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Churches United Against Gambling

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Little Rock, Arkansas

A communication to all pastors:

Unless eligible citizens of Arkansas have paid one dollar for a 1964 poll tax, they cannot vote in State elections, Tuesday, November 3rd. This also means they cannot vote Against the proposed constitutional amendment known as the Garland County Lawful Wagering Amendment.

One big task before us is to be certain voters of Arkansas buy poll taxes, and we feel it can be accomplished through women's organizations in our churches.

Here are the facts: to be eligible to vote in the November 3rd State elections, one must have purchased a 1964 poll tax prior to October 1, 1964. Holders of free poll tax receipts can vote only in the national general elections, not in the State elections.

County-wide organizations to defeat the gambling amendment are now forming in all counties. The woman selected as Vice President for Women for your county will soon contact the President of your Women's Society concerning this matter.

We hope your church will see that every qualified voter holds a 1964 poll tax. The filled-in application blank, accompanied by the one-dollar fee, may be received in your church. They will then be turned over to the Collector, who mails the poll tax directly to the applicant. (A word of caution: the voter must pay the one dollar for the poll tax. You cannot pay it for him.)

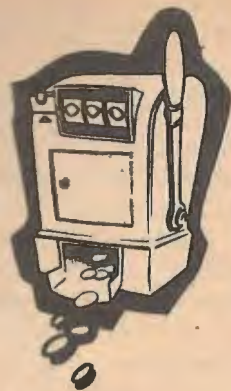
Secure your application blanks from your County organization.

I am certain the women's organizations can take care of this in a most effective way. The services of this office are at your disposal in any manner which will assist you.

Sincerely,

Wm. E. Brown
Secretary

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the case



AGAINST LEGAL GAMBLING in ARKANSAS

THE Garland County Lawful Wagering Amendment is a shocking, immoral, and indecent proposal. It is immoral to encourage belief in gambling as a source of family income; immoral for the government to benefit from casino gambling with the implied assumption that games of chance are a fair substitute or a settlement to the honorable business of producing the goods and services of which people live. It is indecent to propose that the government falsely finance itself from the weaknesses of its people.

The proposal to legalize gambling is not new, either in the world or in the United States. And the experience of those who have done so is told in their bad financial condition and the poverty flourishing in state after state which has had legalized gambling. The people have revolted at each of these conditions and adopted stringent constitutional provisions against it. The entire history of legalized gambling in this country and abroad shows that it has brought nothing but poverty, crime, and corruption, the demoralization of moral and ethical standards, and ultimately a lower living standard, with misery for all the people.

Not a revenue raiser

IRONICALLY, the experience of legal gambling indicates that legalization actually increases government cost.

Legalized gambling pushes up police and government costs. Gambling losses drive bettors to embezzlement, burglary, and other crimes. In Nevada, government costs have spiraled as a result of legalized gambling, which makes large police departments a necessity.

Joseph McDonald points out in the book *Gambling In Nevada* that receipts from licenses of gambling have not solved the state's tax worries because of the great increase in crime and police force necessary. The Red Cross, Salvation Army, and other relief agencies have been swamped with work, because so many losers are left destitute with no way to leave the state.

The use of revenue raised from casino gambling actually is a tax on low income families even more regressive than sales taxes. Much of the betting will be done by working families and retired people on pensions. Bad debts increase a minimum of 20 per cent in areas which have legal gambling.



Nevada is an example of the rule that legalized gambling is always a failure. Commenting on gambling as a source of financial income, Davis, in the book "Something For Nothing," says "It is quite true that legal gambling has been an economic success to the operators of casinos. And it has brought profitable employment for thousands of people (profes-

sional card sharks, dealers, prostitutes), most of whom came from outside the state, but it has not been an economic success for Nevada. . . . because gambling has presented the State with expensive problems that more than offset the tax revenue."

The idea that legalized gambling will be a "revenue raiser" is an illusion. Every dollar raised from such sources means five dollars spent in higher police costs, higher court costs, higher penitentiary costs, and higher relief costs.

It is very clear that gambling is an activity which contributes nothing worthwhile in the economic sense. It

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adds nothing to the sum-total of goods to be consumed. What one party may gain, another must lose, and in the process the winner has contributed nothing to society. He reaps but does not sow. Gambling is merely a distributive force and cannot be brought by economic analysis within the category of productive forces.

Legalized gambling encourages your state's wage earners to gamble. Butchers, grocers, doctors, and milkmen must "carry" some customers while they gamble money they cannot afford to lose. Businesses operating close to the profit-or-loss line sometimes go under. Relief agencies require more funds to do their job.

There is no economic justification for any kind of legalized gambling. We are just fooling ourselves if we believe legal gambling will reduce taxes.

Not good for industry

NEVADA is the only state in the Union which has legalized casino gambling, and Funk and Wagnall's Encyclopedia has said: "Nevada is one of the least important states in the Union in manufacturing."

The county manager of metropolitan Dade County (Miami), Florida, sent questionnaires to leading industrialists throughout the nation, asking them to consider Dade County with its legal gambling for industrial plant locations.

More than 70 per cent of the answers mentioned unfavorably the "gold coast" atmosphere of the county and the fact that gambling attractions would create a great deal of absenteeism and unfavorable economic situations for management and employees.

And what about the tourist industry? Even if gambling is needed to attract some customers, let other places have those customers. They bring more problems than prosperity. The people of this state want visitors to tell others back home that Arkansas is a place where the good in people, not the bad, is brought to the front. We just don't care for the degraded visitor who has nothing better to do than hang over crap tables.



No wall high enough



EVIL cannot be contained. The followers of legal gambling — bookies, dope peddlers, prostitutes, and others that are in evidence around any casino — would be a scourge to any decent community.

Facts show that they do not stay within small confines of the county where gambling is permitted.

Gambling breeds gamblers! Arkansas needs new business and new workers, not an army of hangers-on. Real wealth and prosperity were never produced by the "something for nothing" crowd. With a foot in the door, powerful forces push for more gambling, and more and more. It should be obvious that the criminal element does not

enter a business or an activity because it is legal or illegal, or because it is licensed or unlicensed. The sole interest of the underworld is in the lucrative nature of the business and the opportunities presented for easy money.

Legalized gambling cannot be subjected to local option control, because customers are drawn from all counties and all neighboring communities. In Nevada, the casinos will buy the plane tickets to get people to the gambling houses. One of their greatest problems is getting rid of the people after they go broke.

Saying that the issue is a local problem is like dropping an atomic bomb on Hot Springs and saying there will be no contaminating fallout.

The family disaster

THERE is no doubt of the destructive effect of gambling on family life. The corrosive effects of gambling attack both white collar and blue collar families with equal vigor. Gambling is one of the two major causes of embezzlement by executives and other business employees.

The well-publicized ruin that caused the card-playing bank teller to flee his home is dramatic because of its suddenness. Even worse is the slow erosion of family living standards by the steady gambling of many low-income workers.

Sometimes poor and moderate income families come to feel that hitting the jackpot is the only way they will ever be able to extricate themselves from shabby living conditions. For such families this not only leads into further poverty, but they often pass up their only genuine opportunities to improve their conditions by such means as union activity, improving their job skills, and participating in adult education courses, housing and other consumer cooperatives, credit unions, church organizations, family service agencies, and other community groups working for economic or family progress.

Gambling is by no means limited to just men or even just to adults. Women gamble increasingly, as any visitor to Las Vegas can testify. Responsible citizens today are voicing particular concern that teenagers often are seen in gambling establishments.



As with adult petty gamblers, youngsters who gamble usually do so to satisfy a desire for excitement, or to conform to group activities, or to seek identification with winners. When parents gamble, children are encouraged to form the habit. Parents may try to persuade their children not to, but are rarely successful if the children observe that their parents themselves gamble.

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What about the compulsive gambler, or even the petty but frequent gambler? If habitual gambling is a symptom of emotional illness, as medical experts believe, legalized casino gambling purposes another and great danger to the millions in this group.

The criminal element

YOU would not dream of welcoming a gang of hoodlums in your community, and especially not the Mafia, or the super-secret Cosa Nostra. Yet every bet becomes an invitation to the most sophisticatedly ruthless criminals to invade the neighborhood where you live, the place where you work, and, on occasion, your city or state government.

Professionally controlled gambling is so lucrative to the hoodlum that the organized crime syndicates now dominate most of the "action," as they call it, in local communities. When the syndicates move in, they seek to corrupt not only the cop on the beat, but to control elected officials and even have the wrong men elected. All evidence indicates that the crime syndicates and hoodlum organizations are turning to the control of gambling and loan-sharking as safer sources of income than selling dope or women.

