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personally speaking

Down in Arkansas



CLABE Hankins has been having some strange symptoms lately, according to Sal. Everytime the old fellow shuts his eyes to try to get some sleep, he sees his fishing



cork going under. When he went to his family doctor about it, the Doc told him he was suffering from "occupational exhaustion" and charged him \$5.

AS our readers know, we try not to get onto anything too controversial in this column. There's usually enough of that on the next page. Of course, we do hint from time to time that

wives ought to obey their husbands, and things like that. But this causes no great stir among our readers. The husbands all say, "Bravol" and the wives say, "Bosh!" and consider the source.

THE present-day trend of psychiatrists tracing all of our adult tantrums back to the cradle is rather frustrating-to the psychiatrists. A lot of us old codgers didn't have cradles.

CAN any of you remember when it was considered extravagant to have the lights on in the daytime?

FORTY years ago a lot of good Arkansas hosts had no qualms against putting two mere acquaintances to bed in the same bed-if they were of the same sex and had clean feet.

THERE'S some mighty strange talk going on down on Bunker, these days. They're talking about superhighways and supermarkets. And they soon will be able to get on a coast-to-coast freeway in the same three miles it used to take them to get to Shrigg Eggleston's store,

WE went to the Little Rock zoo the other day and saw a steam locomotive.

IN politics it's awful hard to tell from the yelping who's the underdog.

TRYING to be witty is mighty risky. There's always the chance you may run into some fellow with warped judgment who will give you credit for only half succeeding.

Edwin L. M. Donald

"Anger is only one letter short of danger." The Survey Bulletin

"Worry pulls tomorrow's cloud over today's sunshine."-The Survey Bulletin

IN THIS ISSUE:

IT is a real pleasure to welcome to our staff Gracie Hatfield, who will be with us until the fall semester opens at Baylor University and she continues her journalism studies. We think you'll laugh as we did at Gracie' cover story on page 5-"I Remember Papa." This is surprise Father's Day gift to Sunday School Secretary Lawson Hatfield. Incidentally, Gracie also put together this week's amusing cover.

SUNDAY School literature plentiful in your home? It wasn't always thus, says Dr. B. K. Selph in "Beacon Lights." You'll appreciate today's fine resource material more after you've read about the problems of pioneer Baptists on page 7.

A LEADING role in safeguarding freedom of worship will be played by the Christian pen, which has given the world of men freedom of conscience and religious liberty. So declares J. Eugene White of the Texas Baptist Standard in his review of "Freedom's Mightiest Weapon" on pages 8 and 9.

ARE YOU in the midst of the annual Vacation Bible School chaos? Whether you're a harried teacher or busy mother or maybe even an ardent student, you'll have a good time reading page 10. The author, Mrs. Roy Reed, has read her article for several years at Vacation Bible School commencements and this year shares it with all of us.

ARE politics too filthy for Christian participation? The Editor takes another view. His lead editorial on page 3 should give you something to ponder as the long, hot summer of politics opens in Arkansas.

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All fair in politics?

THERE'S an old saying: "All is fair in love and war." And from the things that happen in politics, there obviously are many who feel that Christian love and ethics do not apply in political campaigns.

One thing that happens so often it is in danger of being accepted as the rule rather than the exception is what might be called the big smear, or the whispering campaign. Some without consciences, out to win at all costs, do not hesitate to start a black lie on an opponent, or to cast insinuations designed to mislead people into believing what is not so. For these the plumbline of rectitude is not what is right, what is true, what is fair, what is Christian, but what will pick up votes or spell the downfall of an opponent. The Golden Rule is often revised to: Do the other fellow in before he does you, and the devil take the hindmost.

Another practice commonly engaged in by those out to win is the buying of votes, at so many dollars, so many drinks, or so many jobs promised. This sometimes goes beyond the individual voters and involves election officials in precincts where more votes are counted than there are people, and where those who are legal residents of other states are permitted to cast their "absentee" ballots.

Some will see in this an argument for Christians to keep out of politics lest they become soiled. But, rather, is not the all too common rottenness in political affairs a cry itself for men and women of Christian character to become involved in politics to help in stamping out corruption?

Citizenship is a responsibility each one of us bears not only to the state but to God. In states such as ours, where professing Christians are far in the majority, we Christians must answer for much of the unholy situation that exists. Let us judge the men and the issues carefully, deciding for whom or what we will vote not on how the election is most likely to go, but how it ought to go, And may the Lord save us from being taken by gossip and half-truth.—ELM

Teacher pray-ers

FOR those who would compel public school teachers to be leaders of worship, reading the Bible and leading in prayer, Tom J. Cowan, veteran Arkansas educator now retired and living in Heber Springs, made some pointed remarks in a recent letter to the editor of the Arkansas Gazette (June 7, 1964).

Mr. Cowan, himself an active churchman, served for fifteen years as a high school superintendent and another fifteen years as county superintendent of education and should be in a position to know whereof he speaks, on this theme which for so long has had the spotlight across America.

The reading of the Bible "by teachers who never had any religious training, and leading a 'canned' prayer, which is not a prayer worthy of the name, will only develop disrespect of both Bible reading and prayer in the minds of children," says Mr. Cowan.

Most Baptists will certainly agree with Mr. Cowan's concluding statement: "If a prayer is not from the heart, it is not a prayer." And he adds: "The Supreme Court has never ruled out individual praying in the schools or anywhere else. . . ."

Let's stop tearing our shirts over the First Amendment and start exercising more fully the religious liberty it safeguards to all of us.—ELM

'Beneath the Surface'

THAT many of the people of Hot Springs are opposed to gambling and will use their votes and influence against this iniquity being legalized further in the proposed amendment to our state constitution is a fact frequently pointed out by those who have lived in Hot Springs and know the situation there. One Hot Springs man who has let it be known he stands four-square against gambling is J. W. Roddie, president of Roddie-Miller Music Publishing Company, Hot Springs.

Mr. Roddie, in a letter to the editor of this paper, indicates he still feels as he did in 1956 when he wrote an article, "Look Beneath the Surface," to point up some of the fallacies in the reasoning of those favoring gambling.

In this article, first published in the Hot Springs Star Journal and later carried in the Arkansas Baptist, Mr. Roddie answers the argument of those who would cut down on taxes by giving the state a share of the "take" in gambling operations:

"Those who advocate the operation of gambling by the various state governments point to the increased revenues it would pull into the coffers. They see in gambling a painless, even joyous, method of extracting tax dollars from those who would undoubtedly begrudge the offering if it were sought in any other way but as a gambling venture.

"They point to man's innate capacity for gambling, and in particular, his peculiar fondness for games wherein he need only invest a few dollars for a puny chance at winning large amounts.

"They cite the popularity of the lottery conducted by the Irish Free State, which, it is estimated, pulls more than \$20,000,000 out of this country annually—money which could be put to excellent advantage here at home.

"On the surface, gambling would provide an almost utopian solution to the everpresent problem of making governmental intake equal governmental outtake. Unfortunately, however, those in favor of gambling schemes

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overlook several highly important factors. They overlook the fact that gambling in any form would in all probability draw chief support from the poorest classes, persons whose every dollar is needed to provide the basic necessities of life, but who by virtue of their very poverty cannot resist the lure of the possibility that they may get big returns for a small investment. . . .

"Gambling is insidious. It lulls the taxpayer into a belief that the cost of government is not high because it is not felt so keenly. It gives the voter the impression

that he is getting something for nothing. Gambling for the benefit of governmental taxation is wrong. . It has already dulled the public interest in governmental finance. . . .

"Gambling inaugurates a field day for politicians who realize the opportunities for accepting graft and fostering corruption in government has been magnified immeasurably. . . ."

May this man's tribe increase, even within the city walls of Hot Springs!—ELM

the people SPEAK

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

'Dangerous road'

WITH the best intentions, churches sometimes enter politics because of a sensitive awareness of their responsibility under God to humanity. Both the devil and the politicians know this. The church also needs to be aware that their well meaning efforts can result in their enemies of our nation who play one race against another to their own advantage.

In the race question, there is at least three sides, possibly four; the side of the Negro, the side of the White person, the side of the politician, and the fourth side being the very freedom of both the individual and ultimately the churches of our great nation. The "People's Government" has been the promise of modern day tyrants. Somebody expected to be "Liberated," but in the end, it has been the destruction of whole nations. The world "Liberate" has many meanings these days. But I notice that is the very word used in this morning's news by President Johnson himself, in his promise to not restrict freedom of the individual but to increase it.

We are traveling a dangerous road when we advocate radical changes in the great Constitution preserved through the years by the blood of our fore-fathers; some of the original ones could tell us more about restriction of freedom in ten minutes than it may take us a generation to learn. Let's be sure we know what changes this so-called "Civil Rights" bill will bring before we give it our whole sale endorsement.—E. R. McCarthy, Mena

Singer available

I WOULD like to recommend Brother Don Crosswhite, one of our young

men from Ouachita College, as song leader for revivals. He will be home for the summer and can be reached at Route 1, Harrison, Arkansas or phone EMpire 5-1845.—Roy B. Hilton, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Harrison

All gambling bad

I NOTICE in Ft. Smith "Southwest" about the Baptist group oppose all gambling. I hope they can do something with it. I think if it is such a sin, why should it be legalized. I hate to see it go on and on. When some of the leading people of our different churches take it up, I think it is time to do something. I would love to see the horse racing put out. I love horse racing, it is one of the nicest sports we have but when people gamble so much on it, I think it should go. No kind of gambling is good. May you be able to do something. Thanks a lot.—Mrs. John Redwine Sr., Spiro, Okla.

