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**Personally
speaking**



Not 'tired blood'

CONTRARY to the tv commercials, "that tired feeling" may be due to any number of things other than "tired blood."

An old book that I picked up at a used book store has some pointed suggestions. The book is *Two Lifetimes in One*, by Marie Beynon Ray, published by Bobbs Merrill in 1940.

Author Ray does not deal with the "tired blood" theory of tiredness, but she has much to say about what causes and what does not cause tiredness. As the title of her book implies, one way to make whatever years one has in this vale of tears count for the most is to learn to cope with fatigue. For one who is "dead tired" a big part of each 24 hours is for all practical purposes dead while still living.

It is the conclusion of Mrs. Ray that anyone in average good health need not go on being worn out all the time.

What do you suppose this book suggests as the No. 1 enemy, in this matter of chronic fatigue? "Over work"? No. All of the tests and surveys reported here—and there are many—indicate that work itself, particularly work requiring mental exertion, is not what tires. The No. 1 enemy is boredom!

And here are the other prime causes of tiredness listed in order of their importance: worry—a real killer!; a sense of inferiority; fear—which often brings sudden death to those who have nothing else wrong with them; indecision—what a curse for one not to be able to make sensible decisions and stand by them!; oversensitivity or overemotionalism; and, finally, pusillanimity, or a lack of "that good sort of stoicism necessary to the struggle of life."

Mrs. Ray has a chapter entitled "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves," immediately followed by such other chapters as "So Help Yourself!," "Balance Your Life," "Behave Yourself," "What Do You Do Between 5 P.M. and 11 P.M.?" and "Your Secret Sin." But the weakness of her book is the false premise that you can build the good life yourself, with no dependence upon God.

Yet this is or can be a most helpful book. It has a lot of truth and down-to-earth good suggestions. But when we get to dealing with such things as boredom, worry, and all of the other life wreckers mentioned here, we

need the wonderful resources of God available to us through Christ.

Would you like to borrow this book?

This columnist will make the book available for one week to those writing for it, on a first-come-first-served basis. Don't be bashful if you think you would like to read it.

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

ANOTHER milestone has been reached in Arkansas Baptist history, with the recent groundbreaking for the new Convention headquarters in Little Rock. Read our cover story, with pictures, on pages 4 and 5.

EVERY Christian should keep a line of communication unbroken between himself and his Creator. Prayers, and their importance to a well-ordered life, are the subject of Baptist beliefs, on page 22.

COLLEGE and seminary training are just the beginning steps in preparing for the ministry, and there are many more requirements than these to be met if a minister is to be successful. Read "Musts for a minister," in *Feminine intuition* on page 9.

AFTERTHOUGHTS on the State Convention are in the minds of at least two Arkansas pastors this week. You'll want to read "Messenger status" and "Convention time," both in *The people speak* column, on page 4.

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Your body minds!

SMOKERS who keep hoping to wake up and find that the deathly statistics they have been hearing against tobacco have been just a bad dream need to wake up to the fact that they are not dreaming.

In the face of the continuing indictment of the smoke habit, for smokers to hold onto their fags with the argument that "tobacco is not the only cause of premature death" does not make sense. What if an occasional non-smoker does die of lung cancer or heart attack? The important consideration is that exposure to nicotine resulting from smoking increases one's prospects of early death tremendously and in direct proportion to the number of "smokes" indulged in per day.

It is really beside the point, but is it not entirely possible that at least some of the relatively few non-smokers who come down with cancer or other afflictions commonly induced by nicotine are victims of smokers' fog absorbed vicariously by just being innocent bystanders (or bysitters) while the weak-willed ones have their tobacco flings?

One who lost his voice because of what smoking did to his voice box is whispering warnings to smoking friends, pointing to his own condition as the clincher in his argument. Knowing somebody whose life has been blighted by tobacco should add impact to the tobacco statistics.

According to Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond, a vice president of the American Cancer Society, the Society's extensive studies indicate:

A 25-year-old American male who smokes two or more packs of cigarettes a day has an average life expectancy of 65.3 years as compared with 73.6 years for the same young man if he never smoked regularly.

The study showed that even a few cigarettes smoked regularly are harmful, Dr. Hammond reports. For the 25-year-old man who smokes up to nine cigarettes a day, the average life expectancy is 69, five years short of the average for non-smokers.

The death rate of heavy smokers is two to three times as high as the death rate for non-smokers, concludes this health authority.

So, the real answer to the query, "Mind if I smoke?" is, Your body minds!

Lay that weed down, Brother, Sister!

Counting to ten

PRESIDENT Johnson's suggestion that critics of the war in Vietnam "count to ten before making irresponsible and untrue statements" was good oratory.

The crux of the matter, of course, lies in the words "irresponsible" and "untrue." Who is to define the terms? These words, as words in general, have different

meanings according to individual viewpoints and bases. Certainly a hawk will not have the same understanding of them as a dove, or vice versa.

Democracy is built not only on the premise that no one person or class has all the rights and privileges, but that no one person or class has all the answers. Hence our constitutional proclamations for freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and religious liberty.

The question of the rightness or wrongness of war in general, or of war in particular, as in Vietnam, involves much more than military and political astuteness. Certainly there are the moral, ethical, and humane aspects that must be taken into consideration. And a lowly preacher of the gospel of Christ may know more about these in a minute than a general on the battlefield knows about them in a month. So why should preachers or other citizens not in uniform keep quiet and sit still while decisions of life and death for thousands or perhaps millions are made by others?

It is well that the President said specifically that he was making a distinction between "constructive dissent and storm-trooper bullying, howling and taking the law into their own hands."

As we see it, one is not necessarily doing something hurtful to the men in uniform, or being unAmerican when one speaks against escalating the war and urges that everything possible be done to make an honorable exit. But, of course, one of the reasons Americans are so divided on the Vietnam war is that there are many different views as to what constitutes "an honorable exit."

What can Christians do about the situation in Vietnam in addition to praying daily for peace?

For one thing, we need to be concerned not only for our own welfare but for the welfare of the other peoples involved and for the world at large.

We need to keep ourselves as well informed as possible on world affairs.

We need to be as understanding and patient as possible in our relations with and our attitudes toward those who see the situation different from the way we see it.

Finally, we need to be reasonable and fair to the extent of listening to others as well as speaking our own views. Storm-trooper tactics aimed at drowning out or shutting up speakers are about as unAmerican as anything that can be cited among the Viet Cong. Christians should not overlook their responsibilities as citizens to help bring this situation under control on the home front.

