the Home Mission Board, special music and good singing can really be exciting to boys interested in being good ambassadors for Christ now, and who

desire to become men useful in the Master's work. Anticipation is exciting but being present is really thrilling.

The Congress activities will get under way with a free hot dog supper from 5-6 p.m. This will be for all those registered for the Congress. The Congress badge will be the admission ticket to eat hot dogs, so register early. Registration forms have been mailed to all counselors of record and pastors.

Join the exciting throng of Royal Ambassadors and other boys in Little Rock on May 5-6—C. H. Seaton

Youth revivals

Many churches can profit from having youth-led revivals this summer and fall. There is an organization on the Ouachita University campus called "Christian Union Commission." These young people are sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Peterson. This group can

furnish several youth teams for youth-led revivals. If you are interested in such a revival, please contact Dr. Peterson.

The main difference between youth-led revivals and regular revivals in our churches is the fact that youth will be directing the entire program. The preparation, advertising and promotion of the revival will be carried on the same way as a usual revival but led by the youth.

There is something about the enthusiasm of young people that is catching. If God has called them to do certain things, they have faith to believe they can do them for the glory of God. They have not found out yet that it cannot be done. Therefore, these youth teams will be a great blessing to any church. Why not plan for, and have, a youth revival? You will be glad you did.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

Baptist beliefs

A lesson and an assignment

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:45).

Blessed are those who have been privileged to sit at the feet of some great teacher as he opened for them the meaning of the Bible! Blessed beyond compare were the eleven apostles in this regard. This was true since first they had followed Jesus. It was especially so on this occasion shortly before His ascension.

Notice that Jesus "opened ... their understanding." Many times before this during the last six months before His death Jesus had opened the scriptures to them concerning His suffering, death, and resurrection. These things were clearly taught in the Old Testament (v. 44). But so obsessed were they concerning a political-military Messiah, the current Messianic teaching among the Jews, that they failed to understand the true nature of Jesus' mission. Now with the events fresh in their memory, Jesus sought to enable them rightly to relate them to His saving work. They knew the events. But their minds were closed to their meaning. So He sought to open their understanding that they might relate their theology to reality.

Every teacher knows the difficulty of dealing with closed minds. So often we say, "Don't confuse me with facts; my mind's made up." It is wonderful to be grounded in truth. But be sure that it is *truth*. Current philosophies are a dime a dozen. We should test our philosophies by the scriptures, not the scriptures by our philosophies.

The apostles would not fully understand until the Holy Spirit came with His enlightenment. The Holy Spirit is with us to open our understanding that we may understand the scriptures. It is His ministry, among other things, to guide us into all truth, truth about God, His revelation in Christ, and His will for our lives. Let us learn our lesson from Him as prayerfully we search the scriptures.

But Jesus did not stop with understanding. He related knowledge to the proper use of same (vv. 47ff.). Once they understood, the apostles were to declare what they knew. It is not merely how much you know about the Bible. What are you doing with that knowledge?

A woman objected to Dwight L. Moody's bad grammar during a sermon. He said, "Well, you seem to have grammar good enough. What are you doing with it for the Lord?"

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B.Y.P.U. days

Yes, these letters bring fond memories to many of our people today. Frequently I hear some of our older saints refer to their activities in the "BYPU days." Truly these must have been wonderful days for the fine young people of our Baptist churches in the earlier days of this century. Some of our greatest leaders had their beginning in the early days of the B.Y.P.U.

The B.Y.P.U. grew to include the junior age group, then the adults and younger children. Now the opposite is true as we find many churches without a union for the young people. The purpose for the B.Y.P.U. was, and still is, "to secure the increased spirituality of our Baptist young people; their stimulation in Christian service; their edification in Scripture knowledge; their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history, and their enlistment in all forms of missionary activities through existing denominational organizations." As the organization grew to include all ages, it was with this purpose in mind for all church members.

