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personally speaking

O'er the ocean blue

ONE of the thrilling things about making a trip is getting ready for it. And the further you are going and the longer you are to be gone, the greater the thrill.

Getting ready to leave your native land, as Maria and I are as this is written (and will have done by the time this issue of the paper gets out to our readers), is both thrilling and chilling. Especially when you are going to be flying over as much water—and fish—as you have in the Atlantic Ocean!



MARIA AND ERWIN L.

As some of you will remember from previous mention, we are going on a three-week writing and preaching mission, or tour, of the British Isles, and will be traveling in England, in Ireland, and in Scotland.

This is Maria's first time to "cross the ocean," and my second trip to England and Scotland and my first to the Emerald Isle. It helps some with the heart flutter to have friends out there waiting for you, as we have. For example, in London, we are being met at the airport by our good friend Dr. W. Charles Johnson, executive secretary of the London Baptist Association.

And while in London we'll be staying with Pastor and Mrs. J. Clifford Askew, of the Camden Road Baptist Church, who reside at 31 Laurier Road, London, N. W. 5.

We'll be seeing other good friends in England and in Scotland. But, in Ireland, we'll be strictly

on our own. From what we've heard about the warm Irish hospitality, though, we do not expect to be too lonely.

In Ireland we'll be among our kind of folks, with many a "Mc" and "O,'" but in the Republic of Ireland itself, consisting of all of the island but the northern six counties which are still a part of Great Britain, nearly everybody is Catholic in faith. The 5 percent of the inhabitants of the island who are Protestant live mostly in the six northern counties. Most of the Irish Baptists are in the Belfast area.

We'll be mixing some pleasure with business as we go along. For one thing, we hope to wet a hook or two in the waters of Ireland and Scotland. The bream in Ireland are plentiful, they tell us, and get to be six pounds in size!

Maria and I have our international driver's licenses—at \$2 each through AAA—signifying that we know how to drive on the left side of the road. Well, we'll see!

Don't go away. We'll have more later, I hope!

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

IT'S a rare year for beautiful Baptists. Arkansas Baptists now not only claim Miss America (Donna Axum of El Dorado), they also have Mrs. Arkansas—Mrs. Clarence Johnson of Blytheville. You'll read about her in the cover story on page 7.

ALASKA'S ravaging earthquake apparently spared Anchorage Southern Baptist churches. Relatively light damage was reported by state headquarters. The story begins on page 12.

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The Governor's power

THE shutting down of illegal gambling operations in Hot Springs at the end of March came so suddenly and so unexpectedly that it still seems like a pleasant dream—or a nightmare—depending on the viewpoint.

Those of us who have deplored so long what we have regarded as a great blemish on the face of our state—the wide open illegal operation of casinos with at least tacit approval of state and local law enforcement officers—had expected the showdown and the shutdown to come eventually. But who could have predicted that it would come as it did, on the strength of an overwhelming vote of a special session of the State Legislature, calling for law enforcement?

So much had been said about the impossibility of enforcing the gambling laws “against the wishes of the local people” that many had seemed to agree that this was the “gospel,” if not the law, for Hot Springs. The closing demonstrates once more that the powers invested in the governor of the state, as the chief law enforcement officer, are formidable. Even the Hot Springs officers who make no bones about their wanting the gambling dens open and running again have said that the places will be closed “as long as the governor of the state wants them closed.” So it would seem to be up to the people of Arkansas to encourage the governor to keep the heat turned on.

Those who favor law observance owe a great debt to men like Representative Roy H. Galyean, Hiwasse Baptist minister, who introduced the anti-gambling resolution in the special session of the legislature, and to Rev. Robert Fudge, the fearless Hot Springs minister who was able to give so good accounting of his own efforts against the underworld, when challenged by the Governor.

But the real hope for the future depends upon ordinary, private citizens such as Mrs. James H. Chesnutt, a resident of Hot Springs, who gave an inside view of the situation in a letter to the *Arkansas Gazette* on Thursday of last week. Said Mrs. Chesnutt:

“During my lifetime our town has been both

closed to gambling and wide open. When closed it has been a pleasanter, more desirable place in which to live and to rear children. Then, parents and teachers could talk of respect for law without having the youth ask derisively, ‘What law?’ Then, lawyers could hold their celebration of Law Day without embarrassment. Then, there was not the total economic collapse predicted by the gambling racketeers—propaganda surely to brainwash the people. Then, ‘grass did not grow in the streets’ of Hot Springs. We lived, and we prospered. . .”

A Hot Springs lawmaker who deplores the closing of the gambling places has set himself the task of circulating petitions to get a vote next November on legalizing gambling. This is his right in a democracy. But let Christians not be hoodwinked into having any part in getting this placed on the ballot. While the petition carriers are making their contacts they will be appealing for signers on the argument that signing a petition is not voting for legalizing gambling but just to get the question on the ticket “so the people can have a chance to vote.” But if they should succeed in getting the required number of signers—estimated at about 250,000—they would doubtless use as campaign appeals that “250,000 voters indicated they’d be in favor of legalizing gambling.”

Before November there must be the greatest unveiling of the evils of gambling that the state has ever seen. For there will be those advocates who will argue on the false premise that legalizing the evil will cleanse it and make it good. There has been a problem of law violation in the Hot Springs situation, to be sure, but aside from this is the problem of what gambling—either legal or illegal—does to men and women and children, and to communities. The only solution is to keep gambling illegal and to enforce the law.

In the meantime, if you have not informed the Governor lately as to how you feel about the gambling situation, drop him a card or a letter today.
—ELM

* * *
“He is no fool who parts with what he cannot keep to get what he cannot lose.”—The Survey Bulletin

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“Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it every day, and at last we cannot break it.”—The Survey Bulletin

Baptists protestants?

By W. MORGAN PATTERSON
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AT the request of the "Answer Please" column in the *Arkansas Democrat*, Little Rock, the following information is given.

The question "Are Baptists Protestants?" has been raised often in the last one hundred years as a result of the exclusiveness of the Landmark movement, founded in the 1950's by J. R. Graves. The issue really centers upon two things: (1) What is meant by the word "Protestant," and (2) one's view of Baptist history.

The term "Protestant" has a variety of meanings and applications. Its earliest use was by a group of German nobles who opposed the Catholic majority at the Diet of Speier in 1529. In reaction to certain Catholic threats, the Lutheran minority drafted a statement of "protest" and thus became "protesters" or "protestants." Its first use, therefore, was in a civil context.

Secondly, there is a real sense in which the word might be restricted to the Lutherans. It was the sympathizers of Martin Luther who in the sixteenth century became the first Protestants. But words often undergo a change of meaning with the passing of years, and this is true of the word "Protestant." It has come to designate those many groups and individuals who withdrew from the Roman Catholic Church in the period of the Reformation. In effect they protested against what they felt to be the corruption, superstition, and doctrinal distortions associated with the Roman Church. These protesters were the followers of Calvin, Knox, Zwingli, and others as well as Luther.

There is another sense in which the historian uses the term "Protestant." As he studies the development of Christianity in Western Europe and in this hemisphere, he discerns two major traditions: Catholic and Protestant. This is a convenient way to distinguish in general terms the two significant segments of Christianity. Within this division it is obvious where Baptists belong.

One well-known church historian speaks of the basic characteristics of Protestantism to be "the acceptance of the Bible as the only source

of revealed truth, the doctrine of justification by faith only, and the universal priesthood of all believers."* To all of these Baptists wholeheartedly subscribe. Robert G. Torbet, author of *A History of the Baptists* (rev., 1963), is typical of the many Baptist historians who place Baptists squarely in the Protestant tradition because of the heavy influence of the Reformation on them.

The point is that Baptists are theological Protestants, but not historical Protestants. That is, Baptists hold to the basic views of Protestantism, but they are not historically descended from the sixteenth century Reformers. This leads, then, to the second consideration: one's view of Baptist history.

When and under what circumstances did Baptists originate? Most Baptists who scorn the designation of Protestant believe that Baptists can trace themselves in an unbroken line back to the first century. Using the many dissenting groups of Christian history, certain Baptist historians have worked out a Baptist genealogy. Church history has been ransacked to produce such groups as the Novatians, Donatists, Paulicians, Waldenses, Albigenses, and numerous others who ostensibly hold one or two things in common with modern Baptists. These sects supposedly appear in chain-like fashion and allegedly were the Baptists of other days. It is believed that an uninterrupted succession of Baptists is thereby guaranteed.

However, the fact is that knowledgeable and competent Baptist historians of today reject such a view as without historical foundation. Furthermore, it is little more than a Baptist adaptation of "apostolic succession." Both the principle and the results of the two views are the same.

Research into Baptist beginnings shows that Baptists as a self-conscious and self-perpetuating denomination appeared in England in the seventeenth century. In this setting they emerged as a second generation of Protestantism with their roots deep in English Puritanism and Separatism.