The money made from the control of gambling is used in the support of organized vice and to organize violence. It has resulted in brutal murders. It has been a source of political corruption.



The almost total corruption at one time or another of such communities as Phenix City, Alabama, and Newport (Sintown), Kentucky, across the Ohio River from Cincinnati are well publicized examples of municipal degradation by organized gambling.

Legalized gambling is no assurance that criminals will be eliminated from control of gambling. In fact, it may only serve to legitimize their major source of income. Organized crime syndicates in America participate in legal, as well as illegal, gambling enterprises.

Direct government operation of casino gambling is no assurance against criminal activity.

Gambling is attended by disruption in unusually vio-

IN THIS ISSUE:

SHALL we have legalized gambling in Arkansas with all it entails? This is the question the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* dedicates this issue to answer. Beginning with page 2 and continuing throughout many of our 24 pages, you'll find material to spur your thinking on the gambling issue.

We invite your prayerful attention.

ONE of our most popular features is "The People Speak." Our letters to the editor (pages 17, 23) bring you our readers' opinions on such varied topics as the educated ministry and the Great Commission—missions.

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lent form. Graft, murder, and larceny are regular and recurrent results of gambling operations; and gambling is inextricably entwined with crime. Individually, gambling has caused the ruin of persons and families that wouldn't have occurred in the absence of gambling participation. Socially, gambling has caused gang wars, theft, murder, and graft. These occurrences are too frequent and regular where there is gambling for them to be shrugged off as isolated instances that are bound to happen.

Legalized gambling has always been attractive to the criminal and racketeering elements. The migration of many of the nation's biggest racketeers to Nevada, where gambling is legal, is the logical and inevitable result of legalization schemes.

Individual moral responsibility

APPROACH the question of morality by turning to the thought of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saw in every human being a person of infinite worth. For him each individual was created by the Eternal, and in His image every man is a child of God. Jesus held that a person is a supreme good. He tested right and wrong, morality and immorality, less in terms of compliance with some legal commandment than in terms of personality.

Does a given activity enrich personality? Then it is good. Does it destroy or debase personality? Then it is bad. What does gambling do to human beings? Take a look, then give your own answer. Drop in at Las Vegas! The social results are clear enough. This is immoral activity.

Gambling is bad economics and bad politics as well as bad morals. We have a moral obligation to work to give society more than we take from it. Every man ought to be engaged in some activity that produces the necessary, the useful, the beautiful. His income ought to be related to the service he renders. The service of some men and women enriches society. This is



good economics and good morals. Some work in laboratories striving to wrest secrets from nature. Some heal the sick, others organize business enterprises, or lead the great organizations of labor. Some teach or preach or paint or sing, but others serve as governors or city managers. Such people in such activities are productive. But what does gambling yield? It takes wealth already produced by many and siphons it off for a few unproductive, parasitic citizens. It would be bad economics, even if it were honestly conducted, but it is not. Call the roll of the Costellos and Capones and Lucianos and see the tie of the criminal to the gambling.

Gambling is an anti-social economic liability. It is a continual threat to the integrity of politics, dealing in corrupt practices that corrupt the representatives of the people whenever they can, and corruption is contagious. They seek to corrupt the electorate, and then to destroy what cannot be bought. They demand and get political protection. They subvert police departments.

Legalize gambling, and these people's profits can be taxed, at least, so we are told, and the money given to

For the duration

DESPITE the fact that it is against the law in Arkansas to operate casino-type gambling devices such as were in operation openly in Hot Springs for years, little has been done, even with the closing of the gambling places, really to enforce the law.

The law plainly makes illegal gambling a felony, providing fines and prison sentences for those convicted, and placing the responsibility for enforcement squarely upon the law enforcement officers of the state and county. It is further provided not only that the gambling places be closed, but that all gambling equipment be destroyed.

It is true that one dramatic telephone call from the Governor stopped the gambling operation in Hot Springs. But the gamblers were permitted to store their equipment and there have been no arrests for law violation.

The word is now being passed around that the gamblers will be back in business again in Hot Springs soon after the general election, regardless of how the people of Arkansas vote on the proposed amendment to legalize casino gambling. But don't you believe it. Churches United against Gambling will be as well organized and as alert after the election as before. We are organized not just to fight a few battles but for the duration of the war. We will do whatever is necessary after the election to see that public officials enforce the law.

Do not let the gamblers pull the wool over your eyes and mesmerize you ahead of the election. There is something we can do about this unholy situation in Arkansas. And with the help of God, God's people, working together, are going to do it!

We gladly give the most of our editorial space this week to CUAG for incisive answers to the arguments some are trying to make for legalizing gambling and converting Hot Springs into a sister city to Las Vegas.—ELM

voluntary hospitals and charitable organizations. Nonsense! The gambling business, like prostitution, is tied to the underworld. The bosses are criminals, cruel and rapacious. Put the blessings of the state on them so they may use their millions to enter legitimate business, and introduce the gangster mind and method there?

No! Whether it is concerned with the poor cashier

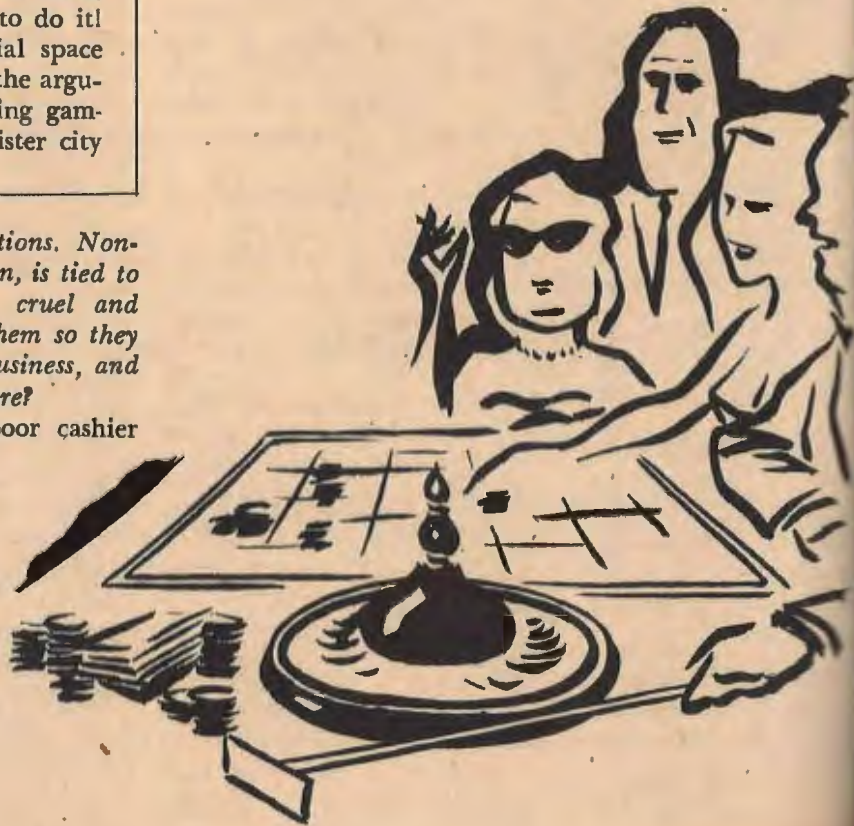
who spends his days at San Quentin or a sinister figure squirming in the witness chair at a government investigation, the gambling story from sucker to syndicate is one of bad morals, bad economics, bad politics.

There is an argument that prostitution should be legalized. Prostitution has been with us from the beginning of time. It will be with us through the centuries. Therefore we should legalize it and establish red-light districts! Tax it, and thus reduce taxes for all! It is true that prostitution is not gambling, but it is also true that when we think in terms of health, safety, and morals, we find that the same sinister effects flow from both prostitution and gambling.

There is no place for gambling in business or industry or other productive enterprises, because gambling is not a producer but a parasite. There is no place for it in government because of its natural alliance with crime. There is no place for it in community life, because it does not build communities, but disintegrates and divides them. There is no place for it in finance, because it produces wealth for the very few and direct poverty for the many. This is its record. Of all the authorities, not one will credit gambling with a single constructive influence in human society.

The people must learn the truth about gambling.

The corruption of everyone it touches is a part of the very nature of the gambling business. We must say no to legalizing any part of it. And we believe that the people of Arkansas who have said no will continue to stand firm.—William E. Brown



THE SHOE ON THE OTHER FOOT

*By George H. Harris
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"IF the shoe, fits, wear it."