I'd like to keep the same letters—B Y P U before us for a new look. Let's use them thusly: Bring Your Program Up to date. Your church training program needs to be enlarged. It should include a planned approach to new church member orientation, a prepared church leader training leadership as well as the potentially powerfully church member training usually thought of as Training Union. You, along with others, have requested and helped develop materials to assist each church to Bring Your Program Up to date.

Again I'd like to use those letters with Bring Your Planning Up to date. This was evident when a recent response from eight associations reported only about 20 percent of our churches did any planning at all on a regular basis.

A well prepared for regular planning meeting is basic to any organization if it is to be an organism. Every union and department needs to plan their weekly programs to keep them from being "weekly." We have helps for you at this point also.

Why not call on your state Training Union leaders for help? That is help in Bringing Your Planning Up to date. We would like to help you.—James A. Griffin, Associate

Conference nears

Camp Paron will be at its best for the Rural-Town Church Conference May 11-13. The weather will likely be just right and the food and fellowship the very best. Program-wise, we have men as conference leaders and speakers who will send us back to our churches with much practical help to enrich our ministry. In addition to the outstanding men who will speak, we will have supervised recreation and fellowship periods. Softball, ping pong, shuffleboard and hiking are all available to break the periods of study.



J. T. Elliff

All those attending are urged to come prepared to share ideas with the group. Notebooks and Bibles will be needed for the conference periods.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. Thursday, and the conference closes at 10:30 Saturday. The total cost is \$8.80 per person or \$12 for husband and wife. Mileage will be paid at the rate of one cent per person per mile. Send your reservation to me at Baptist Building, 401 W. Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.—J. T. Elliff, Secretary

State WMU leaders

During the closing session of the 78th Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union the following were elected to serve on the executive board for the coming year and in accord with by-laws adopted at a previous session.

Officers: Mrs. R. E. Snider, Camden, president; Mrs. Buford Bracy, Little Rock, vice-president; Mrs. Jack F. Royce, Little Rock, recording secretary; Nancy Cooper, Little Rock, treasurer.

Promotional directors: Mrs. Carl Kluck, Arkadelphia, mission study; Mrs. Paul Hogue, Benton, prayer; Mrs. J. A. Hogan, Sweet Home, community missions; Mrs. Paul Brown, Lonoke, stewardship; Mrs. Phillip May, Smackover, enlistment.

District representatives: Central, Mrs. Leslie Wilfong, Little Rock; East Central, Mrs. Walter Priddy, Forrest City; West Central, Mrs. R. E. Snow, Ft. Smith; North Central, Mrs. Harold Elmore, Mt. Home; Southeast Mrs. Clifford Landon, Dumas; Southwest, Mrs. Robert G. Tucker, Texarkana; Northeast, Mrs. Wayne Friday, Blytheville; Northwest, Mrs. Andrew Hall, Fayetteville.

Members-at-large: Mrs. Robert Buice, Little Rock; Mrs. F. S. Dozier, Mariana; Mrs. Lonnie Meachum, Pleasant Plains; Mrs. J. E. Stogsdill, Jonesboro; Mrs. George Polos, North Little Rock; Mrs. W. B. Davey, Little Rock; Mrs. Jack Ferguson, North Little Rock; Mrs. W. H. Patterson, Little Rock.

In addition to the above the following are life-members of the executive board: Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, Mrs. C. R. Pugh, Mrs. W. D. Pye, Mrs. J. L. Fiske, Mrs. L. M. Sipes, Mrs. J. R. Grant, Miss Elma Cobb, Mrs. H. M. Keck.

The 1968 annual meeting will be held Mar. 25-27 at First Church, West Memphis.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and treasurer

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Five goodies are: Church Study Course required time is now six class hours, public school grading will become the Sunday School grading system in 1970, an Arkansas Sunday School workers citation is being designed based on study and action, training and enlargement campaigns this spring have been most encouraging, and I encourage you to turn on the optimistic attitude relating to taking a complete church field survey or census.