Interestingly enough, despite the vigorous protests of some Baptists against being called Protestants, it is nonetheless true that historically Baptists have always protested what they regarded to be the excesses and errors of the Roman Catholic Church. If Protestants are characterized by protest, Baptists are the first to qualify.

*F. L. Cross, ed., *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* (London: Oxford University Press, 1957), p. 1116.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the people SPEAK

THE spelling and sentence structure in this department are those of the writers. The only editing of letters to the editor is the writing of headlines and, occasionally, deletion of parts that are not regarded as essential.

Pulpit personality

MUCH is being said lately in some places about the tone of voice a preacher should use in delivering his messages. Most college and seminary-taught preachers are advised to talk from the pulpit in a conversational tone.

Dr. Scarborough used to tell his students to talk to their congregations rather than holler at them. The consensus of opinion now is that anything beyond or above a strong conversational tone of voice from the pulpit is outbursts of emotional intoxication.

Some argue that for the preacher to establish the proper rapport between himself and his congregation he must present a relaxed personality, with a quiet, and peaceful appearance that puts his congregation in a relaxed state of mind.

If the preacher is to accomplish much during any given service his congregation must catch something of the preacher's spirit, and many think this can be done in a quiet, relaxed atmosphere better than if the preacher raises his voice to a keen pitch and gets red in the face, causing some to think the preacher is mad.

One little girl said after the preaching service "Mother, our pastor sure got mad today." Mother said: "Why do you think he did?" The little girl replied, "'Cause he hollered at us just like you do when you get mad at me."

Many of our mature Christians of today believe for the pastor to appear in the pulpit in a relaxed attitude and maintain that attitude throughout the service, using a strong, impressive conversation-

al tone of voice is more conducive to educating his people about the great doctrines of the Bible and in such a quiet atmosphere people are more likely to give place to the entrance of God's spirit to deal with their lives.—S. C. Swinney, Sr., Jonesboro

'Deliverance to captives'

AS you may recall, in Matthew 25:36 ("I was in prison and you came to me. . .") we are commanded to be concerned about people who are in prison. However, most of us, and including myself, have never been near a prison and our concern for prisoners has at the best been merely academic.

Once we recognize our shortcomings and failings in this matter, just what can we do to show our love for these people in prison? What can we do to help in their rehabilitation, and of course, how can we introduce them to our Lord and Master?

I certainly don't have the answers. But maybe you or some of your readers do. Could you perhaps direct me to some individuals in your state who have done something positive in working with and helping prisoners and in aiding in prison reform?

One of our Southern Baptist denominational magazines has expressed an interest in seeing an article along these lines and of course your replies could make a substantial contribution to such an article.—Edward A. Lacy, 27 Harper Lane, Willingboro, N. J.

REPLY: Although I personally have never engaged extensively in this particular ministry, I have gone on occasions with others to preach in prisons. The fact that you feel this concern is the important thing. Enlist some help from other Christians and arrange with officers at the jails or pris-

ons for you to come and hold services. Take enough song books for the prisoners to join in the singing. Go!—ELM

'I believe'

1. *I BELIEVE* that Jesus is the Son of God.

2. *I believe* He was born of a virgin to be the Saviour of the world.

3. *I believe* He died on a cross for our sins. (yours and mine).

4. *I believe* He rose again, having power over death and the grave.

5. *I believe* we too will live again after death if we believe in Him.

6. *I believe* there is no other way, for Jesus said I am the way.

7. *I believe* that through Him we shall have Eternal, *Everlasting* life.

8. *I believe* it is a *Gift* of God by his Grace. (not of works).

9. *I believe* we must accept it through child like Faith.

10. *I believe* that one day Jesus shall come again in power and Glory. King of Kings and Lord of Lords.—Mrs. E. J. Cato, 1517 Center St., Little Rock, Ark.

Serious use of humor

THE article in this weeks copy of the Arkansas Baptist under the caption "Humor of Christ" is most shocking to say the least of it; the article is evidently an endorsement of a book of one Dr Trueblood which tries to portray Christ as speaking in a jesting manner at times

I have just recently completed another review of all the four gospels and I have yet to find any part of these gospels that pictures Christ as being in a humorous mood, or expecting others to view his teaching in such a manner

The scripture alluded to, in this article which is Matthew 23-24, and Jesus says "Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel"; only a very casual reading of this 23rd chapter shows Jesus sternly rebuking the

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Marriage at 72?



QUESTION: "Do you think it wise for a man and woman seventy-two years of age to marry?"

"The couple I have in mind are in as good health as one could expect. Both of them work for modest salaries and each lost the first companion by death. Each of them has children, but they feel they would like to make their decisions for themselves. They are not dependent upon their children for their livelihoods. They are both capable of attending to their own business affairs.

"These two people are faithful members of the same church and they love each other very much.

"I am a close friend of theirs writing for them in order that identities may be protected."

ANSWER: If you have presented an accurate, unbiased picture of their situation, it would seem that marriage would bring to these two people the advantages of understanding companionship for their remaining years.

Here, as in so many decisions that have to do with "courtship, marriage, and the home" the many phases of relationships, circumstances, and the unpredictable future make it unwise for one to offer direct advice or outright suggestions.

Certain vital factors must enter into the thinking of all concerned.

The value of real companionship to people in their sunset years can hardly be overestimated. There is such a wide di-

vergence between the interests of older people and the interests of their children and their younger friends that all too often loneliness is the lot of the finest parent of the most devoted children. The loss of one's companion undoubtedly brings an incomparable loneliness. Two people who have lived through such an experience and who have genuine feeling for each other can find greater solace in associations and companionship together than in sympathy-efforts from those who have never suffered like experiences.

It is important that two elderly people considering marriage have dependable resources for meeting emergencies that the eveningtime of life is sure to bring. Frequently these are long-drawn-out and burdensome trials. It is hardly fair to one's children, with their own family responsibilities, to have a parent dependent upon them for support add to their cares by a re-marriage.

Sometimes children are opposed to a contemplated marriage because it would mean that their inheritance from the parent would have to be shared with a step-parent. Thoughtful sons and daughters, however, have greater concern for the contentment of an aging parent than for the size of their bequest.

The children who would consent to a parent's golden-age re-marriage have justifiable concern about the personality traits and competence of the mate chosen, or

accepted. There are many cases where children have been embarrassed by the unwise decisions and foolish actions of beloved parents who have become problematic victims of senility.

The question that heads this week's column touched off remembering of an incident from our household lore: We were having open house in our redecorated pastor's-home. An elderly couple came in and asked for the pastor. Thinking they were friends of some of our congregation who had come by as courtesy gesture, the pastor was about to steer them down the receiving line, when the woman whispered to him,

"We want to get married."

Handling the situation as best he could, the pastor took the couple into another room and heard their story. They had come from an adjoining town and were getting a pastor they had heard of but didn't know personally to perform the ceremony, because, they explained:

"We slipped off. We're running away from our children."

Julietta K. Arthur proposes this "Bill of Rights for Older Folks" (*How to Help Older People*):

- (1) right to be treated as a person;
- (2) right to have a say about own life;
- (3) right to be treated as a grownup;
- (4) right to a fair chance on one's merits;
- (5) right to a future;
- (6) right to have fun and companions;
- (7) right to be romantic;
- (8) right to help of one's family in becoming interesting to that family;
- (9) right to professional help when necessary;
- (10) right to be old.

May your friends find happiness in the years ahead, whatever their decision.

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Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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Darius Buckley

ELDER Darius Buckley had the honor of preaching the first sermon on ministerial education before the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

He was assigned the subject at the session held with New Hope church, Dallas county, 1856. (This church is located three



DR. SELPH

miles east of Sparkman). The convention gave most of its attention to the subject of education at this meeting. Elder Buckley lived in Dardanelle Association at that time and was qualified to handle the subject, being well educated himself.

Mr. Buckley took his responsibility seriously. When the convention met at Samaria, eight miles west of Princeton, Dallas county, 1857, he was ready with his sermon. His text was II Tim. 2:15. This message set forth the propriety of educating ministers so forcefully that the convention ordered it printed. Its main points were:

1. "Preachers ought to be well educated because of the magnitude of work they accomplish.
2. "Preachers ought to be well educated because they must meet the storms of error, opposition and persecution, and must wage a warfare of aggression in defense of the truth.
3. "Such educated preachers will not have to read their sermons. They will be masters of the situation.
4. "The marvelous power and influence of humble, godly educated preachers reach into eternity." (Rogers, *History of Arkansas Baptists*, p. 483)

Darius Buckley was born in Milan, Tenn., in 1826. Converted at 15, he became interested in soul-winning, and began to preach at

The Cover



Mrs. Arkansas

MRS. Clarence Johnson, an active member of First Church, Blytheville, and wife of the church Sunday School superintendent, was recently crowned "Mrs. Arkansas" at Blytheville Air Force Base.