This old phrase is familiar to us all. It is often applied to a congregation after the pastor's sermon on Sunday. It's easy to excuse ourselves from many messages, when we feel that it applies to a different generation or different social group. Putting this spiritual shoe on is a difficult task.

The people to whom Peter wrote, in I Peter 2:13, were under the pagan government of Nero. The law of the land was in favor of slavery and the slaves were often Christians. To be a slave in any man's government meant to be deprived of equal rights. In the context of such a background, Peter writes these words,

"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: Whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: . . . Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king" (1 Peter 2:13-15, 17).

The Lord has never approved of slavery, regardless of its many manifesting forms, whether it is the slave trade of the 17th century or the suppressing of a people because of their color or creed in the 20th century. Let us notice, however, that Peter writes to those who are in this position of oppression to "submit to the law of the land," the reason being . . . "for the Lord's sake." This is not to say that the Lord approved of every human law in the Roman code. This is not to say that he felt that some men were superior to others due to citizenship or color.

He does say, very plainly, in the latter portion of these verses, "for so is the will of God that with well doing you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." Peter is simply saying that we are to obey the laws of the land in so far as we can accomplish the will of God, even if it means being submissive unto slavery.

Could it be that in our generation "the shoe is on the other foot?" The law of the land now declares equality of all races. As Christians we may not agree with the new "man-made ordinance" at all or in part. To be sure there are differences of opinion even among Christians. Is it less applying to us today to submit ourselves to "the ordinances of man" than to the early church? Could it be that, rather than having our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel "whereby we honor all men; love the brotherhood, reverence God and honor the king," that we had rather walk barefooted in ignorant disobedience to the will of God?

Whatever can be said for or against the "civil rights laws" of our land, one thing is for sure: As Christian citizens we are to wear the shoe on whichever foot it may be, fit or otherwise, that "by our well-doing we may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men."

We may seek to change the law, but we cannot change the Christian principle. Peace and tranquility will never replace chaos and riots by a change of laws, or principles, only, but by a change of heart in us all.

QUESTION: "Mine is a personality problem. It seems I always say the wrong thing. I hurt people without intending to do so. Often I go to make a visit resolved that it shall be a pleasant experience, but almost everytime before it is over I have said something that causes tension, or a sort of deadly silence. . . ."

ANSWER: The more pointed parts of your letter I am withholding. This paragraph is sufficient, I believe, to point up the matter of your concern.

There is no "pat" answer to your question. In fact, the more one deals with human dilemmas and needs for counseling the more one is conscious of sore limitation in efforts to constructively help another.

Dr. John L. Schimel is a distinguished psychiatrist, teacher, physician. Dr. Schimel says, "... if you can see and comprehend a situation you can deal more competently with it."

Comprehending your own case without bias and self-defensiveness is a difficult task.

It may be that you need professional counseling.

If you can be as frank with yourself as you evidently are with others, you may be able to make progress by self-help steps.

Perhaps your self-analysis should start with such questions as:

What is the underlying cause of my un-diplomatic traits?

Why am I concerned to do something about it?

Let me ask, do you have an innate feeling of insecurity? Have you an over-eager desire for popularity, for friends, for a savoir-faire that makes you self-conscious and causes you to stumble into faux pas?

This time-worn story illustrates:

An expected guest had a large, very-prominent nose.

The small daughter in the home had been cautioned against doing or saying anything that would call attention to this glaring physical feature.



Saying
the
wrong thing

Little Mary was sent to greet the visitor and invite him in.

Her mother knew immediately that she had overdone the cautionary measures when she heard her child saying:

"Come in, Mr. Hat. May I take your nose?"

Does your problem stem from a jealousy-tainted ambition toward some well-liked, extrovertive person you know?

Stop trying so hard. Recognize and major upon your own good qualities.

Many people are "fed up" with obvious, loquacious efforts to "win friends and influence people." A quiet, thoughtful, person of depth can be a refreshing contrast to much of the surfeited chit-chat.

A lovely person I know had a complex about her red hair. She was never quite at ease among her associates because she thought of herself as an "ugly duckling." One day a girl on her college campus, one for whom she had great admiration, chanced to say to her casually and sincerely, "I love your red hair. I think you should choose your colors in clothes and cosmetics to highlight that wonderful physical asset you have."

That remark changed my friend's whole outlook on life.

Another *why*? Do you have some hidden, repressed hostility that has taken over the reins of your attitudes and conversation?

Here are some exercises guaranteed to reduce hostility and develop needed personable qualities.

The first thing each morning express thanks to God for a new day—a fresh chance, a clean page. Ask for ability to forget past mistakes and to make *this one day* good.

Express to your husband genuine appreciation for one quality you do honestly admire in him.

If you do find, back under cover, hostility toward a specific person, concentrate for a moment or so upon one good thing about her (or him). If you can possibly arrange it, do a thoughtful kindness for the object of your resentment. Pray for a blessing upon that one, even if you have no good wish for that person as you begin to pray. Just as oil and repeated movement will bring a rusty squeaking hinge back to smooth functioning so prayer and conscious, persistent effort will restore functioning of the Christian spirit in your heart.

Plant in your mind and repeat often this quote from Dr. Schimel: "The exhortation to love is an exhortation to transcend oneself to overcome pettiness."

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Arkansas Baptists begin again

AFTER the harrowing experiences of four and one-half years of Civil War, what did the brethren talk about when they met in Little Rock, Nov. 9, 1867?



DR. SELPH

In this, the first convention since 1861, they thanked God that they could take up the work again. It was a time for rejoicing in fellowship. To be sure, many were absent and would be so forever; but the brethren were glad to be together. It was a time of fervent prayer and deep, Christian purpose.

The leaders could be called men of great faith and courage. They had vision and wisdom. They were not a whimpering lot, but men who could take hold of the things which remained and establish things for the future.

It was a small group which President W. M. Lea called to order to begin again. Most churches had met occasionally during the war, as well as some associations. Travel was difficult, and extreme poverty was keenly felt on every hand.

The messengers took stock. The paper and college projects had been swept away by war. But the Rev. N. P. Moore proposed to establish another paper and to have the prospectus ready in 1868.

The Convention voted to take up the mission work which had been curtailed eleven years before at New Hope church, Dallas county, when the brethren dropped it for publication and education.

A Mission Board was appointed to supervise mission work. If not that day, before the session ended the Rev. W. M. Lea was appointed General Missionary. He was to cooperate with the American Home Mission Society.

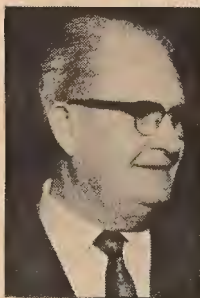
SUFFERING WITH CHRIST

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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(COLOSSIANS 1:24)

"WHO now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church."



DR. HOBBS

These words were written while Paul was a prisoner in Rome. The word "who" is not in the best manuscripts. So Paul says; "Now I am rejoicing." The word "joy" is the theme of Philippians which was written during the same imprisonment. "In my sufferings" reads literally, "In the sphere [en] of the sufferings for [on behalf of] you." Paul had no martyr complex. He does not rejoice because of his sufferings. Rather he rejoiced in the midst of or while enduring suffering. Vincent comments, "Paul was surrounded with sufferings in his prison in Rome, but he was rejoicing in the midst of them."

The apostle continues literally,

Requests were made to this Society of New York for assistance to work in the state and to help build a church in Little Rock. The brethren proposed to build a strong Baptist work in the state.

Associations were urged to do all work possible within their bounds.

These men must have turned homeward with pride as they remembered their discussions and plans for a new Baptist day.

"And I am filling up on my part the left-overs of the afflictions of Christ in the sphere of [en] my flesh on behalf of his body, which is the church."

Now what does he mean? Certainly he does not mean that there is saving efficacy for the church in his suffering. Neither does he mean that there is anything lacking in Christ's suffering on the cross for our salvation. The "afflictions" of Christ do not refer to the cross at all. Kenneth Wuest notes that "afflictions" (*thlipsis*) is never used in the New Testament for the vicarious suffering of Jesus. The "afflictions" of Christ refer to His suffering in His earthly ministry prior to the cross. And to His disciples He said, "In this world ye shall have tribulation [*thlipsin*, same word as "afflictions" in Col. 1:24]: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33).

So Paul is saying that as Christ during His earthly ministry suffered hardships, heartache, persecution, and fatiguing toil as He revealed God to men, so must he also suffer in order to proclaim the gospel to all men. Therefore, there is "left-over" for each Christian his suffering *in turn*. We are to *take our turn at bat* on behalf of Christ's mystical body, the church, as we are used of Him to build up His Body both in declaring the gospel to the lost and in nurturing the saved.

