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ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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Can I afford NOT to tithe?

Not if God's approval is worth anything.

Because God is righteous and moral, He cannot approve a life which refuses to obey Him. Repeatedly, in the Bible, God has declared that the tithe belongs to God, that men are required to give it to God, and that failure to give the tithe (and offerings) to God constitutes robbery of God.

Concerning ownership of the tithe, God says: "All the tithe . . . is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord" (Leviticus 27:30). Concerning giving the tithe, God says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse" (Malachi 3:10). Concerning failure to give the tithe, God says: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings" (Malachi 3:8).

Obviously, if I deny and defy these claims and commands, the holy God who gave them cannot approve my behavior. I cannot afford not to tithe if I value God's approval. And I do value God's approval. Even more than I desire the approval and commendation of my earthly parents, I want the approval and commendation of my Heavenly Father.

Not if the respect of other Christians is worth anything.

Something happens inside me whenever I learn that some fellow-Christian does not tithe. My respect for his judgment, my confidence in his trustworthiness, my appreciation of his dependability are lessened. And I know that what I feel toward others under such circumstances, other Christians will feel toward me if I fail to tithe.

My failure to tithe will cost me the respect of those Christians who are the best students of the Scriptures, the most ideal followers of God. The respect and confidence of such people is worth a great deal to me—I cannot afford to lose it by failing to tithe.

Not if self-respect is worth anything.

And it is. I don't mean pride, smugness, self-righteousness. I mean the clean feeling of knowing that I have done what is right—the ability to stand in front of the mirror and look myself in the eye without the reproach of conscience.

I remember that even before God gave the law to Moses, on Mount Sinai, men of faith were aware of their need to tithe, as illustrated in the life of Abraham, who paid tithes to Melchizedek, the "priest of the most high God" (Genesis 14:18). With the additional light and knowledge I have from the Mosaic law and from the approval of tithing by Jesus (Matthew 23:23), I would be ashamed of myself and lose that clean feeling of self-respect if I did not tithe.

In the economy of my life, I cannot afford that price.

Not if the mission of my church is worth anything.

To his disciples, who composed the first Christian church, Jesus said: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19, 20).

To Christians today, including me, Jesus says the same thing. Go—make disciples—baptize—teach—this is the worldwide mission of my church. I believe in it. Only as it is accomplished will men be saved from selfishness and sin, and nations from corruption and strife. Christ Jesus is the world's only hope and the church is the one institution he founded to proclaim that hope to lost and dying men.

My failure to tithe will weaken the influence and shorten the arm of my church in a day when its mission must be accomplished. If I do not tithe, I become a willing party to the appalling shortage of trained manpower and material equipment for the spread of the gospel. I cannot afford to pay that price.

No, I cannot afford not to tithe.

The cost of not tithing is too great. God's approval, the respect of other Christians, humble self-respect, the mission of my church—these are worth far more to me, and to any sincere Christian, than the money involved in tithing. That's so, whether the tithe is \$1 or \$10 or \$10,000.

I must tithe, and more. It's the only way of giving I can afford.—Albert S. Simms

Arkansas All Over

At Siloam Springs

THE WEEKS of June 22-27 and June 29-July 4 are expected to be busy ones at the Siloam Springs Baptist camp. First comes the Arkansas Baptist Music Conference, then the state Baptist Training Union Assembly, which is anticipating more than 1,000 Baptists of all ages. Both are sponsored by Arkansas State Baptist Convention.

Five class levels of the Music Conference being directed by LeRoy McClard, state music secretary, are elementary, junior high, senior high, adult, and leadership. They are provided with classes in all phases of music, including private piano, organ, and individual band instrument lessons.

Activities include reading music, vocalist training, conducting, piano, organ, choir, cantata, band, Bible studies, worship, hymn and composer study, musical variety, and fellowship.

Recreation occupies the campers in the afternoon.

Out of state faculty members are Saxe Adams, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex.; Loren Davidson, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.; Ray Baker, Georgetown Baptist College, Georgetown, Ky.; Nolan P. Howington, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and Joseph O. Stroud, North Carolina music secretary, Raleigh, N. C.

Opening the second week, the brand new Training Union Assembly boasts three big changes, according to its director, Ralph W. Davis, Training Union Secretary for Arkansas.

Formerly an all-church assembly with classes each morning for Sunday School, Training Union, and WMU, Arkansas Training Union Assembly is now departmentalized.

Main emphasis in the forthcoming assembly will be on Training Union work. However, life interest conferences are planned as well as panel discussions, and messages will be of interest to all, whether interested in Training Union or not.

Also, there is a change in schedule and the waking hour is 30 minutes later than usual, at 7 a. m., with breakfast 30 minutes afterwards. Lunch has been moved up 20 minutes to 12:10 p. m.

The morning schedule includes a brief devotional, graded Training Union workshops, 20 minute recess, life interest conferences, and a morning service shortened to 45 minutes.

After lunch, the entire afternoon is devoted to recreational activities and arts and crafts.

The program will be led by such capable personnel as Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; LeRoy McClard, State Baptist Music secretary; George Stark, minister of music of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. W. S. Gilmer, Atlanta, Ga.; Miller Mikell, education minister, North Fort Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth,



The Cover

Buddhist Idol Maker

"THEIR IDOLS are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; They have ears, but they hear not; noses have they, but they smell not; They have hands, but they handle not; feet have they, but they walk not; neither speak they through their throat" (Psalm 115:4-7).

This is a Buddhist idol maker in Kyoto, Japan, ancient capital of the country and a center of Buddhism.—Photo by Morris J. Wright, Jr. ■

IN KEEPING with a long-standing custom, we will have no paper for the week of July 4. Our next issue will be that of July 9. We wish for our readers a happy and safe Independence Day observance.—Editor

Tex.; Kermit King, Mississippi Training Union secretary; and Jimmie Crowe, Louisiana Training Union secretary. ■

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Ouachita Lists Honor Students

SEVENTEEN OF the 65 students of Ouachita Baptist College who earned a place on the honor roll for the spring semester made all A's: Phylis Anderson, Heber Springs; Bob Joe Bacon, Malvern; Lillian Blackmon, Arkadelphia; Ramona Joyce Buckner, Bauxite; Conrad Carroll, Malvern; William Dawson, Pine Bluff; Clarence Hamilton, Piggott; Ronald Hayworth, Kerman, Calif.; Naheel Jeries, Nazareth, Israel; Jim Maxwell, Shreveport, La.; Jimmy Dale Peacock, McGehee; Jacque Sue Peeler, Nashville; Drollene Platner, St. Albans, W. Va.; Charles Ray Tittle, Hope; Judith Ann Wells, Ft. Smith; Rosalie McCarty, Arkadelphia; and Irene Sablan, Agna, Guam.

Students with a 2.5 average or above are Betty Adney, North Little Rock; Roberta Andrews Birdwell, Arkadelphia; John Paul Archer, Hindsville; James Blackmon and James Braden, Arkadelphia; Winnie Smith Bratcher, Flint, Mich.; Patricia Jo Brown, Blytheville; Oscar J. Carson, Strong; Nona Johnson Cheatham, Pine Bluff; Charles Chunn, Arkadelphia; John William Crawford, Ashdown; Joan McMurry Crawley, Fordyce; Thomas Dixon, Camden; Faith Ann Evans, Rogers; Sara Fowlkes, McCrory; Robert E. Graves, Smackover; Patsy Green, Lavaca; Jack Harrison, Muskogee, Okla.; John Highfill, Siloam Springs; Betty Jane Hill, Ferndale, Mich.; Shirley Hite, Harrisonville, Mo.; Mary Charlene Horton, Hope; Joe Howerton, Springdale; Wilda Hulsey, Washington, Ill.; Johnny Jackson, Waldo; Billie Bob Johnson, DeWitt; Polly Jones, Little Rock;

Lois Aileen Kemp, Prattville; Lois-teen Kirkman, Arkadelphia; Bonita Lynne Lyles, Mena; Shirley Jean Long, Helena; Dorothy Lee Moore, Arkansas City; Janis Lee Nutt, Mineral Springs; Melba Ann McCullar, Wilson; Billie Oliver, Arkadelphia; George O'Neel, Ft. Smith; Norton Allen Pope, Camden; Mayo Riley, Wynne; Sara St. John, El Dorado; Bob Sanders, Arkadelphia; Gail Taylor Setliff, Little Rock; Worthy Freeman Sykes, Cabot; Robert Franklin Taylor, Smackover; Thomas Taylor, Parkin; Ruth Ann Thomas, Arkadelphia; Gay Campbell Watson, Shreveport, La.; Harry Woodall, Malvern; and Caroline Woodell, Arkadelphia.