There they are . . . five goodies.

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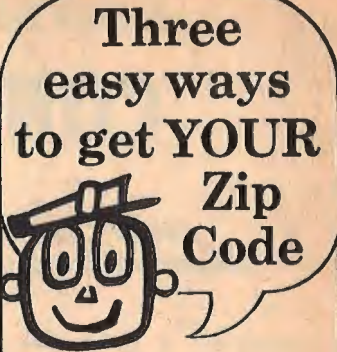
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—Lawson Hatfield, Secretary

'Promises of Jesus'

"The Baptist Hour" sermon theme for May will be "Promises of Jesus."

The Baptist Hour sermon topics for May are: May 7, "The Watchword of the Hour" John 8:32; May 14 "A Good Woman's Memorial" Mark 14:9; May 21, "One Word Makes the Difference", John 10:15b; May 28, "The Blessed Hope", Luke 21:27.

Dr. Herschell Hobbs, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City is The Baptist Hour preacher.



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Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

Missionary quotes from LR

With my husband's sanction I flew down to Little Rock for part of the WMU Convention recently. Dr. Whitlow mentioned that all the husbands who put up with peanut butter, etc., while their wives are away deserve a special word of commendation. He really likes peanut butter, though. At any rate those of us who attended any or all of the meetings enjoyed partaking of spiritual food which would surpass a fancy table's bounties. Among some of the quotations I jotted in my notebook are these:

Jane Parker (Panama): "We have experienced revival but Satan is still at work."

Mary Ann Rollins (Yukon): "We know you pray for us. We could not stay if we did not know this."

Marion Fray (Rhodesia): "Can we separate the two words 'trust' and 'obey'?"

Ann Wollerman (Brazil): "We must take our discipleship seriously. I thank God that Southern Baptists have sent 2,200 missionaries to 64 countries."

George Wilson (Hong Kong): "Have we been content with lesser goals and irrelevant living? As Christians we must accept the challenge of being whom we claim to be."

June Pike (Brazil): "We are 'foreign missionaries' but as soon as we arrive on our field of service we become 'local members.'"

Mrs. Fling (president, WMU, SBC): "You may live on Cozy Street but must see the world." (Quoting Albert Sweitzer) "Whoever is spared personal pain should feel called to bear the pain of many."

From Mrs. Fling and the many others who spoke came the challenge that we must dedicate ourselves anew to the command of the great commission, asking God to do His work through us.

Comments, suggestions, or questions, may be addressed to Mrs. Andrew Hall, Mt. Sequoyah Drive, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701

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Writes Mrs. Bowen:

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igen, Augustine, Lutrtr and Calvin, by A. Skevington Wood Zondervan, 1967, \$3.50

Since much contemporary discussion hinges on the way in which the Bible is interpreted, this should prove to be a very helpful tool. As the reader studies the approaches of the great theologians of the past, he will realize how relevant their views and interpretations are to the present time.

The author is a native of England, where he took his early schooling. A Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Dr. Wood was closely associated with the Billy Graham "Tell Scotland" movement and is well known as a preacher, broadcaster, convention speaker and writer.

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The Quotable Fulton J. Sheen, edited by Frederick Gushurst and the staff of Quote, Droke House, 1967, \$4.95

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Surprises in the Bible, Sermons About Amazing People and Unexpected Events, by Clovis G. Chappell, Abingdon, 1967, \$2.50

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May baskets

BY THELMA C. CARTER

Not too long ago, boys and girls followed the custom of giving May baskets on the first day of May. These baskets were filled with garden flowers and hung on doorknobs, usually on front doorknobs.

It was fun for the children to hang their baskets, then, ring the doorbell and scamper out of sight until someone discovered the gift.

The baskets were sometimes woven of colored paper, straw, green ferns, and tender branches. They were made in the home with all the family helping with the weaving and gathering of flowers.