From Dr. White

THE many activities prior to and following the convention have left me once again far behind in my correspondence.

Last week I had the privilege of bringing the commencement address at Southern Seminary and the Baccalaureate sermon at Blue Mountain College. Tuesday of this week I was in Dallas greeting a group of Japanese preachers and others who are visiting in our state to observe the procedure in our churches.

I am grateful to you for what you said with regard to the convention presidency. I feel that it would have been unwise to make any other decision but I am grateful to the Lord for the privilege of serving during the past year.

God's blessings upon you. Please give our best wishes to our many Arkansas friends.—K. Owen White, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

Freedom in worship

In one of the recent issues of your state paper I read with interest your editorial, "On Saying Amen."

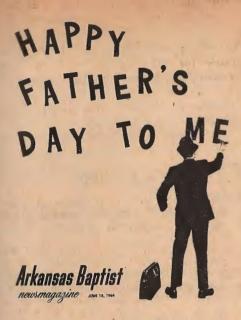
While I really wish that I could sit down and talk to you because I feel that is so much better a way of communication, to write is my only alternative at the present time. To be sure all of us, I suppose object to "hollering" (as you call it) "Amen" every other word that the preacher says, still I think that you are far afield to ridicule the man who feels deeply in his heart a kindred feeling as Biblical statements are reaffirmed and wants to make known that feeling with an earnest "amen," for it is Scriptural and spiritual and can be done without interrupting or calling attention to itself! Of course, some of you folk would want our services all just as quiet and formal and dead as can be, but this does not necessarily make it a reverent or worshipful service! The Book says that God is Spirit and should be worshipped in Spirit and Truth. I make no appeal for noisy, wild emotional outbreaks but I do decry any attempt to suppress genuine, earnest and prayerful participation in the services of our Saviour. It seems to me that so many empty church houses and the continual growth of such movements as the Assemblies of God ought to make us Baptists know again as in days of old that "where the Spirit is, there is liberty! -W. I. Thomas, Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Memphis Tenn.

REPLY: You and I have much in common. You, as I, rather have some semblance of order and dignity in the worship service. And I, as you, do not want any restriction on the Holy Spirit and His impact. But cannot God speak in the "still, small voice?"—ELM

From Pastor Tillman

I am thankful to you and your staff for the opportunity of writing the Sunday School Lessons for the month of May. I have received many letters and comments from across the State.

I continue to pray for you as you lead the thinking of people toward the ways of our Lord through the printed page.— Jim E. Tillman, Pastor, Forest Highlands Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.



7 remember Papa' By Gracie Hatfield

WELL, it's really kinda easy for me to remember Papa—maybe it's because he's still around. In fact, he's been around so long, he's almost like one of the family.

For the past nineteen years I've had the privilege of knowing Lawson Hatfield. It was he who sent out my birth announcements saying that the Hatfields had a new member in the family—Grace Marie. This was fine, except for the fact that I was named Grace Elizabeth. He's also the guy who serenaded DeQueen citizens at midnight with the church chimes at full blast when my brother, Jerry, was born.

From my "diddie boom" days on a rocking horse up until several years ago when "cat" language sprang up in America, he was always simply "Daddy." But lately, it's "Dadd-0." This name derived from his signature on post cards he'd send when on long trips. Thinking he was sharply signing "Daddy-0", he always forgot the y." Dadd-0 never was too cool on spelling.

Aside from spelling, I must admit that Dadd-0 is a pretty vertatile guy. He can cook: he's tremendous on the backyard grill and whiz with a package of Bix-Mix. His only cooking shortcoming is gravy—especially if someone hapters to leave a cup of deter-

Facts of interest

... ACCORDING to E. E. Lieber, an industrial medical officer, mental and nervous illness causes more than four times as much loss to industry as strikes. A common cause is that people are not suited to their jobs. Every year the loss is 18 million man-hours, against four million for strikes. Dr. Lieber says that neurosis causes at least 35 per cent of all absence from work due to illness, and accounts for an average loss of about three and a half working days a year for men and six days for women.

... The American Automobile Association estimates that a vacation by car this summer will cost about \$31 a day for a couple. Basic expenses are as follows: \$11 for lodging, \$10.50 for meals, \$7 for gas and oil, and \$2.50 for tips and miscellaneous costs. That does not cover extras such as tolls, parking-garage

fees, admission to attractions, and souvenirs.

... It will pay to be on the lookout for red, white, and blue signs that point to roads of the new interstate system of highways. New stretches of these superhighways are being opened at a rapid rate. Nearly 17,000 miles of the 41,000-mile system now are in use.—The Survey Bulletin

gent on the cabinet. Well, it does look like flour!

In the music field, he's got know-how in several categories. He can sing as well as play the piano—although he plays by ear and makes hymns sound like hot jazz. His latest musical endeavor is the violin. He had three weeks to learn the "Arkansas Traveler" for the WMU State Convention—and he'd never played a stringed instrument before. I've never felt his presence more than I did those three weeks.

You couldn't ask for a more thoughtful person. He's constantly making trips but every time he's away for more than two or three days, he brings each member of the family a gift. To get them, however, we have to go through a ritual-not just close our eyes and hold out our hands, but stand on one foot, stick out our tongues, and wiggle our noses. A little "unoriginal" at selecting gifts, he's brought me at least 25 scarves in the past few years. My brothers have consumed untold quantities of candy, and my mother has several jewelry sets she unfortunately "breaks" or "loses" after one wearing.

Hey, though, I've got to give credit where credit is due. His gift from the SBC trip to Atlantic City was original—a home-made paper clip holder made from shells he picked up on the beach!

One incident I shall never forget deals with the way Dadd-o handles people. When my youngest brother, Stevie, was five years old, he was in the car with Dadd-o when a policeman stopped them for going the wrong way on a one-

The preacher poet

On growing old

I do not mind the passing years— The months, the weeks, the days, the hours—

What hurts an aging man is this. The loss of strength and mental powers.

I've never been a "Lazy Ned;"
I'd rather dig than lie at ease,
Or set my heart on problems great.
To idle is, to me, disease.

"Enforced idleness," I cry,
"Enrages me!" And so I frown
That I am made to stop and sit
Because my gear is running down.

That I am built of sorry soil, Now rust and wear is proof enough;

But I'm assured by One on high I shall be made of purer stuff.

-W. B. O'Neal on his 80th birthday

way street. The policeman was obviously mad at the world that day and acted very hateful and gruff. Dadd-o realized Stevie was frightened by the policeman's manner. He quietly turned away from the shouting policeman and calmed Stevie by "now, saying Stevie, shouldn't be afraid. The policeman is our friend." The change in the policeman's attitude was remarkable.

Father's Day is coming up Sunday. Guess I'll do something for him—maybe take him out to eat pizza. We'll talk and laugh about some of these same experiences—the ones I'll remember when "I Remember Papa."

Courtship, Marriage and the Home



Pastor: "For the counsel of all who are perplexed, for the strengthening of the weak, and to give warmth and friendship to the lonely, we dedicate this house."

Congregation: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Pastor: "In order that we may strengthen the ties of our fellowship by playing together, praying together, and learning together, we dedicate this house."

THIS is a brief part of the dedication service in which people and pastor participated, a few weeks ago, as we dedicated the beautiful, adequate, and well equipped recreational building just completed at our church.

It was the next week that a mother asked me if we are not putting too much emphasis upon recreation in our churches.

It may be that we are. That depends upon the leadership in our recreational activities: whether they are so conducted as to teach underlying principles of Christian character; whether the motivation of director and participants is an honest effort to achieve bodies that are worthy

"temples for the Holy Spirit;" whether the program offered is one of wholesome, Christian activity to counteract the strong pull of worldly amusements. These amusements to be counteracted are promoted by forces that make no pretense of interest in the Christian growth and influence of those young people who are lured away from Christ's plan for the abundant life by their glamorous, harmful pleasures. The right kind of church recreation programs can be an effective channel for getting young people involved in the full worship, teaching, and training activities of their churches.

together

A college senior, paying tribute to his college church, gave an impressive answer to the oft-repeated question, What do young people want of their churches? His message is quoted here from his church bulletin:

"I was lost, and you found me with a poster in a dorm that said, 'Come to open house at Second Baptist.'

"I was a stranger, and you welcomed me with sincere interest.

"I was lonely, and you filled the void with Christian love.

"I needed a home away from home, and you were the 'second best' mother and father and brother and sister that one could have, mainly because you wanted to be.

"I needed guidance, and you were better than a gyroscope.

"I needed counsel, and you provided that better than anyone with a PH. D. in psychology, sociology, or psychiatry ever could because you had a graduate degree in Practical Christianity along with a sincere interest and a willingness to help.