Curtis McClain To Harrisburg 1st

CURTIS McCLAIN, pastor at 1st Church, Corning, for three years, has resigned to become pastor of 1st Church, Harrisburg beginning July 1. McClain is a native of Oklahoma. He graduated from Baylor and Southwest Seminary. Mrs. McClain is the granddaughter of the late Dr. L. R. Scarborough. They have two children.

Mr. McClain will conduct a revival at Harrisburg starting the first Sunday in July. Frank Haygood, New Orleans Seminary student, will direct the music.

Guzzling at the Altar

DAVE GARROWAY, of TV fame, is severely criticized for "advertising liquor" on his television program. Writes Emmett J. Williams, of 1801 Fulton Ave., Birmingham 11, Ala., in an open letter to Garroway carried in a recent issue of *The Alabama Baptist*:

"... you gave us a real shock Friday morning, May 29, when you brought in Mrs. Wilson and her book on Wedding Etiquette. The shock came when in answer to a question from you she said that champagne was necessary at the reception and that it was necessary for the bride to have a flask of whiskey in her purse. This is not wedding etiquette. It is a sly way of advertising wine and whiskey and we are surprised that you allowed it on your program. If you had announced: 'This is an advertisement,' that would have been stooping pretty low, but to bring it in as a vital and necessary part of a wedding as put down in what was supposed to be an authoritative book on the subject, is stooping still lower..."

Too High a Price

EDITOR LEON MACON of *The Alabama Baptist*, well known as a segregationist, nevertheless takes issue with proposed new school legislation in his state which would permit tax monies to be provided for private schools. He sees in this a threat to the principle of separation of church and state. In an editorial he states:

"We have people in Alabama who will put pressure on our Legislature to make this tax money available to all private schools, which, therefore, would include parochial schools."

God and Outer Space

IN ANOTHER editorial, Dr. Macon points out that all seven of the air-men chosen as America's first space men are men of religion. Denominations represented: Methodist, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, Christian Scientist, Lutheran, and Episcopalian. Writes the editor: "The daring courage of these seven future space men should challenge every youth in America and along with this challenge they should keep themselves reminded that these brave men are unashamed of their trust in God..."

Count Down on Filth

THAT POSTMASTER General Arthur E. Summerfield means business in his recent warning against the use of the U. S. mails to transport salacious literature is indicated by his barring, June 11, of a well known novel on the grounds that it is "obscene and filthy." We are not mentioning the title of the

book, but Mr. Summerfield described it as "replete with descriptions in minute detail of sexual acts engaged in or discussed by the book's principal characters." He stated further: "These descriptions utilize filthy, offensive and degrading words and terms."

We would remind our readers again that the Postmaster General has asked that any obscene mail received by anyone be turned over to the local postmaster, with the wrapper or envelope in which it was mailed. Here is a crusade for a clean-up campaign in which all of us can have a part.

Methodists for Schools

FREE PUBLIC education is essential to the progress of Christianity, asserted a report adopted by the members of the North Arkansas Methodist Conference in session recently at Ft. Smith. Submitted by the conference's Board of Social and Economic Relations, the report described free public education as "indispensable to the progress of Methodism and Christianity and to the well-being of individuals of all faiths in this country."

"In the critical situation which exists in Arkansas at the present time," continued the report, "we call upon all Methodists to support the cause of free education and, if need be, to work actively for its continuance." A similar report had been adopted the previous week by the Little Rock Conference of Methodists, at Hot Springs.

For whatever it is worth to the Methodists, this Baptist editor says, "Amen!"

Open Season Declared

ACRACK DOWN on persons who make malicious or nuisance telephone calls was started in Crossett recently with the arrest of two teenage girls charged with telephoning a Crossett woman nine times in an hour. According to the arresting officer a new device has now been perfected making it possible for telephone calls to be traced within minutes after they are reported. May those who stoop to the despicable practice of making anonymous telephone calls be converted to Christian living, or be apprehended and brought to justice.

Facts of Interest

THE TREMENDOUS investment and effort being spent in space programs have raised the question: "Are the results worth the cost?" Scientists agree that they are. For example: United States shots into space are changing old ideas about the geography of the world. The earth is being remapped. Positions of various places on earth are being fixed with greater accuracy. Distances can be measured more precisely. Storms are more predictable. New conceptions of communication have been discovered.

Personally Speaking:

Motto on the Wall

SOMETIMES people you have met or have been associated with remember things about you, your home, or your place of work that you do not expect them to remember. It is surprising, sometimes embarrassing, and, not infrequently, downright deflating to hear someone who knew you "way back when..." recount something you said or did on an occasion you have long since forgotten — or tried to forget!



On one of my preaching engagements out in the state, a preacher who had met me in my office several months previously was complimenting me for "the motto you have on your wall." He said that he had jotted it down and had used it rather effectively in a sermon.

Now any well-meaning editor would be pleased to know that something he has on his wall, if not something he has put in his paper, has been helpful to somebody. To know that somebody has poked his head in at an editor's door and gone away remembering something besides the usual clutter to be seen there is always heartening. So the brother's comment was greatly appreciated. But for the life of me and all of my forefathers, I could not remember having a motto of any kind on my office wall!

Not wanting to appear any dumber than was absolutely necessary, I did not allow myself to be drawn into a conversation with the preacher friend about the motto. But you may be sure that that was one time this editor was not only willing but glad to head back to his office.

On opening the door, there was the motto, as big as life. It was the Rotary "Four Way Test":

"First, Is it the truth?"

"Second, Is it fair to all concerned?"

"Third, Will it build good will and better friendships?"

"Fourth, Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

Why had I not remembered? It was not that I was oblivious to the fact that the "Four Way Test" is on my wall. I just had not been thinking of it as constituting a motto.

You do not have to be a Rotarian to practice this wise way of life, which is most consistent with the teachings of Christ. The next time you hear somebody or some organization or some society or race being maligned, you might profitably apply this test in determining whether or not to pass on to somebody else the things you have heard.—ELM

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

*Open Letter to
Television Star*

Dear Mr. Star:

I am writing this letter to you because you have become my god. Instead of going to Training Union and Church on Sunday nights, I have stayed away and listened to you. It took so little effort to relax on Sunday evenings and listen to you.

Now, understand, I am not lazy, for I always go to work on Monday morning. Then, too, I don't get convicted listening to you like I would if I were at church.

Mr. Star, I am in the hospital now, and I need your help. I can't go to the Pastor, for in substance I have slapped him in the teeth every Sunday night when he preached and I said in effect: "What you have to say doesn't interest me one bit." Why should I lower myself to allow him to pray for me now?

Then I can't go to God, for I have put Him "second fiddle" to you so many times that surely He wouldn't help me now. Then He knows that whenever I get well that I will do Him as I have always done Him, and keep listening to you on Sunday nights. Surely, He wouldn't expect me to give up my favorite program just to worship Him.

Please, Mr. Star, will you help me get well? Also, the bills are piling up; will you help me meet my obligations? And if perchance I should die, will you see that I get home to heaven? If I do get well, you can count on me to be in my place on Sunday nights supporting your program. I will be a faithful listener. So, please, Mr. Star, don't let me down.—A devoted supporter.—From Bulletin of 1st Church, Warren, Gerald W. Trussell, Pastor. ■

The Nevins Proposal

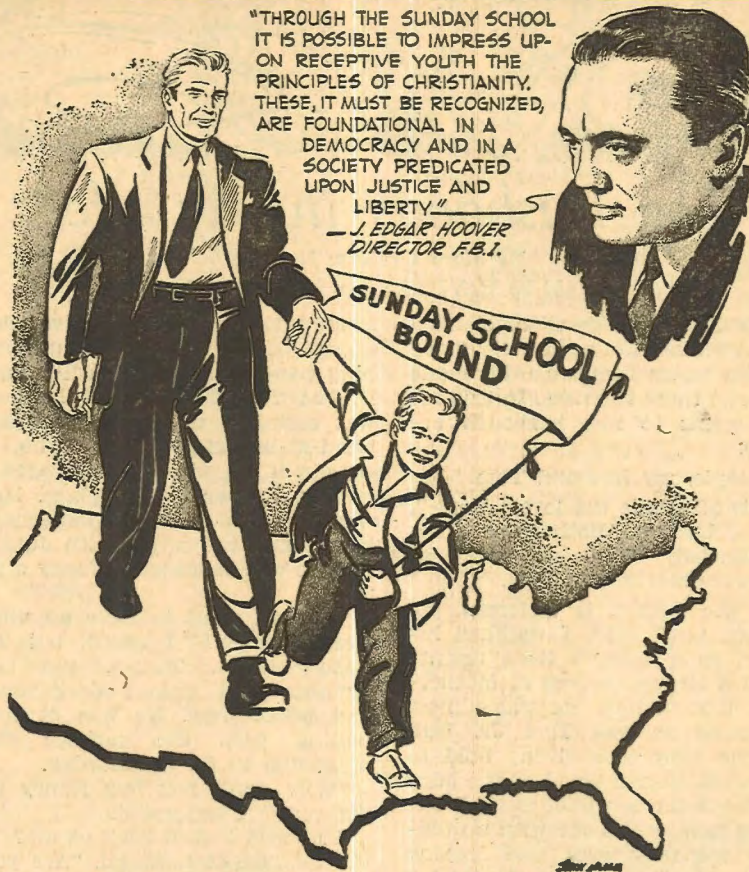
I WANT to thank you for sending me a copy of your esteemed paper containing a write up by religious press reporter Cornell of my effort to get a resolution read at the Louisville con-