Short-shots

THE religious fanatic who prays, "Lord, don't let me get hurt on this trip," and then drives like Jehu, is as great a threat to himself and society as the infidel who drives insanely with the thought that "fate" will save him, regardless, until his "number is up."

Messenger status

If "those who know themselves to be duly elected messengers from their churches" were seated in the recent Arkansas Baptist State Convention, how do we know what churches were represented? The point is that the Russellville church might have elected messengers, even as a Methodist church could have, but due to past action of the Convention, the "messengers" were not seated. The Russellville church messengers cannot be seated until the Convention votes to take the matter from the table where it was sent during the 1966 session. After taken from the table and the motion to seat carries, then, and not until then, can the Russellville messengers be seated.

While we are at it, why do you carry a report from the "Arkansas Baptist Medical Center"? Isn't it a fact that the center has no relationship to the Convention? Would it not be just as much in order for you to carry a report on St. Vincent?—J. Paul Palmer, pastor, Southside church, El Dorado, Arkansas 71730

REPLY: The messengers from Russellville First Church were seated without protest at this year's session.

Arkansas Baptist Medical Center is no longer an institution of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, but it continues the same services and courtesies to Baptist ministers, missionaries, and lay-people that it did as one of our official institutions. And it pays for the space it has each month in our paper.—ELM

Has sanity flown?

It seems that sanity has winged its flight into some unknown clime. Senseless, ruinous riots have taken its place. The blind are now leading the blind. Charges and countercharges are the order of the day. And few things are being accomplished unless we can call wreckage and ruin an accomplishment.

I have known, honored and respected colored people all my life. There were but a few of them when I grew up. And they were good neighbors, honest workers and were ever a help in a time of need, such as serious illness or death among us.

I have truly admired the progress the colored people have made under so terrible conditions. How wonderfully they have advanced from slavery! I thrilled to hear some of their orators. I rejoiced to hear them sing. Powerful they were! I have ever stood for fairness to them.

It grieves me now that many of them, including prominent leaders among them, are stooping to savagery and anarchy. In ten years they have impressed the

nation and the world with boisterous, wasteful and useless riots. I am still for equal rights, mind you, but I fear that much suffering will occur before equal rights become a reality.

But Negroes are not alone in the road to ruin. War and anti-war; strikes and rebellion, all are dark and threatening storms from which there seems to be no storm shelters. There's raging against high officials, plottings, oustings, name callings, upheavals and discord.

My heart bleeds for our President, for our country, for the insane hordes that are making matters worse every day.

I heard Jeff Davis make a speech on the courthouse lawn at Mountain View when he was making the race for his third term as Governor of Arkansas. The town and the county both were radically anti-Negro. There were large cartoons in store windows and about town portraying the Governor, his hands spread in benediction over the head of a Negro youth he had pardoned. The boy had been convicted of the crime of rape and sent up from some point in East Arkansas.

The Governor cleared himself of any charge of wrongdoing by showing forth a petition made to him fifteen feet long and signed by the judge, the prosecutor, the jury that tried him and a host of citizens of that section.

The Governor said, "If you don't want your criminals pardoned, for God's sake don't send me such petitions as this. I am your servant and am supposed to abide by the will of the people."

If the people, however, all go crazy, what is an officer to do, Brethren, I'm sorry for our President, our Congress, our Supreme Court, et al. Especially for our American manhood and womanhood.—W. B. O'Neal

Convention time

The past two State Conventions have been replete with suggestions that we should have more laymen to participate in the Convention proper. I noted that more laymen have been asked to participate in the program, and to serve on various Boards and Commissions. This is good.

One Deacon asked me the penetrating question "why don't you have the Convention at a time when laymen can attend? You have it on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and this almost precluded our attendance." This is true.

Is there something sacred about the Monday through Wednesday time? Couldn't we start on Thursday afternoon and close on Saturday? Many laymen have Saturday's off, and might be

able to "take off" on Friday to attend. If this be true, then the Thursday night session would pose no problem.

This might work a hardship on some preachers in their sermon and Sunday preparation. But the possibility of more laymen participation might be an off-setting consideration.

I personally would like for us to explore this possibility.—Doyle L. Lumpkin, First Baptist Church, Lavaca, Arkansas.

Fares for clergy

NEW YORK—Railroads will continue to offer reduced first-class fares to clergy during the year 1968, it was announced today by the Clergy Bureau of Eastern Railroads.

Fifty percent reductions in railroad first-class passenger fares have been available for years to ordained and licensed ministers, missionaries, theological students and many other categories of religious workers who obtain a certification coupon book from the railroad bureau.

Typical of the saving afforded is the \$60.72 reduction on a first-class, round-trip fare between Chicago and New York. Coupons also may be used for one-way travel at one-half the cost of a one-way, first-class fare, or a reduction of \$33.69 on a trip from New York to Chicago.

Reduced clergy fare tickets are honored on all eastern railroads' trains without exception.—Eastern Railroads.

The cover



THREE-weeks-old Ralph Douglas Dempsey, front and center, "stole the show" at groundbreaking for the new Baptist building in Little Rock last week. Left to right: Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; young Dempsey's mother, Mrs. Joe Dempsey, Pine Bluff; his brother, Joey; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ralph Douglas. The infant's Grandfather Douglas is associate executive secretary of The State Convention.

Groundbreaking held for new Baptist Building

Groundbreaking for the new Baptist Building on Tuesday afternoon of last week turned out to be more symbolic than such exercises usually are. With all their surroundings concreted, the participants had to settle for turning a few spadefuls of dirt that had been left on the edge of the sidewalk, on the west side of the old Coca-Cola Bottling Company building, by gas company workers.

Since the foundation and walls of the building formerly occupied by Coca-Cola are to be kept as a starting point for the new Baptist Building, there was no ground available at the actual site.

Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, traced the history of Baptists in Arkansas, from the first Baptist church in the state, Salem Church, organized in 1818 in what is now Randolph County, to the present.

Dr. Whitlow presented statistics to show that the Baptist denomination and Arkansas have grown together. In 1848, when the Arkansas Baptist State Convention was organized, at Brownsville Church in Tulip, Dallas County, Little Rock had a population of 2,000 and the newly formed convention had 200 cooperating churches. Today, greater Little Rock has a population of about 250,000 and the convention has grown to about 1,200 churches with memberships totaling more than 325,000.

The second year of its operation the state convention had a deficit of \$400. Last year the convention churches contributed more than \$20,230,000, with more than \$2,000,000 of this being channeled through the convention for the world mission program.