Old-fashioned flowers, grown in home gardens, were preferred for the May

baskets. Irises, poppies, pansies, sweet William, and lilacs were among the favorite flowers for the colorful surprise gifts.

There is perhaps no other gift for a shut-in more appreciated than a home-made May basket filled with fragrant flowers. We are reminded of the Scripture verse, "Give, and it shall be given unto you" (Luke 6:38).

We are told that May Day was celebrated in ancient times with spring flower festivals. This was a common custom in Egypt.

With all the beauty that comes into our wondrous world in the month of May—the blue skies, fragrant flowers, and cheery birdsong—it might be a happy surprise for a good friend or shut-in or even our parents, if we were to make a May basket for them.

It might be well to remember that, if we decide to make a May basket for someone, we must have it completed in April in order to present it on May Day—the first day of May!

Another pair of eyes

BY MARY C. LANE

Her master, Peter, stands about six feet tall, but she, Geb, is only two feet in height. They are two separate personalities, yet their strides match, and their dispositions are similar. In a true sense, they are one for they love each other and depend upon each other completely.

Peter is blind and Geb is his dog. Geb provides a seeing pair of eyes for Peter, who lost his sight from glaucoma when he was six years old. After finishing college and working for several years, Peter became the student information director of Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB).

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As Peter Campbell picked up Geb's harness, she immediately stood. Geb was ready for her responsibilities. She loves to work and to please her master. These two really are one—with one good pair of eyes to share between them.

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The spirit leads the church

BY L. H. COLEMAN, PASTOR
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In Acts 1:8 the early disciples were instructed to be witnesses in (1) Jerusalem, (2) all Judea, (3) Samaria, and (4) unto the uttermost part of the earth. The book of Acts actually follows this outline. Today's lesson shows how the gospel winged its missionary flight beyond Palestine. The gospel was carried to the uttermost part of the earth with Paul as the principal character.

I. Call to missionary service 13:1-3

In the first twelve chapters of the book of Acts, the gospel had spread from Jerusalem to Antioch. Antioch, the place where the disciples first were called Christians (11:26), was the point of the departure of Barnabus and Paul as missionaries. God set Barnabus and Paul apart for missionary service.

1. Divine call.

There is a sense of vagueness in the minds of many church members today concerning the matter of a divine call for service. Have men today "humanized" the divine? Do we feel that a choice to enter church-related vocations is similar to a choice to enter business or another profession? To be sure every Christian should feel called to his vocation; but a person entering the field of a church-related vocation should uniquely feel a sense of divine call.

The call came while the church was praying. The atmosphere within the church was conducive to someone's receiving a divine call to service. The disciples fasted, prayed, and laid their hands upon Barnabus and Saul. The "laying on of the hands" experience simply means that these two men had the blessings and favor of the church.

2. Further thoughts relating to their call.

Further thoughts should be related about this experience:

(1) Opportunities for greater service usually come to those who are faithfully performing the task at hand. Be faithful in what God has given you.

(2) Churches should be willing to share the very best that is in their membership. Pray that God will call to missionary endeavors your choicest young people.

(3) Whenever God calls a person for a specific task, He will reveal that fact to others. There was a sense of

awareness within the church that these two men had received a call for greater service.

II. The first missionary journey 13:4

Acts 13:4 through 14:28 sets forth what is commonly known as Paul's first missionary journey. Barnabus' name is mentioned first as the two men depart but soon Paul assumed the position of leadership.

During this journey Paul's name is established as Paul (a Roman name) rather than as Saul (a Hebrew name) (Cf. Acts 13:9).

Several deductions are noted concerning this journey:

1. There was great Jewish hostility toward Paul and Barnabus.

2. Paul definitely evolved as the leader of the church.

3. Their methods are worthy of mention.

(1) They preached first in the large centers and the word spread from there into the smaller areas.