Thus there is suffering enough for all. But we can rejoice in the sphere of our sufferings because Christ has overcome the world.



DOUG TURNER

Turner to Forrest City

DOUG TURNER assumed his duties as minister of Music and Youth at First Church, Forrest City, July 20. He had previously been in a similar position at First Church, New Boston, Tex.

His duties will include the direction of the congregational music, directing the graded choir program and educational and social youth activities.

Mr. Turner's former positions include that of minister of music at First Church, Phoenix, Ariz., and at First Church, Whittesboro, Tex.

He and his wife, Judie, have a son and a daughter. They reside at 701 Redwood Drive, in Forrest Hills, Forrest City.

Turner received his B. A. degree from Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz., where he had basketball and baseball scholarships. He studied voice at the University of Arizona and is presently working toward his master's in religious education at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA — Little Rock students, Miss Delores Smith, daughter of Mrs. Vivian Smith, 2200 Schiller, and Miss Melanie Smith, daughter of Mrs. Jean Smith, 1301 Louisiana, are on the Oklahoma Baptist University European Study tour, studying at Spurgeon's College, in London, Page, now.

Noted journalist is Ouachita speaker, honoree

ARKADELPHIA — An alumnus whose by-line appeared on many news stories out of Europe in early World War II days will be the main speaker at the Ouachita College summer commencement Aug. 14 at First Church here, according to Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president.

He is Otho Max Harrelson, now chief of the United Nations Bureau of the Associated Press and part-time journalism instructor at Columbia University in New York.

Mr. Harrelson, a 1929 graduate of Ouachita, will be awarded a "distinguished alumnus" certificate at the 5 p.m. commencement at which degrees will be awarded to about 60 candidates.

After receiving his master's degree from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, Mr. Harrelson became a correspondent for Associated

Press and was assigned to its bureau at Albany, N. Y.

The AP assigned him to Europe in 1939 and he spent the next four years covering politics and military developments in the German conquests of Austria, Czechoslovakia and France. He returned to the United States in 1943 and served in the Office of War Information in Washington, D. C.

The newsman is a native of Fordyce and graduated from the high school there.

During his undergraduate days, Mr. Harrelson was editor of the 1928 Ouachita *Signal*, the student newspaper. He was a charter member of the Honor Society and a member of the Philomathean literary society and Pi Kappa Delta social club.

He and Mrs. Harrelson, a native of Massachusetts, are the parents of two sons, 19 and 18 years old, and a daughter, 5.



SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK AT GLORIETA—Shown above is a part of the Arkansas group attending Glorieta July 9-15 for Sunday School Week. Among those present were Mrs. Ina H. Flory and Betty J. Nelson, Benton; Pauline Bata and Daisy Gentry, North Little Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Jon Eldridge and children, Gennie Kay, Susan and Jimmy, Francis Ann Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton M. Armour, all of Little Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff D. Price, Jonesboro; George Stuart, Sunday School Board; Harold Carter, Village; and Mrs. H. E. Her-ring, McRae.

Uncle Deak writes

DEAR editor:



Last Sunday was sturdship track day agin. Bro. Hunkston, hes the treasurer, writes off to the sturdship office up there at your buildin an gets some tracks on tithin an the Corporative Program an other things like thet. Then hé gives one out to each of us the last Sunday in ever month. Last month we got one on tithin. Sunday it was on the Corporative Program. I herd some of the folks talkin after prechin. Sister Popleds sed she didn't no our money went to so many places. I wuz sorta sprized cause shes been in a missionary circle since i wuz a youngin. Bro. Altney sed he didn't know all thet was in thet track neither. Thet wuz quite an admission fer him. I jest that you mite be interested to no them things do some good if people get them an read them. Least-wize they did good here.

Uncle Deak



GUEST speaker for a groundbreaking service at West Side Church, Flint, Mich., was Raymond Anderson, pastor of Rivervale Baptist Church. T. B. Smith is pastor. Mr. Anderson was in Michigan, leading a revival at Hill Road Church in Grand Blanc. Baptist work in Michigan was sponsored for several years by the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

The sojourner

He walked along the road of life
With patience on his face;
He bent against the heavy winds
And somehow held his pace.

He was a wanderer, always—
His path was much like mine—
The pattern followed year by
year,
Marked by a hand divine.

Then when night-purple darkness
came,
He made his bed of rest—
His searching footsteps, stumbling
on,
Had led beyond the creag.
—Etta Caldwell Harris, Hamburg

Grobers are home

THE Glendon Grobers, including Michael, 9, Cynthia, 8, Stephen, 6, and Sheri, 2, are back on a year's leave from Belem, Para, Brazil.

The Grobers are missionaries under the appointment of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Grober is Professor of Old Testament, Ecclesiology, and Biblical Introduction in Equatorial Baptist Theological Institute, Belem.

The family is located at 3 Stonecrest Circle, Little Rock.

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Facts of interest

....GRANTS totaling \$8,012,399 were made by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund in 1963 to philanthropic agencies and projects in the public interest. The largest grant was \$1.25 million to the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts as the initial payment of the fund's commitment of \$2.5 million toward the center.

....If every licensed motorist in the United States were behind the wheel of a car at the same time, half the people in this country either would be driving or looking for parking space. According to statistics compiled recently by the United States Department of Commerce, there are now more than 94 million licensed operators (up 1.8 million over a year ago) and about 3.6 million miles of streets and highways on which to drive. This means that there would be 2,110 feet of road between each driver, if the vehicles were spread out equally. One factor that prevents all drivers from using the highways at the same time is that there are only 81.6 million vehicles. Of this total, 11 million are commercial vehicles.

....The average price of a college education rose between 4 and 5 per cent last year, a survey of the United States Office of Education shows. Male undergraduates at private colleges last year paid 5.1 per cent more in tuition and other costs than they did the year before; women undergraduates at private colleges paid 4.5 per cent more. The cost of a public college education climbed 4.2 per cent for both men and women undergraduates.—The Survey Bulletin



THE GREEN FELT JUNGLE

(BOOK REVIEW)

By GRACIE HATFIELD

One of the dice bounced off a doctor's back as he administered aid to an elderly, dying man who had slumped beneath a crap table. The game continued. The man died and lay under the table for more than an hour until the coroner came. The players and manager were indifferent to the death—continuing the crap game was the important thing.

Such is life in the green felt jungle—Las Vegas.

Las Vegas is a jungle of green felt crap tables, slot machines and roulette layouts dedicated to being the perfect host to the wealthy tourist.

At the "Strip" and "Glitter Gulch," two of the main gambling attractions, the casinos are carefully constructed so that a player's attention will not wander from the business at hand—gam-

bling. There are no clocks to point out the time and no windows or doors that reveal the position of the sun or moon. There are no chairs on which to relax—except before a green felt table.

"Unless you are addicted to gambling, drinking or fornication, the Las Vegas action soon becomes a bore. . . the gamblers stay until they go broke," say authors Ed Reid and Ovid Demaris.

City of hoods

The numerous stories about the wealthy, big-time hoodlums that hang out in Las Vegas are fascinating. Almost unbelievable are some of the stories on murders committed and the careful plotting behind them.

Still more unbelievable is the way these thugs avoided prosecution. Some that had long records of theft, bootlegging, rape and murder were walking around free.

This leads to the long story on political corruption in the state. "Since gambling was legalized in 1931, elections have been reduced to political contests between the "kingmakers" of Reno and the wealthy mobsters of Las Vegas.

In commenting on the book, "Saturday Review" editors said, "Considering the material in their book, it is surprising that its two exnewspapermen authors are still alive."

The Cover



If you vote yes . . .

TODAY'S cover will be a common sight day and night in Arkansas if you vote to legalize gambling in the November election. The photographs were taken during a normal night's operation at The Vapors, Hot Springs, before the spring shut-down. Two Arkansas Democrat photographers took the film with concealed miniature cameras. We are indebted to the Arkansas Democrat for furnishing us with the pictures that make up our cover arrangement.

GREEN FELT JUNGLE

POCKET BOOKS, Inc. has just published THE GREEN FELT JUNGLE, the Trident Press book that is in its sixth month as a national best-seller. This new edition of the highly controversial and widely publicized book, written by Ed Reid and Ovid Demaris, has been carefully prepared and documented and shows how, step-by-step:

Legitimate (and other) businesses are pouring millions of dollars into the coffers of the Mafia;

Las Vegas is now little more than a glittering front for organized crime.

The daring expose also names the hidden interests who control the casinos and reveals the curious connections of entertainers and public officials.