In our cover picture by A1C Joseph Covolo Jr. of the base newspaper Mrs. Johnson is being crowned by last year's queen, Mrs. June McKee Spots of West Memphis.

Announcement of the winner was made at the Blytheville Chamber of Commerce annual banquet. She was selected on the basis of activities in homemaking, community and church and an essay on homemaking. She is representing the state in the Mrs. America contest in St. Petersburg, Fla., this week.

Mr. Johnson is a Blytheville CPA. They have two sons, Bruce and Bobby.

16. He graduated from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and helped establish Bethel College at Russellville, Ky.

He came to Little Rock in 1855 and preached there and in the surrounding communities. He went to Ft. Smith in 1857 and that year organized First Church in that city. His grandson is Dr. Perry F. Webb, who for a third of a century was pastor of First Church, San Antonio, Tex. He is now retired and lives in Little Rock.

As Christ looked up

As Christ looked up and saw the stars,
Or stooped to touch a tiny flower,
He must have felt, as you and I,
The greatness of His Father's power.

—Iris O'Neal Bowen

Revivals

FLOODS caused cancellation of revivals in some churches in the Greene County Jubilee Revival Crusade, but Jesse S. Reed, state director of Evangelism, reports that there were 20 additions by baptism and 4 by letter. Prince E. Claybrook, association chairman of Evangelism directed the campaign.

COCKLEBUR Church, Ward, Jubilee Revival; 3 for baptism; 1 by letter; Robert L. Campbell, pastor.

FIRST Church, Lockesburg, Mar. 22-29; Herb Shreve, pastor, evangelist; Loel Phillips, song leader; 5 by profession of faith; 16 young people dedicated lives to purity.

FIRST Church, Marvell, Mar. 20-27; Dr. E. Butler Abington, First Church, DeQueen, evangelist; Paul Parker, music director, First Church, Marianna, singer; 24 for baptism; 2 by letter; 8 rededications; Charles A. Thompson, pastor.

TYLER Street Church, Little Rock, Mar. 22-29; J. T. Elliff, evangelist; Hoyt Mulkey, music director; 9 on profession of faith; 9 for baptism; 5 by letter; Harold Hightower, pastor.

FIRST Church, Lavaca, Mar. 19-22, youth revival; Larry M. Taylor, Ft. Worth, Tex., evangelist; 11 professions of faith, 9 united with church, 2 by letter; Doyle L. Lumpkin, pastor.

FIRST Church, Peach Orchard, Mo. Mar. 15-21; Rayburn A. Bone, pastor, Calvary Church, Batesville, Ark., evangelist; J. R. Hull, former Arkansan, pastor, singer; 2 by profession of faith; 7 rededications; 1 by letter.

CHARM

BY J. I. COSSEY

IF you are a chosen leader, put charm into your leadership.

James Barrie said, "If you have it, you do not need to have anything else, and if you haven't it, it does not matter much what else you have."

You can know the work of your church and the plan of progress but unless you possess the charm to please your prospect, what you know and say about your church will not count for much.

The power of charm is a secret because it is hidden within every one. Charm, like beauty, may be skin deep, but why not let it out to the surface, the world needs it. Your charm may be "your pearl of great price" and should be shown to the people. Charm is simply the enrichment of personality. If it is a hidden personality, bring it out.

Rules for improving your charm:

Quickly adapt yourself so as to conform to the attitude of your prospect. There is no use to argue with a rock, hill, or mountain.

Remember, your mission is regeneration, not reformation; your direction is up, not down; encouragement, not discouragement. If you cannot help your prospect, leave him mad at you. Be charming for Christ's sake.

You may prepare for charm with a divinely inspired smile, but not with a half-grin smile.

Be your natural self—not a pretense-make-believe. Put your prospect at ease quickly. Smile for attention, present Christ and your church. "Don't hang your washing in the front yard." Detours are signs of progress. A church quarrel may be a sign of progress, but it is not a good sales talk.



MR. COSSEY

The preacher poet

The goal for man

To aspire to the life of a
well kept hog
Is a goal no man should claim,
Nor to howl and growl like a
vicious dog
Should be no he-man's aim.
The end to attain in a man's
domain
Is a worthwhile place to fill.
The end deserved as one has served
Is the great God-given will.
—W. B. O'Neal

Charm is shown in interest; the prospect has an interest, listen to it. Soul-winners should always be humble, gentle, polite, and never know-alls or smart-alecs.

Love your prospect and act that way. Make him know that you love him. Humility will always enliven your charm.

Praise is always charming. Most people readily respond to praise. Some one has well said, "Praise is like a diamond, it derives its worth from its scarcity." Paul and Silas won their battle in the jail at Philippi by praising God. Christ blessed the five loaves and two fishes.

Praise a dog and he is your friend. Praise children and they glow with joy. Praise people and they will love you. "Feed them hot-chocolate," and they will pay for it. Whatever we praise multiplies.

"Praise is a positive expression of appreciation." Praise will increase the power of charm, and charm will bring more people out to church.

The ability to laugh will help to overcome irritation and win with charm. Be natural and you will be charming.

One way to add charm is to be clean, well groomed, neatly dressed, but not gaudy.

Charm is the art of pleasing. You must have poise, polish, ease, culture, and radiate happiness.

Present Christ and him crucified. Present your church as the greatest institution on earth.

The Bookshelf

The Lyndon Johnson Story, by Booth Mooney, Farrar, Straus, 1964, \$4.50
"He is the ablest man I know in American politics, and he really cares about this country as I want a President to care." Thus did the late President Kennedy pay tribute to the man who was destined to succeed him in the highest office of the land, as he told why he wanted Lyndon Johnson to be his running mate, in the election of 1960.

In this revised and expanded edition, illustrated with photographs, Mr. Mooney tells the story of the forces that shaped this native Texan and turned him at an early age toward a political career.

Mr. Mooney, a life-long newspaperman, has known President Johnson since 1952, and served for six years, during the time Mr. Johnson was a Senator, as his executive assistant.

Russell L. Dicks is the general editor of two new books just off the presses of Prentice Hall:

Group Counseling, by Joseph W. Knowles, and **Theology and Pastoral Counseling**, by Edward E. Thornton, each of which sells for \$2.95

Group Counseling describes in detail the therapeutic value of group counseling, its close relationship to the theology and healing mission of the church, and outlines helpful procedures for starting a group counseling program.

Theology and Pastoral Counseling is a timely, non-sectarian approach which defines pastoral care and counseling as "A form of communicating as well as understanding theology." It is extensively illustrated with the clinical experience of ministers. It discusses this communication and understanding of theology through examples of the pastoral care of persons in pain, persons suffering external loss, inter-conflict, and interpersonal conflict.

Landscapes of the Bible, by Georg Eichholz, Harper & Row, 1963, \$10

The 104 full-color views portray the highlights of the Bible lands, a treasury alike for those who have and those who have not visited the places. There are page after page of panoramic scenes of the Holy Land and other areas mentioned in the Bible.

Author Eichholz, a Bible scholar and author of **The History of Israel**, is not only an experienced writer but a skilled photographer. He spent three months in Palestine and the Near East making photographs and collecting materials for this book. Seven geographical regions are featured: the ancient coast of Phoenicia and Lebanon, Egypt, West Jordan, East Jordan, Jerusalem, Qumran, the Syrian Desert and the Euphrates.

Arkansas All Over

Seminary graduates



MR. TROUT

MR. ATKINS

TWO from Arkansas will be among the 43 young men to be graduated May 8 from Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. They are Ollie J. Trout, a native of Hot Springs, and Darrell Ray Atkins, who was born in Gentry.

Mr. Trout is a graduate of Ouachita College. He has served as pastor of churches at Ben Lomond, Wilton, Nashville, Portland and Eudora in Arkansas, and at Otterville and Gilliam in Missouri. He was recreation director for Delta Association Summer Camps in 1958.

Mrs. Trout is the former Miss Thelma Conant. They have two children, Pamela, 9, and Anita, 1.

Mr. Atkins received his B. A. degree from Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg. He has served as pastor of seven churches in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins have two children, Genetha, 4, and Jeffrey, 1.

Monticello growing

SECOND Church, Monticello, has voted to build an auditorium seating 500.

Rev. Bill H. Lewis in his one year pastorate there has seen 106 additions by baptism and 46 by letter. In a recent revival with J. Harold Smith as evangelist, 25 were converted and six added by letter.

OLD Union Church, Central Association, recently ordained Odus Banks as a deacon. Rev. Hugh Owens preached the sermon. Rev. Joe W. McMillion is pastor.

Calvary Association Webb is ordained

BOB Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Webb of Jonesboro and a senior at Ouachita College, was recently ordained to the ministry by Union Valley Church, Beebe, where he has been called as pastor.