(2) They invariably tried to preach



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Acts 13:4; 16:4-15

first in a synagogue.

(3) They took great care to preserve the fruit of their work.

(They encouraged, exhorted, and instructed their converts.)

III. The Macedonian call. 16:4-15

The great call into Macedonia occurred on Paul's second missionary journey. Paul's companion during this journey was Silas. Mark accompanied Barnabus and they proceeded to Cyprus.

Timothy joined Paul and Silas at Lystra and became an important New Testament personality. He is referred to as "Paul's son in the ministry".

Paul received a vision, given to him undoubtedly through the workings of the Holy Spirit, urging him to go into Macedonia. The Spirit forbade Paul to go into Bithynia, which was located in Asia Minor. Interestingly Peter addressed his first epistle to the Christians of Bithynia (Cf. I Peter 1:1); therefore God did not completely neglect these people with the gospel message.

Following the Macedonian call the gospel followed a westward trend. A study of the westward flow of the gospel following Acts 16 makes a most interesting study.

The Macedonian call was:

1. a pathetic, agonizing cry ("Come . . . help!")

2. a missionary cry (Only a person really dedicated to missions could have heard it.)

3. It was a call for action (No one could "philosophize" about the call; he must act.)

4. It was a call of urgency. (The note of urgency meant he must go NOW!)

Conclusion:

The early church breathed the atmosphere of missions. The spirit of missions was the difference between the success or failure of the early church. Note the plural use of the word "church" in Acts 16:5. God help all of us to catch the significance of this verse!

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Witnesses before Sanhedrin

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.
PRESIDENT, OUACHITA UNIVERSITY

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Acts 4:5-20

Witnessing for Jesus Christ can be dangerous business. So it was for the missionaries murdered by the Auca tribesmen in Latin America in the twentieth century. So it was for Peter and John in the first century A. D. as this week's lesson reveals.

This is the story of the early church's first taste of persecution—a sip from a full goblet from which they are soon to be forced to gulp. The way they stand up in this stress situation is a preview of how they are going to react again and again.

Acts 3 records the story of the crippled beggar healed by Peter at the entrance of the temple. The man's joyful leaping about drew a crowd of people who marvelled at what had happened, and Peter took advantage of the situation to deliver a sermon—a message which precipitated trouble.

Among those who gathered to see what was going on were the priests, the officer in charge of order and arrangements in the temple, and the Sadducees, a powerful religious party of aristocratic Jews who had found favor with Roman authorities because of their friendly attitude toward Roman rule. These were largely the same men who had incited the mob demanding that Jesus be crucified.

The Sadducees, rationalistic in their approach to religion and stoutly denying any possibility of resurrection after death, were incensed that Peter and John, men lacking in formal theological education, were teaching at all and were doubly indignant that the two were declaring that Jesus had been raised from death.

In an attempt to squelch such teachings, the authorities arrested Peter and John, holding them overnight, since it was already evening and additional time was needed to decide how to dispose of this troublesome twosome.

I. A probing question, 4:5-7.

When the trial was called before the Sanhedrin, the Jewish religious court, the following morning, all the Hebrew high brass was present. The "rulers" were the official representatives of the people; the "elders" were older men whose age and experience gave them influence and position in the court of 70 members; the "scribes" were the Old Testament teachers, some of whom belonged to the court. Also present were Annas, the old and honored high priest; Caiaphas, his son-in-law who

had officially displaced him with Annas' son, John; Alexander, mentioned but not further identified; and the whole family of the high priest.

To start the hearing, the court asked the question, "By what power, or by what name have you done this?" The question was not so much to gain information as to furnish grounds on which to prosecute the two apostles.

II. A forthright answer, 4:8-12.

If the court expected to intimidate the witnesses or to see them evade the issue with weasel words of supplication, they were quickly surprised. Peter, who not too long before had denied his Lord three times while cowering in the courtyard during Jesus' late-night interrogation, replied with boldness and forthrightness that got right to the point.