[Editor's Note: As previously reported, messengers attending the Louisville meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention voted overwhelmingly against considering the Nevins proposal.]

vention. I had to laugh when he represented me as a decrepit old man who shuffled laboriously to the podium, and hobbled back to my seat on the platform. I drive my own car to Florida, sometimes alone, and I hope the good Lord will spare my life to do so next year at Miami.

As to what happened at the Conven-

GIVING YOUNG AMERICA A CHANCE



tion, I am very happy over the result. What I wanted was to force the reading of the resolution, and that I succeeded in doing . . . In case some of your readers do not know the contents of the resolution I enclose a copy . . .

Whereas: The action of the Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis in 1954 endorsing the decision of the Supreme Court on school integration was ill-advised, and not in accord with the views of thousands of Baptists throughout the South;

And Whereas: It has resulted in tension between the races and division in the churches;

And Whereas: Thousands of parents have a conviction that mixed schools will lead to mixed marriage, and to send their children to such schools is to violate their God-given convictions;

And Whereas: These parents feel that if some parents want to take the risk, and throw their children into the lascivious arms of this Moloch of integration, that is their business, but when they try to force others to do likewise, contrary to their conscience and God-given convictions, that is their business;

And Whereas: The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution states clearly: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the constitution nor prohibited by it to the states are reserved to the states respectively or to the people;"

And Whereas: The question of education was not delegated by the constitution to the Federal Government but is one of rights reserved by the constitution to the states;

And Whereas: For nearly one hundred years the courts and the Southern Baptist Convention recognized that right and fully endorsed the same;

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the Southern Baptist Convention, does, at this session, rescind its former action, and asserts the right of every parent to educate his children in accord with his conscience, and his God-given convictions.—W. M. Nevins, Lexington, Ky. ■

Forceful Speaker

IT WAS the funeral of the town gossip whom no one liked. Her barbed tongue and violent temper was the fear of the neighborhood.

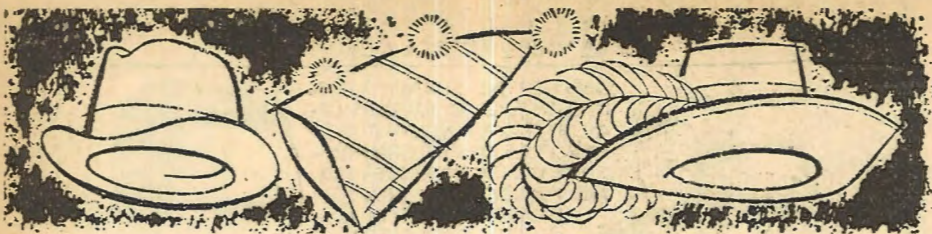
The preacher droned on, the sky grew darker and as the service ended a storm broke loose sparked by a blinding flash and a tremendous clap of thunder.

In the stunned silence, a voice was heard from the back of the crowded room:

"Wa'al, she's got there."

For Corn Lovers

ONCE THERE were two weevils. One worked day and night and finally became a big success. The other just lay around in a cotton boll all day and remained the lesser of the two weevils.



The Husbands In My Life

By Mary Graham Lund

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A GREEK named Heraclitus claimed that you never see the same river twice because the water that was there one minute is not there the next. In this respect, it seems to me, husbands are like rivers.

For example, my husband Tom.

Tom-1 is of course the lover; Tom-2, the man of business. Both these Toms are substantially the same today as when we were married, in 1948.

Tom-3, the father, is different. He wasn't born until 1950. I watched his birth with some pity, a little resentment, and a strong upsurge of motherly feeling toward him. He was almost as bewildered as was Tom Jr. But, whereas the baby took strong hold in his new world, Tom-3 stood at the edge of fatherhood for a while, until I felt like taking him by the ear with an old-fashioned motherly grip and leading him to his son. Today, though, Tom-3 bears little resemblance to Tom-3 1950. Actually, I feel a little shut out now when Tom-3 and Tom Jr. are especially palsy-walsy, as when they're planning a fishing trip.

Tom-4, the fisherman, is a loathsome person — an adolescent, self-centered, unpredictable, thoughtless, utterly selfish braggart. Yesterday, he bought Junior a fishing rod.

"Pampering him," I said. "He needs other things so much more — his teeth straightened, summer camp."

"He needs a fishing rod," Tom said.

"You're teaching him to become a thoughtless husband," I charged.

"Oh, I don't know," Tom said. "Maybe he'll marry a girl who likes to fish."

That stopped me for a minute. I'd never thought of there being such girls. Perhaps Tom-4 was disappointed in me. I was just wondering what I could wear on a fishing trip when Tom-4 shattered my good intentions by saying, "A fishing trip for Junior is a good deal more important than a permanent for Nancy."

This came as a surprise. Tom-3 as father of Nancy was not the Tom-3 father of Junior. Usually Nancy could get

away with anything. At five, she had known better than to cut up the evening paper before her father had seen it, but Tom-3b had just laughed. He was certainly no relation to the husband-at-breakfast Tom who would scream if his wife got the pages of the morning paper out of place. He'd always been a little too indulgent with Nancy and too severe with Junior, but now he was begrudging Nancy a permanent.

"Do you want to have an unattractive daughter?" I asked, but Tom-3b wasn't there. Tom-5, the amateur plumber and ardent do-it-yourselfer, had taken over. He was at the sink fussing with the garbage disposer, promising to fix it Saturday.

"Why don't you buy Nancy a fishing rod?" I suggested.

And who looked back at me? Tom-6, the bewildered husband. "Are you joking?" he asked.

"Certainly not," I said indignantly. "You should train her to make a good wife."

Tom-6 laughed. Then Tom-7 took over. Tom-7 is the appreciative husband. He's a very determined fellow. He laughs loud and long. "Very funny," he said. "I always appreciate your sense of humor. I always tell my—"

"Don't overdo it," I snarled. "I'm not being funny. Maybe she should have a fishing rod."

"She has her permanent," Tom-8 said with a laugh. "When she gets a little older she can fish with that." Tom-8 is a clown, the life of the party. Some day I may murder him.

I poured the coffee and resisted the temptation to drip a little on Tom-8's balding head. "Polygamy's wonderful," I murmured with a sigh, as I set the coffeepot down.

Tom-7 looked at me with concern. "Have you seen your doctor lately?" he asked.

"No, there are enough men in my life," I answered. But Tom-2 was looking at his watch. I realized that my remark had been wasted. Not one of my husbands was listening.—Minutes ■



PASTOR HENLEY

University Church Calls Pastor

UNIVERSITY CHURCH, Little Rock, has called William C. Henley, Jr., as its first permanent pastor. A May graduate of New Orleans Baptist Seminary, Henley also attended Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

Henley and his wife, the former Elisabeth Ann Miller, are natives of Memphis, where he was pastor at Barton Heights Church for eight years. They have two daughters.

● DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, state Sunday School secretary, will direct a Sunday School enlargement campaign, June 22-26, in East Main Church, El Dorado. Other leaders will include: nursery and beginner, Mrs. Williamson; primary, Mrs. James Coates, Little Rock; junior and intermediate, Mrs. George Hink, Little Rock; young people and adult, Early Bailey, Central Baptist, Magnolia; and cradle roll and extension, Miss Evelyn Henderson, state Sunday School worker, Alexandria, La. (CB)

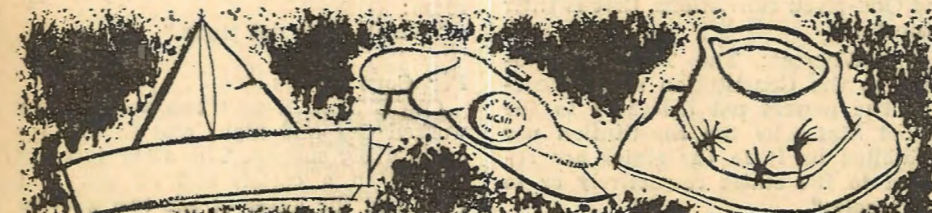
● ROSA CHURCH, Mississippi Association, has been reactivated. Services were held May 31 for the first time in almost a year. At the first service there were five additions, and 42 in Sunday School. (CB)

Pastoral Changes

PASTORAL CHANGES in Mississippi Association include: Eugene Schultz, from Emmanuel Church, to Florida for his health; John Moon, from Southern Seminary, to Calvary Church. (CB)

J. C. CRABBE, Fouke Church, Hope Association, has resigned to accept the call of 1st Church, Blair, Okla. (CB)

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Billy Graham Finds 'Moral Purity' in Visit to Moscow

PARIS, June 16 — Returning from a visit to Russia, Billy Graham said today that he found a great "moral purity" among the people of Moscow as well as a "great spiritual hunger" for God despite the official atheism of the country. He compared what he saw in the five days he spent in the Russian capital to the downtown parks of London which he charged last week were used for necking and worse.

"In the Moscow parks, I saw thousands of young people, but I didn't see a single couple locked in an embrace," he said. "I hate communism," the evangelist continued, "but I love the Russian people and the moral purity I found among the Muscovites."

He hopes to go to Moscow for an evangelistic crusade if he can have the services of translators and good advance publicity to attract audiences. (DP)

Protestant 'Vatican'

HARTFORD, Ct., June 16 — The National Council of Churches has no intention of establishing "some totalitarian ecclesiastical system, a kind of Protestant Vatican," its president, Baptist Edwin T. Dahlberg of St. Louis, said here today in a speech at the 100th annual synod of the Augustana Lutheran Church.

"What we seek is an affectionate family of churches — a spirit of togetherness which will make it possible for us to do cooperatively what we can not do separately," he said.

The unity of America's Protestant churches is a "solid reality," Dr. Dahlberg declared. As a symbol of this growing spirit, he cited the 19-story inter-church center overlooking the Hudson River in New York City. The \$20,000,000 structure will be ready for occupancy early in the fall. (DP)

Changes in China

DRASTIC CHANGES are taking place among Chinese Protestants under communist control. Reports to this effect are becoming more frequent and more alarming. One of the most revealing reports comes from Leslie T. Lyall, affiliated with the China Inland Mission Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

In his report (*The Millions*, February) Mr. Lyall says: "The current organization of all China into communes is designed to destroy the last vestiges of private property, including the family. People are living, working, sleeping and eating in a collective, disciplined, semi-military fashion. Chil-

dren are being brought up in the commune, not in the family, and so, in the case of Christian families, are deprived of the last possibility of a religious upbringing."

"Christians who have managed to reach graduation find that there is no place for them: they are sent to the hardest and most out-of-the-way places to work. The Christian son of a prominent scientific worker is a promising physicist but expects to be sent as a carpenter or an electrician to Inner Mongolia or the Tibetan steppes! Another Christian, trained as a doctor, is now farming because, as a Christian, he is considered unfit for any other work. After 1958 no child of bourgeois parents will be permitted higher education: all places in government and the professions will be reserved for members of the proletariat.

"Christian witness within the universities has now been stamped out." ■

Vatican Issue

WASHINGTON —(BP)— Two Roman Catholic members of Congress have taken opposite sides of the question of sending an ambassador from the United States to the Vatican. Rep.

Victor L. Anfuso (D., N. Y.) introduced a concurrent resolution asking for "immediate establishment of diplomatic relations with the Vatican through appointment of a United States envoy." He stated that there was no violation of separation of church and state in such a proposal, and that the United States would gain much information that would be helpful in fighting communism.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.) on the other hand says, "I am flatly opposed to appointment of an Ambassador to the Vatican. Whatever advantages it might have in Rome — and I'm not convinced of these — they would be more than offset by the divisive effect at home." ■

TORONTO, Canada — (BP) — Thomas B. McDormand, general secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada, has announced his resignation here effective Sept. 30 to enter the field of college administration.

A leader in the cooperative Baptist Jubilee Advance, McDormand will become executive vice president of Acadia University at Wolfville, Nova Scotia. The university is sponsored by Maritime Baptist Convention.



DR. H. CORNELL GOERNER (right), secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, welcomes two Nigerian Baptist leaders to Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., C. O. Osuamkpe (left) and J. A. Idowu. Mr. Osuamkpe, who has just received his master of arts degree from Columbia University, New York City, is returning to Nigeria to teach in Baptist Boys' High School, Port Harcourt. Mr. Idowu, with the bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., expects to become pastor of one of the Baptist churches of Nigeria.

Preacher's Problems

From Baptist Digest, Kansas

ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS of a survey conducted by the Ministers' Life and Casualty Insurance company, there are many practical problems of our ministers today.

The study was conducted by M.L.C.U. to determine facts which would measure the practical problems of the ministerial profession. Questionnaires were mailed to a scientific sampling of 4,000 Protestant ministers across the nation.

Ministers' Life, which gave permission to the Digest to reprint this information, says, "We hope that the findings will prove interesting and beneficial to ministers and their parishioners."

Copies of the booklet are available without charge by writing to Miss Evelyn Legrand, Advertising department, M.L.C.U., 3100 West Lake street, Minneapolis 16, Minn.

FINANCES

FORTY-EIGHT per cent of the ministers felt their earnings are adequate for living expenses, and 44% felt their finances are inadequate. Where the church budget is over \$19,000, ministers tend to respond much more in the "adequate" direction; where the budget is below that figure they tend toward the "inadequate" side.

When the matter was directed toward their plans for a college education for the children, only 13% felt this would represent no financial problem, whereas almost 70% saw it as a potential financial threat.

With respect to retirement plans, we find a fairly even split among the ministers. As the church budget goes up, there is a greater degree of expression that the retirement plans are adequate.

The final question on "finances" as to whether the overall issue is a problem resulted in an affirmative 51%.

HOUSING

THE CHANCES are 8 out of 10 the minister will have his home provided by his congregation. The general consensus is that homes are adequate and roomy. The ministers also tend to regard their homes as "modern" rather than "old fashioned," and they say well maintained.

PARISHIONERS' SERVICE TO CHURCH

ONLY ONE-THIRD of the ministers felt some resistance on the part of their parishioners to make a proper contribution. The overwhelming majority felt that they show eagerness and willingness to pitch in and help.

DEMANDS ON MINISTERS' TIME

IN THE AREAS of youth work, women's organizations, the preparation of the church service, visiting the sick and shut-ins, and participation in community affairs, the consensus was that there is no problem, or at least not a great one.

However, the opposite is true of administrative work. Fifty-two per cent of the ministers felt they are entirely too burdened by administrative work.

Interestingly enough, for the first time we find that the ministers with the larger church budgets and the greater membership find this more of a problem than the others. For example, for those churches with budgets over \$19,000, 58% felt there is too much administrative work as compared with only 50% of the smaller churches.

With respect to such matters as church finances or Sunday School activities, the general consensus is that these areas do not make too much demand upon time. The same thing might well be said for denominational meetings and affairs, and counseling.

With respect to the last factor, (counseling people) we

find, for the first time, about one-fifth of the ministers believe that their church makes too little demand on their time.

VACATIONS AND LEISURE TIME

SIXTY-FIVE per cent thought their vacations are adequate, but only 34% thought their leisure time activities are ample.

As churches become smaller in budget and size, the less recognition is given that a minister needs sufficient time for his leisure activities. This becomes a fairly important problem with 65% of the ministers feeling their leisure time is inadequate.

OFFICE WORK AND CAPABILITIES OF STAFF

THESE ARE REAL problems in the smaller church which often are understaffed.

More than half of the larger churches look upon their staffs as capable and adequate. The larger churches seem to feel that their staffs are underpaid much more than do the smaller churches.

There was a general agreement that office equipment is in poor shape. There was a definite tendency for ministers to look upon church office work as a problem area.

EXPENSE ALLOWANCE

THIS, also, is a real source of disturbance.