KENNETH Price, of the Building committee, takes his turn at "groundbreaking." With him, left to right: Dr. R. L. South and Robert Gladden, of the committee, and Executive Secretary S. A. Whitlow.

Participating in the groundbreaking ceremonies turned out to be the first official act of newly-elected convention president Thomas A. Hinson, pastor of First Church, West Memphis.

President Hinson showed how the new Baptist Building was necessary for the expanding program of Arkansas Baptists, who now have 332,000 members.

The new and larger facilities will further the accomplishment of the convention's purpose, of awakening and stimulating among the churches "the greatest possible activity in evangelism, Christian education, and benevolent work throughout its bounds and to the ends of the earth," and the cultivation of "closer cooperation among the churches" and the promotion of "concert of action in advancing all the interests of the Kingdom of God," Mr. Hinson said.

Other program participants included Purcell Smith, chairman of the Building committee, who presided; Judge Tom Digby, North Little Rock, first vice president of the state convention, who gave the scripture reading; and Pastor Kenneth Threet of First Church, Piggott, second vice president of the state convention, who gave the benediction.

Other members of the Building committee, Dr. R. L. South, pastor of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, and Kenneth Price and Robert Gladden, Little Rock businessman, took part in the groundbreaking.

A historic shovel was supplied for the occasion by Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock—the shovel Dr. Vaught and others had used several years ago for the breaking of ground to begin construction of the new office building for the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.



STATE Convention President Thomas A. Hinson begins his official duties as holder of the highest office in the hands of Arkansas Baptists, with his address at groundbreaking service.

Authors new book

Dr. William L. Horton, professor of music at Ouachita University, is the author of a new book, **Introduction to Singing**. The book will be published by Convention Press, and released for general sale in May, 1968. Designed primarily for the young adult who wishes to undertake the serious study of voice, the book is illustrated with numerous musical examples and vocalises. Dr. Horton has been on the music faculty at Ouachita since 1963, and serves as chairman of the department of church music. He holds degrees from Furman University and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He has done post-doctoral study at the University of Michigan.



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GA coronation service

Calvary Church, Blytheville, recently recognized the Girls Auxiliary in a coronation service.

Honored were Julie Grisham, Kim Trantham and Cindy Tegethoff, maidens; Linda Maynard and Celeste Lowe, ladies-in-waiting; Kay Grisham and Sherry Trantham, queens.

Mrs. Guy Lowe and Mrs. G. R. Newcomb are GA leaders for the juniors. Intermediate leader is Mrs. Pat Conley, and Mrs. James Statler is director. John Lamb is church pastor.—Reporter

McBeth receives music award

W. Francis McBeth, associate professor of music at Ouachita University, has been made an award winner for the third consecutive year by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), according to Stanley Adams, ASCAP president. The award is based on the number of performances of an author's compositions by recognized orchestras and groups, and is in addition to the regular ASCAP royalty awards.



MR. MCBETH

McBeth will be among 561 composers of symphonic and concert works who will share in some \$319,750. The remaining \$296,750 is going to 1,150 writers in the "popular" field.

Staff evangelist

Rev. James A. Baker has been elected staff evangelist for New Hope Church, Jonesboro, according to an announcement by Eugene Webb, pastor.

Mr. Baker is a native of Tennessee and attended Southern College, Walnut Ridge. He is a former pastor of the Light, Mt. Pisgah and Rivervale churches.

His address is: Route 3, Highway No. 1, South Jonesboro. His telephone number is WEBster 5-6871.—Reporter



FRANCES Scott, a Ouachita University junior voice major from Little Rock, advanced Nov. 14 to the semifinals of the six-state auditions for the National Association of Teachers of Music held at the University of Texas in Austin. Miss Scott is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Wallace W. Scott, 2915 W. 27th St., Little Rock.

Revivals

Rock Springs Church, Carroll County Association, Sept. 10-17; Jamie Coleman, Fayetteville, evangelist; 7 professions of faith, 3 for baptism; 20 dedications, 15 soul-winning commitments, 1 surrender as foreign missionary; Dean Smith, pastor.

Mason Valley Church, Benton County Association, Oct. 28; Jamie Coleman, Fayetteville, evangelist; 11 professions of faith; 10 for baptism, 2 by letter, 7 dedications; Bill Wall, pastor.

Crystal Hill Church, Little Rock, Nov. 5-12; Jim Blankenship, evangelist; Ken Davis, song leader; 6 for baptism, 6 by letter, 1 for special service; Jim Blankenship, pastor.

Brush Creek Church, Elm Springs, Nov. 5-12; Rev. Don Warford, pastor and evangelist; Buford Lewis, song leader; 3 professions of faith, 4 by letter, 22 rededications.

Trinity Church, Searcy, Nov. 12-19; W. W. Dishongh, evangelist, Walter Hill, pastor, First Church, Heber Springs, singer; 12 additions; W. W. Dishongh, pastor.

Marshall Road Church, Jacksonville, Nov. 5-12; Rev. Bill Kreis, pastor, Calvary Church, North Little Rock, evangelist, Dennis Baw, music director, Calvary Church, song leader; Miss Eleanor Harwell, State Music Department, choir director; 29 professions of faith; 3 additions; 31 for baptism; Rev. Ronald Griffin, pastor.



ARKADELPHIA—Lynn Siebert of St. Louis is crowned Homecoming queen of Ouachita University by Dr. Marvin Green, acting president, in pre-game ceremonies before the crosstown clash between OBU and Henderson State College. Escort Delbert Palmer of McGehee looks on. Miss Siebert is a 1964 graduate of Webster Groves, Mo. High School and is a senior physical education major at Ouachita.

Clear Creek news

BY PAUL E. WILHELM



KAREN BOND



BRUCE BOND

A special recognition service was held at Webb City Church, Ozark, recently, honoring several Sunday School students. Receiving pins for perfect attendance from Garland Brakett, pastor, were Bruce Bond, 16 years; Karen Bond, five years; Louise Bond, four years; Edith Bond, two years; and Elsie Staatz, Bill Dewitt, Emma Barrington, Martha Keith, Aaron Bon, Sahnnon Bond, Maxann Bond and Teresa Bond, one year each.

A new educational wing will be added to Cedarville Church north of Van Buren. The building will occupy 2156 square feet and will contain space for a library pastor's study general office rest rooms and 20 classrooms. The present building will be remodeled to provide for a new baptistry and a newly arranged rostrum. Vance Wiley is pastor of the church.

The Association held a school of missions Nov. 19-24 with representatives from the Association the State Convention the Home and Foreign Mission Boards pastors in attendance.

