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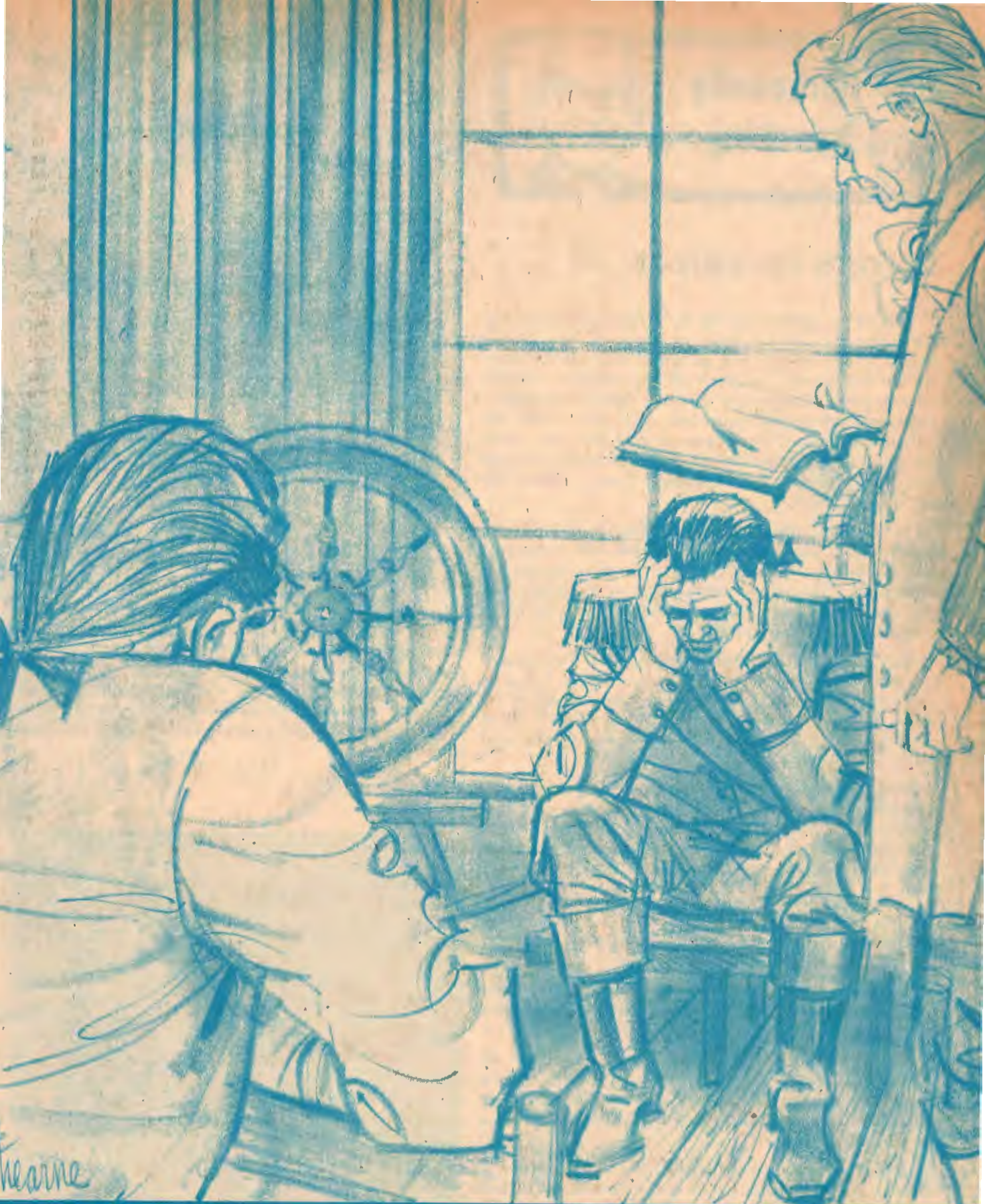
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## Personally speaking



### Letters to editor

WHEN my good friend Dr. R. J. Hastings was getting ready to take over his duties as editor of *The Illinois Baptist* several months ago, he talked with me at length on my experiences as editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. I remember that one thing he wanted to know was what our experience had been with our "letters-to-the-editor" department. I told him that while the editor had occasionally had his bones picked through this department that I still thought it was a "must" for any Baptist paper.

In a recent editorial entitled "The Mail Box," Dr. Hastings said that some of his advisors had questioned the wisdom of the paper having a "letters-to-the-editor" department. "If you encourage letters to the editor, you will open the door of the paper to all kinds of crank letters," some had warned.

But now, after months of having this department, Dr. Hastings is able to report that everything has gone well. And he has had many letters, "some from as far away as Turkey and Vietnam." "But practically all of them have been constructive in nature and Christian in spirit," he reports.

"Baptists have always respected the right of each person to his own opinion," writes Hastings. "We give each person the privilege of interpreting the Bible for himself. We believe that the same Spirit who inspired the Scriptures also guides the reader in understanding them.

"Thus, no one is authorized to say, 'This is what Baptists must believe,' or to write 'the' book on Baptist doctrine. All one can say is, 'This is what I believe,' or 'This is what many Baptists believe.'"

So, this is why, says Editor Hastings, the Illinois paper provides "The Mail Box," to give the readers opportunity to express themselves.

Editor Hastings almost gets to meddling as he observes "One of the surest signs of weakness in a leader—whether he be a deacon, S.S. teacher, pastor, or denominational worker—is the inability to tolerate the ideas of others."

Could I take advantage of this situation to encourage more of you to write letters to the editor for publication in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*? Write about any thing at all, but, of course, "in a Christian spirit." And be sure to sign it.

*Erwin L. McDonald*

## IN THIS ISSUE:

LEGISLATION to include the farm workers of America in the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act is being promoted by major religious groups. The story is on page 10.

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THREE couples with Arkansas connections and backgrounds have been appointed missionaries by the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board. Stories of the three appear on pages 4, 12 and 14.

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FROM the Home Mission Board comes the news that former Arkansans have been selected to serve as the first SBC missionaries in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. For that story, turn to page 9.

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STARVATION and need still exist in the richest nation in the world. A real challenge is presented to the Christian of today. The Editor calls these problems to your attention on the editorial page, 3.

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THREE busy and spiritual weeks were spent by Arkansas Baptist at Siloam Springs encampments this summer. Pictures of some of the activities appear on page 7.

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AID for the handicapped in future building has been recommended by Editor Marse Grant of the *Biblical Recorder*. The Editor recently appeared before a Senate subcommittee in support of a bill to make all public buildings constructed with federal funds accessible to physically handicapped persons. The Baptist Press report is on page 11.

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## 'Church abdication'

A PROMINENT pastor, who for obvious reasons did not want to be quoted by name, had this reaction to our editorial "Church Abdication" in our issue of July 13:

"Ashes to ashes

Dust to dust

If the committee won't do it

The pastor must."

## 'I was an hungered'

HUNGER in America is being called a national emergency.

Senator Joseph S. Clark (D. of Pa.) so designated hunger as he opened hearings on the particular problem of hunger in America, in the U. S. Senate Subcommittee on Employment, Manpower and Poverty.

The subcommittee heard reports of malnutrition, disease and inadequate medical facilities among the poor in several states. Because of recent claims of "starvation" among Negroes in the Mississippi Delta, most of the testimony related to this area.

One witness, a physician, said that the situation in many areas was so critical that an emergency program of health education is needed. He recommended that churches be used for this.

Allen C. Mermann of the Yale University Medical School said that "organizations such as small churches" were "the perfect spot" for trained laymen to help educate the chronically poor on matters of nutrition, health and the community services available to help fight poverty.

Six doctors, among them Dr. Cyril A. Walwyn of Yazoo City, Miss., spent several days studying health conditions among the poor in Mississippi. Asked to define the kind of starvation found there, Dr. Robert Coles of the Harvard University Health Services said that they did not mean the kind of starvation where "people drop like flies," but "a slow starvation where the body consumes itself."

There is no doubt that this sort of starvation exists not only in Mississippi, but in many other states, certainly in Arkansas. The situation is greatly aggravated by the fact that many able-bodied—or formerly able-bodied—laborers, particularly Negroes, have been left with no employment because of mechanization and due to the inability or unwillingness of employers to pay the minimum wages required by federal legislation.

Dr. Raymond M. Wheeler of Charlotte, N. C., has described the marks of slow starvation: "Thin arms, sunken eyes, lethargic behavior and swollen bellies," which he said were "everywhere to be seen" in the Mississippi survey. "Even cursory examinations," he said, "disclosed unmistakable evidence of anemia and vitamin deficiencies."

Here is a real challenge for churches and church people who have a Christ-like love for dying people and who are willing to "get their hands dirty." Whether they do it on their own, as individuals, or through special church committees and the use of church facilities, churches and church members are in a position to do what amounts to feeding Christ himself. For he has said that lending aid to "one of the least of these my brethren" is the same as helping him (Matt. 25:40).

## Clothes for needy

FOR those who are interested in giving clothing to needy children enrolled in the Project Head Start pre-school programs in Greater Little Rock, the Little Rock Jaycees offer an open door of opportunity.

From now till August 1, the Jaycees have a project called "Christmas in July," through which clothing, or money to buy clothing, for the Head Start children can be given.

Working with the Jaycees as co-sponsors of the project are the Little Rock PTA Council and the Little Rock Jaycetts, an organization of Jaycee wives.

Clothing is needed for children, boys and girls, sizes 6 to 8. Persons wishing to have a part are referred to two Little Rock telephone numbers: FRanklin 4-8267 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and FRanklin 5-5449 at nights and on week-ends.

Twenty-even Head Start projects are being operated in Pulaski County this summer under the sponsorship of the Pulaski County Economic Opportunity Agency. While the EOA has provided clothing according to funds available, funds have not been sufficient to meet all the needs.

The Little Rock Jaycees and those working with them on this mission of mercy are to be congratulated. It may be that other groups will be inspired by this good example to work out plans for helping the poor.

## It Happened

### DOWN IN ARKANSAS

CLABE HANKINS, who is pretty easily upset at best, was set off on one of his tangents the other day by a headline in the *Arkansas Democrat* that said: "WR Acts To Lure Frost." Clabe said he didn't think "even th' Gov'ner has any business trying to RE-verse th' seasons." We tried, but unsuccessfully, to explain to Clabe that Mr. Rockefeller is too much of an outdoor man himself—and far too good a politician—to try to bring a killing frost in the middle of summer.

WHY is conformity a way of life for so many today? Tests conducted by John M. Darley of New York University throw some light on the situation. Mr. Darley found that a person's conformity increases in direct proportion to the person's fears.

There are so many things today, real or imagined, for people to fear! (Like not having enough material to fill this page, if you are the editor!)