Only 26% felt that they receive adequate car allowance. When asked whether they receive enough for books, periodicals, and such matters the proportion was even greater in the direction of dissatisfaction. Fifty-nine per cent felt that their allowance for attending conferences, professional meetings, etc., is inadequate or non-existent.

MINISTERS' REMARKS

AT THE END of the questionnaire a section was reserved for the minister to list in his own words the three major problems which affect his work. The results? (1) Demands placed on his time. (2) Parishioners' service to the church. (3) A split between shortage of good leaders and church office staffs.

There was some feeling of lack of interest in basic religious matters. The following are some other problems: friction among church factions—too little space—lack of knowledge of church beliefs—administrative responsibility—need for youth leaders—poor church attendance—large area to cover—no interest in church activities—problems in counseling—the type of community—and a host of other minor problems.

ANALYSIS BY DENOMINATIONS

THERE WERE no significant differences between denominations.

SALARY RANGES

TEN PER CENT of the ministers replying to the survey earn less than \$3,000 per year, while about 52% earn between \$3,000 and \$5,000. Another 28% are paid from \$5,000 to \$7,000, and four-tenths of 1% receive more than \$10,000.

When they are asked whether their income was supplemented by other work, 83% replied in the negative. The number of children of college age or under: about 27% have two children and 19% have three, 16½% have only one, and as many as 20% have no children.

AGE OF THE MINISTERS

FORTY-FIVE per cent of the ministers were under 40 years of age. Another 30% ranged between 40 and 50 years of age, so that a total of 75% were less than 50 years old.

It was found that 83% of them participate in some denominational pension plan, whereas 82% of them are covered by social security. Ninety-nine per cent were engaged in active ministerial practice. ■



RECENT WINNERS in State Training Union contests included, left to right, Charlotte Beard, of 1st Church, Malvern, who won second place in the Southern Baptist Speakers' Tournament at the assembly, June 11-17; Dell

Christy, Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, who will represent Arkansas in the Speakers' Tournament at Ridgecrest, July 16-22; Judy Williford, of Highway Church, North Little Rock, who won second place in the Southern

Baptist Sword Drill; Patsy Taylor of Stuttgart who will participate in the sword drill at Ridgecrest; and Linda Thrash, of Hope, who was third-place winner in the state sword drill.

Executive Committee Appointments Announced

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Chairmen and members of five standing committees of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention have been named.

Appointments were announced at Executive Committee offices here by Kendall Berry of Blytheville, Ark., chairman of the Executive Committee.

Administrative Committee—J. Ralph Grant, Lubbock, Tex., chairman; James Abernathy, Albuquerque, N. M.; Lester Bates, Columbia, S. C.; Clare C. Clark, Shreveport, La.; Charles E. Curry, Kansas City, Mo.; A. Barnum Hawkes, Waycross, Ga.; Frank A. Hooper, Atlanta, Ga.; Mercer C. Irwin, Bogalusa, La.; B. J. Martin, Pasadena, Tex., and A. Leroy Parker, Greensboro, N. C.

Finance Committee—W. Curtis English, Altavista, Va., chairman; Carr P. Collins, Dallas, Tex.; L. K. Edwards, Jr., Irvine, Fla.; Hobart H. Grooms, Birmingham, Ala.; Haskell McClain, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Carl G. McCraw, Charlotte, N. C.; Walter L. Moore, Meridian, Miss.; Frank F. Norfleet, Paducah, Ky.; Perry F. Webb, Sr., San Antonio, Tex., and James P. Westberry, Atlanta, Ga.

Program Committee—Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, Okla., chairman; W. A. Buckner, Desloge, Mo.; A. Judson Burrell, Columbus, Ga.; J. Carroll Chadwick, Center, Tex.; Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss.; John H. Haldeman, Miami, Fla.; James W. Merritt, Gainesville, Ga.; W. R. Pettigrew, Louisville, Ky.; Harold W. Seever, Mobile, Ala.; Homer H. Waldrop, Jackson, Tenn.; James M. Windham, Maryville,

Tenn., and Alvin O. West, Washington, D. C.

Stewardship Committee — Mrs. Gordon Maddrey, Ahsokie, N. C., chairman; Rang Morgan, Wichita, Kans.; Ed J. Packwood, Phoenix, Ariz.; Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tenn.; Hugh Van Eaton, Jasper, Ala.; Charles R. Walker, Carterville, Ill., and Philip H. Wilson, Glasgow, Ky.

Public Relations Committee — R. Archie Ellis, Columbia, S. C., chairman; Wayne Dehoney, Jackson, Tenn.; Clyde V. Hickerson, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex.; Charles L. McClain, Long Beach, Calif.; W. D. Morris, Wilmington, N. C.; R. L. South, N. Little Rock, Ark., and F. Ralph Swanson, Baltimore, Md.

Promotion Committee — R. Archie Ellis, chairman; committee comprised of members of both public relations and stewardship committees.

1ST CHURCH, CABOT, made a forward step in its program during the last week of May when its central air conditioning system began operation. Window units are being relocated and soon all buildings will be air conditioned. (CB)

ROBERT A. HALL was called by Levy Church, North Little Rock, to be education-music director effective June 15. A native of North Little Rock, he graduated from Ouachita and Southwest-

ern Seminary. Hall has served the 1st churches of Athens and Shelbyville, Tenn. The Halls have three daughters. (CB)

H. L. ROBINSON, pastor at Spear Lake, Trinity Association, was ordained May 31 in Memphis. (CB)

PINE BLUFF'S 2nd Church called Dr. Don R. Corley, June 10, as interim pastor. Dr. Corley is chaplain at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. (CB)

1ST CHURCH, Fordyce, has announced it will send its pastor, Cline D. Ellis, to the Baptist World Alliance meeting next year in Rio de Janeiro. (CB)

SPRINGDALE'S 1st Church Brotherhood President, Ralph Crumpacker, has announced Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, will preach his famous sermon, "Pay Day, Some Day," June 29 in 1st Church. Burton A. Miley is the pastor. (CB)

We'd Like Full Details About the Minute-Men

AN ORGANIZATION that calls itself the Arkansas Minute-Men Association made itself known in Pine Bluff Monday and received a Page 1 story in *The Commercial*, in which some of the aims, objectives and pronouncements of the order were made public.

Right now it is too early to attempt an appraisal of this group until we know more about it. In the meantime it is interesting to dig into some of the association's principles, as stated in a letter received by this newspaper.

In the first place, the members call themselves "a voluntary organization of white men grouped together to maintain and better our local affairs." Surely if this objective is carried out no one will oppose. But let's continue. The letter further states.

"We believe in our traditional Southern way of life, and that it is our inherent right to judge and govern for ourselves in our own local community."

Now this is a loaded sentence, composed of two distinct ideas which cannot be discussed together but need separate treatment. As to the first, just what is "the traditional Southern way of life"? Our opinion is that traditions vary according to localities and peoples, and that there is no such thing as a standard, stabilized and frozen pattern of living and thinking in the South. We base this statement on personal experience.

About the second part of the above, we would say that people have an inherent right to judge and govern themselves so long as what they do does not conflict with the laws or Constitution of the United States. Were each separate state, or

community allowed to judge and govern itself unrestrictedly there would be no United States, but rather a form of chaos. People traveling from one section to another would run afoul of varying, different and conflicting laws and customs, adjustment to which would be so confusing as to be well nigh impossible.

The Minute-Men also sets itself up as supreme critic of what books people should read and what they shouldn't read. This idea is repugnant to any person with a mind of his own, who wishes to judge for himself and not have an organization dictate. One of the proscribed books is "The Diary of Anne Frank," which has been widely acclaimed by critics everywhere. We read this book recently, personally found it a bit dull and repressing, but certainly not "objectionable" in any sense of the word.

Finally, the Minute-Men call themselves an organization operating "in the true Christian spirit." We certainly hope this is an accurate designation, for if so they will be characterized by a love of fellow men of all religions, a tolerance toward those of other faiths and a determination to stamp out the evils of our nation that are boring from within to destroy us.

This is as far as we are able to discuss the Minute-Men. We would like for some of them to throw off the cloak of secrecy and anonymity, pay us a visit and tell us more about their organization. We promise to be open-minded and unbiased in forming and expressing any further opinions.

—*Pine Bluff Commercial*, May 27

Six Arkansas Students To Be Missionaries

SIX ARKANSAS students are among the 466 student summer missionaries who reported to home mission fields June 8.

These college and seminary students will serve for 10 weeks under the Student Summer Mission Program of the Home Mission Board.

Last summer, 447 students served. As a result of their efforts 4,501 professions of faith and 2,270 dedications for special service were reported.

