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Atlantic City ebbs

THE "exegesis" of Brooks Hays at the opening of his address at the Baptist Jubilee celebration in Atlantic City might not add anything to his laurels as a Bible scholar, but it certainly took nothing away from his standing as one of the country's great humorists.

Brooks turned to the internal evidence of Paul's writings to prove that the noted Apostle was a Southern Baptist preacher, but not from the state of Texas.

"We know he was a Baptist preacher," drawled layman Hays, "for he had a habit of saying 'finally, brethren,' when only half way through his sermon. And he was Southern Baptist, for he said 'you all.' We know he was not from the state of Texas for he said, 'I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be'"

WHILE still in his introductory remarks, Brooks told the large gathering of North American Baptists what a considerate, little wife he has. He said Mrs. Hays was with him on a speaking engagement recently and very thoughtfully passed a personal note up to him just as he was about to begin his speech. He said he was almost overcome with emotion when he opened it and saw in big letters: KISS. "What a sweet thing for my wife to do, sending me a kiss," he thought. But then he noticed there were some smaller letters after each one of the large ones. Taking these into account he found that the thoughtful note read: "Keep It Short, Stupid!"

AMONG a large stack of telegrams Wayne Deloney received congratulating him on his election as president of the Southern Baptist Convention was a terse message from his secretary, back in First Church, Jackson, Tenn.: "Just received the news stop leaving tomorrow for Africa."

DURING heated debate on the closing day of the Southern Baptist Convention, one of the speakers declared the matter before us, whether we were to take a stand for no changing of the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, was "the most important issue before us." Whereupon one of the news reporters near me whispered: "But I thought race was the most important issue."

"That was yesterday," I explained.

One thing about us Baptists—we can lock horns over issues one hour and be grazing together in peace an hour or two later.
**Capital punishment**

SOUTHERN Baptists, without taking time to spell out why, emasculated a recommendation from the Christian Life Commission which had proposed that we go on record against capital punishment. What remained after the deletion of the proposal’s real teeth—see our issue of May 28, page 15—really is rather innocuous and platitudinous.

One of the strongest arguments presented by the Christian Life Commission was that capital punishment had long since broken down as an effective method of law enforcement. With 8,000 homicides annually in the United States, fewer than 1 percent of the criminals involved are ever put to death, Dr. Foy Valentine, executive director of the commission, pointed out. He charged that capital punishment is discriminatory against the poor, stating that it “has not been applied in all the United States in all this century to an individual who was rich and influential.”

These certainly would seem to be strong arguments against this form of punishment or retribution. The argument that capital punishment is necessary for the protection of society has little significance in the face of the fact that so few criminals are ever executed.

How can Christians, who believe that Christ has power to save even a murderer who repents and trusts him, stand in favor of capital punishment? Whether or not a condemned person makes any profession of faith, is there not always, so long as there is life, the very real possibility of conversion? And if one convicted of murder or other crime punishable by death is too deranged to reason, does that one deserve to be blotted out by man? Should we take that which we have not the power to give—life itself?

Some will say, “If the criminal could be kept in prison without escaping or being pardoned, capital punishment might not be necessary.” But if those who are in authority to judge and who are competent to do so hold that a criminal should be kept under lock and key for the protection of society, can we not do this?

A paragraph from the Christian Life Commission’s statement is worthy of our attention:

“Moral sentiment against capital punishment has been slowly but surely crystallizing over a very long period of time. The moral sensitivity of society to this issue may be expected to develop rightly only as Christians themselves find and follow the mind of Christ.”

—ELM

**First Amendment**

OPPOSITION to any change in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution was voiced loudly and clearly by the Southern Baptist Convention in its recent sessions in Atlantic City. The convention overwhelmingly passed a resolution at its closing session urging the U.S. Congress to allow the constitution to stand “as our guarantee of religious liberty.”

On this matter Southern Baptists and American Baptists, meeting simultaneously under the same roof, were in hearty accord. American Baptists defeated attempts to put the convention on record as favoring legislation to “permit” Bible reading and prayer in the public schools. Their resolution reaffirmed the Baptist belief that religious practices should be on a voluntary basis.

Clearly referring to current proposals before the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, the American Baptists by huge margin asserted that “the proposed change in that amendment [First Amendment] could weaken it and bring the power of the state to bear on individuals to conform and to participate in prescribed religious practices.”—ELM
NOTING that Southern Baptists had reached a 16-year goal of 1,800 foreign missionaries by this year, now setting a new goal of 5,000 missionaries by the earliest possible day, Dr. Cauthen warned that if Communists have their way, “there will be no America, no stars and stripes, no freedom to preach the gospel in the future.”

He said that we send our missionaries “but the Communists agents are waiting there in every country to counteract our Christian witness.”

In addition to the new goal of 5,000 missionaries, Dr. Cauthen called for nationwide evangelistic crusades all around the world, establishment of new Baptist churches on mission fields, and for more seminars and other Christian education institutions abroad.

In the light of current world conditions, with the world population increasing much faster than people are being won to Christ, it is obvious that we are going to have to start taking much more seriously the call of Christ to evangelize the world. Who knows, we may have to sacrifice to the extent of giving fifteen or twenty cents of each Cooperative Program dollar for missions beyond the local church fields, instead of the eleven cents we are now giving!—ELM

Registration Amendment

I NOTE with interest your opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment to legalize casino gambling. Senator Hurst was quoted in the New York Times on Sunday, May 24, 1964, and stated that the gambling petition would have 30,000 names by this week. As chairman of the Committee for Voter Registration I can tell you we are not doing nearly as well.

It would not look well for the gambling petition to exceed the number of signatures obtained for the registration amendment. In our society today Christians are often called on to be against; the registration amendment offers an opportunity for positive Christian action.

I would certainly appreciate your support and may I suggest that the active support of all ministers would assure the success of our campaign to put the registration amendment on the ballot this November.

If you need more information please let me know.—H. D. Luck, M. D., Chairman, Committee for Voter Registration Arkadelphia, Ark.

REPLY: Thanks, Dr. Luck, for your marvelous example of good citizenship. In my opinion, your proposed Arkansas Amendment for Registration without Poll Tax payment is far superior to Act 19 of the 1964 Special Session of the Arkansas General Assembly. I sincerely hope you will succeed in getting the required number of signers to make the ballot and that Arkansas voters will adopt your proposal!—ELM

Becker Amendment

IT seems that Southern Baptists fear the Becker Amendment because of confusion created by misinformation and misinterpretation. I wonder how many Baptists that are against the Becker Amendment have ever read it?

Enclosed is a copy of the Becker Amendment which I think all Baptists should read. Will you print it? Rather than take away our religious freedom, it only seeks to establish it and lift it above the misinterpretation of the Supreme Court.