MR. WEBB

Mr. Webb plans to attend Southwestern Seminary.

Participating in the ordination were A. D. Corder, missionary, and Delton Cooper.

Our revival reports:

McCrary, Walter Davis, Hammond, Ind., evangelist; Pat McHaffey, singer; 4 for baptism; 1 by letter; W. G. Dove, pastor.

Beebe, Ed Smith, the new pastor, evangelist; Bill Turmon, music director; 4 by baptism; 5 by letter.

McRae, Paul Kirdendoll, Blytheville, evangelist; 7 for baptism; 4 by profession of faith; R. V. Gean, pastor.



LEROY Gattin, a junior history major from Benton was installed recently as president of the Baptist Student Union at Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, for the 1964-1965 school year. He serves with the BSU director, Paul Larsen.

FORMER Arkansan Joe Shaver, who has been a full-time evangelist for a number of years, was recently added to the staff of Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn., as staff evangelist.



GEYER SPRINGS FIRST CHURCH BREAKS GROUND—Ground was broken recently for a \$120,000 educational building for adults by Geyer Springs First Church, Little Rock. The auditorium seating 435 will be completed in September. The old auditorium will be renovated to provide additional educational space. Membership has grown from 252 in 1958 to 525, Sunday School enrollment from 306 to 630, and budget from \$9,600 to \$44,000. Members of the building and finance committees shown from left to right: Tom McBay, George Rister, Jesse Rowan and Jim Hall, co-chairmen of the building group, A. F. Bowen, B. W. Ferguson, O. C. Gardner, Solon Johnson, Hallie Nutt and Rev. W. E. Perry, pastor.

Moore to lecture

JAY W. C. MOORE, who soon will begin his eighth year as missionary in Concord Association and his twenty-ninth consecutive year as superintendent of missions in five different associations, has been invited by Dr. Kenneth Chafin, head of the Evangelism Department of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., to lecture to his five classes on evangelism April 14 and 15.

Mr. Moore, who has assisted Mrs. Moore in conducting 214 Vacation Bible Schools, in which more than 18,000 were enrolled, and who has conducted 49 association-wide VBS clinics, will lecture on the subject, "Proper Methods of Evangelism in Vacation Bible Schools."

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T. H. Bledsoe dies

TROY H. Bledsoe, 64, deacon of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, died at a Little Rock hospital Mar. 27.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Troy of Denver; three daughters, Mrs. Ray Vann of Benton, Mrs. Walt Huth of Fresno, Calif., and Mrs. Wendell Harrison of Pine Bluff.

Mr. Bledsoe was a machinist for Missouri-Pacific Lines for 39 years until his retirement in 1962.

Ballentine to Grandview

HERMAN Ballentine, pastor of Lunsford Church, Mt. Zion Association, has accepted the pastorate of Grandview Church, Carroll County Association.

During his two and a half years at Lunsford there were 19 additions to the church. An electric organ was installed and the sanctuary was remodelled.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballentine have a daughter, Fredia Marie, 16, at home and two children in college. (CB)

Barks to Pine Bluff



DONALD E. BARKS

DONALD E. Barks, a native of Missouri, will begin his work as minister of music of First Church, Pine Bluff, Apr. 16.

Mr. Barks has served churches at Lampasas, Tex., DeRidder, La., Houston, Tex., New Orleans and Baton Rouge, La.

A graduate of Iowa Wesleyan College and Southwestern Seminary, Mr. Barks studied conducting under Norman Goldberg, former arranger and assistant conductor of the St. Louis Municipal Opera, while a student at Music and Arts University of St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Barks have two children.



NORTH SIDE CHURCH, Fort Smith, Orville Haley, pastor, has purchased property at 5023 Mussett Road and is in the process of building an entirely new church plant. Ground breaking services were held March 1 and construction of the first unit, an educational building, is now underway. On completion of the first unit, an Auditorium will then be constructed. When completed the Church will be valued at \$70,000.

Bayless in 'Program

THE digest of a talk he made recently at a meeting of the Little Rock Baptist Pastors' Conference will be carried in a future issue of the *Baptist Program*, Dr. C. Gordon Bayless, pastor of Central Church, North Little Rock, has been advised by Dr. W. C. Fields, editor of the *Baptist Program*.

In the talk Dr. Bayless dealt with his pulpit experiences in more than 40 years of preaching.

Gardner becomes church

GARDNER Mission of Hamburg First Church became a fully organized church Mar. 22, when a morning pledge and consecration service was held.

Participating in afternoon services were Rev. E. E. Griever, pastor of First Church, and Rev. Thad Douglas, retired.

Raymond Carpenter is pastor at Gardner. (DP)

CORONATION

FIRST Church, Paragould, held a G. A. coronation service recently for Maidens Kathy Camp, Rebecca Adams, Kathy Kelley, Carol Runnels; Princess Donna Farley; Queen Lela Seay; Queen-With-Scepter Jo Karen Martin, Princess Kay Manis; Maidens Ginger Lewis, Karen Thiel and Ronda Farley. Mrs. Henry Bleier is G. A. director.

Ministry of book selling

—By the Editor—

ONE of the greatest things a local church can do to accomplish its purpose of reaching and winning men and women to Christ is to have a good church library and get the people to use it.

This is the unqualified conviction of Rev. Robert H. Bauman, manager since last September of the Baptist Book Store here at 408 Spring, just half a block north of Baptist Building.

Mr. Bauman, a native Arkansan, feels that his call to the book store ministry came close on the heels of his call to preach. He had been at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., just a semester when he went one day to apply for work on a part-time basis in the seminary's book store. He promptly received the position and went to work on a 25-hours-a-week basis for the rest of his seminary years.

He learned sometime later that he was one of a number of students who applied for the book store position the same day and all of the others had been turned down ahead of him. He sees in this the hand of God helping to direct him into his chosen field of service.

Although still a young man, Mr. Bauman has been manager now of three different Baptist book stores, having served first at Austin, Tex., and after that, at Carbondale, Ill.

Mr. Bauman reports that he has always liked good books and his wife has this in common with him. Before he got into the book business himself, he was a pretty good customer for those who were already in the business, being a book lover.

Mrs. Bauman is the former Miss Bona Jean Rogers, of Stuttgart. The Baumans have an 8-year-old son, David Nelson, one of whose chief interests at this time is looking forward to riding a horse that is just in the process of being broken for him on his grandfather O. A. Bauman's farm, Benton, Route 3.

Mr. Bauman received the B.A. degree with a major in sociology from Carson-Newman College, Tennessee, and the B.D. degree, in the spring of 1958, from Southwestern Seminary.

Although something of a bookworm, the book store manager does like to take to the wide open spaces on occasion and enjoys the thrill of fishing for bass, crappie, and bream.

Manager Bauman and his staff of 15 helpers—seven clerks, five office workers, and three workers in the shipping department—meet each morning at 8:20 for a prayer service in the book store building. At this time they pray for God's direction in their ministry of getting good books and other materials out to the churches and pastors and they remember in their prayers their Baptist and Christian col-

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APRIL CHURCH LIBRARY EMPHASIS
National Library Week, April 12-18

leagues around the world.

Being manager of the Arkansas Baptist Book Store is certainly a full-time job. Last year, for example, the book store had a total of \$342,921 in sales and faces the constant task of keeping its inventory up to about \$110,000.

Eight and thirty-one-hundredths per cent of the sales are cash sales by mail. Twenty-two and twenty three-hundredths per cent of the sales are local cash sales. Mail order charges account for 34.63 per cent of the business and local charges for 34.83 per cent.

Although set up to do business mainly with Baptists, the book store has customers from many different faiths. At one time on a recent morning two of the customers were from First Church of Christ and First Church of the Nazarene, Little Rock.

Geographically, the orders come from far and wide. While the most of them come from Arkansas, others come from missionaries out on the field. A week before the Alaska earthquake the store had filled an order from a customer in Anchorage, Alaska. They have also had recent orders from Mexico and from Nigeria.

Each year during the month of April, partly because of the observance of National Library Week, April 12-18, the Church Library Service of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has a very tempting offer to churches interested in establishing libraries, Mr. Bauman reminded. Any church during the month of April that will vote to have a library, elect a librarian, and select a place for the library, may receive a number of volumes free from the library service by buying five books required to start the collection.

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Anchorage churches little damaged

By W. H. Hansen

For Baptist Press

DAMAGE to Anchorage's Southern Baptist churches in the wake of the earthquake which ravaged much of the city on Good Friday is relatively light, it was determined by state Baptist headquarters at Anchorage

The church buildings of most denominations were miraculously spared serious damage. Losses were not excessive for most Baptist church buildings, though most suffered some damage

It is probable that church buildings at hard-hit Seward and Valdez have suffered more extensive damages. Poor communications have held up reports from these two cities. Over the rest of Alaska no other damaged churches were discovered.