A total of 102 services were conducted by 20 speakers during the six days of meetings. Taking part were S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary to the State Convention; Ralph Douglas, associate executive secretary; J. T. Elliff, secretary of the Department of Missions and Evangelism; Ed McDonald, secretary of the Baptist Foundation; E. A. Richmond, chaplain at the Boys Industrial School; J. Russell Duffer, superintendent of missions for Current River and Gainsville Associations; Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Muri Platt, mission chaplain, Louisiana State Penitentiary; R. V. Haygood, superintendent of missions, Pulaski County Association; Raymond Reed, pastor of Caudle Avenue Church, Springdale; James M. Wilson, missionary to Brazil; Earl Goatcher, missionary to Thailand; Gilbert Burns, superintendent of missions, Marshall Association, Albertville, Ala.; Harold G. Gately, missionary to Korea; S. S. Stover, missionary for 25 years to Brazil; Lewis Clarke, pastor, First Church, Marianna; and Don Jones, pastor, Nalls Memorial Church, Little Rock.

Kenneth Huff, pastor of Shady Grove Church, north of Van Buren, was ordained in a service held Oct. 29. At the same time Raymond Harris and Frank Hodge were ordained as deacons of the church.



Duck haven . . hunter's heaven

Arkansas is famous for its ducks and duck hunting. The combined effect of 400-thousand acres of rice, millions of acres of soybeans, and hundreds of lakes and reservoirs act as a huge magnet to attract large numbers of ducks



Wild geese in flight

to eastern Arkansas each year. Normally the big flight of ducks, mostly mallards, moves into the state about the first week in November. There is usually good hunting on public and private shooting areas when the state's duck population goes over the million mark. About 40 thousand hunters take part in the duck hunting annually in the state. The fascination of ducks responding to the hunters call and 'spread of decoys' defies adequate description. Only a duck hunter, who endures the cold and has experienced the thrill of mallards 'dropping down' through the tree limbs of a flooded 'pin oak flat,' can fully appreciate this valuable form of hunting sport.

Arkansas's 40-day duck season opened Nov. 22 and runs through Dec. 31. The limit is four, but only two mallards and one wood duck may be included in this daily bag.

Since about the mid '20's, steadily increasing drainage and destruction of duck nesting areas in the prairie provinces of Canada and north central U. S. have caused an overall reduction in duck numbers. This and not the hunters take, is the critical factor that will determine the future of waterfowling as Arkansans have known it in the past.



OPEN house was held Nov. 19 in Russellville for the new \$20,000 home and office occupied by Thomas E. Lindley, missionary to the Dardanelle-Russellville Association. The new structure contains 1,616 square feet of floor space.



THREE young men from Geyer Springs First Church, Little Rock, have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian Service: (left to right) Forrest Jeffrey, an estimator for Knox Gill Company, Little Rock, to the ministry of religious education; Jym Koontz, freshman at Little Rock University, to the ministry of church music; and Joe Hastings, freshman at Ouachita University, to the ministry. Paul R. Sanders is pastor of the church.



LIFETIME of service—J. T. Lockard, 95, shown here with Rev. Harold O'Bryan, pastor of First Church, Cabot. Mr. Lockard has been in Christian work since the age of 17. A Sunday School superintendent for 20 years, he has taught on a regular basis for 50, and has a perfect attendance record of 17 years. He was recently nominated as teacher for another year.

Trinity dedicates new church building

The new sanctuary of Trinity Church, Searcy, was dedicated in special services recently. Dr. C. W. Caldwell, former secretary of missions for Arkansas Baptists, was the guest speaker. Both former pastors, Rev. Harold Stephens, pastor of Hardin Church, Pine Bluff, and Rev. David Stevens, pastor, First Church, Tillar, were on the program in the afternoon and were pulpit guests in the morning and evening services, respectively.

The Building Committee chairman, Harold Lewis, welcomed the guests and gave information about the building. Special music was presented by Mrs. W. W. Dishongh, and after the pastor and people read the dedication vows, Rev. William Burnett, associational missionary, led the prayer of dedication.

The building is of masonry and steel construction and has over 4200 feet of floor space with a seating capacity of 315 and two additional classrooms, as well as pastor's study and secretarial office.

Total cost, including furniture, is \$49,000. The steeple and baptistry are of fiber glass.

The church served as prime contractor and Bill Giles, local contractor and member of Trinity Church, supervised construction.

Central heating and air conditioning are by Trane. Dr. W. W. Dishongh is in his third year as pastor of the church.

OBU students honored

Six students from Ouachita University have been awarded the Century Club and the Gold Award by the Southwestern Company, Nashville, Tenn.

The annual sales seminar and award distribution was held at the Fountainhead Hotel, Checotah, Okla. Attending were parents and guests of the college students working for the Southwestern Company.

Those receiving the Century Club Award and the Gold Award were Mark Bowles, Arkansas City; Ilde Guilaran, Manila, Philippines; and Jim Potts, Hayward, Okla.

Prosperity calls Lamb

Prosperity Church in Carey Association has called Rev. Bob Lamb, a student at Ouachita University, as pastor. Mr. Lamb is a 1967 graduate of Southwestern College.

Before moving to Arkadelphia he was pastor of Mounds Church in Greene County Association. Mr. Lamb is married to the former Miss Peggy Totty of Star City.

Dr. Harwell retires

On Nov. 1, the father of Miss Eleanor A. Harwell, Arkansas' associate music secretary, retired from the active pastorate.

A native of Georgia, Dr. H. H. Harwell served churches in Alabama for 38 of his 41 years as a pastor, all in the Mobile area. He had been pastor of the First Church, Leroy, since 1956. Former pastorates included West End, Mobile, and Bethany, Whistler, and First, Newberry, Fla.

Dr. Harwell has been a frequent contributor to religious and secular news media, including *Open Windows*, served for 23 years as chairman of press relations of the Alabama Baptist Convention, and he and Mrs. Harwell are both well known for their leadership in associational, state, and southwide activities.

He has also spent much of his ministry as a teacher in college extension centers, serving mission pastorates on Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons, counseling young ministers, and leading music as well as preaching in revivals. He and his wife and youngest son, Harold, are making their retirement home in Mobile.

Attends music meeting

Dr. William Trantham, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Ouachita University, attended the 43rd annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Music, Nov. 24-25, in Chicago.

Scholarship established

Russell Brown & Company, certified public accountants of Little Rock, has notified the Department of Accounting at Ouachita University that it will present an annual accounting scholarship of \$150 to the junior student at OBU showing the most aptitude for accounting work.

Deaths

G. KLINE GRAY, 63, Black Rock, Oct. 9, in Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., following a heart attack.