“ARTICLE —

“SECTION 1. Nothing in this Constitution shall be deemed to prohibit the offering, reading from, or listening to prayers or biblical scriptures, if participation therein is on a voluntary basis, in any governmental or public school, institution, or place.

“SEC. 2. Nothing in this Constitution shall be deemed to prohibit making reference to belief in; and to any governmental or public document, proceeding, activity, ceremony, school, institution, or place, of any coinage, currency, or obligation of the United States.

“SEC. 3. Nothing in this article shall constitute an establishment of religion.

“SEC. 4. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress.—Billy G. Pierce, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hughes, Ark.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST
Open letter to:
Mr. Robert E. Kintner, President
NBC Television Network
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Sir:

Please accept my sincere apology for having never before complimented you on the production and presentation of many fine network shows. I thank you now.

However, I challenge you to defend the senesious vulgarity which generously sprinkled your show, "That Was The Week That Was," aired last Friday evening, May 8, 1964. By what law of logic does this fall in either category of the public's "interest, convenience or necessity?"

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT NBC? Had you doted the portions of the TW-3 show glorifying sex perversion; featuring one female's suggestive "tipped pelvis" monologue illustrated by accompanying photos of Amazonas. That part of her anatomy and all aggravated by her several offensive references to her own "buttocks" and "bosom," the caricatured, by others of the cast, of things righteous; the ridicule heaped upon "Bible readers" I say, had these and other shady elements been blue-penciled from the half hour show, you would have come up with a very skeletonized presentation.

IS THERE SOME EVIL CONSPIRACY, a collusion between you and producers, dedicated to demoralizing youth and sullying Christian homes in our land? Must we drown in the bilge water being pumped into our parlors? I resent it, with every atom and corpuscle, that my family and guests should be taken advantage of by peddlers of lust in my own front room, while your players generate mocking laughter at sacred or intimate things. It is wholly unacceptable! Absolutely nothing is welcome which defiles the atmosphere and is an affront to the sensibilities of modest people. Where is the logic in "No one HAS to look and listen?" It is too late to switch channels after dealers in smut have already smeared the atmosphere.

I have just returned from an exploration up the Orinoco river in the Territory of Amazonas. There one finds natives wearing not even a thread of clothing. Not once did I observe the slightest suggestion of lewdness or licentiousness. The nude, bronze-skinned savages conducted themselves with decorum. I wish I could say as much for the sophisticated celebrities which NBC brings into our homes, along with their bag of nasty commodities.

WHY THE DEFILEMENT OF THE ETHER WAVES with "Go to hell," and "You damned fool," and the like? Who gives TV network executives the authority to prostitute what is public domain? You have no right to purvey lewdness, obscenity and profanity. Increment of this cannot but bring judgment of the Moral Governor of the world down upon our heads.

I can stand to have my political toes tramped on by the buffoonery of the TW-3 players (even enjoy it ... slightly), but when they turn into corruptors of morality; revilers of "Bible readers;" perverters of sex ... then, I am ready to declare a one-man-war on NBC.

If you are waiting to see just how much irreverence and viliness the traffic will stand, and the public allow, then be advised that far more people are incensed than it may seem. At the moment, they may be only smoldering, waiting for judgment to be marshalled. I intend to do my part to help them lift their united voice of protest, loud and clear. I am commencing right now by sending a copy of this protest to each member of the Federal Communication Commission; to your responsible colleagues in TV; and men in high governmental command with whom I have to do at times.

P. S. This week's T V GUIDE provides something for your network conscience. "CBS's producers have received a memo from the front office directing them to curtail the use of such words as "hell" and "damn" in their shows." Trivia? At least it is one step in the right direction. HATS OFF TO CBS!—Clay Cooper, President, Vision, Inc., Spokane, Wash.

WASHINGTON (BP)—Brooks Hays, consultant to President Lyndon B. Johnson and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, attacked here efforts to change the United States Constitution to provide for government-sponsored religious exercises in public schools.

The views of the political and religious leader were made known in a letter to Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. Hearings were in progress on the "Becker amendment" and other proposals to overturn the 1962 and 1963 decisions of the Supreme Court relating to devotions in public schools.

Although he had not discussed the problem with the President, Hays said, "I am confident he would not object to my submitting these observations."

The Hays statement commend ed the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs for its defense of the First Amendment. He said "the Committee has rendered excellent service in examining the powers of government over religious devotions for the public schools."

"God does not need any patronizing ceremonies," Hays declared as he pled for the "voluntary character" of prayer. "Prayers that are offered in response to a law requiring them lose a quality that is an essential part of meaningful prayer," he said.

Many questions about religion in schools remain unanswered, Hays said. But he continued, "I have felt that the Court could not have decided otherwise than it did."

The solution to these problems does not lie in governmental interference, not even local governments, he said. Rather, church leaders and educators "can work out some new suggestions that will embody the growing good will among the religious bodies," Hays pointed out.

Hasty efforts to amend the Constitution before other clarifying rulings come from the Supreme Court were hit by the President's consultant. He expressed the conviction that future rulings would make it clear that religion in the schools is not proscribed but only that government control and regulation are ruled out.

"If I am wrong in my conclusions," Hays wrote, "I believe that drafting an amendment dealing with so vital a subject as religious freedom should not be undertaken until there shall have been a thorough consideration of the matter by the people to be affected and that means all of the people of the United States."

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Partnership with God gives work meaning

"Next to faith in God, is faith in labor."—Bovee

"Master Control," a radio program sponsored by Southern Baptists, is scheduled by many stations at such an early Sunday-morning hour that many people miss the benefit of its strong informative features.

David Wilkerson is a specialist in the field of guidance for teenagers. He numbers by the multiplied scores floundering young persons whom he has influenced over into a road of happiness by helping them to find and accept Christ. Thus they are led into a way that offers double protection: Christian principles and sensible reasoning.

Interviewed on the "Master Control" program on Sunday morning, May 31, David Wilkerson was asked his opinion as to what is lacking in experience and training that accounts for such widespread problems in the world of teenagers.

His reply was prompt and positive: "Work and faith in God."

A great many problems would be eliminated from the present and avoided in the future if in their growing-up years teenagers recognized the why and learned the how of work.

A young husband was telling me about his wife's brief illness. Among other things, he said, "It was pretty rough coming home to find dirty dishes in the kitchen and the house untouched."

His comment revealed two facts: He had married a girl who knew how to work and who kept an orderly home for him; and he had learned that it takes more than the push of a button to keep an orderly and cheerful house.

Some people grow to be adults without acquiring the realization that this world is geared to a pattern of work. The boy or the girl who is reluctant, irritable, or slowly about carrying his or her part of the work-load causes friction and unpleasantness at home and downgrades his standing with the school crowd.

Even glamorous personality soon loses the lustre of charm when that one is lacking in the know-how and the inclination to work.