Anchorage churches which suffered most damage seem to have been Faith, located in Spenard, East Third Mission (Native), and Calvary.

Faith Baptist Church was gutted by a fire only a year ago. Since that time it had been almost completely restored. Now the building shows new cracks along the side walls of the auditorium, and its brick facing has pulled away to some extent. Other damage is confined to the entryway of the building.

The pastor of Faith Church, Aubrey Short, is president of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

East Third Baptist Mission, whose building was constructed by the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion Home Mission Board, suffered a tottered chimney. In its fall the chimney caved in a small section of the church's aluminum roof. The church was holding a week's revival.

Calvary Baptist Church on Government Hill, second largest church in the Alaska Convention, lost about 90 per cent of its lighting fixtures as the quake shook the city of Anchorage for five full minutes. Fluorescent lighting was used extensively throughout the building.

The church met on Easter Sunday in its basement, largely because no heat was available. Many of the church assembled in the 32-degree temperature with no building heat.

Two employees of the Alaska Baptist Convention were working slightly past the quitting time of 5:30 p.m. when the first wave struck at 5:36.

One of them, state Woman's Missionary Union secretary Louise Yarbrough, had come from her office on the second floor of the two-story building to type at the desk of office secretary and bookkeeper Bernice Gillespie.

"I kept begging Louise to finish so we could go by the cleaners at Fourth and 'I' Streets to pick up our clothes," Miss Gillespie recalled urging her roommate. "Had she finished a few minutes sooner, we would have been in one of the worst-struck sections of the city," said the secretary.

The experience of waiting out the tremor in the convention office building, located in the severely damaged downtown section, was far from pleasant, however. Filing cabinets spilled their contents and furniture flew wildly across the room.

After they had unsuccessfully tried to go outside the building, the two women sat on the floor in the middle of the room in an attempt to escape damage from breaking glass. Had she remained on the second floor, Miss Yarbrough would almost certainly have been injured.

The office building is located only a block away from the heavily damaged year-old J. C. Penney store and even closer to the wrecked New York Life Building.

Roy Moore, secretary for religious education in the state convention, was in a plane en route from Kotzebue to Anchorage at the time of the quake. The plane was unable to land at Anchorage until the following day. Executive Secretary William H. Hansen was also away from the city.

First Baptist Church is located only a half-block from Penney's and shares its parking lots for Sunday services. In spite of its location, the church suffered only the mild loss of three basement wall partitions made of two-inch concrete blocks.

First Church met for Sunday School in its own building but consolidated its evening services with Grandview Baptist Church, which was not damaged.

Trinity Baptist Church, Mountain View, had water in its basement from a broken pipe. Fairview Church suffered almost no apparent damage. University Church had the inevitable cracks. Eagle River Church reported no apparent damage. Sunset Hills Church and New Hope Church were not heard from.

Daylight illuminates a dark basement room of the Immanuel Baptist Church through a wide crack in the wall. A few fixtures were knocked from their positions, and ceiling tile fell in sev-

eral places in the building. Only a half-mile away on the Seward Highway, where the church is located, severe faults are evident in the roadway.

No member of an Anchorage Baptist church was ascertained to have lost his life in the quake through Sunday midnight.

Numerous families who were members of local churches lived in the fashionable Turnagain section, which suffered heaviest damage among Anchorage residential districts. The Turnagain home of the music director of First Church, Roger Laube, suffered severe damage.

That of Dr. Royce Morgan, well-known Baptist physician in Anchorage, was also damaged. One Baptist woman experienced a mild heart attack and another a brain concussion.

Early reports from Valdez listed a member of the First Baptist Church there as dead, but the name was not found in later lists.

Messenger cards ready

NASHVILLE — Messenger registration cards for the 1964 Southern Baptist Convention are now available, according to John H. Williams of Nashville, manager of Convention arrangements for the SBC Executive Committee. Cards may be secured from state Baptist offices. Williams urged churches to ask for enough cards to certify all whom they elect as messengers.

Eighmy gets grant

DR. John Lee Eighmy, formerly of the faculty of Ouachita College and now associate professor of History at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, has been awarded a Fulbright grant for the study of Chinese Civilization.

Dr. Eighmy will be one of twenty participants in the 1964 Summer Institute in Chinese Civilization at Tunghai University in Taiwan (Formosa). The grant also provides for visits to Hong Kong and Japan.

Campus directory

NASHVILLE — The third edition of the Southern Baptist Campus Directory, issued here by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, is out.

"The 180-page directory is a must for all who work with youth groups and their parents, especially pastors and youth workers," Rabun L. Brantley, Nashville, commission executive secretary, said.

The directory gives a brief history of Baptist education. Two pages of information and pictures are devoted to each of the 74 Southern Baptist educational institutions.

A map shows the location of the schools, universities and seminaries. There is also an analysis of subjects Baptist senior and junior colleges offer students.

"For the first time, the schools on Baptist mission fields are listed," Brantley added. These are grouped according to area and type, including seminaries, training schools for women, and colleges and teacher-training schools.

21st anniversary

FIRST Southern Church, San Francisco, Calif., will be observing the 21st anniversary of its founding, on Apr. 19. A part of the program will be the reading of correspondence from former members.

Rev. A. Maurice Norton, pastor would appreciate receiving a note from those who were baptized in this church during the 21 years.

The address of the church is: 208 Dolores Street, San Francisco 3, Calif.

Baptist cager named

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (BP) — Cecil Tuttle, who led Georgetown College (Baptist) here to a berth in the national small college tournament, was chosen by Associated Press among the five first team Little All-America basketball players. The players named come from smaller colleges in the country.



NASHVILLE—DR. JAMES L. SULLIVAN (L), executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board, recently received a plaque symbolizing that his book "Your Life and Your Church" has reached 1,000,000 circulation. Herman L. King, director of the Board's publishing division, made the presentation at the publishing division luncheon during the annual book store division conference.—BSSB PHOTO

Alaska information

ATLANTA — Ten missionaries are jointly employed by the Alaska Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in the 49th state.

Southern Baptists number approximately 8,000 members in about 44 churches and chapels, which range in size from a handful to more than a thousand members. They are scattered over Alaska's almost 600,000 square miles from Ketchikan in the southeast to Kotzebue in the northwest.

A. B. Cash, secretary of the pioneer missions department of the mission agency, says in greater Anchorage, Southern Baptists have 14 churches, more than any other denomination.

Ministers wives

THE meeting of the Conference of Ministers Wives of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 3:30 p.m. at Christ-St. Paul's Methodist Church, Ohio & Pacific Aves., Atlantic City (five short blocks from the Convention Hall). A tea will follow the meeting.

Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale is to be the speaker. Her topic will be: "The Minister's Wife—World Citizen."

News and roster of officers from state fellowships should be sent to Mrs. A. Maurice Norton, First Southern Baptist Church, 208 Dolores Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Celebration oratorio

ATLANTIC CITY — Metropolitan Opera star Irene Jordan, members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and a chorus of 160 will be featured in the presentation of a new oratorio at the Third Baptist Jubilee Celebration here May 22-24.

Based on Psalm 8, the oratorio, "What is Man?" was written by Samuel Miller of Harvard University and Ron Nelson of Brown University especially for the 150th anniversary event to be held here.



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Second, each church can conduct an intensive budget emphasis once a year. This would include the adoption of a budget, an effort to inform each family in the congregation regarding the new budget, and giving each person an opportunity to say what he will give weekly during the coming year. One of the best ways to conduct such a campaign is to use Forward Program methods and materials.

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Outstanding chemist

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. — Carl Tabb Bahner, teacher and researcher at Carson-Newman College (Baptist) here, has won the Florida Award for being selected the outstanding Southern chemist of 1963. The award is made annually by the Florida section of the American Chemical Society.

A teacher at Carson-Newman since 1937, Bahner, will be the principal speaker at the Florida society's meeting in Tallahassee May 8. Following his speech, he will be formally presented the award.

Butt, Hill speak

A TEXAS grocery chain official and a Washington state Supreme Court justice will make major addresses at the Baptist Men's Fellowship the afternoon of May 22 in Convention Hall at Atlantic City, N. J.

They are Howard E. Butt Jr., 36-year-old vice president of H. E. Butt Grocery Co., Corpus Christi, Tex., and Justice Matthew E. Hill, Olympia, Wash.

The laymen will speak on the fellowship theme, "The Witnessing Role of Men in Christianity."

Evangelism

Church Music

What if . . .

LATELY I have been wondering what would happen in a church in the field of evangelism if the church would do certain things in succession. Here they are:



MR. REED

1. Take a community survey in September.
 2. Observe Harvest Day. That is, have a Sunday School evangelistic service in September, the Sunday before Promotion Day.

3. October through December, promote the Cultivative Commitment Witnessing Program. That is, visit and cultivate the friendship of those not enrolled in Sunday School or who are not in contact with any church. Use the survey for prospects.