The Arkansans, their school and their field of service, include: Marian Delores Glover, Dermott, AM&N, Pine Bluff, Negro; Bertha Meade Gray, Ozan, Carver School of Missions, general missions Ohio and associated states; Gerald Lawrence Griffin, Austin, Ouachita, general missions in Illinois; LaVelle Jackson, Osceola, Arkansas State College, general missions, Oklahoma; Mae Coates King, Marianna, Bishop College, Marshall, Tex., Negro; Melba Hutson, Blevins, Southern State, general missions, Arizona and associated states.

"Mastercontrol"

"MASTERCONTROL," radio news highlights produced by the SBC Radio-TV Commission, will feature David Evans of Hollywood's Brown Derby; Dr. Clarence Mason, Tuskegee Science Research Foundation; Alan McGill, sacred records singer; and music by the David Rose and Percy Faith Orchestras, on KTHS, Little Rock, July 5, at 12:30 p. m.

At the same hour on July 28, "Mastercontrol" will present Dr. Charles Pincus, dentist to film stars.

Bartimaeus

*He heard that Jesus Christ was near,
So Bartimaeus came;
Leaving his beggar's robe behind,
To feel no more its shame.
With sightless eyes he moved along
To reach the Lord and wait
Till Christ should heal his blinded sight
And open heaven's gate.
He did not wait for Christ to give
Some little light ahead,
But rose in all his darkened state
And came to Christ instead.
So everyone, both great and small,
Who'd know God's saving grace,
Must come to him in humble faith
To see and know his face.*

—W. B. O'Neal

Richly All Things

By Katy Patience White

1 Tim. 6:17

*God kindly willed that I be born
Beside a piney wood where shadows sleep
And yawn and stretch across a deep-
Packed path—a path that pokes
Along and hides behind the pasture slopes.
He let me grow like the white oak
sprouts—
Little and little lifting up and out
To reach for high-hitched stars.*

*He let me stay and live and work
Close to the earth. I've seen
The corn in every summer growing green;
I've had, to call my own, a patch to tend,
A row of phlox, a garden fence to mend,
And many things besides. But sweeter
lives
My trust in a living God who gives
Us richly all things to enjoy.*

ROBERT D. HARRIS, 1st Church, Morrilton, has been named chairman of a pulpit committee composed of Bobby Allison, Ed Cross, B-Jack Wilson, and William H. Pryor. C. Glynn McCalman recently resigned as pastor of the Morrilton church upon appointment by the Foreign Mission Board to South Brazil.

DR. S. A. WHITLOW, Arkansas state executive secretary, was guest minister June 21 at Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith. Jesse Reed, Arkansas state evangelist, will supply the Grand Avenue pulpit June 28, and Dr. Loren J. Belt, of the Missouri State Convention, July 5.

LEROY McCLARD, church music secretary for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Little Rock, will participate in the seventh annual Southern Baptist music leadership conference at Glorietta Baptist Assembly, New Mexico, July 9-15.

V. R. WILES was ordained to the ministry by Finley Creek Church, Rocky Bayou Association, May 16. The ordination council was composed of W. E. Davis, Alvin Wiles, Noble Wiles, L. D. McDougle, Hugh Cooper, H. E. Dover, S. W. Bone, E. E. Wiles, Hayden Cockrill, Earl Wilson, Leonard Davis, and Herman Dover. (CB)

1ST CHURCH, Mountain Home, had evangelist Tom Landers and singer Dwain Herring, both from Garland, Tex., leading its recent revival. There were 13 professions of faith and two additions by letter, with 46 dedications. Jim Birkhead is the pastor.

THE BOOKSHELF

of parsons and profs, or where I came from, where I landed, and what hit me when I got there, by Inman ("Prof") Johnson, Broadman, 1959.

One of the most delightful and informative little books is this partial history of Southern Seminary by a beloved member of its faculty who has taught speech and music at the Louisville preacher school for many student generations. Says "Prof" of his labor of love: "When I mentioned the idea (of writing the book) to some of my colleagues, they agreed that since it was not to be a scholarly undertaking I should do it."

"Tiglath," Dr. Bob, "Big Doc," Dr. Carver and Dr. Mullins are among the all-time greats of the Southern Seminary faculty who are made to live again in the down-to-earth writing of Professor Johnson, one who frequently has said of his own early years that he was "born and raised on the wrong end of a dirt road."

Although it will be of especial value to alumni and students of Southern Seminary, it will be enjoyable and enlightening reading for every one.

Now or Never, The Promise of the Middle Years, by Smiley Blanton, Prentice Hall, 1959, \$4.95.

In a chapter entitled "Facing Old Age Yourself," the author, himself 76, admonishes:

"Try not to be afraid of death. To some people, this may seem like a tall order. Death may be a great adventure, but not everyone is the adventurous type.

"To some extent, fear of old age and its inevitable conclusion is built into all of us. This is one of the great existential anxieties . . . But a mature mind can surmount this fear, or at least place and keep it in its proper perspective.

"It is here, perhaps, that the advantage of a strong religious faith is most apparent. To the religious person, the ending of this life is not so important as the beginning of the next. This is a powerful factor in reducing the fear of death to manageable terms.

"In my philosophy, death is a part of life, and we encounter it all the time. In a sense, every night when we go to sleep, we die. Every time we take a general anesthetic, we die. Every time we faint, we die. None of these things is so terrible. Each is a part of the scheme of life which the Creator has laid down. In this scheme we are born, we function for a period, and then, having fulfilled our purpose in life, we die and leave the world free for the next generation. If there were no death, the world would be so overcrowded that no one could function at all . . ."

We highly recommend this book, particularly for everybody more than 35 years of age.

Paul and the Intellectuals, The Epistle to the Colossians, by E. A. Robertson, revised and edited by W. C. Strick-

land, Broadman Press, 1959, \$2.75.

" . . . Paul has always been one of my favorite heroes. I have literally a library of books about him, that he is greater than all of the vast number of books concerning him." Thus Dr. Robertson begins this commentary in which he focuses his wide knowledge of Pauline scholarship on Paul's Epistle to the Colossians, cutting into its most essential truths.

The Church Staff and Its Work, by W. L. House, Broadman Press, 1959, \$3.75.

In the light of the fact that the church today is growing so fast that its pastor needs help in promoting an effective program of teaching and training, the author attempts to give the pastor help in the supervising of the church staff, from two members up. It shows the relationship of the staff members to one another and to the pastor. It discusses the qualifications of a staff member and tells how he can work with people and develop the leadership ability. It also offers help for solving difficult problems peculiar to persons in church-related vocations and help for planning and promoting their work.

1ST CHURCH, Hot Springs, recently held out-door revival services conducted by evangelist Vincent Cervera at the new church property, 2350 Central Avenue. (CB)

Attendance Report

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
(June 14)			
El Dorado, 1st Mission	773	246	4
Fayetteville, 1st	630	219	5
Ft. Smith, Calvary	304	125	1
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	426	165	8
Huntsville, 1st	103	46	
Jacksonville, 1st	591	238	7
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	339	130	
Little Rock, Life Line	189	88	3
Little Rock, Tyler St.	251	109	
McGehee, 1st	466	213	2
Magnolia, Central Mission	704	253	2
Pine Bluff, South Side	592	204	
Rose City, Calvary	365	121	6
Springdale, 1st	468	155	2
Warren, 1st	512	184	
W. Memphis, Calvary	225	133	2

1ST CHURCH, DeQueen, reports enrollment of 123 in its recent Vacation Bible School, with average attendance of 99. (CB)

PASTOR D. S. Ross served as principal of Vacation Bible School at Forest Highlands Church, Little Rock. Daily attendance averaged 84. (CB)

OWENSVILLE CHURCH, Lonsdale, has included the Arkansas Baptist in its new budget. Clarence Shell, Jr., is pastor.



SIX STUDENTS from Arkansas will graduate from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., during commencement exercises at 10 a.m., July 17.

Speaker for the service will be Dr. T. A. Patterson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Tex.

Graduating are, top row, left to right: Carlos Don Cooper, Almyra, B. D.; Mrs. Ronald S. Griffin, Cabot, M.R.E.; John R. Hagan, Stuttgart, B.D. Bottom row: Mrs. K. L. Hargis, Ingalls, A.R.E.; Morris Lee Smith, Little Rock, B.D.; and Richard E. Walker, Green Forest, B.D.

English-Speaking Church Established in Taiwan

Calvary Baptist Church, an English-speaking church in Taipei, Taiwan (Formosa), was organized May 17 with 46 charter members. Meeting temporarily at the Baptist conference grounds on Grass Mountain, just outside the city, the church is under the supervision of Rev. and Mrs. Glenn L. Hix, Southern Baptist missionaries.