There are some tried-and-true steps that lead to efficiency and satisfaction in work.

1. Do the hardest job first. Pray. Begin by washing the dishes, dusting the furniture, finishing the ironing; then arrange the flowers, fill the candy jar, put up the new curtains. Take out the garbage, clean out the grass in the hard-to-get-to places; then mow the middle of the yard, wash the car—do the things you enjoy doing.

2. Get your work assignment sense of guilt over neglecting do one's duty results in poor dispositions, temper flares and tensions at home and school.

3. Be honest. You may get by with short-cuts and cover-ups, but your cheating will catch up with you. Ultimately you will find it was yourself you hoodwinked and short-charged.

4. Keep in good spirit. You aren't really overworked and imposed upon: you have just fallen into the habit of thinking you are. Busy people are happy people. Keep your poise. Cultivate more concern about seeing that you do your part than about protecting yourself.

And believe! Faith in God is the cornerstone of life. Partnership with God gives meaning to the work we do. Living to the glory of God supplies worthy purpose.

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The Christian and the Tithe

By Herschel H. Hobbs
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Is the Christian bound by the law of the tithe? This is a much debated question by many conscientious people. One argument against it is the scarcity of New Testament references to the tithe. It is true that not once is the tithe mentioned specifically in connection with Christian giving. But this is to argue from silence, the weakest of all arguments in logic.

Let us note the New Testament references to the tithe. Three words are used. The verb form dekato, to give a tenth, is found only in Hebrews 7:6,9 where it is rendered "received tithes" and "paid tithes" respectively (KJV). The noun dekate, tenth part, is found in Hebrews 7:2, 4, 8-9. All of these refer to the Old Testament system. The verb apodekatoo (four times in N. T.) means to give away a tenth. But in Hebrews 7:5 it reads "to take tithes." Jesus used this word on two occasions referring to the Pharisees (Matthew 23:23; cf. Luke 11:42; Luke 18:12). But does a mere counting of the number of uses tell the whole story?

The scarcity of the mention of the tithe in the New Testament may be explained by the fact that it was so universally observed as to warrant no great emphasis. Jesus commended the Pharisees for tithing, but condemned the spirit in which they did so (Matthew 23:23). It may be assumed that Jesus Himself tithed. As good Jews His mother and Joseph probably taught Him to do so. The Pharisees never criticized Him for not tithe. Had He neglected this practice it is difficult to understand how they would have failed to do so. Jesus did not teach the tithe as such. But where He dealt with an Old Testament law He always raised its requirement, never lowered it. We may assume that had He dealt with the tithe He would have done the same in that case.

The tithe was not merely a part of the Levitical law which was fulfilled in Christ. It ante-dated the Mosaic law (cf. Genesis 14:20). Dr. J. E. Dillard pointed out that while some ancient people did not offer sacrifices in their religion, they all practiced the giving of the tithe. It would seem, therefore, that the tithe was basic in God's teaching concerning giving, a practice which spread even into pagan religions. Thus the tithe was not merely a Levitical law to raise money for themselves and the Tabernacle. It was basic in God's program to develop His people.

Even in Old Testament give the practice was "tithes and offerings" (Malachi 3:10; author's italics). So the tithe was not the goal but the beginning point. The Christian should not give less under grace than the Jew did under law.

To be sure, Jesus and the New Testament writers taught that all of our possessions belong to God. But does not the Old Testament teach the same? Certainly the Christian should not give less than the tithe. It should be its starting point, not his goal For He, too, must give "tithes and offering." The Christian should not ask, "How little must I give?" but "How much may I give?" For God weighs our gifts not by the amount of the gift but by how much we have left after we give. The gift is a measure of our love. And "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). It is also true that "where your heart is, there will your treasure be also."

The Bookshelf

The Hope of Glory, by Dale Moody, Eerdmans, 1964, $4.95

In his preface to this comprehensive guide to the biblical understanding of The Hope of Man, The Hope of History, and The Hope of Creation, Dr. Moody states: "Some difficult and dark questions need more light than we have, but we have let our light shine as far as it would go."

In developing the three main sections of his study, Dr. Moody shows that all things are "last things" on the boundary between God and man. Man, history, the whole of creation have to do with hope, he asserts. He emphasizes the truth that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ focuses all things on the end.

The author is professor of systematic theology at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Observer in Rome, by Robert McAfee Brown, Doubleday, 1964, $4.95

As an official observer for the World Alliance of Reformed and Presbyterian Churches, Dr. Brown was permitted to attend the entire second session of the Council (Sept. 29 to Dec. 4, 1963)—a privilege granted to very few Catholics, let alone non-Catholics. This first-hand account of those ten dramatic weeks in Rome reflects both the authority of a distinguished theologian and the clarity, verve, and humor of an outstanding reporter.

The Historical Jesus and the Kerygmatic Christ, selected essays edited by Carl E. Braaten and Roy A. Harrisville, Abingdon Press, 1964, $5

This collection of essays deals with the third phase of the controversy over the New Testament begun by Rudolf Bultmann with the publication of his historic article, "The New Testament and Mythology." The first phase of this debate was concerned with myth, the second with history, and the third centers around the quest of the historical Jesus. Most of these essays appeared originally in German and are translated into English here for the first time.


Affirming that accurate translation of Old Testament Hebrew has been handicapped by confusion on the part of Hebrew scholars as to the precise meaning of certain verb forms and conjunctions, Dr. Watts presents both a general treatment of the principles of syntax and a special examination of the perfect and imperfect tenses of waw. The revision contains also additions to the imperfects, the completion of the treatement of conditional sentences, extended study of dependent clauses, and many rearrangements intended to aid the study of all features.
NEST EGGS

By J. I. Cossey

A nest egg is the egg that is left in the nest to keep the hen from deserting the nest and to induce the hen to lay more eggs in the same place. A nest egg may be one of the hen's own eggs or it may be an artificial egg. The kind of egg used for the nest egg is not important as long as it induces the hen to return and lay more eggs. If one of the hen's own eggs is used too long as a nest egg it will become a rotten egg. Our own nest egg ideas, if not kept active, will become stale. The artificial egg may be as hard as a rock, but it is all right as long as it brings the hen back to lay more eggs.

If the nest egg brings the hen back to the nest enough days for her to lay about fifteen eggs and if she is willing to sit on them 21 days she may mother a fine flock of chickens. It is plain to see that each hen's nest is a center of influence, a place of production and a birth-place for more chickens.

Truth is a nest egg for the production of churches, for more followers of Christ and is the future of Christianity. Each truth produces more truth, to be preached in more places, to more people in more nations until the peoples of this world have heard the gospel of salvation.

Each of us may become a nest egg center of influence for the spread of truth over this earth. The truth seed planted wherever there are people may result in a church which becomes a permanent center of influence for Christ. Thoreau said, "Each thought that is welcomed and recorded is a nest egg by the side of which more will be laid."