4. In January, put on a real "One for One" campaign. That is, attempt to enroll one person in Sunday School for each teacher and officer enlisted in the Sunday School.

5. Follow this with the "Sunday School Witnessing Campaign." This is an analysis of all evangelistic prospects related to the Sunday School or church, rolls and assignment of each prospect to an interested witness who keeps the assignment until he wins the lost person to Christ or until the person is assigned to another witness. This would train our teachers and officers in the matter of personal witnessing.

6. Close with a revival in March.

7. Find more Sunday School prospects while visiting during the revival. A church with many prospects could win from 50 to 100 people to Christ and baptize them in this six-month period. I challenge several churches to accept this program.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism



MR. BOBBITT



MR. LEACH



DR. WILLIAMS



MR. ROPER

Junior Choir Festivals

FOUR JUNIOR FESTIVALS this year! These are to be held in First Church, Fort Smith; First Church; Blytheville; First Church, El Dorado; and Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock.

Guest directors for these festivals will be Paul Bobbitt, Bill Leach, and Dr. Loren Williams, all of the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board; and Cecil Roper of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Mr. Bobbitt will direct the festival at Fort Smith; Mr. Leach at North Little Rock; Mr. Roper at Blytheville; and Dr. Williams at El Dorado.

The music for this festival has been chosen from the first two issues of the new *Junior Musician* magazine. The schedule will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Apr. 18 and conclude with the program around 2 p.m.

Please pre-register your choir by mailing the following information to Church Music Department, Baptist Building, Little Rock: Choir, Church, City, Director and Accompanist, Selection for Adjudication, approximate number of singers, and which Festival you will attend. This will be a big help to this office, and will be appreciated.—Hoyt A. Mulkey, Secretary

New study program

In the April 2 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, we asked and answered two questions concerning the new study program. Let us now consider other questions.



MR. DAVIS

3. In what phases of Training Union curriculum will these study programs be implemented?

Ultimately all Training Union organizational patterns and curriculum materials will reflect these study programs. This will bring about a much more dynamic relationship between the pattern of organization in a union, for example, and the study and discussion materials in that union.

4. What other study programs will be included in the total educational program of our churches?

Sunday School will have the study program of biblical revelation. The work of the music ministry will be developed around the study program of church music and hymnody. The WMU and Brotherhood will continue to teach missions.

1. When will the new study programs be reflected in Training Union quarterlies?

The Adult and Young People's quarterlies for the fourth quarter, 1963, were organized around these new areas. The other lesson course periodicals will be organized by this pattern in October, 1964.—Ralph W. Davis

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Tuesday, the 14th

9:30 A.M. Platform Guests: Former Presidents
and Executive Secretary

In Memoriam Mrs. John Pounders
Business Session

Messages

Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary, WMU, SBC
Dr. Robt. S. Denny, Assoc. Secretary, Baptist World
Alliance

2 P.M. Platform Guests: Former State Youth Secretaries
Business Session

Messages

Kathryn White, Missionary, Hong Kong
Mrs. Clarence Allison, Missionary, Tanganyika

7 P.M. Platform Guests: Officers Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Selected Music: Senior Girls' Ensemble
No. Little Rock High School

"Fireside Chat" with Claud Bumpus Family of Brazil
Messages

Edna Woofter, Missionary, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Robt. S. Denny, Assoc. Secretary, Baptist World Alliance

Wednesday, the 15th

9 A.M. Platform Guests: Former Vice Presidents and
Recording Secretaries

Presentation of Hostess Committees

Election of Executive Board

Recognition of HONOR WMUs

Messages

Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary, WMU, SBC

Edna Woofter, Missionary, Washington, D. C.

Dr. S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary,
Arkansas Baptist State Convention

12:30 P.M. ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON
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Brotherhood

RA Congress speakers

DR. BERNES K. Selph will be the inspirational speaker for the closing session of the Royal Ambassador Congress to be held on May 1-2, at South Highland Church, Little Rock. Dr. Selph has been pastor of First Church, Benton, for the past 14 years.

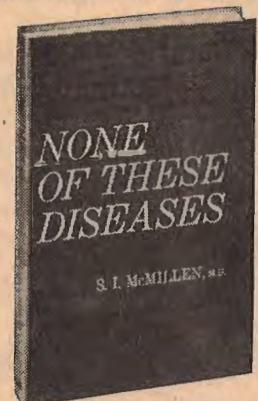


MR. SEATON

He is a past president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, having served from 1959 to 1961. Dr. Selph is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary. An article by Dr. Selph, regarding Baptist history, is a regular feature of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. Every boy, as well as counselors and other men attending the Congress, will be blessed by his message.

Billy Walker Jr. will be one of the missionary speakers at the Congress. Billy is a student at Ouachita College and served as a missionary to Panama last summer. He will show pictures of

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Panama and the work there and share some of his experiences with us. This fine young man's testimony will be a blessing to every person attending the Congress.

In addition to these two speakers, there will be other interesting features of the Congress. As usual there will be good singing and special music. There will be group discussions on each Royal Ambassador level, of every phase of Royal Ambassador work including officers duties and program planning. Fun and relaxation time along with opportunities for fellowship with Royal Ambassadors and the missionaries will be a part of the planned activities.

There will be exhibits of camp-craft projects, crafts and arts projects, individual advancement projects and mission material. Boys from chapters are urged to bring projects they have completed for advancement in all areas.

Every Royal Ambassador chapter and every church in the state should be represented at this meeting for boys. Pastors and counselors need to lead in making plans to bring the boys. Royal Ambassadors and other boys are dependent upon men for transportation to Christian meetings. Make plans to have boys from your church and chapter present for the sessions of the Congress.—
C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary



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MRS. WORLEY

RECENTLY arriving in Laos for a two year assignment are Bob and Ruth Worley. Mr. Worley was Baptist Student Director at Arkansas A&M College prior to his appointment by International Volunteer Service.

As a student he was president of the BSU of Arkansas A&M and state vice-president. Mrs. Worley was active in the BSU program at both Arkansas A&M and ASTC. She served as a summer missionary to Oklahoma in 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Worley will work as agricultural extension workers in rural village areas, where IVS, in cooperation with the Agency for International Development, is working in small-scale development projects. Mr. Worley is a forestry major, Mrs. Worley a home economics major.

IVS teams have been at work in Laos since 1956. There are now 55 volunteers working Education, Agriculture and Community Development.

"These young volunteers can provide the missing link in technical assistance," said Dr. Russell Stevenson, the Executive Director of IVS. "The people and the villagers of Laos are in need of many kinds of help, the help that is often best provided by an IVS volunteer who is willing and able to live close to the people, to learn their language, and to serve their modest but demanding needs."—Tom J. Logue, Director

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Facts of interest

... NEW York's 5.9 million motor vehicle owners will display new plastic stickers on their license plates next year, instead of the traditional metal tabs. They are said to be rustproof and theft-resistant, which were two of the complaints made by motorists of the metal stickers. The state will save about \$175,000 a year by shifting to plastic tabs.

... Passports were issued to 1,055,504 Americans last year for travel abroad, an increase of more than 16 per cent over the 906,900 issued in 1962. Britain was the most popular destination during the October-December period of 1963.

... Hospital patients can now be completely isolated from germs, no matter how many people are in the room. A new plastic "room," developed by a Stanford University physician, keeps the patient uncontaminated in a transparent, plastic cover through which blood can be drawn and shots given. Meals are received through lock equipment like that used in submarines.

... "We are influenced more by what we see than what we feel." A series of experiments at the department of psychology at Yeshiva University, New York, revealed that people are impressed by what they see, even though the visual image is not the same as what they correctly feel with their fingers. In the experiments, each person was shown an object whose visual shape was changed by means of optical distortion. At the same instant he grasped the object from behind, through a black silk cloth, so that he could not see his hand. This see-and-touch part of the experiment lasted for five seconds.—The Survey Bulletin



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New pastors called

BLACK Oak Church has called Horace Brooks, who has served the church at McCormick. Neal's Chapel Church has called H. B. Stone. Mr. Stone, once pastor at East Side Church, Trumann, has been living in Jonesboro for several years.

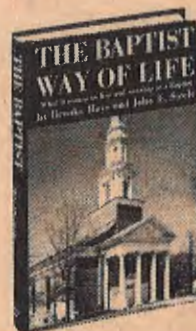
LEPANTO Church has organized a new mission school, which has been named "Calvary."

GERALD Moore was ordained a deacon recently by Friendship Church, Marianna. Assisting in the service were the pastor, Charles Caery, deacons from Barton Church, and the association- al missionary.

LEPANTO Church is completing the remodelling of the auditorium. (CB)

A TIME TO REMEMBER WHO WE ARE

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'War on cigarettes'

ALBANY (EP)—One of every five deaths of men between 45 and 65 in New York State was caused by cigarette smoking, according to a report issued by a State Senate Special Committee on Smoking and Health.