"I needed friends, and you reponded with the ultimate—

Christian friends.

"I needed a pastor, and you gave me the warmest, the friend-liest, the most understanding pastor . . . full of love, the Holy Spirit and insight . . .

"Yes, I was a freshman, and you

helped me grow up.

"Now, five years later, I can look back and see all of this: but one thing seems to rise high above the rest, and it is this one thing for which I am most grateful...:

"You showed me what it really means to be a Christian."

Whether your church is poorly equipped, or provided with the ultimate in buildings and equipment, the thing that will leave the best impression for good is to have every part of its life permeated with the spirit of Christ and to have mothers, fathers, leaders and other members so live that young people may say of them in sincerity, "You showed me what it really means to be a Christian."

C. L. Thompson has well said: "It is only when our creeds pass into the iron of blood that they become vital and organic.

"Faith if not transmuted into character has lost its power."

The church makes no more productive investment than that which it lovingly commits into the lives of its young people.

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Beacon Lights of Baptist History By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D. Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

Sunday School Literature

HOW many pieces of Sunday School literature are lying home? around your Common



DR. SELPH

As a matter of fact, gets in the way. But it was not always that plentiful. Early Sunday

enough, isn't it?

School literature was provided by the Baptist Tract Society

which was formed in 1824 under the leadership of a Southerner, Noah Davis. In 1840 the name was changed to the American Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society. But after 1845 Southern Baptists wanted their own literature published, and no provision for this had been made by the Convention.

Efforts were being made in various parts of the South by 1858 to produce first class literature for Bible schools. The Arkansas Baptist Convention meeting at Charleston that year commended heartily such efforts "to prepare and circulate a healthy Sunday School literature."

Elders P. S. G. Watson, W. M. Lea and brethren W. R. Trawick and D. S. Buckley were appointed as a committee to represent the body at the Southern Baptist School Convention meeting at Memphis the latter part of Octo-

The year before, Dr. R. B. C. Howell, president of the Southern Baptist Convention had introduced a resolution before the Concord Association, Tennessee. It called for a convention to meet at Nashville, Oct. 23, to form a Southern Baptist Sunday School Union.

The Georgia State Convention had proposed such a move in 1854. They appointed a committee of five who had been working on such plans ever since. This committee welcomed Howell's

Baptist beliefs

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS Past President, Southern Baptist Convention First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

THE word "stewardship" (oikonomia) means "house management." It might well read "ad-



DR. HOBBS

ministration." The Greek word for "steward" is oikonomos or the manager of a house. In turn, it may also read "administrator." It was a term usually applied to a slave

who had been entrusted with his master's house and-or goods.

The former is found seven times in the New Testament; four times it is translated as "dispensation" (I Cor. 9:17; Eph. 1:10; 3-:2; Col. 1:25 KKV), and three times it reads "stewardship" (Luke 16:2-4). The latter appears ten times; eight as "steward" (Luke 12:42: 16:1, 3, 8; I Cor. 4:1-2; Titus 1:7;

resolution. Delegates met from Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, and the Creek The Nation. Southern Baptist Sunday School Union was organized, Oct. 23, 1857, with A. C. Dayton, president.

In order to enlist more South-Baptists, the organization called for a southwide convention to be held with the Georgia State Convention, Americus, Ga., April, 1858. But the newly formed union fell under the control of the Landmark element and lost support of many Southern Baptists. They were not willing to subscribe to literature carrying the peculiar tenets of Landmarkism. Due to the controversy which arose the Americus church requested that the meeting not be held. The Landmarks carried on the work of the Union until after the Civil War.

I Peter 4:10); once each it reads "chamberlain" (Rom. 16:23) and "governor" (Gal. 4:2) respectively. The verb form (oikonomeo) is used once as "be steward" (Luke

16:2).

The basic meaning of all three words is found in Luke 16:1-4, 8 (cf. Luke 12:42). Note also that Erastus was the "administrator of city" of Corinth (Rom. 16:23). This man of high political position had become a Christian. In Galatians 4:2 the "governor" was a slave who had been placed over his owner's minor child.

But Peter and Paul used these two nouns in a strictly Christian sense. Every Christian has been made a "house manager" or "administrator" of "the manifold grace of God" (gospel) to be used for God's glory (I Peter 4:10; cf. Eph. 3:2; Col. 3:2). Paul avows that if he accepts willingly the privilege of preaching the gospel, he has a reward, namely, the joy of doing so without a thought of remuneration. Otherwise, he nevertheless has the responsibility as of a slave to whom his master has committed the house managership (I Cor. 9:17).

In Ephesians 1:10. Paul speaks of God's own administration of history wherein He has determined the time when He would bring to a head "all things" universe) "in Christ." (the "Bishops" or pastors are to be without blame as administrators of all of God's work through the church. (Titus 1:7). This is the work of a bishop (pastor) as an overseer to see that God's work is done correctly.

Pastors or evangelists as "ministers" (under-rowers) of Christ are to be regarded as administrators of the mysteries of God, and

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THE CHRISTIAN PEN

Freedom's mightiest weapon



By J. Eugene White Editorial Assistant, Baptist Standard, Texas

WITHOUT the invention of the printing press it is likely that there would yet be no place on the globe where men could enjoy freedom of conscience and religious liberty.

Lee R. Scarborough, second president and first professor of evangelism at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, once said: "If the printing press were destroyed and no substitute were found, one generation would send mankind back to aboriginal darkness."

No greater tribute has come to the printed word than that which is revealed on the part of literature in winning and preserving religious liberty.

The priceless possession of religious freedom was born in the hearts of freedom-loving men and kept alive by their burning convictions and fearless courage. But the idea took wings by means of the printed page.

Making the Bible available in the language of the common man was the most powerful force freedom's lovers ever exerted. This was first done by John Wycliffe in the 14th century, and it set into action forces which were to bring to an end the 800 years of intellectual and spiritual darkness known as the Dark Ages.

Abraham Lincoln immortalized a phrase found in the Bible's introduction. His declaration of intent in the Gettysburg Address is in words familiar to every American: "That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

That phrase, "government of the people, by the people, and for the people" was not original with Lincoln. Robespierre, a leader of the people during the French Revolution, used the same words. But the phrase was not original even with Robespierre.

These words first appeared in the introduction to Wycliffe's Bible. It reads, "The Bible shall make possible a government of people, by people, and for people."

Printing set in motion the forces which would fulfill this inscription; and wide circulation of the Book finally made possible in 1674 at Providence, R. I. "a government of people, by people, and for people."

By the time of the Protestant Reformation, which in essence was a struggle for liberty of conscience, the printing press had provided the means of making the Christian pen freedom's mightiest weapon. Martin Luther, leader of the reform movement, had as his chief theme "Christian Freedom;" and his chief ally was printer's ink.

A century later the printing press was again employed in the struggle for religious freedom.

Thomas Helwys, an English Baptist, writing in A Short History of the Mystery of Iniquity (1612) said: "The Magistrate is not by virtue of his office to meddle with religion or matters of conscience, to force or compel men to this or that form of religion or doctrine." This was a dangerous idea. It was one thing to believe it but something altogether different to set such an idea in print for all the world to see.

But this brave man did not stop even there. On the fly leaf of one of the booklets he inscribed a special message to King James I of England:

The King is a mortall man and not God: therefore hath no power over y immortall soules of subjects to make lawes and ordinances for them to set spirituall Lords over them.

This strong statement was the first demand in England for religious freedom. Within four days Helwys was lodged in London's Newgate Prison never again to be a free man. He died in the prison, but his words lived on and stirred men's souls, given wings by the means of printing. The specially inscribed copy of the pamphlet which Helwys presented to the king is preserved at Oxford.

During the next 50 years publications on the subject were so numerous that one of the bitterest opponents of religious liberty said, "The presses groan and sweat under the load."

In the New World the printing presses were kept busy by men like Roger Williams, Isaac Backus, and other Baptists who led in the drama of the struggle for religious freedom in the American colonies.

It was Williams who first set forth in America the ideals of absolute religious freedom and the separation of church and state. These ideals became a part of the American heritage. His ideas on government stemmed from his deep interest in religion, especially in spiritual freedom.

Sydnor Stealey, former president of South-eastern Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C., says, "This impelled him to write many volumes protesting persecution of religious minorities." The most famous of his works is, Bloudy Tennent of Persecution for Cause and Conscience Exposed.

When the book appeared in England, the common hangman was prodded by Parliament until he burned it. Soon another edition of it appeared, and it became one of the most widely discussed printed works ever distributed.

In New England John Cotton answered Williams' book with one of his own called, *The Bloudy Tennent Washed White*.

Williams struck again with, The Bloudy Tennent Made More Bloudy.

Backus also made good use of printing. He wrote several books and 37 tracts on the subject of religious liberty.

From that time until now the printed word has championed religious freedom and has been a major influence in preserving it.

In Argentina today the struggle is being carried on by Santiago Canclini and others. Canclini is a former pastor of Central Baptist Church in Buenos Aires.