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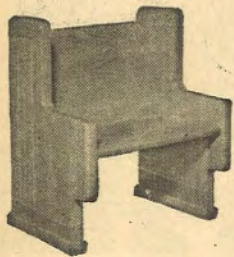
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Sunday School

The Brinkley Revival

1ST CHURCH, Brinkley, Dale McCoy, pastor, had perhaps one of the most resultful revivals held during the simultaneous revival crusade this spring. One hundred and nine responded for baptism and 17 by letter — a total of 126 decisions.



Pastor McCoy was asked to give what in his opinion were the causes for this splendid result. He states, "For almost a year prior to the re-

visional, the members had faithfully followed the leadership of the pastor. Their minds and hearts were conditioned to the fact that the fundamental principles of Sunday School work pay off.

"They had seen growth in their Sunday School because they had been willing to discard antiquated methods. They accepted and practiced methods that

Brotherhood

RA Camps Open

THE FIRST junior Royal Ambassador camp for 1959 is almost history. The camp will close at noon on Friday, June 26.

The second camp for juniors will open on Monday, June 29, and close on Friday, July 3.

Camp for intermediates will begin on Monday, July 6, and will end Friday, July 10. There is still time to register for this camp. Indications point to one of the largest attendances we have had at an intermediate camp. Have arrangements been made for some of the intermediate boys from your church to attend? If not, why not do so today?

A Royal Ambassador camp offers many opportunities for boys to develop as Christians, to gain knowledge about the program of Christ and His church, and to find God's will for their lives and where and how they are to fit into Christ's program.

If more information regarding the camp is needed, write to the Brotherhood Department.

Time for the election of new associational officers is near. Perhaps many nominating committees have already had at least one meeting. We trust that in every association that does not now have a Royal Ambassador leader, that one be elected this year. Please, Mr. Associational Brotherhood President, see to it that this officer is elected. We would like to see an associational Royal Ambassador organization in each association, during next year.—C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary

VACATION BIBLE School of 1st Church, Mountain Home, recently closed with nine youngsters saved and three dedications. Out of 164 enrolled, average attendance was 141.

put enlistment and winning of souls ahead of anything else. Bible teaching and Bible preaching became central in the life of the church and every phase of the church life pointed toward winning people to Christ.

"As the time for revival approach there were 79 enrolled in the Sunday School who were not members of the church. Each teacher was asked to survey his class and turn in to the pastor the names of his class members who were not members of the church. All other workers and interested adults in the Sunday School were challenged to go out and bring in the people.

"When the revival was about half over a list of those in the Sunday School not yet won was made and members of the church took these names and on Wednesday wrote a letter, Thursday made a personal call, and on Friday made a phone call."

Brother McCoy concludes, "These are the human factors that the members of the church were willing to recognize and use. All could be based upon the fact that the best way to grow a church, increase mission offerings, and have a great revival is to use the Sunday School."—Edgar Williamson, Secretary

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Orient Spotlighted

BAPTIST WORK in the Orient will be emphasized in all girls' camps sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union. At each there will be a missionary from Japan and at least one Chinese national.

Miss Rosemary Limbert, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, better known to many in Arkansas as Mary Limbert, will be at the camp for intermediate girls July 20-24 and at two junior camps, August 10-14 and August 17-21. Miss Limbert continued her teaching career at Seinan Jo Gakuin, a school for girls in Kokura, Japan.

Prior to her appointment by the Foreign Mission Board, in June 1950, she taught at Turrell and Newport. She is a native of Grubbs and is spending a year's furlough in the states.

In addition to the above, there will be camps at Ferncliff for junior girls, July 27-31, and August 3-7. Inquiries and reservations should be sent to the state WMU office, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Another to Ridgecrest

Miss Frankie Ward, of Arkadelphia, went on the chartered bus to the YWA Conference at Ridgecrest, along with the other 28 listed in last week's paper. They were joined at Ridgecrest by five from Monette. This is the largest group from Arkansas to attend that conference in many years. ■

In a New Light

IT SEEMS a pretty young nursing student and her doctor fiancee had just broken their engagement . . . nurse was telling her girl friend about it.

"Do you mean to say," exclaimed her friend, wide-eyed, "he actually asked you to give back all his presents?"

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Dessert For Daddy

By GRAYCE KROGH BOLLER

FOR WEEKS all Nancy and Bob talked about was the picnic at Barker's Corners. The whole class was going. It would be fun, especially because it was the first picnic of the season.

"Wieners roasted over the fire," Bob smacked his lips.

"Games and races," Nancy beamed. "I can hardly wait."

But the night before the picnic, Sam Billings stopped by.

"The wild strawberries are ripe," he reported, licking his lips, which had a pink rim of juice around them, "and are they good! Sweet as sugar and big!"

"Wild strawberries are never big," Nancy corrected.

"Well, big for wild ones," Sam defended.

When he had gone, Nancy and Bob looked at each other soberly. They remembered a promise they had made to Daddy last month.

"We will pick wild strawberries for your Father's Day present," they had said.

But when the picnic to Barker's Corners was planned, they had completely forgotten about the strawberries and Daddy's Father's Day gift. Now Sunday was Father's Day, day after tomorrow, and the wild strawberries were ripe.

"But the picnic is tomorrow," Nancy protested to Bob.

"We can't pick strawberries then," Bob decided.

"But we promised!" Nancy wailed. "Promises ought to be kept!"

"And we haven't anything else to give Daddy," Bob remembered.

"Well, we can pick them on Monday then," Nancy planned.

Still, neither she nor Bob felt very good about this idea. The strawberries should be for Sunday dessert. Mother would make a cake and there would be whipped cream, thick and yellow and rich, right from Grandfather's farm. It was Daddy's favorite dessert, wild strawberry shortcake with whipped cream on top!

Daddy always said there was nothing

like the taste of wild strawberries. They were sweeter than the cultivated ones, even if they were small. They had more flavor, too.

"Daddy won't mind if we go to the picnic," Bob argued.

"I guess not," Nancy sounded doubtful.

All the rest of that evening, Bob and Nancy thought about Daddy and the strawberries. When Daddy popped corn for them, they thought about them. When he played a game with them, when he gathered them close as he read a Bible story to them, when they prayed and he laid a gentle hand on each tousled head, the brother and sister remembered how good Daddy always was to them, how loving and how kind.

The next day was a beautiful day, sunny and warm, yet with a cool breeze blowing. It was a perfect day for a picnic. Bob and Nancy kissed Mother and Daddy good-by as they started out. They hurried down the road as fast as they could go.

"Did you have a good time?" Mother asked when they got home a long time later.

"Oh, a wonderful time!" Bob and Nancy cried together. "It is a grand day to be outdoors!"

The next day the boy and girl did not mention Father's Day to Daddy. But after church they set the table for Mother as she prepared dinner. When it was ready, Daddy asked the blessing. Everything tasted so good.

"Now, what is for dessert?" Daddy asked at last.

"Wild strawberry cake!" Nancy and Bob almost shouted as Mother brought in the huge shortcake.

"But you went to a picnic yesterday!" Daddy looked surprised but happy.

"No, we didn't!" Nancy explained. "You thought we did, but Mother knew we went to the meadow to pick wild strawberries."

"Then you missed the picnic," Daddy said.

"We wanted to miss it," Bob smiled.

"We would rather keep our promise to you and make you happy than have all the picnics in the world."

"Happy Father's Day, Daddy!" Nancy and Bob cried together, while Mother served the shortcake to a beaming daddy. ■

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A Smile or Two



"Fifteen definite converts, and one still doubtful."

Try This, Sir

"DID THAT rabbit's foot you carry around in your pocket ever bring you any luck?"

"Sure thing, my wife got in my trousers' pocket once to get something and thought it was a mouse."

Still Living?

"I'M HOLDING my breath today. The Deacons are doing a survey among themselves as to whether as a group they'll assume the \$4,000 memorial window on College Avenue. Hold yours with me until the verdict comes in."—From Pastor Andrew M. Hall's column in 1st Church, Fayetteville, bulletin.

Setting the Pace

A SIX-YEAR-OLD and her four-year-old brother had a difference of opinion which finally led to blows.

"Children! Children!" exclaimed their mother. "Haven't you heard of the Golden Rule?"

"Yes," sputtered the six-year-old, "but he did unto me first."

Convention Yarns

TWO FELLOWS were playing cards in Arkansas when one said to the other: "Now play 'em fair, Reuben, I know what I dealt you."