Added to the 75c Pocket Book edition are: an additional chapter dealing with more about the activities of Senator Barry Goldwater, Bobby Baker, Frank Sinatra and Sam Gian-

cana, twenty-four pages of photographs and an index.

This year is Nevada's Centennial Year and a Presidential election year with the front runner for the Republican nomination having announced, according to an account in The New York Times, "That he is going to file a libel suit for one to three million dollars against the publishers of THE GREEN FELT JUNGLE, a book that links him with the late Willie Bioff, a labor racketeer."

Ed Reid, well-known journalist and author who, several years ago, won a Pulitzer Prize for his expose of a multimillion-dollar bookmaking syndicate has collaborated with Ovid Demaris, long-time newspaperman, and former UPI correspondent and author of more than 20 books, on this expose of Las Vegas.

The Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine urges all of its readers to secure copies of this book for serious study.—ELM

By the BAPTIST PRESS



RIDGECREST, N. C.—Martin Abednego (center), chief of Christian affairs in the Ministry of Religion of Indonesia, talks with Dr. and Mrs. R. Keith Parks, Southern Baptist missionaries to his country, at Ridgecrest Assembly. In bringing greetings from the Christians of Indonesia, Mr. Abednego expressed happiness over the pillars of freedom in his country, which include freedom of religion. "Because of that principle we have Baptists in Indonesia," he said.

Sky advertiser dies

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP)—An advertisement for a Texas Baptist-sponsored Latin American Evangelistic Crusade turned to tragedy here when a plane pulling a banner promoting the crusade crashed, killing the pilot.

The pilot was George M. Force, a Dallas bank vice-president and airplane enthusiast and Methodist, who had built a sideline business pulling advertising banners.

His wife and 10-year-old daughter watched from the ground as the plane sputtered during take-off, and crashed on its back. Force was pinned beneath the wreckage.

The plane was pulling a 136-foot banner advertising "Cruzada Bautista Nueva Vida," the Latin American Baptist New Life Crusade, slated Aug. 30-Oct. 11, and sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The plane had previously pulled the huge banner without mishap over four other Texas cities — Corpus Christi, Alice, Houston and Galveston. Force was also scheduled to fly the banner over

One killed, 20 injured

RIPLEY, Miss.—A child was killed and 20 persons were hospitalized, nine seriously injured, as a result of a storm that hit a Baptist revival tent here July 17.

The victim was Wanda Kay Anthony, age 10, of nearby Ashland, Miss.

A Blue Mountain Baptist College professor, Fred Rolater, was reported taken to a Memphis, Tenn., hospital for treatment of a fractured leg.

The revival was an area-wide meeting with evangelist Fred Kendall of Atlanta preaching. The revival continued on through Sunday night with services held in Ripley's First Baptist Church.

Sixty-three other persons received treatment for minor injuries in addition to those hospitalized.

Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth and several other west Texas cities.

Ironically, Force had two days earlier used the same plane to save the life of a San Antonio skydiver who parachuted accidentally into a nearby lake.

July giving rises

NASHVILLE (BP)—July was the largest month of year in terms of Cooperative Program income for Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

SBC Treasurer Porter Routh reported here receipts from state Baptist offices amounted to \$1,833,300. The previous monthly high was January, with \$1,828,157.

July, 1964, receipts also compare favorably with June receipts of \$1,564,701 and July, 1963, income of \$1,575,123 through the Cooperative Program, the undesignated giving program of Southern Baptists.

Total July funds from the states was \$2,255,044, counting the \$421,743 worth of special designations for SBC agencies.

Not included in the \$2¼ million figure are the approximately two-thirds of church offerings from the Cooperative Program which the states keep to support their own work. Nor are designated funds for state convention institutions included, either.

July's Cooperative Program receipts for Conventionwide agencies bring the seven-month total to \$12,072,247. This is nearly \$1 million more than at the seven-month mark in 1963, a gain of 9.03 per cent.

Designated receipts for the year reached \$14,920,875, up 5½ per cent over the July, 1963 year-to-date mark.

Spanish toleration

MADRID, SPAIN (BWA) — There is "broader religious toleration" in Spain now than at any time since this country's civil war (1936-39), John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (USA), said after a visit here.

"The Spanish Government is preparing new laws to guarantee religious toleration," Dr. Hughey said. He judged that the increased freedom is a result of influence from the Vatican, the ecumenical council, and foreign public opinion.

Set fellowship meets

DALLAS — Southern Baptist leaders and the heads of several National (Negro) Baptist groups in Texas at a meeting here established a fellowship committee to work for closer cooperation between the groups. Plans were announced at the meeting for a full-time Southern Baptist Home Mission Board worker among National Baptists, beginning in 1965.

The group will continue to hold fellowship meetings quarterly. A special committee on arrangements for future meetings includes Charles McLaughlin, director of the Texas Baptist Missions Division, Kenneth Day, associate in direct missions for the Texas Convention; Ernest Estell, president of the Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of Texas; M. L. Price, president of the General Baptist Convention of Texas; and S. T. Alexander, president of the Texas Baptist Convention.

The Baptist leaders were urged by Guy Bellamy, secretary of the Department of Work with National Baptists for the Home Mission Board, to help each other win people to Christ.

Bellamy said "National and Southern Baptists are supposed to be on the same side. There is no telling what would happen if we joined hands in Texas."

NBC radio show

FORT WORTH—The National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) will broadcast Sept. 6 a radio program showing how a Baptist church ministers to the special needs of the mentally retarded, the blind, the deaf, dope addicts and other people with special problems.

The program, produced jointly by NBC and the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here, will explain how the First Baptist Church of New Orleans has met special needs of citizens in that community.

The church maintains two schools for mentally retarded children jointly with the local mental health society. J. D. Grey, pastor of the church, will outline in detail the church's program.

'Handouts' to churches

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (EP) — A warning that there is a danger of "too much church" in America was issued here by Dr. C. Stanley Lowell of Washington, D. C. associate director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Addressing the annual meeting of the North American Christian Convention, the Washington, D. C., clergyman explained that he was not referring to "too much religion or too much spiritual concern," but the "steady, cumulative process of building up the institutional scope of the church at the expense of the taxpayer.

"There are many private groups, both religious and secular, who are seeking government preferment and government handouts," he said, specifically criticizing the donation of government surplus property to churches.

Faculty, president quit

CLEVELAND, Ga. — Joe H. Miller has resigned the presidency of Truett-McConnell Junior College here which he had served since 1950.

Official action of the trustees in accepting the resignation came more than a month after reports the Baptist institution had an acting president. The trustee announcement said H. G. Jarrard had been acting president since June 10.

The entire faculty had resigned in a dispute with the administration. It was then that Miller's resignation was offered.

Truett-McConnell, located in the mountains of north Georgia, is one of three junior colleges operated by the Georgia Baptist Convention. It was opened in 1948. Miller was the second president, leaving a Georgia pastorate to enter the educational field. There was no announcement of his plans.

Warner Earl Fusselle, pastor of the Gainesville (Ga.) First Baptist Church, is chairman of the personnel committee which will recommend a new president.

Midwestern sabbaticals

THE trustees of Midwestern Seminary have approved the plan followed by other seminaries of granting "Sabbatical Leaves" to professors. This is an arrangement by which the professor has a year off for graduate study. It is not a vacation but it is a time for serious study at home and abroad.

Two professors, who were on the faculty the first year (1958-1959), have been granted sabbatical leaves for 1964-65: Dr. William Hardy Morton, professor of Biblical Archeology, and Dr. V. Lavell Seats, professor of Missions and Evangelism.

Dr. Morton, who has had considerable experience in excavating in Bible lands, is planning to spend six months or more in directing excavations at Dibon in ancient Moab where the famous Moabite Stone was found in 1868. This is a very promising situation which may result in valuable discoveries. He hopes to spend six months in special study at Oxford University. He and his family were to leave the states in August.

Dr. Seats plans to spend his year in the Orient. He is to teach one semester at the Philippine Baptist Seminary in Baguio City. He will visit various mission stations in the Far East where he will confer with many missionaries and see first-hand what is being done in these fields. Having spent seventeen years in Nigeria he will find these travels exceedingly interesting and helpful. Dr. and Mrs. Seats plan to leave for this assignment early in September.—H. I. Hester

Bolen changes posts

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. — Robert H. Bolen, assistant treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Texas executive board for the past four years, has been named business manager of the University of Corpus Christi (Baptist). Bolen was assistant business manager at Baylor University College of Dentistry, Dallas, before coming to the state Baptist post, and is a graduate of Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex.