# The people speak—

## Garden Tomb guide

Some of you have been to Jerusalem and knew Mr. Mattar, the keeper of the Garden Tomb. You will regret to know that during the war he was shot by the Israelis.

He, Mrs. Mattar, and a German young woman took refuge in the tomb through a night of battle. In the morning when the guns were silent, he slipped into their home to get food. Mrs. Mattar heard shots and grew concerned when he did not return. After all became quiet again, she wrapped herself in heavy blankets and went to their home where she found him dead.

She, too, was shot upon and while two bullets lodged in the blanket; neither reached her body. Later she somehow got his body out of the house and buried it in the garden, not far from the tomb. With the aid of a Dominican priest she escaped across the bridge, fled to Cairo, and finally got to New York. Her son Phillip is a student at Samford University. The president and the business manager [of Samford] got together funds to send him to New York to see his mother.

I shall never forget when Mrs. McMurry and I went to the Garden Tomb late in the afternoon. Mr. Mattar was showing a family through the garden. Mrs. Mac and I walked quietly behind them. The father asked Mr. Mattar if he had been born in Jerusalem. His reply was, "Sir, I was born in Jerusalem, and born again in England." His Christian testimony was tremendous.

When the party had gone and Mrs. Mac and I were alone with him, we expressed appreciation for his testimony. Then we learned that his daughter was a technician at our Baptist hospital in Ajloun. . . .

Mr. Minor, our Eastern Airlines friend, was a guest in the Mattar home last year. He and Mrs. Minor have made their home a Birmingham home for Phillip since he has been a student at Samford. . . . The war appears even more terrible when we know individuals who are among its casualties.—From a letter from Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala., to State WMU Leadership

## Meaning-in-Life Singers

I want to enthusiastically recommend to the Churches of Arkansas, the Meaning-in-Life Singers, working from the BSU Department of our State Convention. This group, composed of six of our finest college students, present the Christian message in a new, dynamic, and refreshing way.

One night last week we had them



REV. and Mrs. Gerald E. Schleiff discuss their plans with an employee of the Foreign Mission Board's press office.

# Schleiffs appointed missionaries

Pastor and Mrs. Gerald E. Schleiff, of Calvary Church, Hope, were appointed missionaries to Africa on July 13 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Mr. Schleiff has served the Hope congregation since August, 1965.

Born in Fort Smith, he moved with his family to nearby Charleston as a boy. Mrs. Schleiff is the former Barbara Robertson, of Monette.

Mr. Schleiff told the Foreign Mission Board that he began considering mission service while a college sophomore. Two years later he attended a mission conference at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. "There the question was settled," he said. "I felt that the call was to Africa."

Mrs. Schleiff said she began to prepare for a missionary career when she was a teen-ager.

He received the bachelor of arts degree from Ouachita College (now University); and the master of religious education and bachelor of divinity de-

grees from Southwestern Seminary and also attended Ft. Smith Junior College. She attended Ouachita College and Ft. Smith College.

He was formerly pastor of churches in McKinney, Tex., and Greenwood and Mansfield, Ark., and high school teacher in Hackett, Ark. She taught elementary grades in Hackett.

They have a one-year-old son, John Mark.

## The Cover



Pennsylvania County, Va., May, 1758—Col. Samuel Harris, officer of the militia and commandant of Fort Mayo, attended a preaching service conducted by the Baptist preacher, William Murphy, and his brother, at a home near Allen's Creek. It is reported that Colonel Harris made a profession of faith and has aligned himself with the Baptists in this part of Virginia. (Harris later became an outstanding Baptist preacher.)

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present their "Life of Christ" in our auditorium. Afterwards, the "singers" entertained our youth in a very excellent way. Both in their unusual style of preaching and in their ability with fellowship type entertaining, they excel as no other group I have ever witnessed. I feel that we have a better youth program serving a better church because of this better than great group that came our way. Thank God for these dedicated witnesses.

It has long been my opinion that Dr. Tom Logue is the best BSU Director in the nation. His effort with the MIL Singers is just one of many indications of that truth.—Bailey E. Smith, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Warren, Arkansas

## Why a fancy funeral?

# Let's fight

# the high cost of dying!

BY NORMAN B. ROHRER  
DIRECTOR, EVANGELICAL PRESS NEWS SERVICE

Ask the first dozen friends you meet what kind of funeral they want for themselves and the answers are easy to predict.

"I want a quiet funeral," said a San Francisco man. "I don't care for a lot of pomp." A Pennsylvania farmer: "A very cheap one." A Los Angeles housewife: "I don't care what kind of a funeral I have...but it's ridiculous to put your family in hock over it!"

However, many families do put themselves "in hock" over the last remains of a departed loved one. In fact, mortuary expenses for the average American

family amount to its third largest expenditure—totaling \$2 billion annually even though most plead for unostentatious rites.

Why is the passageway to eternity so cluttered with costly traditions? Are we victims of emotional blackmail by a minority of unscrupulous funeral directors? A consideration of these questions can spare your survivors a lot of unnecessary grief and expense.

Planning ahead is the answer to a sensible order of service and burial arrangement. A pastor was surprised one day when one of his elderly parishion-

ers handed him an outline of her funeral plans on a sheet of paper. "I've sent my family a copy, and I've also paid my bill ahead of time down at the mortuary." When the minister recovered from his astonishment he realized the value of what the woman had done and urged others in his congregation to do the same.

Some churches are reviving the ancient practice of covering each casket with the church's own linen funeral pall, obscuring the distinction between rich and poor. The cover remains closed and a photograph of the deceased rests atop the casket. It is outrageous for the family to be forced to open the coffin or to place a napkin over the face of the still form, while trying not to break down!

I recently phoned my life insurance agent for advice in planning my funeral and was advised first to take out a \$3,000 insurance policy to cover expense. That did it! Instead I willed my body to a local medical school and have requested a memorial, instead of a funeral service. Gifts for flowers may now be channeled into evangelistic endeavor instead, to help others dwell with the Savior in the land of cloudless day and my family isn't forced into expensive choices at the moment of grief.

Can you see through the huge, macabre and expensive practical joke the dismal traders have perpetrated on the American public? As a Christian you've made preparation to live. Now's the time to make a sane, sensible arrangement for dying.

## Beacon lights of Baptist history

# Knowing and doing

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

Speakers often inspire and challenge us with the story of William Carey. He was the founder of the Baptist Missionary Society and one of the first two Englishmen sent by this organization to the non-Christians of India.

We have been told how, in 1786, at a ministers meeting, he first raised the question whether the command of the Apostles to teach all nations was not obligatory upon succeeding ministers since the accompanying promises were still claimed. An older minister called him an enthusiast and told him to sit down. His further instructions to Carey were: "When God pleases to convert the heathen, He'll do it without consulting you or me." We have heard this much. But what happened then?

Did he sit down? Well, for the moment, yes. But he did not let name calling stop him. In 1792 he wrote a book of 87 pages whose title fills a good size paragraph. It is:

An Enquiry into the Obligations of Christians, to use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens, in which the Religious State of the Different Nations of the World, the success of former Undertakings, and the Practicability of Further Undertakings, are Considered.

Within its covers one finds the irresistible logic and forceful presentation that started the rattling of theological dry bones. Faith brought forth life. Carey carefully marshalled his facts. He left rhetoric to the more skillful writers and probed the conscience by insisting on Christian duty.

He first asks the question he had asked in 1786. Was the commission given by the Lord still binding? Then he reviewed the history of the nations through the centuries, which evidenced wide knowledge and reading. Patiently, he tabulated the population and religions of the countries of the world according to contemporary knowledge. With his reader he faced the practical difficulties in the way of foreign missions and disposed of them one by one.

Finally, he set out the example and methods of a trading company which had obtained a charter, and proposed the formation of a missionary society along the same lines to undertake the practical work of evangelization abroad.

He said, "We have only to keep the end in view, and have our hearts thoroughly engaged in the pursuit of it, and means will not be very difficult."

His knowledge prompted action. That same year Carey climaxed his plea for missions by going out to India with John Thomas, a Baptist doctor, who had already done some missionary work there.



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## Book store closes

The Baptist Book Store, 408 Spring Street, Little Rock, will be closed Saturday, July 29 for inventory. The store will be open for business the following Monday, July 31.

## Celebrate 125 years

Twelve Corners Church, Benton County Association, celebrated its 125th anniversary July 16 with a basket lunch following morning worship services. Participating on the program were Kenneth Doescher, pastor; Gene Box, chairman of the Historical Committee of the association; and Harry C. Wigger, associational missionary.

Guy Hopper of Texas is serving as interim pastor of Sulphur Springs Church. Bill Fetters, former Neosho, Mo., pastor, has accepted the pastorate

of Monte Ne Church. Johnny Lawson has resigned as pastor of First Church, Garfield. (AB)

## Pastors make changes

Pastoral changes in Mississippi County Association:

Thurlo Lee from Westside to mission pastor in Arkansas mountains; Paul Mason, Southern College student, to Well's Chapel; Bearle Wallace, stationed at Blytheville Air Force Base, to Tomato; Raymond Johnson, former pastor of First Church, Holland, interim at Memorial Chapel. (AB)

## OBU gives scholarships

Scholarships in varying amounts have been awarded to 87 Ouachita University students for use during the 1967-68 school term, according to W. Jack King, director of student aids.

## Current issues in Baptist life

# How should associations deal with the Baptism question?

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

Some people have said to me, "You have emphasized believer's baptism by immersion; wouldn't you throw a church out of the association if they received some other kind of baptism?" Here is my answer. You see, I have always voted to baptize a person by immersion when he comes into a Baptist church, even though he may have been a born-again Christian believer for many years without ever having received New Testament baptism. But even that is a compromise, because baptism really means the sign of beginning the Christian journey. If he has been a genuine believer in Christ for many years, it is impossible to make baptism mean for him what it meant in the New Testament—the sign of rising to walk in a new life with Jesus.

If another Baptist says, "Well, I know he was baptized with the wrong form; but at least, it was performed upon a believer at the beginning of his Christian journey and I am not going to make him go through a ritual just to get the form right when it is thirty years too late for the real meaning"—THEN I realize that he is making a compromise in one direction while I am leaning in another. I like my compromise better than his, because I think the form of immersion is an eloquent witness to the gospel which I simply cannot give up.

But, it is literally impossible to baptize a person at a later stage of his Christian journey without modifying the New Testament meaning to some extent. We are in a situation today that simply did not exist in the New Testament, and we have to apply the teachings as carefully as we can in order to preserve the real meaning of the New Testament in a changed environment.

If my fellow Baptist together with his church congregation has prayed and studied God's word and come out with an application to baptism, the Lord's Supper, or church membership in which he is honestly trying to preserve the vital truth of the New Testament in a changed situation, I am going to bind him to me with cords of love, even when he differs with my conclusion—and I will listen to him to see if I may have been wrong.