Cancer researchers at the Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo provided the information on which the report was based.

"More citizens of this state are killed each year by lung cancer caused by cigarette smoking than by injuries sustained in automobile accidents," the report said.

Old family Bible

PHILADELPHIA (EP)—Four pages from an old family Bible were among genealogical data used by a court here to determine the surviving heirs to an estate. The estate of Mrs. Florence Williams Howarth, 80, a widow who died in 1962, otherwise would have reverted to the state.

A genealogist, however, through the Bible and other records, was able to trace 19 second cousins, in many parts of the country, among whom will be divided approximately \$50,000.

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ADELE sang softly as she dressed for Sunday school. The church was only five blocks from her house.

"Good-by, everybody," she called. "I'm going early to check out some books in the church library."

"All right," answered her mother from the bedroom, where she was busily getting the younger children ready.

Adele's class at school was studying Mexico. She knew some of the books she wanted were in the church library. She hoped she could get there before all were checked out.

"Adele," called somebody.

Wheeling around, she saw Tim Wood. She liked him all right, but what did he want when she was in a hurry?

"Come on, Fay," she heard Tim saying.

From the house across the street, a girl came out timidly.

"This is Fay West," explained Tim. "She's visiting her aunt, but the baby's sick and her aunt can't

go this morning. Because Fay would be in your class, I told her I knew you'd let her go with you."

"Yes, of course," smiled Adele.

In a few minutes the girls reached the church. "Let's go to the church library a minute. . ."

"Adele," called a voice.

Adele saw Mrs. Clark with her four children.

"Will you take Patsy and Billy to their room, Adele, while I get these other two settled where they belong?"

Of course Adele would. Patsy and Billy liked her. They liked her so much that she had to do some petting and coaxing before she could leave them satisfied.

"We'll have to hurry," she told Fay.

As they reached the library door, she saw Christine go down the hall with several books under her arm. Christine was in Adele's class at school.

I hope she didn't check out all the books, thought Adele.

"If you're looking for something on Mexico, here's a book that has just been returned, Adele," said the helpful librarian.

"Oh, thank you," said Adele. "I'm glad I did get one. Not a book is left on that shelf."

Quickly she checked out the book.

"Come on," she said, hurrying down the hall.

As the girls entered the classroom, Adele saw Christine across the room. She had five books!

"Adele, we're glad you have a visitor," said her teacher.

Adele introduced Fay. Then the girls joined in the activities already going on. These were so interesting that Adele almost forgot her disappointment about the books.

Christine came hurrying to her as soon as Sunday school was over.

"Did you find any books on Mexico in the church library?" she asked.

How could I, thought Adele, when you got there first and checked out everything yourself. If I hadn't been stopped so much. .

But all she said was, "Well—I found one."

"Look," said Christine, "I checked out five when it looked as though you were going to be late. I want you to have two of them. Take your choice."

"Oh, thank you," said Adele.

She was surprised and pleased and a little bit ashamed.

"You choose first," she said. "Then I'll take one. Then you take your second choice, and I will, too."

"All right, and with the one you have, we'll each have three."

"Thank you so much for doing that for me," said Adele as the girls made their way to the auditorium for the morning service.

"Oh, I was glad to do it," answered friendly Christine.

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The place of man in God's universe

By H. E. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT
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APRIL 12, 1964

LESSON TEXT: GEN. 1:26-30; PS. 8: LUKE 12:4-7

THE story goes that a devout Arab guide was leading the camel train of an agnostic American

scientist across the deserts of Arabia one day when the scientist chided him for his faith in God by asking, "Ahmed, why do you believe in God? You can't see Him.

You can't taste Him. You can't feel Him. Why do you believe in Him?" At the end of the day, as they pitched camp for the night, the old Arab saw tracks in the sand. He turned to the scientist and asked him what they were.

The American scientist answered by saying, "Why, they are the tracks of a camel. Anyone would know that. It means a camel has been along here today."

Ahmed countered by saying, "How do you know they are the tracks of a camel? You can't see him. You can't taste him. You can't feel him."

There are many things in life more real than the things we can see, taste and feel. Most of them are more significant to life than those which we can respond to by the senses of the body alone. We can no more see the love of our parents than we can see the love of God; yet all of us respond to their love with deep and abiding appreciation. Likewise we respond to the limitless love of God. Many other higher attributes of life are in the ethical and spiritual realms, beyond the senses of the body but certainly within the value system of the soul.

GOD OF THE UNIVERSE (Ps. 8:1-2)

AS the psalmist reviews the universe, he is amazed at the greatness of God. It is evident that he must have been given some rare insights to the vastness of creation which were not common to his day of limited scientific knowledge of the universe. This revelation seems to have illumined his soul to the point of a state of spiritual ecstasy.

How modern man can know so much about the universe and not be humbled to a feeling of awe before God is beyond comprehension. It seems that the natural response of an intelligent soul to such boundless knowledge would be to praise God rather than doubt Him.

About two years ago I had the privilege of hearing a lecture by the famous Dr. Shapley of Harvard University, probably the world's greatest astronomer. In the course of the lecture, Dr. Shapley told us about the known expanse of the universe. He said they had already photographed more than 20,000,000,000 heavenly bodies, and some of them are thousands and thousands of times larger than our earth. He pointed out that it takes four and one-half years for the light to reach the earth from the closest star (not planets) traveling at the rate of 186,000 miles per second.

Dr. Shapley also told us that they had measured distances to the farthest star, and it was so many millions of miles that a person would have to put down twenty and then draw twenty-two zeros (200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000) to the right to enumerate

the number of miles it is from the earth. That, of course, is fantastic. But when we think of such limitlessness, surely we are humbled to realize that we do not worship a small God.

We worship a great God who made a vast universe, revealing, to our finite minds, His limitless power and His eternal being. The God who could make such a wondrous creation is worthy of the worship and adoration of man.

MAN IN GOD'S UNIVERSE (Ps. 8:3-5)

THE psalmist turns to the majesty of God in creation, then wonders as to the worthiness of man in the scheme of God. Why a great God could care for so small a creature as man is puzzling. But he turns immediately to the fact that man is but a little lower than the angels in the creative purposes of God. What a tribute to man!

It may be amazing that God of all greatness should love man in all his littleness—but that, all the more, reveals the true greatness of God. After all, the true measure of greatness among men is found in how men treat their inferiors, not their equals. A truly great man is considerate and kind to those who have not been so fortunate as he.

This psalm also reveals to us that man is by no means a worm of the dust. He is the crown of the creation of God. He only becomes lesser than this status of nobility when he drags himself down to the pits of sin and destruction. God did not mean this to be his lot. Man was made to live next to heaven, not hell. If all men felt this challenge of nobility and responded appropriately, doubtless man would rise to an eminence he has never realized in all of his long and eventful history. It is certain that we cannot tell our children that they are the descendants of apes, and expect them to evidence in their character angelic traits.

Dr. Joshua Levering, a prominent Maryland Baptist, used to tell the story of his humble upbringing



DR. WILLIAMS

by a widowed mother who slaved as a wash-woman to educate her children. He said he could barely remember as a very small child when his mother would finish with the family prayers and tuck the children into bed, often with a reminder of her pride in the family history. She would bid them good night and say, "Remember you are a Levering, and Leverings are honest and good people. They don't steal, cheat, lie or break the laws of God or man." As the children grew up, all of them became leaders in the life of their state and nation. The long tradition of a family of moral responsibility challenged them to make their lives count for God.

Man is basically a noble creature—he ought always to show this trait.

GOD'S TASK FOR MAN

(Ps. 8:6-9)

MAN came into the world with responsibility. He was to dress and keep the Garden of Eden. Since his fall he has become no less responsible. It is his lot to rule the earth under God. There is nothing about it that he can learn that he should not learn. There is nothing in it that he can use for good that he should not use. Morally he has his greatest task—spiritual redemption of man from sin through Jesus Christ.

In this area he is now further behind than in his scientific achievements in the universe. This is his first duty and he piddles at it while giving major emphasis to his physical challenges. Man should use more balance in carrying out the work of God.

Letters

(Continued from page 5)

Pharisees for their hypocrisy and blindness to his teachings throughout the entire chapter

In the 33rd verse he calls them "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"; now just how anyone can portray Jesus as expecting these pharisees to be amused at his words is certainly employing the imagination in a

most confusing manner—Jimmie Fox, Monticello

REPLY: Dr. Trueblood neither says nor implies that Christ used humor merely to amuse the Pharisees or anybody else. His purpose is to show that Christ used humor to teach His eternal truth, dealing with life-and-death matters.—ELM

Pastors available

IT was a real privilege to hear you speak at the banquet for Arkansas students at Southern Seminary recently. All of us rejoiced at the progress being made in the home state.