Intermediate girls participating in an evening worship service

Negro summer camp

For the first time our summer camp for Negro children was held on our own camp grounds. Heretofore we have rented Aldersgate from the Methodists for two weeks each summer. This made it necessary for us to put the junior and intermediate boys together one week and the junior and intermediate girls together for the other week. Such an arrangement is not conducive to a good camping program. We were in great need of our own camp where we could spread out and divide our campers into proper age groups. Our new camp, which was made available to us for the first time this summer, has made this possible. The new camp is really the old RA Camp near Ferndale. It was made available to the Race Relation Department when the RA's moved to the new RA, GA Camp at Paron.

Although our new camp was not complete, the well would not supply enough water, the living quarters were not finished, and we had no place to swim, the camp was a real success.

Our previous high attendance was last summer with 250; this year's attendance was 273. There were 15 professions of faith and many evidences of enriching Christian experiences on the part of all.

Each year we have had well behaved children in our camp, but this group, we believe, was the best ever! We were amazed by their display of talent. Each Thursday night was the "Talent Night Program." We hope to present to you on our State Convention Program three of our 'talent night winners.'—Clyde Hart, Director

Brotherhood

A searching look

OFTEN WE find it advantageous to look at problems or programs from several angles or directions. Doing this enables us to see from each place of our observation some aspects which are not discernible from other points of view.

It is easy for us human beings to settle for what we see at first

sight, without moving around to get different and maybe better perspectives. But an adequate answer, explanation, or solution to any question, enigma, or problem is generally found only after we have examined it in detail from several viewpoints.

We of the Brotherhood Department are constantly thinking towards a better and more effective Brotherhood program, and we have come to the conclusion that if we will deliberately try to view, and keep on viewing, the whole program through every element of it, we will be continuously coming

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Why did I enter the speaker's tournament?

By Judy Freeman
(Arkansas representative to Ridgecrest)

PARTICIPATING in the Speakers' Tournament has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. Of course, the tangible rewards are visible: The scholarship to Ouachita and the trip to Ridgecrest; but equally important are the intangible rewards. Through speaking at the different levels of the tournament, I have gained confidence which will be useful in any profession. Meeting the various people and hearing other young people express their ideas was a stirring experience.

The reason I entered the tournament was that I have been interested in it ever since one of the college students from our church entered it about three years ago. It seemed like a wonderful opportunity for any young Baptist to "grow through expression."

Before I saw this year's topics I had already become interested in Baptist history, so I was delighted to be able to put some research to use. All of the topics were interesting and certainly worthwhile to anyone. My daddy is Training Union director of our church and all of my family are active in church work, so they certainly helped with their encouragement.

I hope you will be able to encourage Training Union leaders all over Arkansas to inform their youth of next year's tournament in time for plenty of preparation. I think the division between high school students and college students is the fairest way for the tournament to function, since many churches are located in college towns. This way the local youth have a better chance to participate.

Anyone who enters the tournament is a winner because he benefits from the research done on his topic and he experiences a unique fellowship with other Baptists.—Ralph Davis, Secretary

Vermont report

I AM working as an associate pastor to Rev. David Perkins, at the South Burlington Baptist Church, South Burlington, Vermont. This is the only Southern Baptist Church in the entire state. With the organization of this church, Southern Baptist work was complete in all fifty states.



MR. ELLIFF

The church has been organized around two years, and has a membership of fifty-eight. This is quite a good record considering that eighty to ninety per-cent of the town's population is Catholic. Recently the people moved into their new building. It is a renovated two story garage of barn-like construction. It is quite nice, however. A great deal of my time has been spent in painting and other work on the building.

We just finished two weeks of Vacation Bible School. The average attendance this year was 23 more than the last.

I have contacted the director of the Boy's Club here in town about the possibilities of using their facilities for a V. B. S. in the underprivileged area of town. I have no reply as yet.

South Burlington, with a population of 60,000, is located on Lake Champlain, not far from Montreal, Canada. The state is very beautiful, and the weather is quite refreshing.

Please pray for the work here, and that the Lord will see fit to use me to win others to Him.

Sincerely,
Tom Elliff

(Tom Elliff, a student at Ouachita College, is serving as a BSU summer missionary in Vermont. He serves without pay along with seven others appointed by the Student Department.)

News notes

Free

NEED PREPARATION WEEK packets?

They are free. But you need to request one for your church. Adult



MR. HATFIELD

Thrust Meeting
A State Adult Thrust meeting will be conducted at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Sept. 10.

Sessions start at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. C. Winfield Rich will be the speaker and there will be conferences conducted.

Bible Conference

The State Sunday School Bible Teaching Conference will be conducted at Park Hill Church, Oct. 5 starting at 1:30 p.m. and closing the evening of Oct. 6. Hear Dr. Jesse Northcutt, Dr. Clyde Fran-

REV. and Mrs. Ernest L. Hollaway Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, may now be addressed at 356, 2-chome, Nishi Okubo, Shinjuku-Ku, Tokyo, Japan. A native of Arkansas, Mr. Hollaway was born in Norman (then called Womble) and grew up in Corning. Mrs. Hollaway is the former Ida Nelle Dailey, native of Ewing, Ill. (She lived in a number of states as a girl, including Arkansas, where her father, Dr. R. C. Dailey, was head of the History department of Ouachita College for many years.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the people SPEAK

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

Atlantic City sobs

IT is rather distressing that we have covered up the vision of the missionary flags of Foreign Missions Night at Atlantic City with accusations of alleged ballot stuffing, midnight caucuses, and petty party politics.

I cannot recall in the last twenty years of convention attendance more hand wringing, breast beating, and cadaver examining than the Atlantic City corpse is receiving.

The accusation of ballot stuffing is serious indeed. But to read the articles concerning it, one would think that at least half of the conventioners were holy hoods in the Baptist Mafia. The facts are that probably not more than five or six people are involved - out of 12,000 messengers - and their sin may have consisted in accumulating absentee ballots. If this be the case, the sin is not only theirs for doing it but ours for not having a clear cut policy on absentee voting.

Our convention has been dealt a more serious blow by the almost blanket accusation than by the alleged sin itself. How many sincere laymen now question the integrity of their pastors because of this broadside blast?

If the so-called guilty are known, would it not have been better to have assured them that it was known and considered a serious breach of fellowship? Very probably such action would have insured the remedy.

But now, we hear of the "sickness unto death" of our Baptist life, that the denomination is gasping its last, and spider webs will soon cover our pulpits.

It simply is not so—the missionary march proved that to me.

I am rather proud that at Atlantic City we voted the largest budget in our convention's history, reviewed our great home and foreign missions program, appointed a host of new missionaries, challenged our ladies with an excellent WMU program, were thrilled by the Pastors' Conference, were elevated by the sweetest music this side of Julliard, and challenged by the conferences for the ministers of education, music, and evangelism.

This is the big story at Atlantic City—not the bollot stuffing fly speck on the white sheet of noble Christian activity.

Let us not allow the Ship of Zion

to run aground on a grain of sand. We have a world to win - let's get at it!—By Jess Moody

Ministerial education

I WANT to say something in connection with C. DeWitt Mathews article in our state paper, "Appendicitis is on Boil." I drew the conclusion from his article that a Minister without a formal education in that field, in his opinion, is an uninformed one. He made this statement, "Therefore, no so-called surgeon will ever walk around in my innards if I can prevent it. Neither will an uninformed minister have me in his congregation for long. For, when handling God's Word and mans spiritual destiny, only trained men can be adequate."

I am the wife of a Baptist minister, Pastor of a rural Baptist Church. What are my husbands credentials for the ministry? Well, he does not have a degree of any kind. He does not even have a degree from any College. In fact, he doesn't have a degree from a High School. ALL the credentials my husband has is this, a very definent call from God to preach the Gospel. A CALL to handle God's Word and even, to some extent, control the spiritual destiny of men. I guess God thought he was well educated when He called him, at the age of 38, to preach His Word.

There are many churches in this convention that a highly educated man (if he even would consider going there) would not be able to serve effectively, where a more humble man would be able to fit in more perfectly. I realize there are many churches that would examine my husbands credentials and find them wanting but I don't think God would have called him to preach if He didn't have a place, or maybe many, that needs just such a man as he.

My husband would be the first to admit that he wishes he were better educated but in the mean time, he studies as much as an outside job allows and at ALL times depends upon God for leadership and direction. Maybe he, because of his lack of education, depends more upon God for leadership and directions. Maybe he, because of his lack of education, depends more upon God for leadership than would he, if he could rely upon his own education. Education is a must in most cases but God can still use those who are not fully "Educated." Maybe not to the extent of one who has the education but "everyone" has a place and a job to fill and definently

can be used by God, when they are ready to say, "Lord, here am I."