For every old job we have, new ideas and plans should be welcomed as seed for a better way of doing it. It is more important who produces the nest egg ideas that work, grab them and put them into production. There are nest egg ideas that will put Sunday Schools, Training Unions and other church activities into real production and we should alert ourselves to find them and use them. Do your own thinking. Your head is likely full of nest egg ideas, hatch them out and use them. Your ideas are probably better than any you can find elsewhere.

I read many books in search of nest egg ideas. Rich and wonderful nest egg ideas can be found right where one reads. When you have discovered a nest egg idea, develop it and probably many other ideas will be laid beside it. That nest egg idea that you are keeping covered in your mind may be just what the world is waiting for. Regardless of your age, you should be creative in your thinking. Please let the world have the benefit of your creative thinking.

Arkansas Baptists' newspaper

"PUBLISH a paper." That's what the messengers at the 1856 convention said.

The New Hope church in Dallas county buzzed with excitement as messengers of the state body crowded within its walls to hear discussion for a denominational paper on Monday morning of the session.

All morning and until three o'clock that afternoon the brethren studied the possibility of such forward steps. The messengers, forming a "committee of the whole" made the following observation:

"We recommend that the Executive Committee instruct their
agents to solicit subscriptions for a denominational newspaper to be paid on the reception of the first number of that paper."

Matters of education and publication so engrossed the messengers that they decided to drop all other endeavors. But the next year produced little more than enthusiasm for the proposed work.

However, when the Convention met in Charleston in 1858, Rev. P. S. G. Watson and Rev. D. Buckley were appointed as the denominational paper committee. They reported at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

They said circumstances indicated the need of a State paper. They further recommended that all necessary arrangements be made to publish said paper. Full discussion followed.

Bids had been received from publishers over the state. The best bids were from Little Rock and Helena. But the Convention could not decide between the two towns. President W. M. Lea was asked to negotiate with publishers in the two towns. He was to give the terms to the Executive Board, which was authorized to select the publisher.

The paper was to be a medium sheet, 18 by 24 inches.

The Rev. P. S. G. Watson was recommended as editor. He accepted and expressed his appreciation to the body for such confidence, and pointed out some problems involved in the new venture. Many uncertainties faced him as editor. But he felt the project would be self-sustaining and had great possibilities.

After discussion the name Arkansas Baptist was agreed upon. Rev. Watson was authorized to print 500 copies for a prospectus and distribute them. The brethren contributed $500 for this purpose.

The price of the paper would be $2.00 for a year's subscription, strictly in advance.
Arkansas Baptist
summer worker

MISS GRACIE HATFIELD

MISS Gracie Hatfield has joined the staff of the Arkansas Baptist News magazine as a summer editorial assistant.

The daughter of Lawson Hatfield, secretary of the Sunday School Department, Arkansas State Convention, she attended Ouachita College last year and will major in journalism at Baylor University beginning this fall.

During her student days at Central High School in Little Rock, Miss Hatfield was editor of the school newspaper, the Tiger. She was a member of Beta Club and the National Honor Society.

At Ouachita she served as news editor of the Signal, college-semi-monthly publication.

Miss Hatfield and her family are members of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, where she will serve as a superintendent this summer in the Junior department of the Sunday School.

Charles Draper ordained

CHARLES W. Draper was ordained to the ministry May 31 at First Church, Warren, where his father, Dr. James T. Draper, is pastor.

He will serve as interim pastor of Southside Mission during the summer, while the pastor, Tom Eliff, is on leave to do mission work in New England.

Witnessing campaign

ANOTHER six Arkansas laymen have volunteered to help needy West Coast Baptist churches in a Christian witnessing campaign, July 22-26.

This brings to 23 the number of Arkansas men who will participate in the West Coast Laymen’s Crusade.

Newest volunteers are Wendell O. Harris, Osceola; Eugene Walker, Clarksville; M. C. Miller, Booneville; Ernest C. Bradshaw and Christopher Carl Reed, Dumas; and Clyde B. Hogan, Miamina.

The men will be assigned to specific churches in California, Oregon, or Washington where they will give their Christian witness, do soul-winning enlistment, give their testimonies in churches and before civic groups and perform any other jobs the church leaders may have in mind.

The West Coast Laymen’s Crusade is designed to enrich the spiritual lives of the laymen and build in them a greater zeal for missions.—Brotherhood Commission

OBC students to Europe

MISS Anita Anthony of Murfreesboro and Miss Shirley Wicker of Shreveport, La., students at Ouachita College, left New York City last week for Europe and the Holy Land on a tour sponsored by the college.

The tour will include visits in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France and England.

Miss Anthony and Miss Wicker are the only students making the trip. Other tour members include 15 persons from Arkansas and surrounding states. Director of the tour is Dr. Carl Goodson, professor of Religion at Ouachita. Dr. Goodson has previously traveled in 14 countries of Europe, Africa and the Holy Land.

The tour group will return to New York City June 30 where many of the members will remain several days to visit the World’s Fair.

McDonald to Berryville

REV. Ed F. McDonald III of North Little Rock has accepted a pastorate in Berryville, effective this month.

A native of Malvern, Rev. McDonald is a graduate of Ouachita College and holds a bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He served as summer pastor at at Campbell Station Church, and Southside Mission, Newport, and as pastor at Okolona Church during his college days. While attending the seminary, he pastored at Orville Church, Pleasureville, Ky.

His wife, the former Miss Patricia S. Smith of Morrilton, is also a graduate of Ouachita College. They are the parents of one son, Stephen Edward, 6 weeks.

Off to Ridgecrest

THREE girls from Ashley Association are attending YWA conference at Ridgecrest, following a recent meeting in which girls who had attended both Ridgecrest and Glorieta assemblies gave reports.

The three are Camille Smith, First Church, Hamburg; Becky Hobbs, First Church, Fountain Hill, and Jo Denton, First Church, Crossett.
Mr. HSTC of 1964

DOYLE BUTTS, president of the Henderson Baptist Student Union, was named “Mr. HSTC” for 1964 at Henderson State Teachers College in Arkadelphia.

The honor, one of the highest a young man can receive at Henderson, is given on the basis of a vote by the student body. It is announced each year at the annual awards assembly when The Star, the school yearbook which sponsors the award, is presented.

Doyle is a senior at Henderson, but will return next year for one more semester. He has served for two years as president of the BSU. In addition to his honor, he was designated “Outstanding Military Cadet” for the year. He has served as president of “Heart and Key,” the school’s service organization, and has been active in other school activities. He was also elected to “Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities.”—Nancy Philley

AM&N honors Williams

REV. Marine Williams, pastor of Arch Street Church, Little Rock, and associate with Dr. Clyde Hart in the Race Relations Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, received the honorary Doctor-of-Laws degree from A.M. and N. College, Pine Bluff, at the 83rd annual commencement exercises of the college recently. Dr. Williams was the baccalaureate speaker for the occasion.