The battle really started with Canclini's predecessor, Don Pablo Besson. He came to Argentina in 1881 at the time when non-Catholic citizens could not inherit property, marry, or bury their dead under national law. For neally half a century Besson preached and fought for the rights of non-Catholics.

La Presna, daily newspaper of Buenos Aires, several times opened its front page to articles by Besson on religious liberty. The newspaper subsequently was silenced by Argentine Dictator Juan Peron, but not until its influence had been strongly felt. Today the law protects the rights of any citizen, regardless of his religious beliefs, to inherit property, marry, and bury his dead.

Although Canclini has resigned from the pastorate of Central Church (his son, Arnoldo Canclini, is now the pastor), he still works hard to remove all restrictions on religious freedom. Because he realizes the power of the printed word Canclini continues his prolific output of books and articles on the subject.

Anything as hard to come by as liberty will not be held without effort, even sacrifice. And religious liberty seems to be the most difficult of all freedoms to gain and hold.

Texas Baptist Elder Statesman J. M. Dawson of Corsicana, who served for seven years as the executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, made a revealing statement in his book, Baptists and the American Republic. He said: "While our American people cherish our freedoms—freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, freedom from want, freedom from fear—they talk less, and possibly most of them know less, about religious freedom than any other."

The Christian pen will play a leading role in guarding the future of religious freedom by informing the American people on the subject.

It may be that printer's ink will yet cause the adoption of the religious liberty proposal made by some leaders of the Catholic Church during the 1963 session of Vatican Council II.

By means of the press the whole world became familiar with the pleas of some Catholic leaders for religious liberty. And reports of debate on the proposal were made available to almost every living person through the press. The world longs for a council statement on religious liberty—a longing encouraged by press reports that some Catholics recognize that God endowed all men with elemental dignity and innate freedom.

In view of all this it does not seem unreasonable to believe that public pressure, exercised through the printed page, may bring about the passage of this proposal—perhaps during the third session of the council this fall.

The Baptist Standard's Board of Directors is acutely aware of the power of the Christian pen when wielded by a competent craftsman. This awareness led to the establishment of two \$500 scholarships in journalism. They are awarded annually to sophomore, junior, or senior journalism students attending any Southern Baptist college and planning for religious journalism as a career.

Purpose of the scholarships is to interest, encourage, and financially assist young people in religious journalism and to encourage Baptist colleges and universities in developing high-level academic training in Christian communications.

Only informed and intelligent citizens dedicated to the preservation of liberty can guarantee that our heritage of religious liberty will be the heritage also of our children.

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Vacation Bible School 9

by Mrs. Roy Reed, Bentonville

VACATION BIBLE School is something that comes every year and is as sure as death and taxes! It comes—and no matter how long or how well you've prepared for it, it's here before you know it.

Vacation Bible Schools come in various sizes: big, little and middle-sized. But whatever may be the size of yours, there's always that one more boy or girl that you could have brought and didn't.

Vacation Bible School takes all the available help, scissors, energy, patience, glue, old magazines, understanding, time, forebearance, cookies, wisdom—and a clean shirt or dress every day!

It is confusion, hurry, marching, giggling, cleanscrubbed faces, the frantic feeling of "I'll-nevercatch-up," drinking kool-aid, quiet childish reverence—and the unexpected emergency.

You dread it, look forward to it, swear you'll never help with another one—and then are the first to volunteer next year.

For when it's all over, when the last "I pledge allegiance" has been said, when the last piece of paper is in the wastebasket, when the last broken





cookie is picked up and the paste wiped off the tables, you have time to remember.

And you remember little Susie trying to hold the Bible just right as the school recites the pledge. You remember Jimmie earnestly saying his scripture verses without a bobble.

You remember, with a lump in your throat, seeing that junior you'd been specially praying for raise a timid hand, signifying his desire to give his heart to Christ. You remember the primaries and beginners lustily singing "Jesus loves the little children" and you know that of a truth He does!

Yes, and you remember how one child said, as he gathered up his treasures to take home, "Gee; I wish this could last a month!" and how, at the moment, you did, too—well, almost!

Then you know that in spite of all the hurry, the disappointments, the aching feet, the cola lunches, the accidents and the exhaustion it has been worth it all. And you humbly bow your head and thank God once more for the blessed privilege of having a small part in leading little children to Him.

Arkansas All Over-



JAMES C." WALKER

Walker to Sheridan

REV. James C. Walker became pastor of First Southern Church, Sheridan, June 15. He comes from First Church, Grubbs, where he was for over three years, during which time the church debt was reduced by two-thirds and central heat and air-conditioning installed for the sanctuary and nursery.

Mr. Walker is a native of Randolph County and received his education at Southern College, Walnut Ridge, and Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn. His pastorates have included Fountain Head Church, near Portland, Tenn.; Kirk Church, near Collierville, Tenn.; and Shiloh Church, near Corning.

He is married to the former Miss Mary Lea Vanzant, also of Randolph County, and they have two children, Melissa Deneise and Mark David.

Pastor Walker and family will occupy the three-bedroom brick now under construction adjacent to the church building.—Mrs. Carson Brooks, clerk.

SUNDAY School Superintendent Fender H. Story, of Shannon Church, near Pocahontas, recently completed ten years of perfect attendance at Sunday School. Rev. J. L. Bishop is pastor of the Shannon Church.

Loyal Prior honored

ATLANTA Law School, Atlanta, Ga., conferred the LL.D. degree on Rev. Loyal Prior, pastor of Hilton Baptist Church, Newport News, Va., at the 74th commencement of the school, June 4.

A native of Atkins, he was reared in Little Rock. He was educated at Ouachita College, and at Austin College, Texas, and received the Th.M. degree at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., in 1941.

Before coming to his present pastorate in 1948, Dr. Prior served as pastor of three Arkansas churches: Woodlawn Church, Little Rock; First Church, Dardanelle; and First Church, Norphlet.

Active in denomination work, Prior has served as chairman of the Radio and Television Commission and chairman of the Christian Life Committee of the Baptist General Association of Virginia and at present he is a member of the Program Committee.

In Southern Baptist Convention service, Prior served six years on the Radio and Television Commission and presently he is the trustee of Southwestern Seminary from Virginia.

Under his leadership the Hilton Church has grown from a membership of 868 in 1948 to the present membership of 1642. The church has organized two missions during this time.

Mrs. Prior is the former Miss Frankie Jo Roberts of Little Rock. The two Prior children are Mrs. J. D. Pridgen, Driver, Va., and David Loyal, a student in Ouachita College.—Bruce H. Price

REV. Gary Hawkins, pastor of Pickles Gap Church, Conway, received his M.A. degree from Ouachita College with the spring graduating class.

Given five awards

MRS. Thelma Romine of Progott recently received awards: Christian Training Di-



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and Special Citation D i p l o m a.
She is the second

MRS. ROMINE member of First Church, Piggott, to receive these awards.

Mrs. Romine is Sunday School superintendent of the Junior Department, and president of WMU.

Washington-Madison Association

DARREL Garner, pastor at Low Gap, a mission of Providence Church, was ordained to the ministry by the mother church May 24. Dr. Andrew Hall delivered the sermon. Alexander Best, superintendent of missions, questioned the candidate.

EARL Skaggs is the new pastor of Brush Creek Church. He is a native of Oklahoma and a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Skaggs have two children. (CB)

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New Arkansas Baptist Subscribers

One month free trial received:

Church Cassville Pastor Don Mulford

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Academy appointee



WAYNE DOUGLAS WILSON

WAYNE Douglas Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wilson, Blytheville, recently received the principal appointment to the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., from Congressman E. C. (Took) Gathings, effective June 29.

Douglas ranked number one,

Arkansas College winner

J. A. HUDDLESTON of Cotter received the John D. Spragins award, given to the Arkansas College senior who best represents qualities expressed in the aims of the college.

Mr. Huddleston served as pastor of Sulphur Rock Church during his senior year at the Batesville college and was president of the senior class. He was program chairman of BSU and edited the college newspaper his junior and senior years. He also had served as BSU president.

with a 3.9 scholastic average, in the recent Blytheville High School graduating class. He served as president of the local chapter of the National Honor Society and president of the school chorus and was a member of the Student Council, the Key Club, De Molay Chapter, Dramatic Club, Spanish Club and was a member, last summer, of the American Legion Baseball Team. He has been president of the Training Union, First Church, Blytheville, and a member of the chancel choir.



NEW PASTORIUM—First Church, Crawfordsville, recently dedicated its new, three-bedroom pastorium which has central air-conditioning and heat. Members of the building committee (left to right) are Jim Brooks, W. L. Cunningham, and Ben Rowell, pastor. Last month marked the beginning of Mr. Rowell's eighth year with the church.

Six to Ridgecrest

SOUTH Highland Church, Little Rock, this year sent six girls, instead of four, to Ridgecrest Assembly June 11-17.

All expenses were paid through the cooperative efforts of the Sunday School departments and classes and the entire congregation of the church, working with the finance committee.

The six are Susan Bradford, Ann Pollard, Freda Watts, Susan Sevier, Nina Martin and Beverly Kendrick.