In conclusion, a minister, although lacking a formal education in the ministry, is not uninformed, if he depends upon God for his information.

P. S. In a recent tent revival here in our city, the evangelist preached on a favorite subject of my husbands. Friends with us (unchurched) who had heard my husband preach from the same passage of scripture asked, "Do Baptist preachers have a place they get their sermons so they will all be preaching the same thing?" My husbands answer was, "No, we interpret, each in the way God leads us." (In this case, was so identical, that it was very noticable.)—Mrs. Jack Lawson, Rogers

Appendicitis is no boil

I WAS quite impressed with the account of the appendicitis operation that C. DeWitt Mathews experienced, however I think it is tragic that he never recovered completely. It is apparent from his article (Appendicitis is no Boil) that he never returned from "Dreamland" as he called it.

I would like it understood that I am not against training for the ministry, but I am against the constant attacks that are being waged upon the local churches, attacks which make them look incompetent to follow the leadership of God in setting aside men for the ministry. It appears to me that such men who wage these attacks, to say the least, are walking upon grounds where they have no right or business to be walking.

While Mr. Mathews is aware of how many colleges and Seminaries we have, I wonder if he has ever stopped to evaluate how much money and how many prayers have been given in behalf of these institutions by the "Incompetent" churches and "Untrained" ministers through the years.

Another indication that he is still in "dreamland" is his constant comparison of "Bridge Building" and other secular professions to that of a Spirit led ministry. The incompetence of an engineer who could not pass his college course can hardly be compared with a minister of the Gospel who has had no training in a college or seminary, but who does have the hand of God upon him and who seeks the leadership and training the Holy Spirit affords.

I submit that Mr. Mathews, along with many others are leaving off a most important factor in the Christian life, whether he be a pastor, Professor of Preaching in a Seminary, or a layman. This factor is the leadership of the Holy Spirit. If this is any indication of the type of training that our seminaries are now offering and the type of training that Mr. Mathews advocates, God pity our Southern Baptist churches.

I heartily agree with Mr. Mathews when he says, "Southern Baptists have long believed in a God-called trained

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BIRDS TRAVEL, TOO!

By Thelma C. Carter

LONG before the stormy winds of fall and winter come into our part of the world, most migrating birds start south to warmer homes. The older birds linger only long enough for the young birds to be able to fly. Then they begin their journey. The young often follow later.

Most birds which we see in the spring in parks, gardens, woods, and yards are gone by the middle of July. In this unbelievably short time the birds have built their nests and reared their families.

Why do thousands of beautiful birds migrate to the United States and Canada in the spring-time? we may wonder. The answer lies in the fact that few areas of our wondrous world provide such ideal climate and food supply for birds in spring and summer. Our springtime world provides an abundance of earth-worms, sow bugs, weevils, caterpillars, beetles, flies, snails, spiders, termites, wasps, fruits, and berries. These are the favorite foods of most birds.

One of the mysteries of bird migration is the yearly journey of birds to areas where the year-round climate is about the same. Why don't they stay there all year? has been asked countless times.

Naturalists tell us that an inner force causes birds to take flight. Perhaps God was referring to this when he asked, "Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?" (Job 39-26).

Wonderfully true is the fact that warblers, sparrows, blue-birds, and hawks know the mountains, valleys, lakes, and grassy areas on their routes. All along the way the various birds stop at their favorite nesting spots.

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WINNING ADULTS

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IN our church work, winning adults is our most important job today. This is true of practically



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all rural and village churches because the young people are going to the factory centers for employment. We are well versed in the techniques for winning juniors. If we are to win adults, we must learn adult techniques. Below are some practical suggestions.

You must know God, yourself, and your prospect. You must be happy in your relationship to God, you must have confidence, conviction, ability to communicate, imagination and love. You must have a passion for reaching adults. When you win your prospect you will be happy and the prospect will be happy.

It is important to know what the Bible teaches on the subject of salvation. Know what Christ will do for your prospect. Show the sinner his need of a Saviour and the conditions under which Christ will meet those needs. The sinner must be made to see the benefits of having Christ in his life. Christ can work out the benefits in his life through church membership, baptism and the Lord's Supper. The man to be won to Christ has a value to himself, his family, his community and the world. When he becomes a Christian, he becomes a world citizen.

If you are to win a man to Christ, it is important to know his name and be able to pronounce it correctly. It is important to know his trade and be able to discuss it intelligently. Try to find out quickly just what your prospect really wants in life. Will Christ as his Saviour help to get him what he wants? If not, then you may need to sell him on a

Church	August 2, 1964 Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alma, Kibler Berryville	104	81	1
Freeman Heights Blytheville	152	68	
First Chapel	572	183	6
Gosnell	38		
Trinity	262	86	2
Camden	244	89	11
Cullendale First	425	145	
First	492	159	
Conway, Pickles Gap Crossett	79	56	
First	549	178	8
Mt. Olive	211	108	
Dumas, First	310	71	
El Dorado, First	737	174	
Northside	43		
Forrest City, First	518	139	3
Midway	54	32	
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	783	339	10
Mission	16		
Greenwood, First	244	88	1
Heber Springs, First	205	58	2
Crossroads	10		
Huntsville, Calvary	40	20	
Jacksonville			
Berea	127	56	1
First	376	127	
Marshall Road	107	68	2
Second	216	5	
Jonesboro, Central	442	168	1
Lavaca	252	161	
Little Rock			
Forest Highlands	178	101	
Immanuel	1,102	413	5
Kerr	20	11	
Rosedale	231	87	
McGehee, First	430	151	-1
Chapel	76	48	
Magnolia, Central	600	178	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	671	200	2
Southside	32	15	
Camp Robinson	47		
Calvary	400	123	1
Forty-Seventh Street	198	92	2
Park Hill	695	228	12
Sherwood First	197	79	
Siloam Springs First	306	149	4
Springdale, First	442	133	
Ward, Cocklebur	58	32	
Warren, Immanuel	251	71	1
Westside	55	27	
Van Buren			
First	510	207	2
Second	57	48	2
Vandervoort First	55	38	

higher standard for his life. He must learn to think more of himself.

You must magnify Christ and show your prospect what Christ will do when he becomes the Saviour and Lord of his life. Point out to the man the value of the church and that the church with all its values may be his church. Man can best achieve the true values through Christ and through church membership.

If these adults were juniors we could win them to Christ. If the business world has learned to sell their products to adults, why can't we sell them the greatest product in the world, the gospel? We must reduce the adult to the thinking of a little child so he will know how to pray and ask Christ to save him. When he breaks down to the humility of a little child, he is ready to accept Christ and follow Him. This is our greatest need today.

up with something better than anything we have had heretofore.

The Brotherhood program of work is made up of study and activities comprehended within four great areas of Christian work: Christian Witnessing, Personal Stewardship, World Missions, and Royal Ambassadors. If we are looking through Christian Witnessing at all that is involved in Brotherhood, we believe that we see more clearly the place that Christian Witnessing must fulfill in a program which is essentially missionary in character.

Then if we take another look at Brotherhood through the area of Personal Stewardship we see other particulars which make continuing and vital contributions to a program of missionary endeavor. If we look at the program through World Missions we see the constant relationship of World Missions to the other three areas of work, and the interdependence of all upon all. When we look at the whole Brotherhood Program through the Royal Ambassador program we get still another and different view; for we see that the quality of the Christian Witnessing and the Personal Stewardship and the World Missions of the next generation will be determined by what is put into the lives of those who are now boys (and girls).

We are looking!—Nelson Tull

Correction

THE July 16 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist* carried a story about George H. Harris accepting the pastorate at Dermott. Mr. Harris is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, rather than Southern Seminary, Louisville, as the article stated.

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Faith on trial

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IT seems so easy for men to lose faith in God when trials and obstacles are faced. It is also natural for people to develop a spirit of rebellion against their leaders when the going gets rough.



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In Chapter 11 of Numbers, we read of the people complaining. As a result the Lord sent fire among people consuming some of them. Moses, their leader, prayed to God and the fire was quenched. Again the Israelites wept because they had no meat to eat. God sent quails not only for one day but enough for 30 days.

In Chapter 12 we see Miriam and Aaron speaking against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman he had married. God caused Miriam to become leprous because of her murmuring against Moses. According to the scriptures and the history of God's dealing with His people, it is a dangerous thing to speak or murmur against one of God's men.

Numbers 13 gives the story of the sending out of one man from each of the twelve tribes to spy out the land of Canaan. Now comes the time of testing of their faith. Ten of these leaders came back with a good report of the land, but with an unfavorable report of the inhabitants. They saw the sons of Anak which were giants in their sight. They saw the walled cities and the strong people.