This is what it means to be a Baptist. What glorious and exciting fellowship in which to study and apply God's word to the needs of today's world. God grant that we may never kill it by authoritarianism!

## Southwestern graduates

Six Arkansas students were graduated from the Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., during summer commencement exercises July 21.

They are Ronnie H. Adams, Arkadelphia, M.R.E.; Charles D. Blase, Gurdon, B.D.; Calvin L. Fox, Gentry, B.D.; Greenville Mathis, Texarkana, B.D.; Don W. Reed, Bentonville, B.D.; Marion Ray Wells, Marianna, B.D.

Seminary President Robert E. Naylor presented degrees and diplomas to more than 100 candidates in the schools of theology, religious education and church music.

## New Hope disbands

New Hope Church has disbanded and authorized its trustees to transfer the church title and property to the trustees of Greene County Association.

In other associational news Timothy Vickers was ordained to the ministry by Fairview Church June 11. Participating in the ceremony was Jack Booth, Robert Rhoads, Bobby Rhoads, Theo T. James, Bill Gaston, and Thomas Kinder. Mr. Vickers is pastor of Fairview Church. (AB)

## Arkansas women on WMU programs

Three Arkansas women are serving on the faculty of Woman's Missionary Union conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Assemblies this summer.

The Glorieta conference was July 20-26, and the Ridgecrest WMU week is Aug. 10-16.

Mrs. Roy Snider, Camden, directed a workshop based on her writing, *Mission Action Projects Guide*, which was released by WMU, SBC, July 15.

The workshops train women for short-term ministry and witness to persons of special need in the new WMU program of mission action.

Mrs. Snider, a member of First Church, Camden, is president of Arkansas WMU.

Mrs. Phillip May, Joyce City Church, Smackover, leads a conference in methods for WMS enlistment chairmen at both Glorieta and Ridgecrest.

Miss Ann Wollerman, missionary to Brazil furloughing in Pine Bluff, was at Glorieta. She spoke in a general session on "Working the Works of Him That Sent Me" and lead daily conferences reporting on her work in Brazil.

## Dardanelle-Russellville camp

The Dardanelle-Russellville Association held its annual summer camp at Baptist Vista June 12-16.

There were 45 professions, two surrendered for special service, and a large number rededicated their lives.

Ten churches and two missions participated in the camp. The participating churches are now experiencing revival as a result of the camp.

Rev. A. C. Uth and Thomas Lindley served as co-directors and Rev. Ben Bledsoe served as camp pastor. Rev. Carl Pearson, Danville, was head counselor.

Total enrollment for the camp was 179.—Reporter

## Changes in Calvary

Pastoral changes are reported in Calvary Association:

Norman Wright, son of another pastor, Henry Wright, retired, to Gregory Church; Jolly O'Shields, recently surrendered to the ministry and a member of Grace Church, Augusta, to White Lake Church; Jerry Taylor, resigned Union Valley Church to serve in Colorado under the Home Mission Board; David Moore resigned Midway Church; Martin Ausburn resigned Rocky Point to move to California. (AB)



*SILOAM SPRINGS* statistical highlights for three weeks' encampments of 1967: total enrollment, 2,284; 68 professions of faith; 101 for special service; and 437 rededications.

Top, left to right, Training Union Secretary Ralph Davis, Brazil Missionary Harrison Pike, Pastor Clarence C. Randall of First Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and James A. Griffin, associate secretary of Training Union Department, all principals on the program for the closing week, July 10-15.

enter, mail call, third week.  
Bottom, snack break, third week.—(ABN Photos)



# From the churches

## Greenlee to build

On July 30, the congregation of Greenlee Church will begin its drive to sell \$110,000 in 6 percent bonds to finance construction of a new sanctuary and parsonage. The church plans to erect the new sanctuary on property already owned on the Old Warren Road just outside the city limits of Pine Bluff. On completion of the new sanctuary, the 7,100-square-foot existing plant will be converted to educational use.

Greenlee Church is located on the southwest edge of Pine Bluff in an area that, according to the long-range plans of the City Planning Commission, will be zoned "residential" and allotted about four single-family dwelling units per acre.

Irlon C. Hubbard is chairman of the deacons and Rev. Darrell Black is pastor. Providence Church Plan is promoting the bond sale.—Nelson E. Eubank

## Smith at Gravel Ridge

Ed L. Smith has resigned as pastor at Beebe to accept First Church, Gravel Ridge. He begins his new duties July 30. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children.

At a business meeting July 12, the church voted to ordain Eddy Simpson to the ministry. He has served the church as summer youth director after a year's study at Ouachita University. Ordination is tentatively set for 2:30 p.m. Aug. 27, the date of the opening of the youth revival.

## Staffer returns home

Miss Kathy Otto has returned to Little Rock from Glorieta, N. M., where she served on the staff of the Glorieta Assembly since June 1. Miss Otto is a member of First Church.

## Teddy Keen licensed

Teddy Keen, Arkansas A. and M. College student at Monticello and a summer missionary to North Dakota, was licensed to preach by North Side Church, Monticello, May 28. Eddie Elrod is pastor.

## Revivals

Bloomfield, Mo., First, June 18-25; Jamie Coleman, Fayetteville, evangelist; Hubert "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, song director; 14 for baptism; 2 by letter; 16 rededications; Guy D. Magee, pastor.

Benton First Lake Salem Mission, July 10-16; Ed Walker, Levy Church,



## Oak Grove centennial planned

Oak Grove Church, Attica, will hold centennial services July 30. Dinner on the grounds will be followed by an afternoon service.

Oak Grove Church grew out of an arbor revival in 1866. The congregation has used three buildings, a log building, a boxed building, and a frame building (above) since 1953. In 1958 the build-

ing was remodeled and five years later, additional classrooms built on. Air-conditioning was installed this year.

Tom Stafford is pastor. The summer revival of the church begins July 31, with O. P. May, First Church, Pochontas, as evangelist and Dan and Vickie Urton, Jonesboro, song leader and pianist.



Left to right: Jim Elliff, Mr. Heslip, Mr. Hornaday, Tom Elliff.

## Rosedale holds youth rally

More than 300 Baptist youth assembled on the parking lot at Rosedale Church, Little Rock, July 15, for an open-air youth rally, sponsored by the Rosedale young people with twelve Baptist church groups represented.

Featured on the two-hour program were the Singing Young Americans, 30 voices and instruments from Second Church, Little Rock. Jim Malloch, Second Church youth director, introduced the

group.

Larry Heslip, Ouachita University senior ministerial student, and Joe Hornaday, student at Baylor and summer youth director at First Church, Jacksonville, gave testimonies. Tom Elliff, pastor of Martindale Church, brought the message. Jim Elliff, associate pastor and youth director at Rosedale, said this was hoped to be the first of youth rallies at regular intervals in the Little Rock area.

evangelist; Kenneth Floyd, singer; 24 rededications; 2 by letter; F. M. Robinson, pastor.

Woodland Corner, Mississippi County Association, May 26-June 2; Tom Fortner, pastor, evangelist; 16 professions of faith; 2 for baptism; 2 by letter; 14 rededications.

Rea Valley, youth crusade, in progress through Aug. 5; first week, Mike McCoy, Yellville, evangelist, Joyce Barnett, Yellville, song leader; Cheryl Avey, Yellville, pianist, second week, Sidney Byler, Sage, evangelist; Mike McCoy, Yellville, song leader; Rachell Robertson, Melbourne, pianist; sponsored by Rea Valley Baptist Mission.

**Wins on composition**

Richard Ridgeway, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Ridgeway of Arkadelphia, has been named first-place winner in the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia composition contest at Ouachita University.

Ridgeway, a 1967 graduate of Arkadelphia Hardin High School, received a cash award of \$25 for his winning composition entitled "Boutade" for solo clarinet. The winning composition will be performed on the annual Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Concert of American Music during the spring of 1968.

Other winners were: Ethan Azeltine, Blytheville Air Force Base, second; and Kenneth Lindsay, Texarkana, third. Second and third place winners received \$20 and \$15 respectively.

**Hodges to Little Rock**

Herbert Hodges began his duties as pastor of South Highland Church, Little Rock, July 16. A native of Fayetteville, he is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and Southwestern Seminary.



Mrs. Burton is the former Shirley Burton, Fayetteville. They have two children, Shari and Bryan. Mr. Hodges has been in the ministry since 1952, and has served as pastor

of Second Church, Fayetteville, County Line Church, Athens, Tex., Second Church, Russellville, and First Church, England.

**Deaths**

**MRS. ROSA McLARTY KINZER, 84,** Russellville July 18. She was a member of First Church. Survivors include a son, John A. Kinzer, North Little Rock; a daughter, Mrs. Louise Gramelspacher of Louisiana; a sister, Mrs. F. B. Hilley of Georgia; and a grandchild.

**CARL NELSON, 78,** North Little Rock, retired painter and paperhanger, July 20. He was a charter member of Levy Church.

**DR. J. S. SPILLYARDS, 84,** Luckwood, retired physician, July 18. A native of Mississippi, he came to Pine Bluff in 1913 and practiced medicine there until his retirement in 1962. He was the oldest member of the Jefferson Hospital staff.

Dr. Spillyards was a member of Southside Church, Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff Lodge No. 69, Free and Accepted Masons, Jefferson County Medical Society and the Arkansas Medical Society.



**FORMER ARKANSAN IN PUERTO RICO**—Rev. and Mrs. E. McKinney (Mac) Adams were recently appointed by the Home Mission Board to serve as the first SBC missionaries in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. They and their two sons, Tom and Ken, are already residing in Mayaguez, a city of 85,000 which has no Southern Baptist work. Mr. Adams, a graduate of Golden Gate Seminary, will serve as area missionary. His job will be to start new work, turn it over to nationals as the work is strengthened, and move on to another unreached area. He and Mrs. Adams completed one year of language study prior to their new assignment. Mr. Adams, a former member of Central Church, Magnolia, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Zachary, Laurel, Miss., and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Davenport of Magnolia. Mrs. Adams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Etter of Uvalde, Tex.



**FOUR ORDAINED**—John R. Broadway, Bill Duncan, James Cooper Jr. and Cleo Arrington were ordained as deacons, Sunday, July 2, by Philadelphia Church, Jonesboro.

The church recently installed a gas air-condition and heating system in the educational building at a cost of \$4,600. A committee has been elected to make plans for a new parsonage. The church is currently holding revival services with Roy E. Baker, from Merritt Island, Fla., as evangelist. Johnny Green is pastor of the church.

## Church leaders ask labor rights for farm workers

WASHINGTON—Spokesman for major religious groups have asked Congress for legislation to include the nation's farm workers in the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA).

Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders appeared at hearings before the Senate Subcommittee on Migratory Labor. They pleaded that justice and human dignity demand that farm workers be included in the protections that are afforded industrial workers under the act.