The most typical Baptist joke heard in the corridors: Following a devastating nuclear explosion, it seemed only three people were left in the entire world. Meeting and taking stock of themselves, they were amazed to learn they were all Southern Baptists. Immediately they organized, electing a president, vice-president, and secretary and set a goal of four for Sunday School the next Sunday.—From editorial, "Convention Superlatives," Western Recorder.

Love's Labor Lost

A PRACTICAL joker once sent a stuffy customer a long, dull book. Along with it was a personal note supposedly signed by the author: "I think you will find this work interesting, particularly the references to you, which I sincerely trust you will not find offensive."

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Nations Need Religious Leaders

By ROBERT SMITH
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JUNE 28

Lesson Text: II Kings 11:4, 9-12, 17-19, 21; 12:2.

WHO CAN evaluate the true worth of a godly leader? A righteous man in a high place of leadership is worth more to a nation than any number of ships, tanks and planes. Yet, along with a righteous man at the head of a nation there is an urgent need for religious leaders from all walks of life making their influence felt from every part of the country.



MR. SMITH

GOD OR TYRANTS

WILLIAM PENN once wrote: "Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants." How true we have found these words to

be. Spoken long ago by this wise, far-seeing statesman, this principle has been vividly demonstrated in our own time by Adolf Hitler and others like him.

Athaliah was a tyrant. She possessed superb abilities but was utterly depraved morally. With tyrants there can be no equality, no individualism. Athaliah believed that there must always be masters and servants. She held that the strong must dominate the weak. In her opinion there were two classes, the leaders and the led. She and all her kind set aside the principle of divine leadership for the infamous doctrine of "the divine right of kings." She lived violently by the sword. She died like she lived!

With the coronation of the young king Joash, God's leadership was recognized once again. The boy had been carefully nurtured in the way and word of the Lord. Like Samuel, the Temple had been his home. The priest Jehoiada in anointing the boy king and making a religious covenant, witnessed to the divine appointment of the monarch emphasizing the rights of the subjects and the limits of the ruler. What a difference in the history of the world if every man in a high place of power and prestige would consider his stewardship of that place to the living God!

RELIGION AND POLITICS

RELIGION AND politics do not mix we are often reminded today. Certainly we are not to bring a discussion of current politics into the pulpit or Sunday School classroom. But there is a crying need for religion — applied Christianity — in the world of politics. The Adult Quarterly carries this statement of

CONSIDERING THE wide areas from which they came, Pastor Andrew M. Hall of 1st Church, Fayetteville, must have found it necessary to make some "scattered" remarks in greeting the visitors to his service on a recent Sunday. Visitors were on hand from Texarkana, Swifton, Morrilton, Biggers, Little Rock, Bauxite, El Dorado, Bodecaw, Sulphur Springs, Batesville, Prescott, Russellville, Hope, Pine Bluff, Newport, and Blytheville, all in Arkan-

sas; from Muskogee, McAlester, and Drumright, in Oklahoma; from Topeka, Kansas; from Kansas City and Columbia in Missouri; from Shreveport and Sarepta, in Louisiana; from Fort Worth and Mt. Pleasant, in Texas; and from Carlsbad, New Mexico.

E. L. CROSBY, JR., minister of music and education at 1st Church, Smackover, has accepted a call to Harrison's 1st Church, in a similar position. His

George Washington: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports." Without a solid religious foundation, our present system of politics would soon decay and collapse. Religious institutions and leaders are to influence and inspire those in political office.

Billy Graham, on his recent visit to Moscow, was asked if he wanted an interview with Khrushchev. He replied that he did not and added, "I am not a politician." A wise answer indeed. But who will deny that the religious ministry of Billy Graham has made a tremendous impact upon the political life of this nation as well as the lives of the nation's political leaders?

In the last analysis, a few leaders cannot make a nation righteous and strong. The support and devotion of the people becomes an absolute necessity. Someone put it this way: "The temper of the people often proves the force for good or evil in the rulers." Everyone of us shares a responsibility for the kind of government we have. Each of us is obligated to uphold worthy standards by voice and vote!

MORAL STRENGTH, NATIONAL SECURITY

WE ARE familiar with the conditions leading up to the fall of the Roman Empire. Rome's failure was a moral failure. Someone has observed that nations and civilizations are never murdered, rather, they commit suicide. They rot from within. The people of America must face the hard facts that moral decay is in process in our nation today! Even our military leaders are disturbed at the lack of moral fibre in the character of the young men coming into military service. As you read this lesson, there are enough young men in the Navy brig to man the entire submarine fleet!

In the Korean War, one out of every three men captured, defected — or co-operated with the enemy in some way. A contributing factor to this condition was that our fighting men lacked a great spiritual purpose! Our Intelligence experts found that these men had lost confidence in the truth and justice underlying our American way of life.

We find ourselves in the incredible position of having enough destructive power to blow up the world and without the moral power to control that force.

This is our nation and our business as Christian men and women to see that it is "One nation, under God . . ." Reversing the tide of moral decay is our responsibility. Rebuilding the great spiritual foundations upon which this country was founded is our task. Weaving into the youth of our land a strong character and deep reverence for the things of God is your business and mine. God help us!

church voted to accept Crosby's resignation effective June 30, but to let his duties end June 24 to give him a vacation and enable him to be on the field at Harrison the last Sunday in June. (CB)

CASS CHURCH, Clear Creek Association, has put the Arkansas Baptist in its budget after receiving our one-month free trial offer. Irving Crossland is pastor.

In the World of Religion

... Membership of the religious bodies in the United States more than tripled between 1906 and 1956, with a rise from 32,936,445 to 100,162,529. Statistics show that religious bodies are more than holding their own in view of population growth. The population of the United States increased 99.5 per cent during these fifty years, and membership in religious bodies increased 204 per cent in the same period.

... The date of Joshua's conquest of Hazor in northern Galilee, along with his triumph over Jericho when the Israelites crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land, has been newly-established by an Israeli archeologist. He estimated Joshua's campaign to be about 3300 years ago, which coincides with the account in the book of Joshua, chapter 11.

George Dugan, religious editor of The New York Times, recently was presented with the James O. Supple Memorial Award for outstanding coverage of religious news in the secular press during the past year. —**The Survey Bulletin**

Facts of Interest

... The average family income last year reached \$6,220, up \$20 over 1957. Forty per cent of families had incomes from \$4,000 to \$8,000; 22 per cent, incomes of \$8,000 or more; and 36 per cent, less than \$4,000.

... Mounting losses on passenger traffic are causing the railroads to discontinue or curtail 300 to 400 trains a day. It is estimated that 10 per cent of the nation's trains are affected, with more cutbacks coming. They claim passenger train-miles have dropped from 481 million in 1945 to 246 million in 1958. Also, that every passenger cost them 1.97 cents a mile more than the fare collected.

... A recent survey of four hundred married men students at the University of California, Santa Barbara, shows that 80 per cent of the students are doing better work than before marriage.

... According to a new medical study recently made by doctors associated with Harvard University, Tufts College, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, heavy drinking, outdoor work, and frequent respiratory troubles may have a part in lung cancer—but compared to cigarette smoking—a minor part. The most important factor is the total number of cigarettes smoked in a lifetime, and it makes no difference whether the amount was smoked over a short or long period of years.

... **QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "It is the task of a seminary not to say what God should have said or what God would say, but simply to chip away the barnacles which accumulate about what God did say."—**The Survey Bulletin**

Young Baptist Dies In Fall From Bluff

NASHVILLE — (BSSB) — An accident occurred June 6 at Catawba Falls, near Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, N. C., which resulted in the death of one person and serious injuries to another.

Barbara Butler, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Butler, of Saluda, S. C., died from injuries received when she fell from the top of the falls. She was buried June 8 at Saluda.

Sue Morrow, of Inman, S. C., who also fell from the top of the falls, is in a critical condition in an Asheville, N. C., hospital.

Miss Butler, president of the Baptist Student Union at Coker College, Hartsville, S. C., and Miss Morrow, a recent high school graduate, were attending a retreat at Ridgecrest assembly.

Willard K. Weeks, assembly manager, said the young ladies were on an unguided hike to the falls area when they slipped from a rock into a mountain stream which swept them over the 50-foot falls.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Baptist Sunday School Board here said: "This tragic accident has brought deep grief to all of us at the Sunday School Board and the assembly. We express sincerest sympathy to all those who have suffered either physically or emotionally because of the mishap and want them to know of our prayerful concern in this time of their sorrow and anxiety."



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