Mr. Kline was a member of New Hope Church, which he was serving as treasurer at the time of his death. Surviving are his wife, Velma, a son and two daughters.

REUBEN THOMAS HARNESS, 84, in Van Buren County Hospital, Clinton, Nov. 11. Mr. Harness was a lifetime resident of Van Buren County and a member of Pee Dee Church. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Lonnie Lasater, wife of the pastor of Greenwood Church; a son, Loy, of Clinton.

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Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

Musts for a minister

The other night a group of students were gathered in our living room for an after-church fellowship. "Gathered" is loose terminology which means "stacked in like sardines," with all chairs taken, including available kitchen stools, the piano bench, green-stamp hassocks, folding chairs, plus the stairway. As term papers and books began to call them back to the dorms our crowd thinned down to a group-discussion size. Someone asked another about a certain job. Then the conversation turned to the subject of job analysis, since we had a job analyst in our midst. Afterwards I began to reflect on some of the requirements a minister must have, over and above some of the more obvious ones, such as college and seminary preparation.

He must be theological, but not too pious;

He must be well attired, but not too flashy;

He must be a good "sermonizer" with a back-log of many talks for many varying occasions;

He must not be too young ("a lack of maturity or dignity") and he must not be too old ("set in his ways");

He must not be afraid of work, willing to "tote water when the house is on fire."

He must be friendly to all, with a good sense of humor "to boot."

He must be "on call" morning, noon, or night, ready for any task;

He must not expect too much from his people, knowing they, too, are imperfect;

He must have kind and comforting words for those who are ill or bereaved;

He must earnestly seek to give God's message to His people.

He must listen with compassion as people confess their weaknesses and sins;

He must be a faithful husband, father, and friend.

Your minister is probably all of these and more. Mine is—but of course I'm prejudiced!

Jacksonville church honors its deacons

Marshall Road Church, Jacksonville, honored its deacons Nov. 13-19. A supper was held for the deacons and their wives and the pastor, Ronald Griffin, and Mrs. Griffin, Nov. 18. Rev. Jerre Hassell, chaplain at Baptist Hospital, was the guest speaker.

Two new deacons were ordained Nov. 19 in the evening service. They were Paul Kinder and Marvin Bullock.

Harold Thompson, chairman of Deacons, read the scripture and led in the invocation. Bobby Allen led in the questioning and Julian Thompson gave the charge to the new deacons and their wives. The dedication prayer was led by Bill Lowe. The ordination message was by Rev. Ronald Griffin. All the deacons of the church participated in the ordination service.

Deacons ordained

Herman Holland and E. W. Poe were ordained deacons of Witt's Chapel Church, Current River Association, Nov. 12. Missionary J. Russell Duffer was moderator. Sedric Wesson, Paragould, preached the ordination sermon. The questioning was led by Marion Berry, Reyno Church. McDowell Simington served as clerk. Doyle Wesson, pastor of Witt's Chapel, gave the ordination prayer. Ira Hubbard, chairman of deacons, presented The Baptist Deacon to each candidate.

In the past few months, Witt's Chapel has licensed one man to preach, and has one member serving as a lay preacher.—Reporter



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The latest

The first individual Great Commission Citation was earned by Raymond Reed, pastor of Caudle Avenue Church, Springdale. The first church group request came from Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, where Andrew Setliff is minister of education and Clifford Palmer is pastor.

There have been many requests since these which were awarded at the very beginning of the church year. The most recent request for materials came from the Floral Church, Independence Association.

Individuals and churches may join in the project any time. The project gives an emphasis to both training and visitation. Such an emphasis will assist churches in their outreach and evangelism.

This is the latest.

This is the last call for attendance at the Pastors and General Officers Retreat at Paron Baptist Camp, Dec. 1-2. The cost is \$4.65 for three meals and overnight.

This is the latest.

Are you ready for January Bible study? The book store is ready with your needed materials and books.

Don't be the latest. Avoid being late and sorry because of a shortage of materials.

This is the latest.—Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School Department secretary

New training union

The State Training Union secretary assisted the Liberty Church in Calvary Association in organizing a Training Union on Nov. 19. Jack Martin was elected Training Union director. Other leaders elected were: Doyle McGrew, Union leader for adult union; Mrs. Glen Smith, Intermediate leader and Mrs. Bill Ingram, Junior leader.

The people were very enthusiastic and we are looking forward to Liberty Church maintaining a good Training Union in the future.—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary



LEFT to right, Gerald Brown and J. R. Hall, pastor, with Citation poster.

Leaders to Ridgecrest

The Training Union Department is planning to charter one or more air-conditioned buses to Ridgecrest for July 11-17, 1968, which is Training Union Week for Training Union leaders.

The bus will leave Little Rock Wednesday night, July 10, and return to Little Rock by Thursday morning, July 18.

Bus fare will be approximately \$30. Expenses while there will depend upon accommodations desired, ranging from \$4.50 per day in a dormitory to \$10.50 for one person in a room with private bath. Meals will be included. Those going should plan six days of expenses.

Write The Training Union Department for the Ridgecrest folder giving rates.

Send The Training Union Department a \$3 check to cover the registration fee for each person going and the type of accommodations desired.—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

It's carol time!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

"Glory to God in the highest" was the spontaneous outburst of song the heavenly host proclaimed the night Jesus, our Saviour, was born. This should be the natural response of the individual Christian in his heart, but also voiced as each Christian unites with fellow believers to adore the Christ-child at this season of the year.

Each church and association is urged to make provisions for all to sing together the great carols in celebration of our Lord's birth. Christians singing together in churches, as they stroll through town, in community meeting places, and other manners has been a delightful tradition for hundreds of years. People like to sing with reverence the quiet carols, with gaiety the joyful carols, and with gusto the virile carols of Christmas. If you are a church or associational music leader, a pastor, or a missionary, providing an opportunity for this type of Christian expression will renew among all the people the happiness of the Christian experience of salvation.

Perhaps the following ways could be considered to make a carol sing fresh

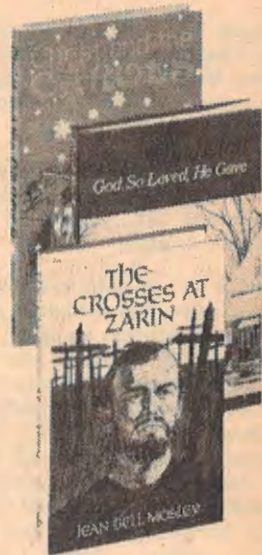
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The bookshelf

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Three new Time-Life Books just off the press are:

Cradle of Civilization, by Samuel Noah Kramer and the Editors of Time-Life Books; **Birth Control**, a special report in text and pictures, including 16 pages in full color, a paperback by Ernest Havemann and the Editors of Time-Life Books, \$1.95; and **The Hippies**, by the Correspondents of Time, edited by Joe David Brown, \$1.95

Another in the Time-Life Book "Great Ages of Man" series, **Cradle of Civilization** is something of a work of art itself, elaborately illustrated and featuring many a full page of color.