The same problem was attacked on another front. Almost the entire July edition of *Home Missions Magazine*, edited by Walker L. Knight, was devoted to the plight of the Mexican-American farm workers in Texas. (The magazine is published by the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board, Atlanta.)

Asking for better treatment for this "second largest disadvantaged minority in the United States," Knight said, "Surely a minimum first step would be coverage of these laborers by the minimum wage law and by the National Labor Relations Act."

Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr. (D., N.J.) is chairman of the Subcommittee on Migratory Labor. He held hearings three days in Washington on bills to (1) include farm workers in the NLRA, (2) establish a National Advisory Council on Migratory Labor, (3) extend the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to certain children in agriculture, and (4) provide a voluntary farm placement program.

The spokesman for religious groups focused on the NLRA as their primary target for improving the conditions affecting farm workers. Recent farm labor problems in Florida, Texas and California have brought the issue to national attention.

Speaking on behalf of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch pointed out that the "dictates of morality" outweighed all objections to justice for farm workers.

"In a sense, Moses might be considered the first labor organizer, and in his discussions with Pharaoh of Egypt, he was the first to engage in the collective bargaining process," he said.

"We believe that men are servants

of God and not of other men," the rabbi continued. "An employer can pay for an employee's time and toil, but he cannot possess his person," he argued as he asked for legislation to help "those least able to protect themselves."

John McCarthy testified on behalf of the Bishops' Committee, the National Catholic Rural Conference, and the Social Action Department, U. S. Catholic Conference.

He said that the social teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, the views of every pope in this century and the expressions of the Catholic bishops of California and Texas affirm "that society must allow, safeguard and protect the right of any group to organize for its own protection and economic betterment."

"This natural right of the farm workers to organize has been frustrated for 33 years and will continue to be frustrated unless legislative machinery is put into motion to bring it to an end," the Catholic spokesman declared.

A Methodist minister, Luther E. Tyson, director of the Department of Economic Life, the Methodist Church, spoke on behalf of the National Council of Churches.

Tyson said that "Christian tradition has always emphasized mutual aid and cooperation as practical expressions of the command to love God and neighbor."

"It is our deep conviction that such mutual association with others to achieve legitimate ends is a basic need and right of all in a free society," he declared. This applies to farm workers as well as industrial workers, he said.

Mrs. J. C. Schroeder, Rock Valley, Iowa, spoke for Church Women United, National Council of Catholic Women, National Council of Jewish Women, National Council of Negro Women and the Young Women's Christian Association.

She pointed out that women have taken the lead in other movements to relieve oppressive condition. She cited the suffrage movement, the abolitionist movement, the plight of children of seasonal farm workers, minimum wage for farm workers and child labor laws.

"This same concern motivates our testimony today in support of legislation that extends to all agricultural workers protection of their collective bargaining rights under the National La-

bor Relations Act," she said.

Mrs. Schroeder pointed out the poverty of migrant farm workers. Their average wage per year is \$1,000, she said. "A settled worker from California may earn \$1,500 to \$2,000 per year. With the help of his wife and children the income may go above \$2,500," she continued.

The only way farm workers can correct these conditions she declared, is for channels to be open to them the same as has been provided for industrial workers of the nation. (BP)

## FMB commissions 47

For staff and members of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 47 men and women have broken the tension of this summer of wars and riots.

The 47 were commissioned by the Board July 13 for ministries overseas.

The new career missionaries from Arkansas, and fields of service are: Calvin L. Fox and Margaret Cotton Fox, both of Arkansas, for the Philippines; Carl G. Lee, of Texas, and Twila Turner Lee, of Arkansas, for Indonesia; Gerald E. Schleiff and Barbara Robertson Schleiff, both of Arkansas, for Africa. (See additional stories elsewhere in this issue of the Newsmagazine).

## Three young people win speakers' awards

RIDGECREST, N. C.—Three Baptist young people won national "speaker-of-distinction" awards at the fourth young people's speaker's tournament at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly.

The speaker's tournament tests the youths' skill in public speaking by comparing their speeches with a high standard. The speaker-of-distinction citation is given when the standard is attained.

Claire Suzanne Mosteller of Georgia won the award with her speech on "My Place ... God's World ... Today."

Anita Durham of Tennessee and Jim Lovvorn of Texas earned the award with speeches on "Responsible Morality."

The other five state winners in the contest were Judy Thornton, Illinois; Norma Peterson, Indiana; Deborah Dyer, Arkansas; Ken Brunson, Florida; and Damon Ray Talley, Kentucky. (BP)

## Garners in Argentina

Rev. and Mrs. Alex F. Garner, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina, have resumed evangelistic work in Santa Fe Province (their address: Casilla 49, Santa Fe, Santa Fe, Argentina). He is a native of Fort Smith; she, the former Charleta Beindorf, was born and reared in Pope County. He was pastor of First Church, Leedey, Okla., when they were appointed missionaries in 1952.

# Baptist editor asks help for handicapped persons

WASHINGTON—Marse Grant, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, North Carolina Baptist state paper, spoke before a Senate subcommittee here in support of a bill that would make all public buildings constructed in the future with federal funds accessible to physically handicapped persons.

Grant told the subcommittee on public buildings and grounds of the Committee on Public Works that he was appearing before them in a dual capacity—as the father of a physically handicapped youngster and also as state chairman of the National Foundation—March of Dimes.

The subcommittee is considering legislation to require all new public buildings financed wholly or in part with federal funds to be so designed and constructed as to be accessible to the physically handicapped. Sen. B. Everett Jordan (D., N. C.) is chairman of the subcommittee.

The measure was introduced in the Senate by Sen. E. L. Bartless (D. Alaska) who said he was opposed to amending the bill to require alteration of existing public buildings.

The Baptist editor told the subcommittee that the bill's passage would accomplish "untold good" in federally-financed buildings and "would be an incentive as well as an example for those constructing churches, schools and other buildings."

Grant said that the thousands who would benefit most from the bill "depend on members of Congress to do what is right for them."

The subcommittee also heard testimony from men in wheelchairs representing national organizations for handicapped persons who told of those whose careers and activities are frustrated because of the inaccessibility of most public buildings.

Narrow doorways, restroom facilities, public telephone booths, drinking fountains, long flights of steps—even short ones, were cited as architectural barriers to the person in a wheelchair.

It was pointed out at the hearings that only a nominal cost would be involved in planning buildings with adequate facilities for the physically handicapped.

Sen. Bartlett told the subcommittee that what is required is "a consciousness of the problem, an interest in its solution and a little forethought in the planning stage of the construction."

Grant described for the Senate committee a new college in North Carolina,

St. Andrews Presbyterian in Laurinburg, where wheelchair students can move over the entire campus under their own power without meeting any architectural barriers. He said one of the prime goals of the architects and trustees was to make all facilities easily accessible to students with handicaps.

In an interview with Baptist Press, Grant said he hoped Baptist churches planning buildings of any type would keep the physically handicapped in mind. "If the federal government is seriously concerned about architectural barriers, certainly our churches ought to be even more so," he said.

Many changes could be made in existing church buildings without exorbitant costs, Grant continued. "Public awareness is needed and even minor

improvements attract attention to the problem," he emphasized.

According to the Congressional Record, 20 states have passed legislation calling for the elimination of architectural barriers in new public buildings. Executive order also requires this for new buildings in the District of Columbia. Similar measures are under consideration in nine other states.

It was pointed out at the hearing that 22 million people would be benefited by the bill. Two million of these are under 21 years of age. One out of 10 families has a child with a major handicap. At least one out of 17 babies born has a major handicap.

Bartlett said that what is important in this issue is the fact that "the physically handicapped are citizens of this country—just as others of us are; they pay taxes and contribute to the economy of the country—just as others of us do; and they deserve access to their public buildings on an equal basis with the rest of us.

"This is all they ask—and it is all I ask," the senator concluded. (BP)

## Baptist beliefs

# Blessed the merciful

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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

(SIXTH IN SERIES ON BEATITUDES)

*"Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy" (Matt. 5:7).*

The first four Beatitudes deal with the Christian's relation to God. But his relationship with God should express itself in his relationship with men. So the remainder of the Beatitudes deal with this relationship.

The kingdom citizen has become such not through God's justice but through His mercy. Therefore, he should show the same attitude toward his fellow-men. Failure to do so is evidence that he has not received mercy from God (cf. Matt. 18:23ff.). Because he has received mercy he should be merciful.

The Greek word rendered "mercy" means *active pity*. Its Hebrew equivalent means to get inside another's skin so as to become completely identified with him. Thus you see through his eyes, think his thoughts, and experience his innermost feelings. You act toward him as you would have him to act toward you. It is a picture of the Golden Rule (Matt. 7:12). "Merciful" is akin to "sympathy" or a suffering with someone. It is to identify yourself with another so completely that his condition becomes yours, and so you act accordingly. This is what Christ did for you. So in turn you should act toward others.

And when you do you will "obtain mercy" in return. With the same measure that you meet, it shall be meted out to you. It is the law of sowing and reaping. You give another a bushel of mercy and he will give you one in return. Bruce calls this "the self-acting law of the moral world."

In such a relationship the Christian will be "blessed." Out of the God-given resources of his own spiritual life he will be able to live a rich, "complete life in his relations with both God and man. This is the essence of *Christian service*.

## Wanted: 500

Wanted: 500 churches to order from the Baptist Book Store (\$1.95) the Training Union Director's Kit. This is a must for all Training Union Directors. The material is well illustrated, printed on 8½x11 inch different colored stock paper, punched to fit a large three-ring notebook, and placed in a large envelope. The contents are:

**PLANNING:** This section includes sample calendar for a church; the director as a member of the church council; how to use the Church Program Guidebook; best uses of the Training Union Magazine; tips for a lively, effective Training Union Council meeting; and how to make a flip chart to promote the Training Union work.

**ORGANIZING:** This section includes helps for your Training Program; why you need to know the training program of a church; enlargement and enrollment forms.

**ENLARGING AND IMPROVING:** This section includes how to make an enlargement survey; making wall charts for recording progress; starting new member orientation; starting leadership training; evaluation forms; twelve ways to enlarge your Training Union; ways to improve Training Union work.

**PROMOTING:** This section includes the meaning of good promotion; announcement slips for bulletin board; launching the Training Union program for the new year; sample letter for sending to prospects; bulletin board lettering for setting up a Training Union bulletin board; tips on using study content for promoting the study sessions.

How could a Training Union director get along without these helps? With this kit he will soon see that his job is more than punching the bell twice on Sunday night. The church should order this kit for its Training Union director now. Including tax, the price is \$2.01.—Ralph W. Davis



REV. and Mrs. Carl G. Lee discuss their plans with an employee of the Foreign Mission Board's press office.