Garrett Graham is pastor. Mrs. Burl Purkiss is counselor.

Archview Church expands

ARCHVIEW Church, Little Rock, has begun construction of a two-story educational building to provide 3,700 square feet and facilities for 200 Sunday School members.

The new building will house four departments, two nurseries, five additional class rooms and the pastor's study. A new baptist-try is also being added.

Andy Kerr is pastor.

For church secretaries

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Church secretaries from Arkansas are invited to attend the fifth annual Institute for Church Secretaries at Southern Seminary here, to be held this year July 6-10.

Purpose of the Institute is to give church secretaries practical information on how they may serve more efficiently in their church roles. Seminary professors and other qualified personnel will lead the secretaries in conferences dealing with record-keeping, relation of the secretary to pastor and staff, filing, improvement of efficiency, use of time, arrangement of office equipment, relation of the secretary to the church council, long-range planning and staff benefit programs.

Each secretary who wishes to enroll in the sessions should send a \$10 registation fee to the School of Religious Education at the Seminary. Other expenses for the week include \$10 for housing in campus dormitories and approximately \$2.50 per day for meals in the Seminary cafeteria.

Southern College missionaries







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THREE students from Southern State College have been employed by the Home Mission Board as summer missionaries. They will help to supplement the normal force by working in vacation Bible school, visitation and camp work. These students and their fields, of service are: (top left to right) Miss Wanda Chisom, Magnolia, Arizona; Miss Marion Dawson, Ola, Southern Illinois; and (left) Miss Wallie McGraw, Ashdown, New Mexico.

Golden to Benton

REV. Oscar Golden became pastor of Calvary Church, Benton, June 1.

Mr. Golden moved to Benton from Hot Springs where he has been pastor of Piney Church for the past six and a half years. He is married and has three daughters, Jana, Sherry, and Sue.

The Goldens have purchased a home at 525 River Street and expect to occupy it about the first of July.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Golden are natives of Arkansas, having been born, reared. and educated at Arkadelphia. Mrs. Golden is the former Miss Betty Buck.—Reporter

Blanns to Michigan

REV. Robert F. Blann, who has served as pastor of the Calvary Church, Camden, Carey Association, for four years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Dix Avenue Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.

Before coming to Calvary, he was pastor in Liberty Association, at Calvary, El Dorado, and, prior

to that, at Lapiel.

Mr. and Mrs. Blann and daughter Sallye were honored at a church dinner and jubilee celebration May 24. They have two sons, Tommy, of the Travis Air Force Base in California, and Robert of Camden.

Friends can correspond with them at their new address: 1921 Pagel St., Lincoln Park, Mich. —Mrs. C. A. Reynolds, Camden

H. S. Coleman dies

H. STERLING Coleman, 68, retired missionary, died June 8 at a Little Rock hospital. Services



MR. COLEMAN

were conducted from Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, by Dr. R. L. South. Burial was in El Dorado.

Mr. Coleman retired last fall after 17 years in mission work in

Caroline and Arkansas Valley Associations. Since his retirement he made his home in North Little Rock.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Hattie Harris Coleman; and three daughters, Mrs. Lynn Tarkington and Miss Johnnie Coleman, both of North Little Rock, and Miss Erma Lou Coleman of Dallas.

LUNSFORD Church, Route 1, Lake City, will observe its 50th anniversary with homecoming services Sunday, June 21. Lunch will be served at the church at noon, followed by a special afternoon program. All former pastors, members and friends are invited. Rev. E. E. Haley, a former pastor of Desha Church, near Batesville, has just accepted a call to the pastorate of the Lunsford church.

New Baptist state camp

-By the Editor-

PARON.—A brand new Baptist camp, on Highway 9 a mile north of here, was put into use for the first time last week.

Owned and operated by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the camp represents an expenditure to date of approximately \$300,000, according to Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the State Convention.

Two groups made use of the camp facilities the first week of operation—a group of more than 70 Royal Ambassadors, Baptist boys from 9 to 14 years of age, who were encamped Monday through Friday noon; and the State Convention employees of Baptist Building, Little Rock, who held their annual spring picnic on the grounds Friday afternoon and early evening.

Buildings completed or nearing completion include an activities building, a large dining hall, and 12 cabins, all of tile brick construction. In addition there are: a home for the camp superintendent of buildings and grounds and his family; a snack shack; and a cabin for kitchen staff.

Already in use is a water system, a sewage disposal plant, and a modern swimming pool, all of which cost \$100,000.

Roads have been built throughout the 266-acre camp grounds and are ready for asphalt surfacing in the months ahead.

A variety of native Arkansas trees will be left standing on much of the grounds and areas adjacent to buildings will be sodded.

Long-range plans for the camp, which has not yet been named, will include the construction of additional cottages for campers and camping personnel; the creation of a pioneer camping facility for boys, and, possibly, a similar facility for girls. Also, there is to be a large auditorium and a chapel.

Last week's camp for Baptist boys, directed by the State Convention's Brotherhood Department, of which Nelson Tull is secretary, was the first of three such camps being held in succession. This week, June 15-19, Crusaders, boys from 9 to 11 years of age, will be encamped. Next week, June 22-26, Pioneers, boys from 12 to 14, will be encamped.

Beginning with the week of July 6, five Girls' Auxiliary camps, for Baptist girls ages 9 to 16, will



EXTERIOR and interior views of one of a dozen new tile-brick cottages now in use at the new Baptist camp.



be held on successive weeks under the sponsorship of the Woman's Missionary Union, Miss Nand Cooper, secretary.

Mrs. S. Ladd Davies, of Little Rock, who will serve as director of the camps, reports the camp will be equipped to accommodate 180 girls each week. She expects the total enrollment for the five weeks to total 800.

Highlighting the program for the girls' camp

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will be missionaries from the Home and Foreign mission boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Home missionaries on the programs will include some who work among the Russian-speaking people of Miami; some assigned to work among American Indians; some from Costa Rica; and missionaries to the Spanish-speaking residents of Colorado.

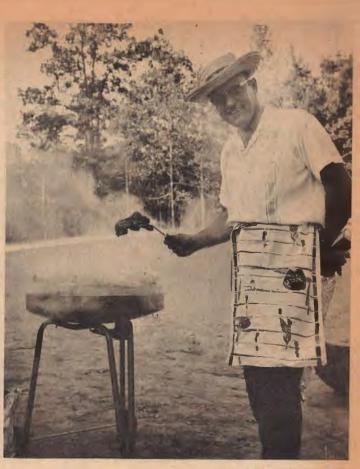
Foreign mission fields represented by missionaries will be: Brazil, Southern Rhodesia, Tanganyika, and Korea.

Little Rock's Panel of Americans, and informal Panel of housewives who face up realistically to problems of human relations, will appear on the program each Wednesday.

A special feature each Thursday will be a "Girls' Auxiliary Fair," directed by Mrs. Leslie Wilfong,



BAPTIST leaders at the annual spring picnic of Baptist Building employees included, left to right: Nelson Tull, secretary of the Brotherhood Department; Ralph Davis, secretary of the Training Union Department; and Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention.



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LAWSON Hatfield, secretary of the Sunday School Department, broils a steak for the Baptist employees' picnic.

youth director of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock.

Although much remains to be done, any who visited the camp site before construction got underway last January will be impressed with what has been accomplished in these few months. Surely this is a facility that is to play a big role in Baptist life and affairs in Arkansas in the days to come.

Radio-t.v. schedules

"BAPTIST HOUR" topics for July are: "Few Things Matter, but They Matter Mighty Much," July 5; "Hell, a Neglected Doctrine," July 12; "Cliches are Costing us Robes of Righteousness," July 19; "The Bible," July 26.

Stations carrying the program, all on Sunday and the time, were announced by the Radio-T. V. Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention:

KVRC, Arkadelphia, 3 p.m.; KTHS, Berryville, 8 a.m.; KCON, Conway, 2:30 p.m.; KAGH, Crossett, 8:30 a.m.; KDQN, De-Queen, 7 a.m.; KFAY, Fayetteville, 8:30 a.m.; KBJT, Fordyce. 4 p.m., KXJK, Forrest City, 9:30 a.m.; KXAR, Hope, 5 plm.; KNEA, Jonesboro, 6:30; a.m.; KPCA, Marked Tree, 8 a.m.; KENA, Mena, 1:30 p.m.; KHBM, Monticello, 3:30 p.m.; KDRS, p.m.; KUOA, Paragould, 8:30 Siloam Springs., 7:30 a.m.; KWRF, Warren, 8 a.m.; KWYN, Wynne, 7:30 a.m.

"Master Control" schedules for

Sunday:

KCCB, Corning, 10:30 a.m.;

KDQN, DeQueen, 3 p.m.; KXJK Forrest City, 10 a.m.; KWHN, Fort Smith, 12:30 p.m.; KAAY, Little Rock, 9:05 a.m.; KBHC, Nashville, 5:30 p.m.; KCCL, Paris, 4 p.m.; KPBA, Pine Bluff, 7 a.m.; KDRS, Paragould, 10 a.m. KUOA, Siloam Springs carries the program at 10 a.m. on Saturdays.