A native of Cotton Plant, Dr. Williams has been an ordained minister since 1939. He received the B.A. degree from Philander Smith College in 1939 and the B.D. degree from Virginia University in 1947.

TAMMY Taggart, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Taggart, First Church, Augusta, enrolled in the Nursery department when she was ten days old. She has attended Sunday School and church every Sunday since, Pastor Thomas E. Lindley reports. Tammy also attended every day of the Vacation Bible School and slept soundly in the nursery while her mother worked in the Junior department. “In Augusta we believe in starting the children when quite young,” says Mr. Lindley.

J. HARDEE KENNEDY (center), theology dean at New Orleans Seminary, reviews the program for the Seminary’s third annual Pastor’s Conference, June 22-26, with two of the program personnel, J. Wash Watts (left), professor of Old Testament, and W. W. Adams (right), professor of New Testament. Dr. Kennedy announces that a few rooms are still available for the four-day conference. Already registered from Arkansas are four pastors. Arkansas pastor W. O. Vaught, of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, is scheduled to speak at the daily morning worship services.—NOS RELEASE

MR. PARR

ROBERT E. Parr of Tulsa, Okla., has accepted the pastorate of Immanuel Church, Rogers.

Mr. Parr received his B.A. degree from Ouachita College, and an M.S. in counseling and guidance from Oklahoma State University, where he worked as a graduate assistant supervising a counseling practicum. He attended Southwestern Seminary for three years.

He has previously served churches in Grannis, Ark., Wichita Falls and Fort Worth, Tex. Since March, 1957, he has been a teacher and counselor in the Tulsa school system and has served as interim or supply pastor for 30 churches in the area.

Mrs. Parr is the former Miss Billie Jean Corn of Little Rock. They have three children, Bobby, 15, Randall, 10, and Lynette, 8.

TAMMY Taggart, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Taggart, First Church, Augusta, enrolled in the Nursery department when she was ten days old. She has attended Sunday School and church every Sunday since, Pastor Thomas E. Lindley reports. Tammy also attended every day of the Vacation Bible School and slept soundly in the nursery while her mother worked in the Junior department. “In Augusta we believe in starting the children when quite young,” says Mr. Lindley.

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JOHN Gardner, Fort Smith, received the Bison Glee Club Gold Award recently. Oklahoma Baptist University’s Warren M. Angell College of Fine Arts Awards Convocation honored eight musicians. Mr. Gardner was named the best all-around senior musician of the Glee Club, outstanding in the areas of musicianship, scholarship and contribution to the spirit of the club.

MR. and Mrs. Horace W. Fite, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries who had been on furlough, expecte to leave the States May 23 to resume their work in South Brazil, where he directs the Baptist agricultural school in Ceres. (Their address: Caixa Postal 36, Ceres, Goias, Brazil.) He is a native of Mena (he grew up in various Arkansas and Texas communities); she is the former Sal le Taylor, native of Lehman, Tex. (she grew up in Presidio and Crosbyton, Tex.).

MISS JEWEL HANNAH, native of Jonesboro, and for twelve years Baptist Student Union director at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., was honored recently by having the school yearbook, The Crusader, dedicated in her honor. Miss Hannah is a graduate of Arkansas State and taught there for three years prior to going to William Carey. Miss Hannah will be married in August to Alfred Conniff, a student at New Orleans Seminary.—William Carey News

MISS Ruth Sellars, a graduating senior from Ouachita College, has been awarded an $1,800 traineeship for next year at Louisiana State University. Miss Sellars received her bachelor of science degree in psychology and sociology from Ouachita during graduation exercises May 31.

The traineeship, presented by the National Institute of Mental Health, is renewable for a second year. Miss Sellars will be doing psychiatric social work toward her Master of Science in Social Work.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Sellars, formerly of Little Rock and presently of Houston. Her father was manager of the Baptist Book Store in Little Rock and presently holds the same position in Houston.

ARKADELPHIA—A grant of $7,000 has been awarded the chemistry department at Ouachita Baptist College by the National Science Foundation, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president, has announced.

The grant has been matched by a gift of $7,000 from Birkett L. Williams, a Ouachita alumnus in Cleveland, O. In making the gift, Mr. Williams said he was doing so because he had been impressed by the quality of Ouachita’s chemistry department, which has four men with Ph. D. degrees in it.

The grant is for the purchase of equipment to improve undergraduate instruction. Dr. E. A. Provine is chairman of the department, and Dr. Wayne Everett is coordinator of the instructional improvement program being assisted by the grant.

Dr. Phelps indicated that these additions bring to $32,000 the grants and gifts to the chemistry department in the past two years.

Current River-Gainesville

Pastors move

JIM Fowler has resigned as pastor of the Leonard Church and will be moving soon to Gainesville, Mo., to teach school and serve a church near Mountain Home, Ark.

DONALD Smith has resigned Brown’s Chapel to attend school in Alabama.

LESLIE Allen has resigned as pastor of Knobel Church to move to Missouri.

FRANK Bobbitt, pastor of Hol ly Island Church was ordained to the ministry May 20 by Ard more Church, Memphis. He is attending Southern Baptist College.

REV. P. J. Crowder, Spark man, announces he has resigned as supply pastor of New Hope Church effective June 7 and is available to serve some other church as supply pastor.

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TWELVE students from Ouachita College have received appointments from the Home Mission Board to serve as summer missionaries in nine different states. Two going to Colorado are Miss Nancy Brooks of Rogers and Miss Gail Cooper of Arkansas. Four are being sent to the Washington-Oregon area. They include a married couple, Danny and Damaras Coker; Hazel Reeves, and Marilyn Burns.

Others appointed include Jean Jenks to New Mexico, Hugh Floyd to Georgia, Tom Martin to Kentucky, Jerry Dorr to Illinois, Virginia Andrews to California, and Leon Wilhite to Florida.

OBC students in mission fields
ARKANSAS students who received the Master of Religious Education Degree were: Left to right (beginning at the top) William D. Hayes, Stuttgart; Gene H. Kitterman, Hope; Jack E. Schoeppey, Fort Smith; Clifton F. Whelchel, Springdale; and June Whitlow, Hazen. Those who received the Bachelor of Divinity degree were: Bobby R. Alexander, Beirne; Lynn E. Eagan, Siloam Springs; Don A. Nall, Camden; Wallace W. Scott, Little Rock; Homer W. Shirley Jr., Mt. Pleasant. Carol E. Hartsfield, Searcy received the Bachelor of Church Music degree.
Central Church wins standards

EARL Bailey, (left) minister of education and music, and Dr. Lloyd Hunnicutt, pastor, proudly display the four standards awarded Central Church.