## Lees to serve Indonesia

Pastor and Mrs. Carl G. Lee, of Oak Street Church, Colorado City, Tex., have been named missionaries to Indonesia by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

At Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., for missionary appointment on July 13 and a week of orientation, the Lees told of volunteering for overseas service last August while attending the Foreign Mission Conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Assembly.

"I have intended to do some kind of mission work, either at home or abroad, ever since the day 13 years ago when I committed myself to special Christian service," explained Mr. Lee. His mission interest began to "take direction" at Glorieta. As he heard of spiritual destitution in other lands he kept thinking that ordinary people" like himself

were needed to proclaim the gospel in word and deed.

Mrs. Lee added that many other experiences have assured them they are taking the right step.

She has been commuting to Howard County Junior College in Big Spring, Tex., to meet educational requirements for missionary appointment.

The Lees have served the Colorado City church since March, 1964.

Born in Maverick, Tex., Mr. Lee moved with his family to Hobbs, N. M., when he was nine. Mrs. Lee, the former Twila Turner, was born in Texarkana, Ark., and lived in several states while growing up. She graduated from high school in Odessa, Tex., shortly before her family moved to Hobbs.

Married in March, 1954, Mr. and Mrs. Lee started working in a small Baptist mission in Hobbs. As a Sunday School teacher he studied the Bible seriously for the first time in his life. A few months later he began to prepare for the ministry.

He received the bachelor of science degree from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. (Mrs. Lee attended Hardin-Simmons briefly). While a student he pastored churches in Anson, Maverick, Girard, and Forsan, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee have three children, Julie, almost 10, Jason, eight, and Jeffrey, almost three.

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### Local Church WMU Plans

Friday, August 18, 1967

10 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

Conferences for: Presidents; counselors, leaders, directors of YWA, GA and Sunbeam Band; chairmen of mission study, prayer, stewardship, mission action (community missions), enlistment, activities, study, programs, circles

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## The bookshelf

The Gateway States, New Jersey, New York, Time-Life Library of America, Time Incorporated, New York, 1967, \$4.95

State flowers of the Gateway States are the violet (New Jersey) and the rose (New York). The climate is generally temperate. In the coastal areas of New Jersey and on Long Island, the Atlantic's waters help create relatively mild winters and cooling summer breezes. Natural wonders of the two states include broad, white beaches that run from southern New Jersey to the tip of Long Island, and the many lakes in the Catskill and Adirondack areas. The most impressive natural attraction is Niagara Falls, in upstate New York.

Total area of the Gateway States is 57,412 square miles—a little bigger than Arkansas. This is only two percent of the entire U. S., but the population totals nearly 18 million people. Notable buildings and historical monuments are found throughout the region.

On This Rock, by Lloyd Palmer, Philosophical Library, 1967, \$5.95

This is a most unusual approach to the real meaning of the teachings of Jesus. Here is a sample of the approach

and style, as the author considers "Jesus and the Second-Class Citizen":

"It has been said that at first Jesus' doctrine appealed mainly to the lower classes. Celsus (c. 180 A.D.) said contemptuously that the only people interested in his teachings were the 'simpletons, the ignoble, the senseless, slaves and women-folk and children.'

"Generally, however, it was the lower classes—the second-class citizens and degraded of all nations—who realized the magnitude of the new doctrines: the women, children, slaves and aliens.

"To women he gave the same freedom the same right to live without a master, that he gave to men. In his teachings, which grow steadily in power and scope as they accumulate, he included women as followers in a concept of law that abolished masters among its members (Matt. 23:10). He accepted women as equals (Lk. 10:38-42), talked with them publicly (an action disgraceful for the orthodox Jew), and to the woman at the well, he offered freely his 'water of life' (Jn. 4:6-27)."

New paperbacks include: Sermons from Revelation, by Clovis G. Chappell, Abingdon, \$1.25; The Tears of Jesus, by

L. R. Scarborough, Baker, \$1.50; and Bill Wallace of China, by Jesse C. Fletcher, Broadman Press, \$1.25.

A new paperback just off the presses of Westminster Press is The Church Inside Out, by J. C. Hoekendijk, \$1.95. The author is a Dutch theologian and this is an English translation by Isaac C. Rottenberg. The author's themes include the mission of the church, ecumenics, parish renewal, the lay movement, and attitudes of the church toward race problems.

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## Reports from Alaska

Two BSUers are serving as summer missionaries in Alaska this summer. Melba Harris is a student at Arkansas State University majoring in elementary education. James Lockhart is a student at Arkansas A&M and majors in Forestry. Following are letters from Melba and James concerning their work:

"I have just gotten back from a week of junior G. A. camp. You talk about pioneering! It rained the entire week (except a little while Tuesday afternoon when the sun came out). My tent you notice I said "tent" not cabin—had

a leak in it, so I got my sleeping bag wet right off. There was no electricity anywhere (except in the cook tent), so we had to use a flashlight to see in the tent."

"On Monday night I was wondering if I could hold out a week, but the Lord really blessed, and we had a good time in spite of the difficulties. It was certainly an experience—quite different from the camps back home."

"Alaska is still a great place; I love it here. I have another camp with the Intermediate G. A.'s, then two weeks of V. B. S. at a little mission. Following that will be more survey work and possibly another week of V. B. S. The work here is still as challenging as ever.—Melba Harris"

"After working in the Glacier Valley Baptist Church, my partner and I were assigned to the First Baptist Church in Juneau. Sunday Mr. Joe Patterson, the pastor, gave the whole preaching service to my partner and me. We also participated in Sunday School and Training Union."

"Training Union was held in the morning right after Sunday School. The

worship service followed both. There wasn't any service held at night. The people said that they didn't like it but it was the way it had to be. They are meeting in the Seventh Day Adventist Church because they were forced out of their old building and are trying to build another."

"We spent the rest of the week helping this church. One day was spent in painting the basement that was used for a general meeting hall. The place was really made to look different."

"I am beginning to like Alaska. It has a certain air of the frontier that I find very appealing. People are going places and are constantly on the move. This gives a feeling of excitement that pervades the air. It seems that everyone you meet is from the "outside." They use this expression concerning the mainland. Alaska's population is now growing, and a lot of Southerners are here."

"Next week I will go to Ketchikan, and I am looking forward to it with great anticipation. I am really enjoying the new people that we meet.—James Lockhart"

the need for preachers and observed "The openness of the people to the gospel."

"When I came home from the Philippines," he testified, "I was not the same person. My life's purpose had been radically changed."

Mrs. Fox said she began to consider a career in foreign missions when she attended a Baptist camp in Arkansas as a teen-ager. Later her post-collegiate experience working in the Washington-Oregon area under the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board taught her the responsibility of every Christian to be a witness wherever he may be.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Fox worked in the Empire, Mich., Mission, under the Home Mission Board.

Mr. Fox graduated from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, with the bachelor of science in agriculture degree. Before entering Southwestern Seminary, he pastored Park Street Chapel, Bentonville.

Mrs. Fox graduated from the University of Arkansas with the bachelor of science in education degree. She has taught in the public schools of Rogers, Ark., and Rhome and Ft Worth, Tex.

### The preacher poet

#### The true Christian

Prepared for the worst,  
Expecting the best,  
Ready whatever may come;  
Abounding in love,  
Portraying God's word;  
Building a life by his plumb.

—W. B. O'Neal



REV. and Mrs. Calvin L. Fox discuss their plans with an employee of the Foreign Mission Board's press office.

## Named to Philippine field

Pastor and Mrs. Calvin L. Fox, of Lebanon, Okla., Church, were appointed missionaries to the Philippines on July 13 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox currently reside in Fort Worth, where he received the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary July 21.

Both are natives of northwest Ar-

kansas. He was born and reared in the small agricultural community of Gen-try. She, the former Margaret Cotton, spent most of her childhood in the small farming town of Paris.

Mr. Fox told the Foreign Mission Board that he realized his place in overseas missions in 1962 when he went to the Philippines as a summer missionary sponsored by the Arkansas Baptist Student Union. There he saw

# Outdoors with Doc

by Ralph Phelps



## Farmer in the dell



Although Doc's columns have heretofore been devoted exclusively to hunting and fishing, by far the most productive of his outdoor hobbies is gardening. With fishing at a 14-year low for him, this is as good a time as any to branch out into writing about another area of outdoor activity.

Doc's interest in gardening dates back as far as he can remember. Although he grew up on a 50-by-150 foot lot in Dallas, his folks always had a garden on the back of the lot; and he spent a good part of each summer with relatives on farms in East Texas.

The first year he and Helen were married, they lived in a garage apartment that had no lawn but did have two flower boxes perched on a porch rail: In one he planted onions, in the other parsley. From that time to this—a quarter of a century—he has had a garden somewhere, many times on a small plot of borrowed ground.

By far the sorriest crop he ever made was on the outskirts of Fort Worth when he owned a home and was teaching at Southwestern Baptist Seminary. The soil looked good, but when the corn came up and tasseled out, it ranged from knee-high down to some small stuff. A soil chemist checked and said the ground was the most deficient he had ever seen anywhere. It was worse than the proverbially poor soil that required three peas to the hill—one to pull and one to push to get the other one up.

His present garden of about one-half acre is located beside the Ouachita River and is subject to frequent overflows from that unpredictable stream. As a consequence, his plot holds the course record for the most cockle-burrs per square foot. In the wild morninglory category, it also ranks extremely high.

Because Doc is often turning the windmill somewhere when he ought to be hoeing his rows, his garden usually looks like a well-developed meadow. Just the other day he cultivated about half of it by running over it with tractor and bush-hog. It greatly helped the looks of the patch, too.

In spite of Doc's efforts, the garden bears abundantly. He and Helen have canned 75 quarts of green beans, 40 quarts of tomatoes, 10 gallons of dill pickles, and several jars of chili sauce so far this year. They have also put okra, pinto beans, speckled butter beans, and squash in the freezer, although there is a serious question about the sanity of anyone who would save squash in any form.

It's amazing what the Lord can do with a garden spot!

## Now is the time!

If you want a good missionary education program for Baptist men and boys in your church in October, now is the time to start.

Step Number One is the election of a Brotherhood director to give general direction for the program.

Selection of this officer now will permit him to plan adequately for a new year of Brotherhood work starting Oct. 1. Most churches use a nominating committee to select a prospective Brotherhood director for the congregation to consider for election. The man selected should have an interest in missions and in reaching men and boys with a program of missionary teaching and action. After approval by the church, this officer assists the nominating committee in the selection of the Royal Ambassador leader, presidents of Baptist Men and Baptist Young Men, and an adviser for Baptist Young Men. The names of the men selected are in turn presented to the congregation for election.

As members of the Brotherhood Council, these officers, under the leadership of the director, have opportunity to guide in organizing their units and begin planning as a group for a year of work.