KTPA, Prescott, will carry the program but did not list time.

International Sunday School lesson is carried Sunday morning by KCCB, Corning, at 10:30; KDRS, Paragould, at 10:15; and KTPA, Prescott, at 9:45.

Brotherhood

Items of interest

THE new campground of Arkansas Baptists is in use as of this writing. The first R. A. camp



MR. TULL

is under way, and prospects are bright for a very good R. A. camping season. Following the R. A. weeks, the G. A.'s will take over.

We are grateful for a new start in the camp-

ing program of Arkansas Baptists. To be able to plan camps with the advanced knowledge that facilities are wholly adequate in every way is a refreshing experience for those who long have "struggled in hope," looking towards a brighter future for camp-

ing in Arkansas.

The state Brotherhood encampment was scheduled originally for July 10 and 11, at the new campground. But a conflict has arisen which makes it necessary to change the scheduled date. The conflict is the Colorado-Nebraska Crusade, which begins on July 12, and many of the men who will participate in the crusade will be on their way out West during the time originally set for the encampment. We are searching now for a suitable week-end (Friday and Saturday) for the encampment, but we are presently being faced with still another obstacle, and that is that our state G. A. camps will run this year into Saturday. The first week-end in September is a part of the Labor Day week-end, and it is not a suitable time for the Brotherhood encampment. At that time the as-

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Write: First Baptist Church Clarksville, Arkansas sociational one-night planning meetings start.

It may be necessary to run into October for our annual encampment. However, if it is cool by that time, the buildings at the new camp are heated, and we can meet in perfect comfort.

When we can settle upon a date for the encampment you will be informed through this column.

Let us suggest that, if possible, you make your plans to attend the Brotherhood Week at Ridge-crest or at Glorieta, this summer. The time is Aug. 13-19. Write your Brotherhood Department for details.—Nelson Tull, Secretary

Foundation

They gave away \$1,000,000

PERHAPS you noticed the full page story on this in last week's issue of the NEWSMAGAZINE.



A few of the earlier copies failed to note that this article was from the Foundation.

Few people have large sums of money or other securities to use

MR. MCDONALD in establishing trust funds. Through the Foundation, a small gift or bequest can be added to others and the percent of interest earned will be as great on the small as the large. You do not have to be wealthy to have a part in setting up or strengthening a trust fund.

Furthermore you can continue your stewardship beyond this life with a gift or bequest to the Foundation. When you do this, you can name the agency, cause or institution you want to receive the income. Remember too, the man who was entrusted with the one talent was held accountable for his stewardship.

For help in continuing your Christian witness you may phone or write Ed. F. McDonald, Jr., Executive Secretary, Arkansas Baptist Foundation, 401 West Capitol. Little Rock, Arkansas.

A new look

NOTHING, absolutely nothing like this, has ever been offered in Bible teaching before.

A Sunday School Bible teaching conference, scheduled for Oct. 5-6 offers pastors, ministers of education and all Sunday School officers and teachers specialized help

in Bible teaching.

This new look in state Sunday School meetings, will major on the content of the Bible material rather than on administration and methods.

This may be a "first" in the Southern Baptist Convention among Sunday School state meet-

ings.

An overview of the Sunday School lessons will be featured in the conferences. This will involve studies in the appropriate lesson courses for the departments including lessons in the uniform, graded, group-graded and special unit series published for use by the churches.

Could anything be more appealing to Sunday School workers than this?

The general program will feature three out-of-state Bible teachers and educators. They are:



DR. NORTHCUTT

Dr. Jesse Northcutt, dean of the School of Theo-Southwestlogy, Seminary, ern pictured here, Dr. Clyde Francisco, teacher of Old Testament, Southern Seminary, and Dr. W.

W. Thomason of the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Dr. Northcutt of Ft. Worth, Tex., is no stranger to Arkansas Baptists. He has made a place in the hearts of hundreds as preacher at Siloam Springs for three weeks last summer and as speaker at the Evangelism conference in January. He is professor of Preaching at the seminary, having taught there for 24 years. He has served as pastor ten years, three years at First Church, Abilene, Tex.

In addition to his preaching

and teaching experience in his native and neighboring states, Dr. Northcutt has been Bible Study Week leader in Mexico and professor in Zurich, Switzerland, toured South America and Europe and is co-author of Steps To The Sermon.

A full force of conference leaders will offer special help in conferences for age group workers, pastors, ministers of education and general officers.

Sunday School workers should plan now to attend the two-day conference at Park Hill Church, North Little Rock.

A new church year will have just begun, newly elected workers will receive specific Bible content teaching help.

Pastor and others will have conferences on "Studies in Deuteronomy," the January Bible study book for 1965. Messages and conferences on "How to prepare lessons," "How to prepare sermons", "What is Teaching," and "What is programming" will be among some of the pertinent subjects discussed.—Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary

Annuity Board

The better way

It is heartbreaking to see a formerly active man no longer able to work. It is even more heartbreak-

ing to see such a man begging help for his family. Sometimes

a Baptist minis-

ter finds himself a victim of need. One such case is an old pastor who gave his life

serving in 15 different small churches. Some of his churches gave him adequate support; others, very little.

"But, I always did my best to berve." the aged pastor said.

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June when Southern Baptists are urged to study the program and then provide its benefits for their employees.

This protection program is the better way to keep every denominational employee independent all the days of his life.

In turn, it keeps him from having to write a letter begging for relief as the aged preacher did.-T. K. Rucker, Field Representative.

EVANGELIST Carlos Gruber is moving from Plainview, Tex. to Louisville Ken., where Mrs. Gruber, a Ph. D. in Modern Languages and for sometime Head of the Languages Department of Wayland College, is to be on the faculty of Kentucky Southern College.









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VILLIE THOMAS SUMMERVILLE Junior Counselor



JAMES TYRONE NOLEN Junior Counselor

Negro Boys and Girls Leadership Camp, 1964

CAMP site is located about 18 miles west of Little Rock, on 12th Street Pike, near Ferndale. Dates are: Junior boys, ages 8-12, July 6-10; Teenage boys, ages 13-17, July 20-24; Junior Girls, ages 8-12, July 13-17; Teenage girls, ages 13-17, July 27-31.

Registration fee is \$1, to be paid in advance, and is deducted from total cost of camp. Mail registration fee to our office or Rev. M. W. Williams, 1022 West 23, Little Rock. First 75 to register from each age group will have a \$3.50 deducted from total cost of camp of \$12.

Begins at noon on Monday and closes Friday following noon meal. Bring campers to Arkansas Baptist College, 1600 High Street, Little Rock, pick them up Friday afternoon between 1 and 4 p.m.; transportation will be by bus from college to campsite, first bus to leave from college at 10 a.m.

Bring bathing suit, soap, towels, toothpaste, toothbrush, sheet, pillow, washcloth, note book and pencil and Bible. DO NOT BRING BLANKETS.

We will be occupying our own camp site for first time this summer. A new dining hall and an open air tabernacle will be ready by camp time. There will be new beds, new blankets, better baseball field, better recreational equipment, new fishing lake has just been completed. Telephone to be used in case of emergency.

THE CAMP WILL BE UNDER SUPERVISION OF QUALIFIED LEADERS. SPONSORED BY DEPARTMENT OF RACE RELATIONS. If additional information is desired, please contact our office at 401 West Capitol Ave., Room 205, Little Rock.—Clyde Hart, Director.



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Siloam regulations

USUALLY it is good to remind those who go to Siloam for the first time that wearing shorts on the grounds is not permitted. Here is a quotation from the general information page of our Siloam booklet:

"Shorts of any kind are not worn at any time by anyone. Women and girls having slacks or blue jeans are requested to wear them only in the afternoon for recreation. . . Robes must be worn to and from the swimming pool."

This is a custom of long standing at Siloam and also at our Ridgecrest and Glorieta assemblies. We publish this for fear some may come without the right apparel.

Everything is shaping up for three wonderful weeks at the assemblies. Hope you will be there. Space is still available. Write Mel Thrash, Baptist Building, Little Rock, for reservations.—J. T. Elliff, Director.

Gets Alumnus Award

JARRELL F. McCRACKEN, president of WORD Records, Waco, Tex., received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Dodge City (Kansas) College, Thursday, May 28.

McCracken transferred from the junior college in Dodge City to Baylor University, where he went on to receive his bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees. It was during the time that he was in graduate school in Baylor that he recorded "The Game of Life," the first WORD record and the one that put him in the recording business. Today WORD is reported to be the largest religious record company in the world.

Revival

PLEASANT GROVE Church, Ferndale, June 1-7; Ed Walker, evangelist; Robert Bandy, song director; 1 by profession of faith; 2 for baptism; 98 rededications; E. W. Goodson, pastor.

Some important questions

ONE important question that faces us now is, "How can a Training Union leader receive proper



training?" One of the best ways is to attend the assemblies — state and conventionwide. During the first assembly at Siloam Springs (for the people in the western part of the state) de-

partment courses for Training Union leaders will be taught. There will also be one general course for Sunday School workers. During the second and third assemblies there will be one general Training Union course taught on "What's New in Training Union."