CENTRAL Church, Magnolia, is one of four churches in the Southern Baptist Convention which has attained an Advance Standard Sunday School. This achievement marks the 20th anniversary of Dr. Lloyd Hunnicutt, pastor.

Although Central Church has attained the Standard of Excellence for four of the past five years, the Advanced Standard kept eluding the workers. Last fall, Earl Bailey, minister of education, met with department superintendents to make definite plans to achieve this goal.

A new $300,000 educational unit was completed and additional resource materials were added to the church library. Training requirements were met through home and class study.

Gay Darter ordained

MAY 17 Gay Darter, Fisher, was ordained to the ministry by First Church, Fisher.

Participating in the service were Rev. Jimmy Garner, pastor; Rev. L. D. Eppinette, missionary of Trinity Association; Rev. Roger Criner, pastor, Weiner Church; Rev. James A. Costner Jr., pastor, Waldenburg Church; C. H. Wixsen, Fisher Church deacon; and Rev. James A. Overton, pastor, First Church, Marked Tree, who preached the sermon.

Mr. Darter will be graduating from Southwestern Seminary in July. He and his wife plan to do mission work in the North.—Reporter.

Among the requirements a church must meet to achieve this status is that 75 per cent of the departments (or classes in a class Sunday School) must be standard.

The state Sunday School secretary observes two actions by Mr. Bailey which advanced the cause at Central. First is the emphasis on teaching improvement at the weekly officers and teachers meeting. Second, the weekly publication of a newsletter with information and direction concerning Bible teaching.—Reporter.

TV Church viewed

SERVICES at First Church, Pine Bluff, are being telecast at 11 a.m. each Sunday over Station KATV, beginning May 31.

The church is using its own equipment, purchased for $20,000 and renovated by the staff of the television station. About a dozen persons, either members of the church or on the staff, will operate the equipment. They were trained by KATV personnel.

Rev. Robert L. Smith is pastor of the church. Rev. Frank Baker, the associate minister, is a former television announcer. (DP)

Revivals

BARTHOLOMEW Association Crusade: 18 churches participating, 12 reporting; 30 for baptism; 18 other additions; Ronald D. Raines, evangelism chairman.

Enters political scene

RUSSELLVILLE—Lee Hollaway, a 1964 graduate of Ouachita College, has joined the staff of Joe Hubbard in his campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Hollaway is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Ernest L. Hollaway, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan. He is the grandson of E. L. Hollaway, of Corning, and Dr. R. C. Daily, of Arkadelphia.

He has served throughout this past year as president of the Arkansas Student Government Association and is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

He has edited the Ouachita newspaper, the Signal, and has just completed his job as editor of the statewide Baptist Student Union yearbook.
Already underway

WHEN you read this the first week of the state Royal Ambassador camping season will be nearly over. Two more weeks of RA Camps follow immediately: The Crusader Camp, June 15-19 (for boys 9-11), and the Pioneer Camp, June 22-26 (for boys 12-14).

The Brotherhood Department has endeavored to get camping information, posters, registration sheets, etc., into the hands of every pastor and of every RA counselor. If for any reason your church has not received these materials, write the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock, and they will be mailed to you immediately.

Nineteen sixty four will mark the first year of the operation of the RA camping program at the new Arkansas Baptist camp (yet to be named). The camp is located just off State Highway 9, and only a few hundred yards north of the village of Paron in Saline County. Access to the camp is possible and easy from all parts of our state. Look at your map and locate Morrilton. Notice that Highway 9 runs north and south through Morrilton. Follow south from Morrilton to Paron. The camp is on the left side of the road, just north of Paron. Or, if you come in through Benton, you will have no trouble finding Paron and the camp.

We are grateful that Arkansas Baptists have laid hold of the immense job of providing camping facilities for Arkansas Baptist boys and girls. Now we have the camp, thanks to Dr. Whitlow and other forward looking leaders in our state. But we now have another responsibility, and that is of filling the camp with boys and girls; and also of building a worthy camping program which will make use of every week in our state. But we now have another responsibility, and that is of filling the camp with boys and girls; and also of building a worthy camping program which will make use of every week in

Majoring in leadership

IS your family making plans to spend one refreshing week at Siloam Springs Assembly this summer? The Assembly is truly a “Family Affair”—there is a place for everyone each of the three weeks.

Are you an “Age-Group” leader in your church, association or district? If so, the assembly has been particularly planned for you. Leadership courses are planned to help each of you become a better and more efficient worker.

Among the leaders of the elementary conferences for the week of July 6-11 are some of the elementary specialists from neighboring states. Leading the Nursery workers will be Mrs. Dale Wardlaw, Springfield, Mo., state approved Nursery worker for the Sunday School Department of Missouri. Leading the Beginner workers will be Miss Evelyn Henderson, Alexandria, La., associate in charge of Elementary work for the State Sunday School Department of Louisiana.

Conference leaders for this and other weeks will be our own well qualified and capable workers in their particular field.

You cannot afford to miss this opportunity in our own state—Mary Emma Humphrey, Elementary Director

every summer to provide for more and more boys and girls. Too, Arkansas Baptists are faced with the necessity of utilizing the camp facilities all during the year to set forward all that we are endeavoring to do as a denomination.

Let’s all get behind our camp and into our camping program.—Nelson Tull, Secretary

Confidentially

“TOM, we taught our boy to live confidently, and he died confidently—he thought he could outrun the train.”

These were the words spoken by a Christian mother who had suddenly lost from this earth her oldest son.

Lofton Hudson said at Ridgecrest “the opposite of faith is not doubt—it is pessimism.”

To live or to die confidently is the Christian’s privilege. The Bible speaks of Jesus having joy as he faced the cross.

Fred’s life was not nearly three score and ten, but he lived it fully and confidently.—Tom J. Logue, Director

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Here are our doctors for 1964:

Mr. Gilbreath and nurses for your contribution! - J. T. Elliff, Director.

North Pulaski Association

Dr. Calvin Austin of Mena—First week—General Medicine.
Dr. Ken Lilly, North Little Rock—Second Week—General Medicine.
Dr. A. B. Mastin of Holt-Krock Clinic, Fort Smith—Internal Medicine—Third week.

Thanks, gentlemen for making yourselves available to us! Thanks, Mr. Gilbreath and nurses for your contribution! — J. T. Elliff, Director.

Important questions

FOR the next eight or ten weeks, workers of the Training Union Department will undertake to answer some important questions. Look for this column each week and cut out the answers to the questions.

Here are some of the questions to be answered:

"Is the Nursery a Baby-Sitting Situation?"
"How Should we Lead Juniors to Participate in the Memory-Sword Drill?"
"Why Did I Enter the Speakers' Tournament?"
"What is the New Member Orientation Program?"
"Why Do I Like the Alternate Adult Organization?"
"Should Primaries Just Play?"