The Brotherhood director is a key man in the successful promotion of all phases of the Brotherhood program. The Royal Ambassador leader and his committee are the key men in the successful promotion of a missionary education program for boys 9 through 17 years of age.

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**WHEN?**—The first major promotion will be during the summer and fall of 1967. The project closes right after the Crusade of the Americas in the spring of 1969. A good time to launch the project is during Sunday School Leadership Preparation Week, September 18-22.

**WHERE?**—Among the churches in Arkansas. While this is a project with a definite Arkansas flavor, it incorporates latest convention-wide emphasis including The Church Growth Plan, Crusade of the Americas and the new Sunday School Achievement Guide.—Lawson Hatfield, secretary, State Sunday School Department



# Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

## Summer housecleaning

It may be unorthodox by some standards to houseclean in the summer. If you believe in spring housecleaning, then I'm late. If you believe in fall housecleaning, then I'm early. At any rate I've been doing a little housecleaning . . . in mid-summer.

As I was going through a box of old letters, etc., I came across a letter from a lady in Helena who wrote me while she was doing her spring housecleaning some time ago. She suggested that it might be worthwhile to clean our spiritual "house" at the same time. I like her idea. Why not wash down the walls of our mind as well as the walls of our home? We might try sweeping the porch and sidewalks, and at the same time try sweeping out all thoughts of malice, doubt, fear, gossip, or any other unkindness. The longer some of these things have been around, the more difficult it is to sweep clean, getting rid of all the debris.

It takes a great deal of time and energy to houseclean, but when the task is finished we can look upon it with pride. Sometimes when we think of doing it all at once it is a staggering thought. Most folks have learned that by taking a room at a time, it is not such an impossible accomplishment.


When the house is clean we like to put pretty things in it such as fresh flowers or something new, maybe a bright pillow or two. In our clean minds, let's try to put beautiful things such as God's everlasting love, humility, patience, forgiveness, kindness and those things which are pleasing to him. Have you swept out the cobwebs lately? "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Psalms 51:10).

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



**ASHLEY MISSIONARY HOME**—Ashley County Association has completed negotiations for the purchase of a \$10,000 home on a 106 by 282 and by 292 lot at 800 North Maple, Hamburg. In the bottom photo (left to right) are James Harris, Snyder Fellowship Church layman, trustee; John Robbins, pastor, North Crosssett Church, planning and survey chairman; J. W. Buckner, pastor, Crosssett Temple Church, trustee; Klois Hargis, pastor, Hamburg First, moderator; and Missionary Carl M. Overton. The three-bedroom home is carpeted and has a central heating system. Office space has been furnished to the association by First Church, Hamburg.

### 3 easy ways to get the Zip Codes of people you write to:



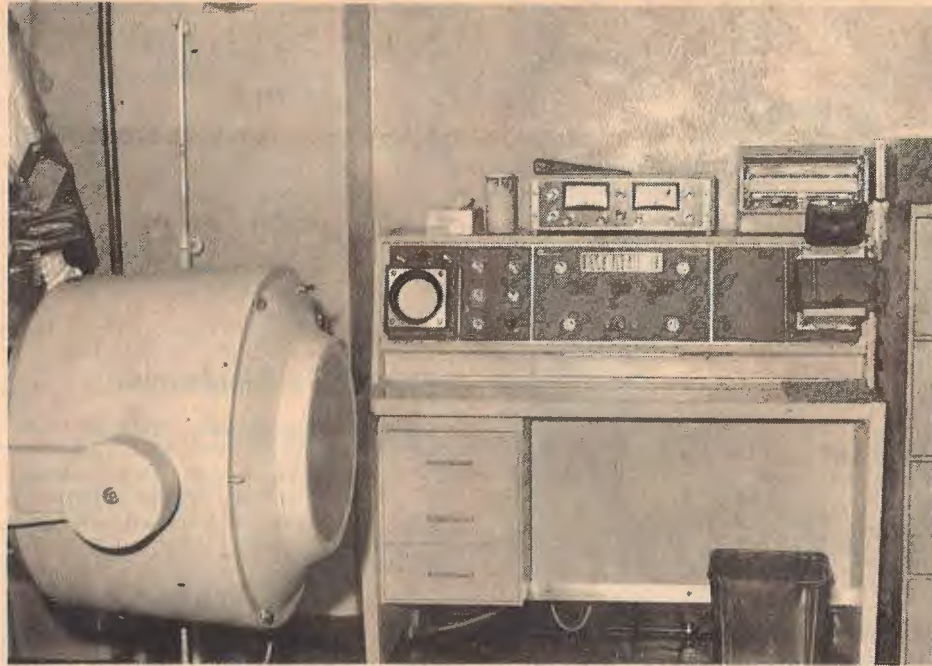
- 1 When you receive a letter, note the Zip in the return address and add it to your address book.
- 2 Call your local Post Office or see their National Zip Directory.
- 3 Local Zips can be found on the Zip Map in the business pages of your phone book.

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## Radiation Camera Goes Into Use

### New Physical Therapist



The large head at left contains many radiation detectors which, when placed over an area of the patient's body into which a radiation dose has been introduced, will feed specific information about the amount and location onto the control panel also shown in the picture.

The \$33,000 Pho/Gamma III Scintillation Camera is now in use in the Radioisotope Laboratory furnishing an ultra-rapid, sophisticated means of studying radiation concentrations within the body.

The new camera, is connected with control panel with an television-type oscilloscope where the movement of the radiation may be watched. Multiple detectors are located in its head which feed back the specific location of the radiation.

As with the old-type linear scanner, the patient is given an isotope "cock-tail" which is then studied as it moves into the body areas under study. A two-channel circuit allows the radiologist to study two sides of the body at the same time, such as checking the functioning of one kidney against the other. Permanent Polaroid pictures can be made from the oscilloscope screen for more detailed study after the patient leaves.

The Pho-Gamma camera reduces scan time by displaying whole images of organs for diagnosis of a variety of disorders, including those of the kidney, liver, heart, lung and brain. Time required for scanning is one to 15 minutes, depending upon the isotope used and the organ studied. The new camera is three to 10 times faster than mechanical scanning instruments.

#### New Resident

Dr. Dominic Checile of Chicago, Ill., is a new resident in surgery at ABMC. He has recently been associated with the Illinois Research University.

He is a graduate of Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Ind., and received his medical training at Loyola University at Chicago, Ill. He interned at a hospital in Evergreen Park, Ill. and has been associated with County Hospital in Chicago.

JULY 27, 1967

#### Working Mother Is Also Student



Mrs. Frances Carr

The proudest wearer of the new degree student nursing uniforms is Mrs. Frances Carr, the mother of three children and a full-time secretary in the nursing school office, who has managed to complete her two years of college work toward a degree and is now in the clinical phase of her training.

"I've always wanted to be a nurse," said Mrs. Carr. "It was like a dream



Joe Russell

Joe Russell began work as the new registered physical therapist in the P.T. Department June 19.

Russell is a graduate of Baylor University and Baylor School of Physical Therapy. He formerly was employed at Hillcrest Hospital at Waco, Texas. He and his wife, Helen, have one daughter, Kathy, who is entering the University of Arkansas this fall.

Al Ohlen, Chief Physical Therapist, was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. Another physical therapist in the Department, Robin G. Hood, passed his Arkansas State Medical Board Licensure for Physical Therapists.

#### Education Director

Mrs. Evelyn Harper is the new director of nursing education with the diploma program. She was introduced by Mrs. Mildred Armour at the Chapel Hour June 19.

that I thought could never be realized but with Mrs. (Mildred) Armour's generosity and help, it is now beginning to come true." Mrs. Carr has been secretary to Mrs. Armour through the time that she was carrying the college work in addition to her work.

She attended Ouachita Baptist University night school courses at ABMC and went to Little Rock University during the days on leave from her job to take courses not offered in the night school. She has accumulated 63 hours. Mrs. Carr hopes to go on to get a master's degree when she finishes her training here. She is now interested in the public health nursing field.

Right now, she hopes to secure help from a loan fund in September so that she can get by without having to work full-time during her two clinical years. Now that she is this far along, she intends to finish.

# Sisters Who Left Red China In School Here



The Yung sisters stop by their post office box to read mail from home. They are, from left, Mary and Ellen.

Two sisters who were born in Red China but who fled with their family because of a shortage of food in 1954 are now at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center in the degree nursing program operated by State College of Conway.

The sisters, Mary and Ellen Yung, 21 and 20 respectively, spent their first two years at Ouachita Baptist University with the other students enrolled in the nursing program which was discontinued there. Their family now lives in Honolulu, Hawaii, and they were encouraged to come to Arkansas to college by their brother, Timmy, who attended Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge and is now in college at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Although born in Canton in Red China, the girls were reared as Baptists, the church to which their parents and grandparents had belonged. They do not remember any official harrassment of them because of their religion other than the fact that a government representative always was present to check on what the pastor said at each service. Most of their neighbors were Buddhists but they were not discriminated against because their religion was different.

Their father was a doctor and owned a drug store in Canton which was confiscated by the Communist government in the early 50's. Food was rationed by the government and very scarce. Often the family did not have enough to eat. The father resolved to get his family out of Red China and sent the children, one by one, to visit relatives in Hong Kong. When he had finally gotten all four of them out, he sent his wife, then came himself, and although they left on visas and were supposed to return, they managed to remain in Hong Kong.

The father opened another drug store in Hong Kong and the family stayed there for 10 years. Their mother, who was a nurse, had worked in a hospital

in Canton and also did in Hong Kong. Then, because educational opportunities for the children were so limited in Hong Kong, they decided to go to Honolulu three years ago. Mary Yung said that many people in Hong Kong wanted to get to the States but they were allowed to come only because they were refugees from Red China.

In Honolulu, the parents found that their medical and nursing training was

not accepted so the father went to work in a Chinese store and the mother in a Chinese restaurant. The girls finished Farrington High School there and improved on their English, which they had only begun to learn in Hong Kong. They are members of the Olive Baptist Church, the largest Baptist Church in Honolulu.

Mary and Ellen hope to become American citizens after they have lived in this country for five years and would like to work here. They have found the people very friendly but they do occasionally get homesick for some real Chinese cooking. The kind found in restaurants here is not the same, they said.

## Speaks To Students

Mrs. Barbara Biggers Wikman, who with her husband, Dr. John Wikman, was recently appointed as a missionary by the Foreign Mission Board to India, spoke on "A Call to India" at the Chapel Program held June 19 in the Student Union Building.

Mrs. Wikman is an ABMC graduate.

## NEW STUDENTS ENROLL IN SCHOOLS

New students enrolled in the School of Medical Technology are: Julie Endsley, Cloie Perry, Barbete Blackledge, Jenena Walker and Betty Hughes.

Those in the School of Radiologic Technology are: Brenda Armbrust, Patty Griffin, Kay Pumphreys, Jackie Jackson, Lynn Jones, Marietta Heitman, Sandra Plascan, Ernestine Stewart and Beverly Crockett.