Plan to attend a leadership assembly at Glorieta or Ridgecrest as soon as possible. Training Union leadership week at Ridgecrest this year will be July 9-15. If you cannot go this year, plan to attend in 1965.—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Treasures

When darkness falls around my door,

I sit and count my treasures o'er And these are some I find:

A God who watches from above, A wife and children that I love, And many friends so kind.

A strength to do my daily task And peace of mind. Why should I ask

That more be done for me?
Although I do not have much wealth,

I thank the Lord for my good health-

How richer could I be?

I count but naught the things I've done.

But give my thanks at set of sun For blessings He has sent.

If at the end of life I find
That in some way I've helped mankind,

Then, I shall be content.

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Children's Nook-

"THERE'S one," said Joan excitedly. "That

makes me five to your three, Jim."

"It's a game. They're counting litterbugs," I explained to Mr. Allen, Jim's teacher, as we sped toward Bentonville where he would pick up his repaired car.

"There's another," said Jim.

Cups, candy wrappers, and papers zoomed out the window of the car ahead. Horrified, we watched a sheet of newspaper float to our windshield and cling there almost obscuring my vision.

I glanced in the rearview mirror. No one was immediately behind. Braking, I pulled to the side and stopped. The children were quiet as Mr. Allen got out to remove the paper.

"Would you like me to drive, Mrs. Howell?" he

asked.

"I'm all right, thanks. It was just unexpected." I started the engine and we moved forward.

"We could have been killed," said Joan with

in Bentonville," said Joan. "They shot out streetlights and threw rocks at school windows. They even broke into the school and splashed ink on walls and desks. They were stealing from themselves, too."

"That's right," I agreed, "because the replacement of all that property comes from tax dollars."

"Probably those boys have never thought of it like that," said Jim.

"We can find many other examples," said Mr. Allen. "Suppose you misbehave in class, Jim, and I must waste time correcting you."

Jim squirmed uncomfortably. A moment later he announced, "I'm stealing time, minutes that belong to classwork."

"Correct," affirmed Jim's teacher. "You and your classmates are deprived of the untaught knowledge, stealing from yourselves again."

The deep hum of the motor was the only sound

as the children sat deep in thought.

Mr. Allen broke the silence. "What happens when Tom dares Dick into sneaking a pack of razor blades, a model car, or some tiny item from the ten



FROM

STEALING

YOURSELF

by Carroll S. Karch

astonishment in her voice.

"It was quite possible, Joan," said Mr. Allen.
"Littering is unsightly and dangerous. What's more,
the people in that car are stealing from themselves."

"That's crazy," exclaimed Jim.

"Is it? Think a moment. Who cleans up that litter?" asked Mr. Allen.

"The county hires men to pick it up."

"Right, Jim, and who pays their wages?"

"I understand," said Joan. "The county uses tax money. We're all taxpayers. So we're paying to clean up our own trash. We're stealing from ourselves."

"But I'm no taxpayer," objected Jim, "not yet,

anyway."

"Have you ever bought anything?" Mr. Allen asked him.

"Sure, lots of things."

"Then you've paid taxes, sales tax for one. Howdy, Mr. Taxpayer."

Jim scratched his head. "Guess maybe I am one at that."

"Last week the newspaper told about some boys

cent store?"

"That's stealing from the store." Jim said very

positive.

"Yes, Jim, shoplifting harms the store but it does more. To protect against this pilfering, manufacturers are switching to a different type of packaging. Items placed on large cardboards are encased in plastic. Because this heavier packaging costs more, prices must be raised."

Jim interrupted eagerly. "And Dick steals from himself as well as the store because he has to buy some items he needs. He can't steal them all."

"That's it. Even though folks are foolish enough to steal from themselves, God's warning does not say, 'Thou shalt not steal from others.' What is the Commandment, Jim?"

"Thou shalt not steal."

"Yes," I said as I pulled up in front of the Bentonville Garage. "When we consider God's words, I guess we all need to look farther than the tips of our own noses."

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FENCE WORM

BY J. I. COSSEY

A WORM fence is: "A zigzag of rails crossing at their ends; called also snake fence, Virginia



MR. COSSEY

rail fence."
When I was a boy back on the farm, my father called the foundation or ground rails of this zigzag fence a fence worm.

My maternal grandfather, An-

derson Irvin Hutto, was the fence worm layer in the Damascus area. When a new fence (at that time all fences were made of rails) was needed, my father would say, "Uncle Anderson, I would like for you to lay a fence worm if you feel up to it." Grandfather always said, "I think I can do it if you will give me a helper." The helper was usually his grandson, James Irvin Cossey.

The first job was to stake off the fence row, which was done by blazing a strip of bark off each side of the trees along where the new fence was to be constructed. The stakes were placed about one hundred yards apart. The right hand crossings of the rails were laid in line with the stakes.

Grandfather would get a straight stick, usually a discarded hoe-handle, then would cut a notch about three feet up on this sighting stick. He would sight by looking up the row of stakes, and lay the sighting stick to the left, marking the rail crossings at the left. When he was finished the fence worm was as straight as an arrow.

Just as the fence worm is the foundation of a rail fence, so is the Bible the foundation of the Christian religion. Christ is the foundation of the church; love is the foundation of the home; honesty is the foundation of business; and hard work is the foundation of true success. The church

'A Look Down the Lonesome Road'

By RALPH CREGER WITH ERWIN MCDONALD INTRODUCTION BY HARRY GOLDEN DOUBLEDAY AND COMPANY, INC. \$4.50

REVIEWED BY: DR. KENNETH L. TEEGARDEN, EXECUTIVE MINISTER ARKANSAS CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

RALPH Greger, a Little Rock Southern Baptist layman, who with his son Carl produced in 1960 a 64-page booklet on "prejudice," has extended his writing talents into a full-blown 223-page book. A Look Down the Lonesome Road, which he describes as a "liberal's 'handbook,' " designed to help the non-expert to be effective in trying to "Win Moderates" (to more positive action) and to "Influence Segregationists" (to become moderates). The book's subtitle is "What a liberal living amid segregationists can do, say, and accomplish."

This time Mr. Creger is assisted by Arkansas Baptist editor Dr. Erwin McDonald, who served as "editor and friendly counselor" and helped to put the manuscript into its final form, and Harry Golden has written a brief introduction to the book complimenting author Creger on his "moral battle with Christianity as his weapon."

The book is written in a fascinating, and often humorous, manner and it can be read easily in one evening. Perhaps most of the fascination comes from the fact that over half of the book is concerned with the author's personal involvement in racial matters—stories he has heard—sermons he hasn't heard (which he imagines himself delivering)—and his encounters with well-known state and national personalities.

The most helpful section of the book deals with specific suggestions of what a person can do and say to help solve the many problems facing us today in our complicated human relations. One chapter on "What Can We Answer?" lists 79 questions that

and the home join hand in hand to give young people the proper foundation for a career in life.



RALPH CREGER

segregationists might ask and the author's answers. Some readers will feel that he doesn't have all the right answers (or even all the right questions)—and Creger is the first to admit this on page 134!

What the author refers to as the "lonesome road" isn't nearly so lonesome today as it once was.

Thousands of people of good will are actively engaged in concerted action to eliminate prejudice and discrimination from American life.

Only two paragraphs are given to a discussion of what one can do through organizations dedicated to working for human rights. This reviewer wished for a fuller treatment of this aspect of the matter since it is through such groups that the road loses its "lonesomeness."

This is the type of book that really won't satisfy anyone completely. Some will think it doesn't say enough and others will feel it says too much. But it is a book that should be widely read for the guidance it gives to the ordinary person who is concerned about the race issue.

The Christian and missionary imperative

By Bernes K. Selph, pastor First Church, Benton

Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:6-8; Romans 1:8-16; 10:1-18

June 21, 1964

THE imperative of missions is not found in the Great Commission so much as in the character

of those who have been touched by the Spirit of God. The word

translated "go" in Matthew's statement is not in the imperative or command form but in the participular form. A

DR. SELPH

participle is both adjectival and verbal in meaning. It describes. And Jesus actually meant "in your going or while you are going." This is a descriptive thing about Christians. They will be going. They can't help going.

But the form not only describes, it shows action. Going is a very part of their nature. But doing is a part of their nature also. And while they are going, which they cannot help but do, they are to be doing—witnessing, by teaching and baptizing.

The world complains at times because followers of Christ are noisy and create disturbances. They upset things. They change things. Why? This is their very nature. Christianity is a going, outreaching, disturbing experience.

One thing must be settled if there are to be missions: Christ's authority. His authority rested on the basis that he had been raised from the dead and endowed of God with an authority and power unknown heretofore.

There are circumscribed truths to be taught; sometimes we have tried to make the field too broad. This is not to speak against education, but it is to keep before us the main emphasis in missions. "To disciple" means to teach. It means to bring one to Christ, accepting his authority, believing what he says is true, and submitting to his requirements.

When Jesus said "All nations" he took his teachings out of the realm of a particular few. "Disciple all nations," because it is necessary and possible. One gets the idea that some think Christianity is a western religion, advocating certain national culture. Christianity does foster a culture, but it is any other point of the compass. Unfortunately, this seems to be an accepted view by some, but it is a wrong view. Christianity is universal because it meets the basic needs of man.