This is the story of buried treasure in cities of long ago.

Says Thorkild Jacobsen, in the introduction: "The treasure is real, as a glance at the illustrations will show: gold, silver, exquisitely carved ivories, gems cut in carnelian, serpentine, lapis lazuli. And yet that seems the least of it. The exciting, the immeasurable value of this treasure goes beyond costly materials. It lies in the unique knowledge these finds bring us: every fragment unearthed from the ancient sites recovers a part of human history that was lost, tells of beginnings, of the first cities ever built, of the first civilized thoughts and doings when the world was new and theirs to subdue."

Based on latest medical findings, **Birth Control** examines in detail the nine principal methods of preventing conception and evaluates the effectiveness, the possible side effects, cost and required medical attention of each method. Special emphasis is given "the pill," with history of how it was developed and tested, and a description of how it works.

The Hippies tells who the hippies are, where they are, why they act the way they do, and how they may affect our society.

Anabaptist Baptist, by Rollin Stely Armour, Herald Press, 1966, \$6.75

The author examines here in considerable detail the views of several representative figures, each of whom made some significant contribution to the development of a theology of baptism. Since the four figures he has chosen come from different branches of the movement—Balthasar Hubmaier, Hans Hut, Melchior Hofmann, and Pilgram Marpeck—the reader is assured of breadth. The study leads naturally beyond a consideration of baptism per se to the Anabaptist attitudes toward regenerate church, ethics, and eschatology.

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This book honors Christ by showing how He is presented in Christmas songs and carols. A brief history shows the development of carols in the Isaac Watts period, the Nineteenth Century, and modern times. (26b) **\$1.50**

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and appealing: Use singing pastors in a quartet or other ensemble, feature the youth, the senior adults, or choirs and ensembles, use one familiar and then one unfamiliar song in a carol rehearsal, have a "progressive" or "simultaneous" associational carol sing in a different geographical location two or more nights the same week, use hymnslides or hymnslips featuring carols which are available at the Baptist Book Store, use a small instrumental ensemble to accompany the singing as well as to play some carols alone, and use other ideas you can devise since you know the interests and abilities of your group.

The suggested date for associational carol sings is Dec. 10, and for church carol sings is Dec. 20. Free pamphlets and suggested easy-to-use services are available from our office on request.

This year, let all Arkansas Baptist musicians and church members unite with sincerity and fervor in proclaiming "Gloria in Excelsis Deo"!—Eleanor A. Harwell, Associate Music Secretary

Annual BSU meet scheduled for Conway

Six hundred college students, representing Baptist Student Unions on twenty campuses, will have their annual Baptist Student Convention in Conway this weekend. Jack Noffsinger, pastor of Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N. C. will be the principal speaker. Charles Hughes of Searcy will direct the music.

MR. NOFFSINGER

Other features of the program will include the testimonies of 18 summer missionaries who worked last summer and were supported by the summer mission fund raised by the Baptist Student Unions of Arkansas. BSU Choirs from Henderson, Southern State, Arkansas Tech, Arkansas A & M, and Arkansas State University will provide special music.

Saturday morning's business session will include the recommendation for fields of service for the 1968 Summer Mission Program.

Dan Robinson, a student at Arkansas Tech and president of the Arkansas Baptist Student Union, will preside at each session except the Saturday morning session. Larry Graddy, a student at Hendrix College and the vice-president for the state Baptist Student Union organization, will preside at the Saturday morning session.

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Moore heads board

The board of directors of Ministers Life and Casualty Union, Minneapolis, elected Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Nashville, Tenn., chairman, at its quarterly meeting in October.

A member of the board since 1951 and in recent years its vice chairman, Dr. Moore succeeds Dr. Armin G. Weng, who died in August.

Dr. Moore is executive director and treasurer of the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. This position makes him responsible for the leadership of over 10 million Baptists in three programs: Cooperative Program promotion, involving the gaining of support for all missionary and benevolent work; stewardship development, including Bible stewardship and church budgets; and endowment and capital giving, providing channels for giving through wills, trusts and other endowments.

About people

ROBERT H. LLOYD of Houston, Tex., has been named director of the department of pastoral care at the new High Plains Baptist Hospital, Amarillo, Tex., scheduled to open Feb. 20, 1968.

Lloyd has been serving as a chaplain supervisor at the Memorial Baptist Hospital in Houston and Ben Taub General Hospital.

The new High Plains Baptist Hospital will open with five clinical divisions and 241 patient beds, according to Emmett Johnson, the hospital's administrator.

Lloyd is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He has completed two years of study at the Institute of Religion in the Texas Medical Center, and is certified as a supervisor for Clinical Pastoral Education. He has also completed residence requirements for a Master of Theology degree.

BELDEN MENKUS, a Southern Baptist from New York City, has been honored by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America for helping the Jewish organization set up a computer operation.

Menkus, a former Jew and author of the book *Meet the American Jew*, was presented recently a certificate of merit "in recognition of outstanding and meritorious service as an exemplar of the spirit of ecumenism and brotherhood."

In addition to his work for the Jewish War Veterans, Menkus several years ago assisted the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, in revising their filing system. (BP)

Alaska holds convention

ANCHORAGE, Alaska—The Alaska Baptist Convention, which attempted to meet in Fairbanks in August but was postponed because of the devastating floods there, met here three months later to conduct its annual business sessions.

In a report to the convention, Executive Secretary E. W. Hunke Jr., said that in excess of \$57,000 in relief funds for the flood-stricken Fairbanks area have been received by the convention.

A state-wide budget of \$223,936, an increase of 15 per cent over the previous budget, was adopted by the convention, allocating 28 per cent of undesignated receipts to Southern Baptist world mission causes.

Newly-elected president of the convention is Edward E. Wolfe, pastor of Faith Baptist Church of Spenard, Alaska. He is a native of Missouri.

A resolution was adopted opposing the issuance of a liquor license by the Alaska Beverage Control Board to a restaurant located near the Muldoon Baptist Church in Anchorage. The pastor of the church, V. A. Chron, has led a vigorous protest against the granting of the license, claiming that the board did not have a majority of the residents' approval as required by law.