## Students Visit With Mission Appointee



These students gathered around Barbara Biggers Wikman, a Baptist mission appointee to India who will be going with her husband, a physician, to learn about her plans. From left are: Kathy McFarland, Betty Killian, Jenny Lou Welch, Mrs. Barbara Wikman, Ann Woodward, Carolyn Parker and Marilyn Burns.

# ROCKEFELLER GREETES NEW STUDENTS

Governor Winthrop Rockefeller congratulated students on continuing their education objectives, pointing out the great need for registered nurses in Arkansas, at the informal reception held at 5:30 p.m. June 5 in the Student Union Building of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center.

He was welcoming the 32 nursing students who are now enrolled at State College of Arkansas at Conway who are beginning their first clinical experience at ABMC. Also on the program were Administrator J. A. Gilbreath, President Silas Snow of State College of Arkansas, President of the ABMC Board James Linder, and Dean A. E. Burdick.

Governor Rockefeller took this occasion to encourage other students to follow the lead of this class and to enter one of the many para-medical fields. He cited the need in the state for another 3,500 registered nurses, 300 pharmacists, 60 medical technologists, 150 trained laboratory assistants, 25 physical therapists, and said that 13 institutions are known to need one or more x-ray technologists. He also encouraged students in other areas of interest to, consider the health field possible careers including accountants, engineers, housekeeping and dietary personnel, among others.

Governor Rockefeller pointed out that as health care is extended to more people under various programs, both state and federal, the shortages of trained people in these categories will continue to increase unless we take positive steps to make education facilities and program available to train people for these jobs. He cited recent progress his administration had made in instituting a new school of social work to being classes soon and said that there is a present need for at least 280 social workers in the state.



Governor Winthrop Rockefeller greets visitors at the reception for State College students held in the Student Union Building June 5. He was the chief speaker for the occasion.

## Birthdays In June



The June birthday party for students was held in the Student Union Building June 30 with Mrs. George Thomas of the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church WMU Committee at the punch bowl. With her are x-ray students who graduated June 30, Johnny Bass, Charlene Arnold, and Doug McFadden.

## MARRIED STUDENTS COMPLETE TRAINING

Sixteen former students who quit their nursing education because they got married returned to complete their training when the bar against married students was lifted last year.

Of that number, 14 completed their work last month, one had one more year and only one withdrew.

Sharon Stroud Nolte will finish in 1968. Others who have finished are: Veniece McDaniel McKinney, Margaret Ann Lee Patterson, Sue Heard Nutt, Doris Dees Stafford, Pat Lewis Schmidt, Carolyn Bennett Souheaver, Sharon Manatt Collins, Rennie Bowen Hamilton, Margaret Arnold Smith, Gypsy Johnson Asay, Carolyn Plyler Thomas, Carolyn Turner McCarthy, Betty Goodman Skelton, and Wanda Huffman Merritt.

## Nine Interns Called To Service

Nine members of the ABMC 1966-67 Housestaff will be reporting for military duty this month because of the shortage of physicians in the armed forces.

They are: Dr. Rex Amonette, Dr. William Booth, Dr. Ray Bouzigard, Dr. Earl Chester, Dr. Grady Collum, Dr. Charles Cucchiara, Dr. Gerald Johnson, Dr. Marvin Kirk and Dr. Phil Osborne.

Two of the interns are entering psychiatry residences, Dr. Linda Bell at the U of A Medical Center and Dr. Ken Gaston at State Hospital. Two Housestaff members are also going into private practice, Dr. Tom Wood at Judsonia and Dr. Ellery Gay, Jr., who finished a surgery residency, here in Little Rock. Dr. Perry Arnold will work for the U.S. Public Health Service at White River, Arizona.

## Children's nook

# Glass bubble cities

Exciting, isn't it, to think that someday people will live in cities under the seas? Imagine telling someone, "Come and visit us at our new address in the North Atlantic!" Scientists tell us that someday this will be possible.

Not too long ago, a group of men, including an astronaut, spent twenty-nine days and fourteen hours living in an underwater steel cylinder which served as a home and laboratory. A great deal of time was spent outside the cylinder, exploring the sea world.

"They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep" (Psalm 107:23-24).

Sea scientists tell us that houses and other buildings, made of floating glass bubbles with domed roofs, will be fastened to the sea floor.

People will travel down to the ocean-floor cities in big diving bells, then shuttle (move about) between the glass bubble laboratories, experimental stations, factories, medical buildings, supermarkets, and wherever they wish to travel.

Sea trains will carry passengers into the deep water and will travel about in the oceans. Families will live in huge glass bubble cities very much as they live in cities today.

Oceanographers (people who study and make maps of the oceans) tell us that about three fourths of the earth's surface is covered with great oceans. Only about one fourth island. Thus, the underwater cities will never be crowded.

Oceans are storehouses of treasures. Food is the most important sea treasure. Already millions of tons of fish are hauled out of the oceans for food. Chemicals and minerals abound in the ocean depths; gold and silver are in the mountains of the seas. (Sunday School Board Syndicate, all rights reserved)

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## A Christian view of sex

BY C. W. BROCKWELL JR., PASTOR

GRAVES MEMORIAL CHURCH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK

Life and Work

July 30

I Corinthians 6:9-7:6

A church discontinued using some of the Sunday School Board's literature because it "spoke too plainly about sex." To be consistent, the church would also have to eliminate some things Jesus said, many of the words of Paul, not to mention scores of Old Testament passages. Indeed, the Bible is the most pointed book on the market, regardless of the subject one chooses in the realm of morals and ethics.

### No two ways about it

Consider the need which lies behind this lesson today. Our world and our nation has its own "sexplosion" to compare with Corinth's. Today sex is used to sell anything and everything. Or as one writer put it, "Commercial exploitation of sex drives—not the call girls—is our most serious form of prostitution today."

Once the problem is recognized, the Christian must search God's word for help in overcoming the problem. If the Christian does not do this but instead goes to the world for guidance on setting up guidelines of conduct, he betrays his basic belief in the Bible. There is a world view or popular view of sex and a Christian view and these are poles apart. Until the Christian sees this difference, he will have a very limited concept of what the Christian life really is.

The emphasis of Paul is an emphasis of relationship. Paul sought to establish or clarify the relationship which exists between the individual and his God. Once this is understood, many moral problems become evident.

Two things cannot exist in the same life—Christian faith and immorality. Faith says Christ is first while immorality says the body is first. Paul said a person's actions betrays what he really is. He then spelled out what an unrighteous person is: one who engages in sex outside of marriage, worships anything or anyone other than God, makes religion easy or worldly, gains sexual satisfaction from those of his own sex, takes that which is not his, abuses his body with alcohol, stirs up strife, grasps for more and more. Such people will never inherit the kingdom of God, regardless of how respectable they appear to be. They have no standing with God at all.

The amazing thing is not that such people exist but that these are the very kind of people God saves. God did a

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marvelous thing in saving them and Paul never let them forget it. He knew that arrogance breeds from a poor memory. Christians need to be reminded of what they were so they can see what they are. When that is established then one can better see what he should be.

### Sin in disguise

Some of the Corinthian Christians had the mistaken idea that a person's deeds were unimportant as long as his heart was right. They have many kinfolks today.

It is true the Christian does not live by a set of rules. But it is also true that he lives under the discipline of the will of Christ. Love demands far more than law ever does. Love considers more than just the legality of a thing. It

considers the result of the practice and not just the practice.

The Christian is related to Christ in the most intimate way for the Christian exists only because of Christ. No one is a Christian except he who has submitted every part of a Christian. This is the strongest possible relationship which can exist.

The Corinthians justified their sin with a clever but false argument. "Since the Christian is free," they argued, "he should be able to do what he likes. God made the stomach and food for each other. They go together. In like manner, God made the body and the sex act for each other. Why not satisfy the sexual instinct whenever possible and under any circumstance?" (The "new morality" is not new at all!) Paul's answer is very clear. "The stomach and food are passing things but God will preserve the body by raising it up at the last day. It has been purchased with a very dear price and belongs exclusively to God."

Now if a Christian takes his body, which is really not his at all, and joins it to an immoral person, he desecrates the body of Christ. This greatly affects his relationship with Christ. It is a dangerous and deadly sin.

There is really only one way a person can keep his body pure and clean for Christ. That is by constantly remembering that God's spirit resides in your body. It is God's temple.

### By way of summary

What, then, is a Christian view of sex?

- (1) God has given to man his sexual nature for good purposes; such as pleasure, reproduction, and for cementing the marriage relationship.
- (2) Any full expression of the sex urge outside of marriage is condemned in both the Old and the New Testaments.
- (3) Sex relations between the husband and the wife should be an expression of love and should be motivated by love.
- (4) It is the obligation of the Christian to control his body and bodily appetites, keeping them in constant subjection to the will of Christ.
- (5) The risen Lord transcends marriage and sex in the intimacy of his claim on our loyalties.



... More fatalities and serious injuries are resulting from the use of LSD in Southern California. Early users of the drug tried, with fatal results, to fly from tall building. More recently, traffic injuries have resulted from the use of LSD. One driver careened a truck through downtown Los Angeles. Police found the driver naked and confused, denying any knowledge about his trip. Four students had their vision seriously damaged by looking straight at the sun.

... At least one person in ten—19,000,000 in all—have some form of mental or emotional illness needing psychiatric treatment, according to the National Association for Mental Health. There are more people in hospitals with mental illness than with all other diseases combined. A Federal support program to help states and communities establish mental health centers can serve at best only one-third of the people needing help.

# Responses to the gospel

By RALPH A. PHELPS JR.  
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International

July 30

Acts 16:13-24

Anyone who has engaged in much Christian work knows that responses to his efforts may range all the way from having the red carpet rolled out to being thrown out on his red ear. Such reactions to the gospel witness are by no means new, however. Paul had responses as varied as the cakes at an all-church picnic.

This week's lesson deals with three experiences Paul had at Philippi, a leading city of Damascus. Note how varied they were.

## I. An earnest convert, vv. 13-15.

Upon arriving at Philippi, a Roman colony long famous for its mines and as a military strong point, Paul and his party (which included Dr. Luke) on the Sabbath looked for a place of worship. Apparently there was no synagogue here, for Jews were scarce, and there had to be ten men in a community to have a synagogue. The only worshippers seem to have been a group of devout women who had a prayer retreat at the riverside outside the city's gates.

Joining the group, Paul and his cohorts "sat down and spoke to the women." That theirs was more than idle chatter is evident from the conversions that subsequently resulted. Fellowship is great, but there are times when something else is called for.