Said Peter, "If we are being called in question over the matter of a kindness done to a helpless man and as to how he was healed, it is high time that all of you and the whole people of Israel knew that it was done in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth! He is the one whom you crucified but God raised from the dead, and it is by his power that this man at our side stands in your presence perfectly well. He is the 'stone which you builders rejected, which has now become the head of the corner.' In no one else can salvation be found. For in all this world no other name has been given to men but this, and it is by this name that we must be saved!" (Phillips' Tr.)

Peter obviously would never have qualified for membership in Pussyfooters Anonymous. Not only did he slash away their whole notion of salvation—that membership in the Jewish nation would guarantee it—; he also charged his judges with murdering the Son of God. They had liquidated the only true hope for salvation.

The speaker's courage is explained by Dr. Luke with the words, "Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit. . ."

III. An eloquent silence, 4:13, 14.

When the Sanhedrin saw the complete assurance of Peter and John, the Jewish leaders were staggered. Although the two apostles were recog-

nized as having been with Jesus and could therefore have been found guilty of some misdeed for this reason alone, there was one bit of evidence that the court could not refute. The man who had been healed was standing beside the two! His recovery had been so spectacularly miraculous that it was on every lip, and the judges dared not attack Peter and John lest the people be stirred up against their rulers.

Unable to think of anything, the court sent the two out while they held a star-chamber session. When all else fails, mankind has a committee meeting!

IV. A devious stratagem, 4:15-18.

The Sanhedrin recognized that it had a king-sized problem on its hands. "What are we going to do with these men?" they said to each other. "It is evident to everyone living in Jerusalem that an extraordinary miracle has taken place through them, and that is something we cannot deny."

Their tactic, then, was "to prevent such a thing from spreading further among the people." What callous self-interest! Instead of hoping that other wretches might be healed, the judges wanted to stop such things lest their own positions be weakened. They therefore called Peter and John in and ordered them not to speak or teach a single further word about the name of Jesus. Their strategy was, "If you can't refute them, gag them."

V. A courageous conviction, 4:19, 20.

The attempt at intimidation fell flat. After listening to the ultimatum the apostles replied, "Whether it is right in the eyes of God for us to listen to what you say rather than to what he says, you must decide; for we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard!"

Through all the centuries of Christian persecution, this has been the decision of those who have remained faithful to God. No matter what the cost to themselves, they have had no choice but to relate what they have experienced in the Lord. It is this spirit of original Christianity that we need so desperately to recapture today.

After threatening the apostles further, the authorities let them go. They could think of no way to punish the two because the people were thanking God for the miracle which allowed a man helpless for 40 years to walk again. There is no testimony like that of experience.

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Baptist Briefs

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—Beginning in September, Southeastern Seminary here will offer a two-year curriculum leading to the master-of-religious education degree.

The new degree "will enable us to meet more adequately the need of the churches for theologically educated ministers of religious education without expanding the current curriculum of the school," President Olin T. Binkley said. (BP)

WASHINGTON—A training seminar for ministers on the problems of the aging will be conducted at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa., according to announcement by the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare here. An award of a \$24,913 grant under Title V of the Older Americans Act will finance the project. (BP)

MARION, Ala.—Gov. Lurleen Burns Wallace received an honorary doctor-of-laws degree from Judson College, an Alabama Baptist college for women in Marion. Mrs. Wallace delivered the commencement address when 44 women received their degrees. Mrs. Wallace is a graduate of Tuscaloosa County High School and Tuscaloosa Business College. (BP)

A Smile or Two

Apropos . . .

is the only word that could describe my second-grade daughter's wedding report of the marriage of the Rev. Frank T. Woodward, a Southern Baptist Missionary, to Miss Hewlett Parkman, a Southern Baptist. Becky came home from school telling her mother that her teacher (the former Miss Parkman) was absent that day. When her mother asked why, her simple answer was, "She got married and is on her 'LOTTIE MOON'."—B. G. Hickem, Pastor First Baptist Church, Panama City, Fla.