Two of these tribe leaders, Caleb of the tribe of Judah and Joshua of the tribe of Ephraim

had faith that the land could and should be taken immediately. These men were trusting in the Lord to see them through.

Numbers 14:2, "And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!"

You see, God had made a promise or a covenant to these people. He had promised them a land flowing with milk and honey, but they had to exercise their faith. Of the twelve men that were sent out to spy the land, ten of these leaders forgot the promises of the Lord. They told the people of the great dangers. Panic spread through the camp. They forgot the covenant that God had made with them. As a result of this panic they turned into a rebellious mob against Moses and Aaron.

Perhaps this very scripture could apply to us today. It is easy to start a murmuring campaign against some leader, even leaders in our churches. Could we paraphrase the scripture by saying, "And the people murmured against their pastor, educational or music director, or their superintendent or Training Union director?"

God always has a leader for His people, but not all people will follow that leader. Some start doubting, some find fault, some lose faith, and some lose sight of the Lord and forget His promises, His mercy, and His love and providential care.

We also note this thought in verse 3, "And wherefore hath the Lord brought us unto this land, to

fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? Were it not better for us to return into Egypt?" Is it not so natural and human to look back? We wish we could go back to where we have been, but God would have us to look ahead. "And Jesus said unto him, no man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

How wonderful Jehovah had blessed and led these people. How marvelous the Lord had cared for their physical needs. But now they faced giants and their faith wavered. They murmured against their leaders and against God. They wanted to turn back.

Our God is a great God, able to overcome any obstacle, able to defeat any giant, able to pass over any wall.

God has so wonderfully blessed Southern Baptists in giving us consecrated, dedicated leaders. Our preachers are still preaching God's word. Somehow many of us are not satisfied with following God's way anymore. So we are at the murmuring stage. The victory lays ahead of us if only we will claim it.

Perhaps the lack of prayer and Bible study in our personal lives and the life of our churches is responsible for our lack of faith. God is the same God. He will continue to bless us if we will follow Him.

Fruit of rebellion

In verses 26-33 we see the judgment and punishment of God for a rebellious people. Many, many, times these Israelite people were the recipients of the Lord's bountiful blessing, His protection and leadership, but still they murmured. They were unwilling to accept God's gift, "The Promised Land," by faith. Therefore, they must suffer the judgment and punishment of God. All people twenty years of age and above were to wander and perish in the wilderness, never to come into this land.

Is this not the picture of the Christian today as he refuses

Busy man

MOPE: "You've been watching me for more than three hours. Why don't you try fishing yourself?"

Dope: "I ain't got the time or the patience."

Intentions honorable

THE father asked his daughter if the young man calling on her was serious.

"He must be," was the girl's reply, "He asked how much I make, what kind of meals we have, and if you and Mother are hard to live with."

Replacement

THE motorist stood at the suburban front door, his hat in his hand. "I'm very sorry to tell you, Madam," he said to the woman who answered the door, "but I've just run over your cat. I would like to replace him."

"Well, don't just stand there," snapped the housewife, "there's a mouse in my kitchen. Get busy."

Teacher shortage

AN inspector, visiting a country school, was extremely annoyed at the noise made by the students in an adjoining room.

At last, unable to stand it any longer, he opened the door and burst upon the class. Seeing one boy taller than the others and talking a great deal, he seized him by the collar, removed him to the next room, and stood him firmly in the corner.

"Now you stand there and be quiet!" he commanded.

Ten minutes later a small head appeared round the door, and a meek voice asked: "Please, sir—may we have our teacher back?"

Phooey!

"I'M sorry you don't like your birthday gift," said the young man's rich aunt, "but I asked you whether you'd prefer a large check or a small check."

"I know," replied the ungrateful nephew, "but I didn't know you were talking about neckties."

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Letters

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ministry." Let us not forget however, it is God that calls, and the place of the Holy Spirit in the training program of God. God's training is not always according to mans standards and God pity us if we get to the place where we judge it as such.—Ken Haile, Pastor, East Point Baptist Church, Route 3, Russellville, Ark.

Right or left?

I WAS very interested in the Guest editorial for the week of July 23rd. However, I noticed that Mr. Duncan did not specify as to which side of the road one should travel. May I suggest that we follow the American method of travel and keep to the "right."

I would especially recommend "keeping right" in matters pertaining to theology, for I believe any Baptist who would prefer the "middle" or "left" side to the "right" side is headed for an "accident of faith."

By "keeping right" would be meant remaining fundamentally (oops, sorry that's not a good word any more is it?) correct in our attitudes towards the Lord, the Book, and others. Only by "keeping right," will our hearts stay right. If we travel down the middle or the left, our Convention could end up at the "Ichabod" Sweepstakes—James A. Nelson, Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Fine Springs, Arkansas

Leaves Newport pastorate

THIS is to advise that I have resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Newport effective August 2nd.

I have revival commitments to go through August 16 and will be available for supply after that.

Presently my address is 402 Lovall in Newport. I will advise as to future address.

I am entering the business field at least temporarily.—W. W. Dishongh

MOTHER: "How would you like your castor oil?"

Billy: "On a fork."



In the world of religion

.... IN the 56 years since the founding of Gideon International the organization has distributed more than 56 million Bibles and Testaments throughout the world, delegates to the annual convention in Canada were told. The organization was established as "an arm of the church" to place the Scriptures in establishments frequented by the public. It operates on church donations, contributions, members' fees, and bequests. The convention was attended by about 500 delegates from across Canada and from the United States, India, Jamaica, and Australia.

.... The Fourth Congress of the Polish Communist Party, recently meeting in Warsaw, authorized an intensive pro-atheism campaign against the "shocking" spread of religion in Poland. It endorsed a major training program for some 2,000 teachers of atheism, who should be ready for service before next June, according to reports reaching London. The Congress voted to allocate increased appropriations from the party's fund to bring atheism "closer to the people."—The Survey Bulletin.

Publishing monopoly

LONDON (EP)—Oxford and Cambridge University Presses and the Queen's printers—Eyre and Spottiswoode—will retain the monopoly of publishing the King James Version of the Bible in England.

After careful investigation of the situation, a committee of the Anglican Church Assembly recommended that the present system be retained.

The copyright of the King James Bible has always belonged to the crown, which grants royal charters to publishers.

Oxford and Cambridge presses, reportedly embarrassed by charges that they profited from their unique access to Bible publishing, told the committee they would surrender the privilege if it was deemed in the best interest of the Church that they do so.

It was revealed that profits from Bible publishing were not distributed to stockholders in the publishing firm, but were used to publish "worthwhile but unremunerative material."

Ministerial aid

SHEFFIELD, England (EP)—A financial aid plan for married ministerial candidates was adopted here by the Methodist Church in Great Britain at its annual General Conference.

Delegates established an annual fund of \$5,600 for this purpose and provided for the issuance of up to \$700 annually for ministerial candidates in need of assistance in supporting their wives and families.

The conference also adopted a report calling for increased leadership training to aid church leaders in combatting problems of modern society.

BWA to Hamburg

H A M B U R G, Germany (BWA)—The Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee will hold its annual meetings at the Baptist Seminary, Hamburg-Horn, Aug. 17-21.

The Alliance's four study commissions — representing international Baptist thought on religious liberty and human rights, evangelism and missions, Bible study and membership training, and doctrine — also will be meeting during the period.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of BWA with headquarters offices in Washington, USA, said that an attendance of 110 is expected for the two groups of meetings.

Primary business time in the Executive Committee sessions will be given to program planning for the 11th Baptist World Congress, scheduled to meet in Miami Beach, USA, June 25-30, 1965.

Nobel Prize nominee

OSLO, Norway (EP) — Two leading publications here are urging that the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize go to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., noted American integration leader.

The magazine *Vaar Kirke* (Our Church) said "it would be difficult in today's situation to find a more deserving candidate."

And *Arbeiderbladet*, organ of the country's labor government, said that giving the award to the rights leader would be "a handshake to all liberal forces of the American democracy."

The prize winner is chosen by the Norwegian Parliament.

'Double the church'

TAIPEI, Taiwan (EP)—A 10-year "double the church" movement launched here by the Presbyterian churches in 1955 gives every evidence of accomplishing its goal.

The Presbyterian Church here, founded by Canadian Presbyterian missionaries over a century ago, had nearly 60,000 members in the great plains area of Taiwan in 1954. Today the membership exceeds 100,000, and if the rate of increase remains constant, the original figure will have been doubled by 1965.

Meanwhile, substantial gains are also being made in Taiwan's tribal mountainous region, which is inhabited by the more primitive groups.

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