Perhaps you have some questions you would like for us to answer. If so, write us—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

worker among the Spanish in Colorado.

Mrs. Cecil Roberson, Nigeria.
Miss Maye Bell Taylor, Brazil.
In order to attend the week of your choice, mail your registration fee of $3.00 immediately to WMU, Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

New camp ready for GAmporee

FORTY miles northwest of Little Rock where the hills begin to rise to the Ozarks, last minute preparations for the GA’s of Arkansas are being made. New brick cabins, each with its own bath, are grouped in fours with a fire circle in the center. The concrete swimming pool looks blue and cool in the sunlight or sparkling and clear under lights for night swimming. The dinner bell is ready to be rung; the snack shack is stocked.

When the campers arrive for any one of the five weekly sessions beginning on July 6, they will find Mrs. S. Ladd Davies, director, and missionaries awaiting them, ready to prove that “It’s a Small World After All”.

Missionary guests are:

Mrs. John E. Sylvester, worker among the Russians in Miami, Florida.
Mrs. James Hampton, Tanganyika.
Miss Irene Branum, Korea.
Mrs. Laverne Gregory, Costa Rica.
Mrs. Tom Muskrat, worker among the Indians in Kansas.
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A personal testimony

MANY Christians do not attempt personal witnessing for fear of not knowing how. But, any Christian can give his testimony of his conversion.

When Paul was pressed by the Roman officials or by religious leaders he gave his personal testimony. Acts 22 is one instance of this, “Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence which I make now unto you,” then he tells what happened.

In personal witnessing it is not necessary to know a lot of Scripture. Tell your experience. If you have not had one this is a good time to find it out. A witness simply tells another what has happened to him: “I was there; it happened to me; I have encountered God; He has reached me; He stood at my door and knocked and when I opened the door He came in and communed with me.”

There are definite advantages of this type witnessing: 1. It is always an individual who witnesses. 2. It is his first-hand experience, simple and personal. 3. It takes no training to tell the experience. 4. It helps the hearer. Many lost people have been saved because of a personal testimony. 5. It helps the one who testifies. It is a dangerous thing to pray for a lost person and call his name to God in prayer. God may send you to see him.

How long has it been since you gave your testimony? How long has it been since you attempted to witness to someone about Christ?
—Jesse S. Reed, Director.
IN addition to these pictured, we will have many of our own church musicians who will serve on the faculty.

Campers will want to bring the following articles with them to camp: Bible, notebook, musical instrument, any vocal or instrumental solo music, stunt costume (if any), swim suit (and swim cap for girls,) all types of recreational equipment, fan, and linens, including 2 sheets, pillow and slip, blanket, 2 towels, wash cloth.

The date - June 15 through 20, beginning with the evening meal on Monday and ending with evening meal on Saturday.—Hoyt A. Mulkey, Secretary.
They Gave Away $1,000,000 Without Knowing It!

"George and Ida Bottoms were such good people, for they kept the world in their hearts," said the late S. Richard Baxter, when asked about the Bottomses of Texarkana, Ark. But the million dollars—A letter from George to his wife, Ida, while she was attending a WMU meeting in Hot Springs, suggested that they give stock in one of their lumber company investments to the Home Mission Board. As a result, one thousand shares of valuable stock was transferred to the Board in 1918, to establish a trust fund.

The accompanying column of figures tells the glowing story of what this trust has meant to the cause of home missions, with the trust producing a substantial return each year. But the Home Mission Board was not the only beneficiary. The Bottomses gave liberally to the cause of foreign missions, state missions, schools, orphanages, and the education of many young persons.

Their known gifts during their lifetime were in excess of $2,000,000 apart from trust funds they established. A church in Nazareth and also in Brazil stand as monuments to the love and compassion the Bottomses had for lost humanity. Yes—the Bottomses kept the world in their hearts and the world is better today because they lived and because they gave.
“THIS be our motto: ‘In God is our trust!’” These words were written by a young patriot on September 14, 1814. Early that morning he saw the flag of his country triumphantly flying over the fort which had been bombarded during the night.

The story is well known. Francis Scott Key had gone to the British fleet, which was lying at the mouth of the Potomac River near Baltimore, Maryland. He wanted to secure the release of a friend who had been captured. His mission was successful. However, an attack was soon to be made on Fort McHenry in the harbor of Baltimore. Because of this, Key and his truce boat were forced to spend the night with the British fleet.

The night had been filled with suspense. Hour after hour the bombardment of the fort continued. Key and his friend paced the deck of the ship all night. They watched anxiously for the first ray of morning light to bring news of what was happening on shore. By “the dawn’s early light” they were able to see the “broad stripes and bright stars” of their flag still flying.

Taking an old envelope from his pocket, Key wrote the words which have become dear to every American. During the day the poem was printed on handbills and sold on the streets of Baltimore. It became popular at once. As soon as the words were set to the tune of “To Anacreon in Heaven,” it was sung throughout the nation.

Although the song won early acclaim, almost a century passed before it was officially adopted as our national anthem. An act of Congress on March 3, 1931, designated “The Star-Spangled Banner” as the national anthem.

Most of us know the song, but do we know about the man who wrote it? This song was the work of an earnest Christian. We learn that he was kind in his personal relations. He was charitable and a friend of the people of minority groups.

Key was an active church member and as a layman often conducted public worship services. He also was active in promoting Sunday school work at a time when this movement was neither popular nor well supported.

He became a director of the American Sunday School Union, devoting both time and money to the development of mission Sunday schools. In 1830 he was chairman of the Union convention which decided upon a great forward step in Sunday school work. This plan was known as the Mississippi Enterprise. Its aim was to establish Sunday schools in the sparsely settled sections of the middle West.

“The Star-Spangled Banner” was only one of the poems written by Francis Scott Key. In 1857 a book of his poems was published. Although not many of them have survived, one hymn written in 1817 is still found in some church hymnals. Here is the opening stanza:

“Lord, with glowing heart I’d praise Thee
For the bliss Thy love bestows;
For the pardoning grace that saves me,
And the peace that from it flows:
Help, O God, my weak endeavor:
This dull soul to rapture raise;
Thou must light the flame, or never
Can my love be warmed to praise.”

Our national anthem indicates that its author was a true patriot. The hymn, “Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee,” shows his Christian character. He was a man who represented the best in American life. Francis Scott Key died at the age of sixty-four on January 11, 1843.
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The Christian's responsibility for world peace

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Micah 4:1-5; Matthew 26:47-56; Romans 12:14-21; I Timothy 2:1-2

WHEN you hear the expression "world peace" most likely you say, "what can I do about it?"