Sick leave

"Why did you leave your last job?" asked the manager.

"Illness," said the job applicant.

"What kind of illness?"

"I don't really know," the man said. "They just said they were sick of me."

Nothing to it!

A woman was ill in bed and her husband was making her a cup of tea.

"I can't find the tea," he called out.

"I don't know what could be easier to find," she answered. "It's right in the front of the medicine shelf in a cocoa tin marked 'matches'."

In the tank

One tiger to another: "Where have you been? You smell like gasoline!"

Caffeine calamity

Bill: Why did you have to go to an eye surgeon just for drinking coffee?
 Will: I left the spoon in the cup.



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Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adns.
Alexander First	75	29	
Ashdown Hicks First	44	31	
Berryville Freeman Hgts.	153	67	
Blytheville New Liberty	111	45	
Camden Cullendale First	397	137	
Crossett			
First	570	160	
Mt. Olive	262	113	
DeQueen Lone Oak	51	50	
Dumas First	256	90	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	43	30	
East Main	291	106	
Ebenezer	170	80	
First	801	501	2
Immanuel	437	169	4
Foreman First	157	49	1
Forrest City First	548	156	
Fl. Smith Towson Ave.	158	93	5
Greenwood First	310	127	
Gurdon Beech St.	171	74	
Harrison			
Eagle Hgts.	261	93	
Northvale	137	45	
Hope First	436	133	
Imboden	125	57	1
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	141	97	
First	546	145	1
Marshall Road	291	153	7
Jonesboro			
Central	438	207	
Nettleton	259	143	5
Little Rock			
Crystal Hill	164	88	
Gaines Street	471	241	2
Immanuel	1146	455	8
Life Line	559	124	1
Rosedale	302	117	3
Magnolia Central	727	235	3
Manila First	159	69	1
Marked Tree	126	86	
Monticello Second	257	118	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	624	150	6
Southside	32	19	
Forty-Seventh St.	213	92	7
Harmony	55	42	
Levy	615	159	1
Park Hill	863	204	3
Indian Hills	98	57	
Sixteenth St.	44	21	
Sylvan Hills First	302	95	2
Pine Bluff			
Second	254	95	
South Side	711	180	3
Tucker	27	11	
Watson Chapel	238	95	2
Springdale			
Berry Street	111	59	7
Elmdale	323	73	3
First	399	101	1
Stephens First	139	52	
Texarkana Beech St.	527	122	3
Community	15		
Van Buren			
First	460	133	
Oak Grove	193	145	
Vandervoort First	40	25	
Walnut Ridge First	294	90	
Warren			
First	430	121	
Southside	33	63	
Immanuel	236	85	1
West Memphis			
Calvary	237	141	2
Ingram Blvd.	236	111	

ATTENTION:

U. of A. Baptist alumni
 The Baptist Former Students Association will meet at 1 p.m. Apr. 29 at Camp Tanako near Hot Springs.

In the world of religion

Moslems in USSR

The Soviet Union proudly quotes western writers who report the achievements of Moslems within the vast communist territory.

The Soviets have recently distributed to Arab and African countries large quantities of pamphlets describing the republics of Uzbekistan, one of eight southwest Asian Soviet republics. Consequently Moslems in the Middle East are becoming increasingly aware of their cousins behind the Iron Curtain.

Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the Supreme Court writes that in Turkey and Iran he was told of medical care, modern cities, and education on the Soviet side of the frontier. He wrote of modernization he saw in Baku, Tashkent, and Ala-Ata.

Justice Douglas, according to John K. Cooley writing for the *Christian Science Monitor*, found that universities were full, illiteracy nearly wiped out, agriculture mechanized and culture booming. Recent Iraqi and Syrian visitors to Soviet Southwest Asia bear out these reports.