The 1968 convention will meet in Fairbanks on Aug. 13-15. (BP)

Beacon lights of Baptist history

Queries and answers

BY **BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.**

PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, BENTON

Well conducted panels for discussion before Baptist bodies are modern illustrations of queries of another day which enlightened and inspired participants. It was customary in earlier days of our history to direct questions to assembled bodies to ascertain doctrinal information, directional polity, and behavioral procedural.

The Elkhorn Association in Kentucky studied the query concerning a confession of faith on conference, in the year 1785. Should Baptists strictly adhere to the Philadelphia Confession as a rule of communion or should suspension of the same be made for the sake of the group's best interest? The body deliberated and said the confession of faith should be strictly adhered to.

Later that year, the association was faced with the question of whether or not it was lawful for a Christian to bear civil or military office. The decision: It was lawful for any Christian to bear office in either, except ministers of the gospel.

Evidently too much time was being consumed by queries, because the assembled body voted not to receive a query unless it had first been debated in the church and inserted in the church letter.

This same association the following year faced the question: Should the duty of supporting a minister be considered a debt or a liberal contribution? This question was debated and carried over to the next associational meeting. When the question came up it was debated and cast out.

But the same group, queried about a minister trading and entangling himself in ordinary affairs of life, decided that such action was not agreeable to scripture. They thought it the church's duty to give their minister a reasonable support and restrict him in these respects.

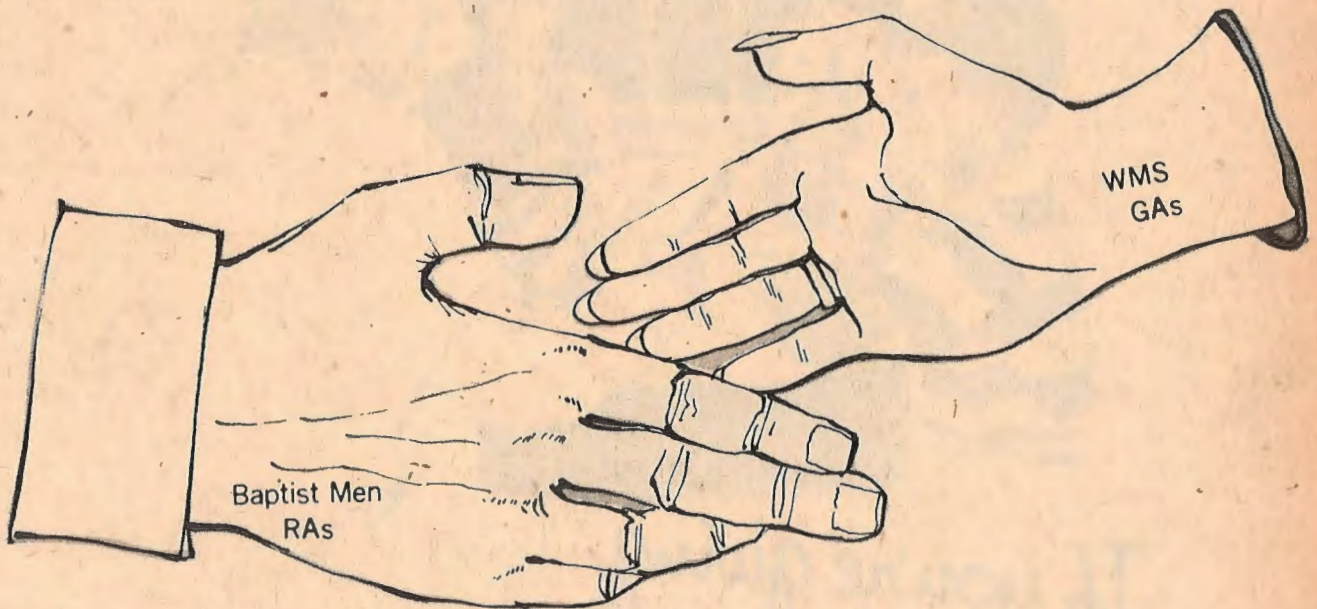
Examples could be multiplied. Questions pertaining to church problems, scripture interpretation, authority of voluntary bodies, Christian living, slavery and problems of that day dot the pages of associational minutes.

Lack of communication necessitated discussion. Church members wanted to know and had the right to know. Though we have available means of communication today there is something about open discussion not realized in printed matter. Public exchange of ideas helps one to see various sides and to think more clearly. True, there is misunderstanding sometimes, but this risk must be run to prevent a greater misunderstanding.

William Warren Sweet, *Religion on the American Frontier, The Baptists*, (New York, Henry Holt, and Co., 1931) pp 417ff

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Dr. Martinez Comments on "Hippies"



Dr. Angel Martinez

Dr. Angel Martinez, prominent Southern Baptist Evangelist, was guest speaker at Student Chapel Thursday, October 12. Born to Mexican and Spanish parents, he was converted in a Baptist Mission in his native city of San Antonio in 1935 and preached his first sermon that year at the age of 13 years. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. W. O. Vaught, Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, introduced Dr. Martinez to the student body.

Following the Chapel program, Dr. Martinez was asked to comment on the "Hippies." In his opinion our society has failed these people in three important areas. Our schools have failed since much of what they teach is based on materialism. The home or "family unit" is too busy making

money and social climbing to leave enough time for warm, spiritual examples. Our churches also fail to provide them with a warm, spiritual faith and oftentimes our approach is sterile and unchallenging.

Because of these failures, these youngsters inevitably turn to wrong solutions. They become only "piecemeal" human beings bent on a "Go For Broke" journey in search of something which cannot be found on the road they have chosen.

Our challenge today is to find a way to commit people to a central course that will integrate their spiritual life, with their school, work, family and social life. Dr. Martinez said, "The most expensive thing God ever did was love the human race. Through Him these 'piecemeal' human beings can be made whole again."

Junior Class of Degree Program Elects Officers

The Junior Class of State College of Arkansas at Conway elected Officers for the coming school year. They are: President, Jenny Lou Welch; First Vice President, Carolyn Moore; Second Vice President, Diane Jacobs; Secretary, Dottie Ivey; Treasurer, Marilyn Burns; Reporter, Suzanne Rodgers; and Representative to the Guidance Council, Paula Strum. Twenty-six members of the class met in the living room of the Nurses Dormitory for the meeting.