Not many who read this will ever contribute much to world peace in a dramatic way. Because one can't contribute much he thinks he can't contribute anything. So it is easy for one to suppose he hasn't any responsibility to world peace. Here he is wrong.

To look at a lone Christian and then the multifold problems of the world does seem to be a picture out of perspective.

Many have dreamed of Utopia, that mythical land, where everything is as it should be. Micah, the prophet, talks about the "last days." (Does he have the Utopian dream in mind?) Some have interpreted this to mean the time which began with Christ's birth; others have thought they refer to that time immediately preceding Christ's Second Coming.

Some things about this passage have been realized, at least, in part. The house of the Lord has been established; people have flowed unto it; many say he shall teach us; and many walk in the name of the Lord our God.

Some things seem yet to be fulfilled: Swords have not been beaten into plowshares; nations have not stopped war; not everyone sits under his own vine. And yet, one might say that in some ways many of these principles of peace, because the literal words which express eternal principles, have become a reality.

If these scriptures say anything at all they emphasize the responsibility of the individual in world peace. In other words, he is responsible for peace in his world. Rabble-rousing, hate mongering, self-appointed saviors of the world aren't doing much to help peace relations. There is a view of interpretation which says that one can do little about it anyway.

In the larger scripture passage Micah predicts judgment upon Israel and Judah but turns to the promise of better days in terms of peaceful relations. The leaders have ruined the nation. Against such ruin wrought by them he contrasts the spiritual kingdom established by God.

Micah speaks in figurative language. The "high places" on the mountains were places dedicated to the worship of deities other than Jehovah. To place a mountain above them was to acknowledge its superiority and their inferiority. This is a figurative expression showing God being placed above their Gods.

He, God, shall prove his power and people shall flow to him. "To go up to the mountain of the Lord" is to recognize the sovereignty of God and allegiance to him. To seek his word and listen to it is to recognize its value and worth over other teachings.

Note the action in the verbs, "let us go," "he will teach," "we will walk."

Micah began his ministry under King Uzziah in comparatively good times. His ministry extended through the reign of Jotham, Ahaz, and into the reign of Hezekiah. Micah saw the true picture of the social, political, and religious conditions. Pride, ritual, greed would be the nation's undoing. Israel was captured by Assyria and deported during this period. Micah saw the handwriting on the wall for Judah.

Micah saw the failure of Israel and Judah but he saw victory. Though judgment had come he saw the redemption of a remnant. He begins his message of spiritual kingdom, one of peace, universal in scope, and ruled by God in the hearts of men. From this remnant a power under the leadership of a man would come who would overcome God's enemies. He would come of the line of David. His leadership would be one of grace. Instead of leading armies against the Gentiles he would influence them to turn to him. They would study him and his ways; instead of warlike dispositions they would seek ways of peace.

If there is to be peace, there must be a basis for peace. This is why we do not have peace and why it is so hard to have peace. Men cannot agree on terms of peace.

This kingdom is founded upon the laws of justice, righteousness, and love. Its very foundation creates its own problem, for it is in direct contradiction to injustice, unrighteousness and hate. These are elements which foster war and unrest. Frankly, there can

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**A Smile or Two**

**Agri queen?**

"Oh, what a lovely cow," said the cute young miss from the city. "But why hasn't it any horns?"

"There are many reasons," replied the farmer. "Some cows do not have horns until later in life. Others have them removed, while still other breeds are born without them. This one does not have horns because it is a horse."

**Compatibility**

TWO men were discussing the coming marriage of their buddy. "He is getting a wonderfully accomplished girl," said one. "She can swim, ride, drive a car, and pilot a plane. A real all-around girl."

"They ought to get along," observed the other. "He learned to cook in the army."

**Time makes a difference**

**PASSENGER:** "Have I time to say goodbye to my wife?"

**PORTER:** "I don't know, sir, how long have you been married?"

**Hands off**

**JUDGE:** "Can't this case be settled out of court?"

**Kelly:** "Sure, that's what we were trying to do, your honor, when the police interfered."

**Strike it rich**

**HUSBAND:** Honey, I just found oil on our property!

**WIFE:** Well dear, now we can buy that new car.

**Husband:** No, honey, I believe we better get the old car repaired. That's where the oil is coming from.

**One point of view**

A MOTHER, annoyed because her fourteen-year-old daughter had been calling her boy friend too frequently, took a tip from a former wartime advertisement and posted a sign over the telephone: "Is This Call Necessary?"

Next day there appeared, pencilled on the card, a brief but logical reply: "How Can I Tell Till I've Made It?"

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Barring school prayers

TRENTON, N. J. (EP)—New Jersey’s Supreme Court unanimously upheld a lower court decision which barred Bible reading and prayer in the Hawthorne, N. J., public schools.

The Hawthorne School Board, after last year’s U. S. Supreme Court decision banned public school devotions, passed a resolution directing the local superintendent to permit prayer and Bible reading.

The Hawthorne action, in opposition to a ruling by the state attorney general, spurred considerable controversy, including a demand by the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey that that state aid be withdrawn from the school system until the devotional acts were stopped.

The case was taken to the State Supreme Court after Superior Court Judge Morris Pashman ruled that the Hawthorne School Board resolution was unconstitutional.

Condemn detention law

JOHANNESBURG, S. O., Africa (EP)—Dr. Leslie E. Stradling, Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, was joined by Methodist and Congregational leaders at an interracial meeting held here to demand repeal of South Africa’s 90-day detentation law when it comes up for parliamentary review June 30.

“Sweeping people into prison without trial and without allowing them access to the outside world is treating them as things, not people,” the bishop said. “There are many objections to this clause of the General Law Amendment Act, but this is the fundamental one.

“Imprisonment without trial is wrong whether it happens in South Africa, Ghana or Russia.”

Dedicate new mural

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (EP)—“Behold He Cometh,” sculptured lobby mural of the Assemblies of God International Headquarters building, was dedicated in ceremonies here on May 15.

Depicting the return of Christ riding upon a white horse as described in Revelation 19:11-16, the mural is constructed with plastic materials. The Rev. Warren Straton, an instructor at Evangel College, Springfield, Mo., is the designer and creator of the symbolic presentation.

Expressing the hope of Christian believers, the mural is a visual sermon using sculptured figures, colored lighting, and music and narration. The mural further pictures the belief that the Assemblies of God is instrumental in preparing people for Christ’s Second Coming as John the Baptist was a forerunner of Christ’s First Coming.

Decade of growth

LAGOS, Nigeria (EP)—One of Africa’s younger Protestant Churches is marking its 10th anniversary with celebrations which point up its phenomenal growth.

When the Association of Evangelical Churches of West Africa was formed in 1954, it had 400 churches with 50,000 members. Now there are 900 churches and more than 300,000 members served by 650 pastors and evangelists.

The Church’s missionary arm—the African Missionary Society—has 85 missionaries in the West African area.