But although Islam seems to be flourishing now, memories are longer on the "Russification" policies and anti-religious campaigns of past Soviet regimes, says Cooley.

The number of Moslems in this least-known part of the Islamic world is 25 million, according to figures released by the Kremlin. Outsiders say the number is closer to 50 million. The majority of them live in six of the eight southwestern republics. (EP)

Christian students study

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. — A five-day exposure to United Nations problems convinced a group of Illinois students that the organization is not as ineffective as they had imagined, and that given proper financial support, the 122-nation body could steer the world away from major international conflicts by preventive social and economic education and help.

According to the students, they found American, Soviets and practically everybody else agreed on over-all goals. But they quickly grasped the prevailing basic political differences barring a common approach to solutions.

Some 33 students, accompanied by two clergymen, spent five days at the Church Center for the United Nations, opposite U. N. headquarters here. They represented the United Campus Christian Foundation at Illinois State and Illinois Wesleyan Universities, and the Lutheran Student Foundation at Northern Illinois University. (EP)

NAE's Silver Anniversary Convention

'Certainty in world of change'

A thousand evangelicals gathered in Los Angeles April 4 to mark the quarter-century anniversary of the National Association of Evangelicals and to chart a course for the next.

In the inaugural session of the three-day convention at the Statler Hilton, NAE General Director Clyde W. Taylor placed emphasis on social concerns, calling for "a continuing demonstration of the love of God in and through us. . ." Some 90 other participating speakers laid down a kaleidoscope of comments whose pattern, many felt, had the excitement and challenge of the first convention 25 years ago.

The pastors, laymen, educators and church and mission executives adopted a manifesto describing the Christian

message as a mission of "evangelism supported by service." Dr. G. Aiken Taylor, editor of *The Presbyterian Journal*, noted the activity of the Consultation on Church Union now under study by ten Protestant denominations and declared "an evangelical alternative must be provided." Dr. Phillip Hook, Wheaton (Ill.) College professor, grappled with campus issues. To Dr. Jared F. Gerig, president of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Bible College, "life has become a profaned, secular and dispiritualized thing committed to no God and governed by no Book." The past president of NAE laid the blame on the doctrine of relativism which shuns "indoctrination" of any kind. Numerous resolutions held to the theme: "Evangelical Certainty in a World of Change."

An observer could gain any impression he wanted to of the 25-year-old service organization representing two and one half million believers. In the acres of exhibits, NAE resembled a gigantic commercial enterprise; in the lobbies of the hotel the convention took on the air of a political conclave. In conversations, descriptions ranged from "sameness" to "a whole new start!"

Evangelist Billy Graham spoke at the closing banquet, drawing comparisons between modern Christendom and the status of the Seven Churches of the Book of the Revelation. "As God visited the church of the first century He will visit the last," he said.—Norman B. Rohrer

Magazine journalism

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A nationally-known writer on religion said churches are forging a new instrument of religious education—magazine journalism—that may prove more effective than Sunday schools or sermons in communicating Christian insights to contemporary society.

Louis Cassels, United Press International's religion editor, said that "instead of filling their pages with bland little homilies and treacly short stories, today's religious periodicals are wading boldly into such controversial issues as drug addiction, homosexuality, pacifism, black power and 'Death of God' theology."

Mr. Cassels' views were published in *The Quill*, official organ of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalists' fraternity. (EP)

Church-state issue

SAIGON—A crowd of about 3000 Roman Catholics, including many priests, surrounded the National Assembly Building in a demonstration protesting the "godlessness" of South Vietnam's new constitution.

The crowd remained for several hours, shouting and waving signs, but dispersed after Premier Nguyen Cao Ky arrived and spoke to them.

The protest was based on the removal of a passage acknowledging government's responsibility "before the Almighty" from the draft of the constitution's preamble. It had been taken out at the request of Buddhist leaders and representatives of other religious minorities. (EP)

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