We have a group of fine young men from our state at Southern. I know of five men who are ready to leave and may be available for work in Arkansas. They are: Ed McDonald, Jerry Mize, Robert Pless, James Gerrish, and William Huddleston. All of these men have been good students and have done effective work in student pastorates.—Joseph Stiles, Professor of Church Administration and Director of Field Work, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville 6, Ky.

Our Jubilee Year

WE thank Thee, Lord, for this Jubilee year,
Help us to serve Thee with fear.
(The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.)
God bless the members of our W.M.U.
In showing our love, dear Lord, for you.
We help support the missionaries many places,
The light of God shines on the missionaries' faces.—Viola Goodwin, Concord, Arkansas

'Fear of Man'

MANY thanks for running the article "The Fear of Man" in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* recently.

This is a common ailment that has hurt the cause of Christ. Too often we fail to preach, teach, and live Christ for fear of what some-

one will say and think.—Verne E. Carpenter

REPLY: You are so right, Brother Carpenter!—ELM

'Lower on the hog'

I AM a newcomer to this State but shocked to read of anything in a Baptist paper to compare with your reasons for such a tribute to Brooks Hays. There was a time Baptist people considered this organization as enemies of Christ. What part does Christ have with the organization of Christians and Jews?

Before you label the writer as a "Bigot," let me say it is one thing to be kind and Christ-like to all people. But it is quite another to compromise away our Lord as any member of this organization would have to do. And it is another thing to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. If the Pharisees were with us today they would head up this organization, or one with its beliefs. From what we can understand our Lord lived on very simple food. Living "high off the Hog" was not necessarily a goal worthy of a Christian if he has to compromise away his principals and beliefs. I can understand this kind of trash in the *Daily Worker*, but since when have Baptists considered materialism such a worthy goal? Can't we find better things to write about in our Baptist papers?—E. R. McCarthy, Mena, Ark.

REPLY: Well, we have your letter.—ELM

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Like a rock

"HOW is that new man you hired? Is he a steady chap?"
 "Yes. So far he has been practically motionless."

What it was

A FIFTH grade boy was sent to the map during a current-events class to locate India. He found it with no trouble and then informed the class, "It's right on the 25-yard line."

March 29, 1964

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alma, Kibler	173	81	
Berryville, Freeman Hgts.	205	81	
Blytheville			
Gosnell	431	124	2
Trinity	292	87	
Camden			
Cullendale First	492	180	
First	629	173	
Conway, Pickles Gap	81	44	
Crossett			
First	624	159	
Mt. Olive	235	90	
Dumas, First	367	120	14
El Dorado			
East Main	327	104	
First	951	189	7
Northside Chapel	46		3
Forrest City First	624	163	1
Midway	81	51	
Fort Smith			
Barling First	181	86	
Grand Ave.	886	367	5
Mission	45		
Spradling	324	94	5
Temple	291	125	1
Trinity	386	127	
Heber Springs, First	225	43	
Crossroads	27		
Huntsville, Calvary	45	33	
Jacksonville			
Berea	123	50	1
Chapel Hill	69	25	2
First	550	170	
Second	262	181	2
Jonesboro			
Central	602	144	4
Nettleton	293	83	
Lavaca First	328	148	4
Little Rock			
First	1,028	339	3
White Rock	49	35	
Immanuel	1,300	467	8
Forest Tower	43		
Rosedale	329	96	3
Tyler Street	278	101	
McGehee, First	464	154	
Chapel	102	26	
Marked Tree, First	250	65	
Monticello, Second	301	162	3
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	842	204	4
Southside	71	21	
Camp Robnson	35		
47th Street	222	89	12
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Runyan	43	17	2
Graves Memorial	183	69	3
Park Hill	929	208	6
Sylvan Hills First	316	79	5
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In one easy lesson

SEVERAL of us attending "jump school" at Fort Benning were chewing the fat. We hadn't yet made our first jump, and someone mentioned the fact that if your chute failed to open it would take only seven seconds to fall the 1000 feet. At this one of the crew looked simply bug-eyed and I asked him. "Morris, what would you do if your chute didn't open?"

"Man," he said, "I'd know I had just seven seconds to learn how to fly."

Fatal assumption

A YOUNG man dashed into the electrician's shop, his face flushed with anger. "Didn't I ask you yesterday morning to send a man to mend our doorbell?" he roared, "and did you not promise to send him around at once?"

"But we did, sir," broke in the manager. "I'm quite sure of it! Hey, Bill!" he called to one of his workmen at the back of the office. "Didn't you go around to Park Lodge yesterday to do that job?"

"Yes, sir," replied Bill. "I went round all right, and I rang the bell for over ten minutes, but I couldn't get no answer, so I guessed they must not be at home."

Love your neighbor

THE door bell rang and the lady of the house discovered a workman, complete with tool chest, on the front porch.

"Madam," he announced, "I'm the piano-tuner."

The lady exclaimed, "Why, I did not send for a piano-tuner."

The man replied, "I know you didn't, but your neighbors did."

Horse laugh

MECHANIC to car owner:
 "Put it this way, if your car were a horse it would have to be shot."

... QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
 "Be careful of your thoughts. They may break into words at any moment."—The Survey Bulletin

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"His sermon certainly stirred me deeply. Either that, or I'm getting another touch of acid indigestion!"



Condemns rain-making

MESSINA, So. Africa (EP)—A Dutch Reformed pastor created a stir here when he condemned the use of "devilish rockets" to bring rain to this Northern Transvaal area which was in the grip of a serious drought.

In the course of a sermon, the Rev. G. D. Wessels said he regarded rain-making rockets as an attempt by science to interfere with the will of God.

He called it "most irresponsible, a sacrilege, and an act of sabotage which ought to be punished as severely as any other form of sabotage."

"These so-called rockets," the pastor said, "are the Devil. The only rocket justified is the rocket of prayer. Man was put on earth and justified in diverting rivers and building dams and taking necessary measures to fulfill his needs on the land.

"But shooting rockets at the sky to force rain to come against the dictates of nature is an invasion of the domain of man's Maker. Man has no control over these devilish inventions, and the consequences could be destructive to people and property alike. Firing these rockets is an act inviting the wrath of God."

Pre-marital counseling

ALBANY, N. Y. (EP)—A New York legislator believes that all prospective brides and bridegrooms under 25 should hear lectures by a clergyman or a judge before marriage.

Assemblyman Edward F. Crawford has introduced a bill that would require such a lecture or consultation on the responsibilities of marriage.

"The objective," he said, "is to reduce the incidence of marriage failures and broken homes and thus cut welfare costs."

Under Mr. Crawford's plan, a marriage license would be withheld until couples under 25 met with a clergyman or judge.

'Dial-a-saint'

PHILADELPHIA (EP)—This city now has a "Dial-A-Saint" telephone service. By dialing CO 3-3211, the caller will hear a one-minute inspirational thought-for-the-day.

The messages will be changed each day, "based on the life of Christ, the lives and sayings of the saints, and important events in Christian history." They are being recorded by priests of the Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Upwards of 2,200 calls can be handled in a 24-hour period, archdiocesan officials said. The "Dial-A-Saint" service, reportedly first installed in Chicago seven years ago, is now active in more than 30 cities.

Witnesses 'political'

MOSCOW (EP)—Soviet Radio, in an English language broadcast beamed at the United States, charged that in their teachings, "Jehovah's Witnesses are more a political organization than a religious body."

The broadcast claimed that leaders of the Witnesses are "often people with a shady past" who carry on activities "which contradict our laws, our norms of social life and behavior, and their activities have very little to do with religion."

While Soviet attitude toward the leaders is "negative," the broadcast continued, authorities feel that the rank and file "have been misled, and that through patient, painstaking explanatory work they can be dissuaded" from further Witness activities.

In the world of religion

... THE Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has opened its first mission to the deaf overseas after conducting a similar mission in this country for 75 years. William F. Reinking will serve as counselor and director of deaf missions in Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Korea, and Hong Kong. In this country the denomination is currently ministering to some 15,000 deaf adults and children.

... A globe-girdling chain of Bible reading on Pentecost Sunday, May 17, is the aim of world-wide Bible Societies. Christians around the world have been asked to observe Pentecost Sunday by pausing at high noon on that day to read the account of the first Pentecost, contained in the second chapter of the book of Acts.

... George Washington's boyhood home, near Fredericksburg, Va., will become a home for neglected boys, operated by the Lifeline Division of the Youth for Christ International. Ground was broken for the project on Washington's birthday.

... Twenty-four major Jewish religious and other groups in this country will sponsor a conference April 5-6 in Washington to highlight the plight of the Jewish people in the Soviet Union. Aim of the conference is to arouse the nation and the world to act against "what may be a threat to the very cultural and spiritual revival of more than 3,000,000 Jews within the confines of the Soviet Union."—The Survey Bulletin

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