Is it possible to have one religion for all mankind? It is possible, but many have not thought probable. The idea was foreign to their concept then, because religion was tied in with national deities and national cultures. This still prevails.

Baptizing is a means of identifying one's self with Christ. The commission here simply sets out what the disciples of Jesus were to do. During his ministry Jesus had followed John the Baptist's teaching. Those who followed him accepted his doctrine. This act is the second step in making disciples, and is important to missionary activity. Some today do not think it necessary, others all too necessary. Somewhere in between is the proper concept. This concept should be understood, then followed.

Not only are the commandments of Jesus to be taught, they are to be followed. The key word in the last injunction is "observe." To "observe" a thing is "to adhere to, to follow, to keep, or abide by."

Without trying to enumerate all the ideas in the phrase "all things" one could mention that a Christian is a life-long student of Jesus. He should seek his will concerning the kingdom of God, his church, and the personal life of the believer.

(Acts 1:6-8)

It is important to understand the message of missions. Perhaps this was one reason Jesus wanted the disciples to stay in Jerusalem. The king of kingdom they asked Jesus about restoring was a political kingdom which would throw off the hated Roman yoke. This being their belief they needed to know more fully the message of the Father before they went forth to preach about the Risen Lord.

Some things remain within the inscrutable wisdom of God, and this is well. The "now" and "when" and the "where" of the kingdom of God is not as important as the "what." The "what" is that which Jesus accomplished in bringing redemption to man. This and the "power" to bring it into living relationship with the individual is the emphasis in this passage. The power is still available for his "witnesses."

The Holy Spirit's coming and their receiving power were simultaneous events. And emphasis should be given to the fact that the receiving of power was for the purpose of bearing witness. Their effectiveness in witnessing was dependent upon the power received from the Spirit, not their own power. But the power of the Holy Spirit was not limited in operation to the Apostles. It became the vitalizing, directing agent of the church and links the work of God in that age to our age. Hence, the commission is ours.

The modern Christian has no more alternative to the commands of Jesus than the first Christians. Jesus knew what was needed and what was to be accomplished. Men of flesh and blood were to receive power that would lead them and interpret God's will; and those empowered were to go throughout the world beginning at Jerusalem. There was no back talk.

Attendance Report

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are to "be found faithful" or trustworthy (I Cor. 4:1-2).

Noteworthy is the fact that while the basic meaning of these words involves one's use of the master's money as well as his other affairs, not one time do the spiritual usages refer to money as such. They refer to the gospel and-or other spiritual ministeries. This implies that while one's stewardship involves money, it involves much more. If one is a good steward he will include monetary values; but simply because one gives his money alone he is not necessarily a trustworthy steward. For stewardship involves not only one's material possessions but the whole of his life.

Uncle Deak writes

Dear ed:

Well we finished them towl racks i tole ye we wuz gonna make in Vacation Bible School and next week we is gonna make them songbook holders fer the church house.

Ye no the missionary storys is bettern ever this year. I just wish everbody could here them. Last Friday Jeff Seclest, thets Jed Seclest middle youngin, came down to the frount and sed he wanted to be a missionary to where ever he should go. Well, the precher ask him to say a word or to bout it. He shore was skeered but he did. He sed he had been listnin all week to them storys an how we needed missionarys an the Lord just tole him he oughta be one. Everybody sorta snikerd cause they couldn't picture Jeff as a missionary. He's meener than a hurt hog, ye know. But then he sed hed have to count on all of us to help him cause he didnt have no money to go on his on. He sed we mite have to up our zvin. Then he set down but i mout thet was a purty good Corporative Progrum talk.

Uncle Deak

That's gratitude for you!

DR. S. A. Whitlow, Arkansas State Convention executive secretary, tells this one on his two and a half year old grandson:

David (Whitlow of Little Rock) sat down to lunch and began eating immediately. His mother stopped him:

"Wait, David, we haven't thanked God for the food."

"Oh, that's all right," David reassured her. "We didn't fix him any anyway."

Tuned in

AN African chieftain flew to New York for a visit and was interviewed at the airport by newsmen.

"Did you have a good flight?" one asked.

The chief made a series of queer noises — honk, oink, screech, whistle, z-z-z, then added in perfect English, "Yes, very pleasant, indeed."

"How long do you plan to stay?" was then asked.

Again the string of odd noises and the chief said, "About three weeks."

"Tell me, chief," inquired one baffled reporter, "where did you learn to speak such flawless English?

After the usual screeches and whistles, the chief said, "Shortwave radio."

Watch this one

FOOTBALL fan: "See that fellow playing fullback? I think he'll be our best man next year."

His girlfriend: "Oh, darling, this is so sudden."

From the campus

"THIS university turns out some great men."

"When did you graduate?"

"I didn't graduate. I was turned oùt."

Love that comma!

WHAT a difference a comma does make!

Woman is pretty, generally speaking . . . or . . . woman is pretty generally speaking.

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First	518	153	8
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Ban tobacco ads

CARDSTON, Alta. (EP)—This predominantly Mormon community has banned all tobacco advertising.

Council of the 3,000-population town is made up of seven Mormons. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints do not use alcohol or tobac-

Mayor Dennis Burt said nothing could be done about advertising of tobacco emanating outside, but the ban would hold good for local billboards, placards, handbills.

For offenders, the council provided a maximum penalty of \$100 or 60 days in jail or both.

Anglican literature drive

LONDON (EP)—The Archbishop of York told the delegates to the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society here that he plans to launch a drive for \$2,800,000 "to feed the minds of millions" with Christian literature.

Anti-Semitic passage

TORONTO, Ont. (PE)—A rabbi and a Jewish professor of philosophy have charged here that a section of a 1964 guide book published by the United Church of Canada for its members was anti-Semitic.

Dr. Marcus Long, University of Toronto professor, said the passage to which he referred was an expression of the king of "ignorance" prevailing in Christian circles.

Dr. Emil Fackenheim, a rabbi and also a professor of philosophy at the university, said the section referred to by Dr. Long constituted a "slander" of the Jewish faith.

The book referred to was God and His Purpose, written by the Rev. James S. Thomson, former moderator of the United Church. The passage reads: "The most terrible example of religion gone wrong is the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It was religious men who demanded His death. The leaders of Jesus' own people had made their religion into an idol.

"What Jesus taught and did provoked the hostility of Pharisee They hated Him Scribe. with such fury and rage that their eyes were blinded. So, when God came to them in the person of His son, they killed Him."

Dr. Long maintained that the section "is definitely anti-Semitic and now it's being taught to adults in the United Church of Canada."

Nehru once agnostic

(EP)—Prime NEW DELHI Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, who died here at the age of 74 of the effects of a stroke, was an avowed agnostic when he took office-an official who once urged the flow Christian missionaries into parts of India be curbed. Nonetheless he was lauded by Christian leaders because of his insistence that predominantly Hindu India must observe a strict policy of religious freedom.

A disciple of Ghandi, whose policies of non-violence in political and human rights actions were to spur independence from Great Britain, Mr. Nehru in 1954 suggested a restriction on the number of foreign Christian missionaries, particularly in border areas. The problem was political, he said, not religious, noting that the foreigners were looked upon with suspicion in some areas, particularly in Uttar Pradesh state on the Indo-Tibetan border.

In time, however, Mr. Nehru became a major supporter of Christain missionaries, lauding their work in public health and educa-

Spain's Protestants

BARCELONA (EP) — Spain's major Protestant denominations formed a Spanish Evangelical Council here to strengthen their position in this predominantly Roman Catholic country.

In the world of religion

... VISITORS to the New York World's Fair from any of 81 countries will be able to obtain Scriptures in their own language from the American Bible Society. A special exhibit has been arranged at Bible House, 450 Parkway Avenue, New York, to coincide with the fair. The exhibit is called "Good News for a New Age," and Scriptures will be available in 126 languages.

. . . Two stones from a synagogue where Christ is believed to have worshiped and preached will be displayed at the American-Israel Pavilion's Holy Land Exhibit at the World's Fair. The stones were taken from the remains of the

Capernaum synagogue, near the Sea of Galilee.

. . According to the United Bible Societies, the present annual worldwide distribution of complete Bibles, portions, and selections stands at 51 million in more than 100 countries. This distribution is the work of 23 national Bible societies affiliated with the United Bible Societies, with about 60 per cent of the total circulated by the American Bible Society. The complete Bible has been translated into 231 languages; the New Testament into 290; and other parts of the Bible into 695 tongues.

. . A total of 180,000 persons attended the nine-day Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade in San Diego, Calif., and 8,690 of them made decisions for Christ. The proportion of decisions-4.83 per cent of the total attendance-was considerably higher than the worldwide average of 3.19. The highest percentage of in-

quiries came during two Youth Night programs.
... There were nine "major" church fires last year in the United States, with a total loss of \$5,313,000, or an increase of \$369,500 over the 1962 loss when seven churches in this country were destroyed in major fires.-The Survey Bulletin.

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