One of those who heard him was Lydia, a woman originally from the city of Thyatira. We do not know whether she was a widow or had never married, but we do know that she was eligible for the Business Women's Circle (in case there was one), for she was a seller of purple-dyed cloth. Although not a Christian, she was a believer in God, who opened her heart to Paul's message. Note the sequence of events: (1) her heart was opened and she heard; (2) she believed; (3) she was baptized; (4) members of her household were baptized also; (5) she opened her home to the missionary visitors. In fact, "she insisted" that they stay at her home. This was an act of gracious hospitality, and her house became the home of the first Christian church at Phillipi (16:40).

It would be impossible for Christian ministers to begin to repay the debt they owe to believers with the spirit of Lydia—people who helped them with board and lodging when, as struggling young servants of the Lord, they were trying to do His work under difficult circumstances. A dear Christian couple, a deacon who was a cement finisher and his wife, offered "Lydian" hospitality to Mrs. Phelps and me in the early days of our ministry when we had no place

to stay or eat. To folks like Milton and Edith Hancock we shall ever be indebted.

## II. A sick slave girl, vv. 16-18.

One day as Paul and his party went to the place of prayer, they were met by a young slave-girl who had a spirit of clairvoyance and brought her owners considerable profit by foretelling the future. She began following them around and crying out, "These men are servants of the most high God, and they are telling you the way of salvation." She did this day after day "until Paul could bear it no longer" (N.E.B.). Turning around, Paul spoke to the spirit in her, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out immediately.

Dr. Frank Stagg in his work, *THE BOOK OF ACTS*, says, "The slave girl, according to the Greek text, had 'a spirit, a python' and practiced 'divination' (v. 16). This girl may have been a ventriloquist, but probably was one who thought that a god spoke through her. In ancient belief, 'Python' was the snake at Delphi which embodied a god. One in whom the python dwelt would have the power of inspired speech, sometimes called ventriloquism. The girl lost this power of speech when the spirit came out of her. Whether or not Luke means that she was converted is not clear."

As a result of this confrontation, a sick girl was made well.

## III. A vicious mob, vv. 19-24.

When the girl's owner saw what Paul had done, they flipped. They went into orbit, for he had hit them in their tenderest spot—their pocketbook.

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Upon seeing that "their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers." There they appealed to the prejudices of the people toward Jews, saying, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

Isn't it interesting that what Paul had advocated was not offensive until he removed their profit-making?

Incited by the girl's owners, a vicious mob attacked Paul and Silas and beat them mercilessly. That justice was hardly impartial in the case is evident from the statement that "the magistrates tore off the prisoners' clothes and ordered them flogged." This was done with rods, stout sticks six feet long. When it was over, Paul and Silas looked like well-beaten beef-steaks.

"Prison brutality" was the rule rather than the exception. Without so much as dressing the wounds, the guards "threw them into prison," ordering the jailer to keep them under close guard. He therefore put the two men in the "inner prison"—the maximum security cell—and placed their feet in stocks, spread-eagle fashion.

Doing what is right does not always cause one to be hailed as hero or treated even decently, as Paul realized. The cost of faithfulness to Christ can be high in terms of personal suffering.

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**Conclusion.**

In a span of a few days, Paul was kindly received by a godly woman and her household, was hailed by a fortune-telling slave-girl, was dragged into court on trumped-up charges, was beaten bloody, and was tossed into a Roman jail by an uncaring jailer. No wonder he never forgot Phillip!

**Attendance Report**

July 16, 1967

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adns.
Alexander First	55	24	
Ashdown Hicks First	84	31	
Berryville Freeman Hgts.	136	51	
Blytheville New Liberty	121	39	
Camden			
Cullendale First	387	141	5
First	460	132	
Crossett			
First	464	159	
Magnolia	145	123	1
Mt. Olive	222	115	
DeQueen Lone Oak	51	46	1
El Dorado			
Caledonia	44	27	
First	690	411	4
Forrest City First	500	123	7
Greenwood First	272	114	
Harrison			
Eagle Hgts.	185	58	
Northvale	91	58	
Hope First	441	141	
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	115	81	1
First	472	144	10
Marshall Rd.	280	148	2
Jonesboro			
Central	454	199	1
Nettleton	353	132	1
Little Rock			
Geyer Springs First	388	112	2
Immanuel	995	341	3
Life Line	404	108	1
Rosedale	265	114	
Magnolia Central	609	191	
Manila First	143	83	
Marked Tree Neiswander	96	74	
Monticello			
First	271	78	
Second	215	101	3
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	561	154	2
Southside	27	25	
Calvary	370	130	4
Harmony	65	45	2
Levy	420	129	2
Park Hill	760	209	5
Sixteenth St.	25	17	
Sylvan Hills First	232	58	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	193	93	
First	683	119	5
Green Meadows	106	42	
Second	233	72	
South Side	621	209	7
East Side	44	37	2
Tucker	-18		
Springdale			
First	384		
Oak Grove	78	38	1
Texarkana Beech St.	443	103	2
Community	15		
Van Buren			
First	384	163	2
Oak Grove	142	99	3
Vandervoort First	60	20	
Warren			
First	440	133	
Southside	103	103	11
Immanuel	234	75	
West Memphis			
Calvary	251	93	
Ingram Blvd.	253	127	1

**A Smile or Two**

**Nothing serious**

The state of Missouri has a new bureau called the Records Management Agency. While recently gathering old records and photographing them for compact storage, agency personnel came up with some old vital-statistics records which included these causes of death:

"Went to bed feeling well, but woke up dead."

"Died suddenly. Nothing serious."

"Don't know cause. Died without the aid of a physician."

"Blow on the head with an ax. Contributory cause: another man's wife."

"Had never been fatally ill before."

**Sensitive soul**

A politician who had changed his views rather radically was congratulated by a colleague. "I'm glad you've seen the light," he said.

"I didn't see the light," came the terse reply, "I felt the heat."

**Do not disturb**

At the side of the road a woman looked helplessly at a flat tire.

A passerby stopped to help her. After the tire was changed the woman said, "Please let the jack down easy. My husband is sleeping in the back seat."

**Just a small contribution**

A stout lady glared at her fellow passengers on the bus. "Isn't anybody going to offer me a seat?"

A slim little man got up. "I'm willing to make a contribution."

**We'd like to know, too**

Sunday School Teacher: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt."

Little boy: "What happened to the flea?"

**Heaven**

Somewhere up there in infinite space,

I know there is a heavenly place Where God is on His throne.

In this beautiful land, there is no night

For the glory of God fills all with light

And sorrow is unknown.

When the earth shall melt with fervent heat,

In clouds, our Lord the saved shall meet

And with Him they shall be.

When all old things have passed away,

In heaven there God's own shall stay

Through all eternity.

—Carl Ferrell, Walnut Ridge

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# In the world of religion

## On the East wind

# 'GOD IS THE CHINESE PEOPLE'

In mainland China today, the book book readers read is a little volume called "Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung" colored (what else?) Red.

The little red book has suddenly become a runaway best seller in America despite the charge of subversion hurled at some booksellers who display the political heresy. Westerners are scrambling to read the doctrine of the head of the "Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution" in order to learn how to cope with China in the years ahead, to form an opinion about political progress within the world's largest nation or to find out from Mao himself the official policy with regard to the Church.

The reader must wait until page 114 of the 179-page Bantam book to find the first mention of diety. "God," says Mao, "is none other than the masses of the Chinese people. If they stand up and dig together with us, why can't these...

mountains be cleared away?"

Regeneration, according to the yellow doctrine, "should rest in our own strength, and that means regeneration through one's own efforts."

Mao's slogan is: "Be united, alert, earnest and lively." He urges his people to free themselves "from selfishness, from ostentation, sloth, passivity, and arrogant sectarianism." Platitudes such as these abound: "Don't wait until problems pile up and cause a lot of trouble before trying to solve them." "Not to have a correct political point of view is like having no soul." "Do not talk behind people's backs. Whenever problems arise, call a meeting, place the problems on the table for discussion..." "Nothing in the world is difficult for one who sets his mind to it."

The book millions are memorizing lists "Eight Points for Attention" as

follows: (1) Speak politely, (2) Pay fairly for what you buy, (3) Return everything you borrow, (4) Pay for anything you damage, (5) Do not hit or swear at people, (6) Do not damage crops, (7) Do not take liberties with women, (8) Do not ill-treat captives.

It also clearly names the enemy of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution—the people of the United States. "The imperialists invaded Taiwan and have occupied it for the past nine years," he says. "They sent their forces to invade and occupy Lebanon. The United States has set up hundreds of military bases in many countries of the world... All U. S. military bases for foreign soil are so many nooses around the neck of imperialism... Imperialism will not last long because it always does evil things.

"God is the masses of the Chinese people."—Norman B. Rohrer

## **Missionary pilot lost**

WEWAK, Territory of New Guinea—Airman John Harverson, of the Australian Missionary Aviation Fellowship, and two native Bible school student passengers have been lost in a severe storm reportedly centered above the village where they had intended to land in a light plane.

The fatal accident is the third in the 22-year, 30-million-mile history of specialist-operated "bush" lifelines for missionaries, and is the first involving a passenger fatality. Both of the others occurred within a 250-mile radius of the present incident. Weather was also presumed to be a major factor in the earlier, 1951 and 1955, accidents. (EP)

## **On private conduct**

LONDON—Does society have the right to punish individuals for private conduct, even though not injurious to others, merely because it violates generally accepted moral precepts?

The House of Commons here has said no, voting 99 to 14 to repeal criminal penalties for homosexual conduct by men over 21.

In America, says Fred Graham in *The New York Times*, a dozen or so legislatures are quietly moving toward consideration of repeals of laws held to be a private matter of individuals.

Many legislators are expected to de-

cide, says Mr. Graham, that putting a homosexual in jail is "a little like throwing brer rabbit into the briar-patch." (EP)

## **Christmas stamp larger**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The 1967 Christmas stamp will duplicate last year's design, but will be printed nearly twice as large, according to U. S. Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien.

The stamp reproduces a portion of Hans Memling's "Madonna and Children with Angels," a 15th Century Flemish oil painting that hangs in the National Gallery of Art here.

The five-cent special stamp for the holidays will be issued Nov. 6 with first-day ceremonies at Bethlehem, Ga. It is the sixth in the series of Christmas stamps, and the first to be printed commemorative size.—(EP)

## **Tape 'Living Letters'**

VAN NUYS, Calif.—The modern-language paraphrase of the Apostle Paul's New Testament epistles has just been released on tape reels and 8-track stereo cartridges by Bible Voice of this city, according to Kenneth Taylor, writer and publisher of the volume called *Living Letters*.

The voice on these new tapes features that of Cliff Barrows of the Billy

Graham team under an exclusive license from the publisher, Tyndale House, Wheaton, Ill.

Living Psalms and Proverbs is also being recorded, according to Bible Voice president George Otis.

Living Letters has reached 1,700,000 copies in printed form since its appearance in 1962. (EP)

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