Infant Mortality Declines

The infant mortality rate is continuing to drop. The National Center for Health Statistics reports that in the

Part B Enrollment in Medicare Opens Again

Social Security announced that over 1,000 Arkansans eligible for Medicare have not enrolled for Part B of the program. As a result, the Social Security Department has designated the last three months of the year (October through December) as an enrollment period for all who are 65 or who will be 65 by the end of the year. Almost a quarter of a million Arkansans are registered for the hospitalization program of Medicare under Part A.

first half of 1967 there were 22.9 deaths for every 1,000 live births. For the same period in 1966, the rate was 24.3 per 1,000 live births.

President-elect Roberts



Norman L. Roberts, Jr.

Norman L. Roberts, Jr., Administrator of Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock, was installed as president-elect of Arkansas Hospital Association during its convention held in Hot Springs last month. Installation of officers was conducted by Dr. Edwin L. Crosby, Executive Vice President of the American Hospital Association at the Annual Banquet held in conjunction with the Convention.

Mr. Roberts will serve the year 1967-68 as President-elect and assume the office of President of the Association in 1968. He has served on the Board of the Association for several years and is a Fellow in the American College of Hospital Administrators. He has served as Administrator of Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock since it opened in January, 1962, and is a deacon in the Park Hill Baptist Church of North Little Rock. He is a graduate of Baylor University and received his Masters degree in hospital administration from University of California at Berkley.

Approximately 375 delegates representing 80% of the hospitals in the state were in attendance at the convention held at the Velda Rose Towers in Hot Springs. Officers installed for the year were: President, Mr. Ben Owens, Administrator of North Arkansas Clinic Hospital in Batesville; President-elect Mr. Roberts; Treasurer, Mr. Art Wilson, Administrator of Saline Memorial Hospital in Benton.

Medicaid Approved for Two More States

Two more states have signed up for Medicaid. They are Texas and South Dakota, bringing the total of states and territories that have received approval of their plan to 31. Neither of the two new plans includes the so-called medically needy. South Dakota is including drugs but Texas is not. Arkansas has not planned to implement the program until 1970.

Laboratory Equipment Emphasizes Accuracy

The Center's Laboratory performs over 1,200 tests annually to determine the level of certain metals in the body. Depending upon the metal to be tested, the time required to make the determination varies from one to several hours. These tests performed manually

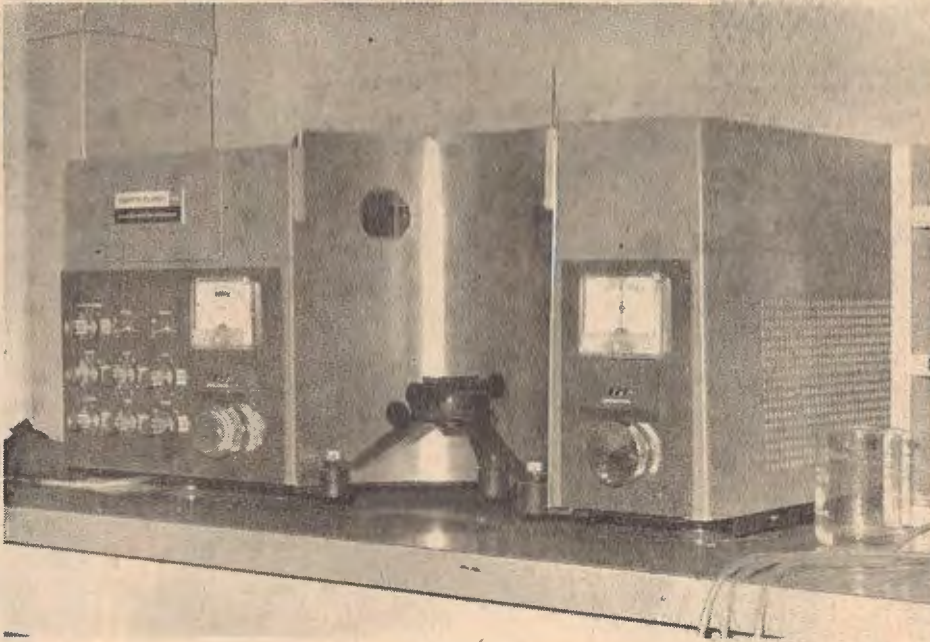
achieved an accuracy of plus or minus eight percent. In order to make these determinations more rapidly and with almost perfect accuracy, the Center has purchased a \$6,000 Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer.

The principle of the equipment is

operated on light variation and absorption. When high voltage electrical current is admitted into a hollow cathode lamp containing particles of the specified metal, these elements are heated and diffused throughout the lamp and control the intensity of the beam emitted. This beam of light is then passed through a temperature-controlled flame which is absorbing sample specimens of metal from the patient. As the light beam passes through the flame, the metal elements being absorbed in the flame are higher or lower in intensity than those being emitted from the lamp. A direct read-out of the rate of absorption is determinative of the metal level in the patient's body.

The new equipment is accurate to within plus or minus one percent. Also, the equipment makes it possible to have the results of the test to the doctor the same day. Manually, it had sometimes taken two or three days to get the results for the doctor. Odare Murphree, Supervisor of ABMC's Laboratory, said, "In an emergency we could make the determination within 30 minutes."

The absorption unit has the capability of making determinations of about 50 metals found in the body. Presently, the Center is using the equipment to test for calcium, iron, magnesium, copper and lead. Last year the Lab made over 1,200 such tests requiring approximately five times as long as will be required with the new equipment.



Six Retire from ABMC



Retirees pictured from left to right are: Eva Gordon, Rose Kelly, Zada Neff, Walter Lewis, Bertha Talbot, Polly Barnhouse.

Six employees who gave a total of 78 years of service to ABMC and its patients retired this month. Rose Kelly headed the list with 23 years of service. Rose worked in the Housekeeping Department, but most people know her as operator of elevator No. 4. Eva Gordon, with 14 years, and Zada Neff,

with 13 years seniority, retired from Nursing Service. Polly Barnhouse worked in the Admission Office for 13 years. Bertha Talbot, supervisor in Housekeeping, worked as a Volunteer for several years before she became an employee of 11 years duration. Walter Lewis, chef in the Cafeteria, retired

Miss Holland Elected To Hall of Fame

Miss Elya Holland, Assistant Professor of Psychiatric Nursing at State College of Arkansas School of Nursing, has been elected to Arkansas State Nurses Hall of Fame.

Miss Holland has been active in the Association for many years and has held office and worked on committees of both A.S.N.A. and A.L.N. She served as president of the State Board of Nursing Examiners and is presently on the Board of Directors of the Arkansas State Nursing Association.

She has served on the state legislative committee of A.S.N.A. since 1957 and has been a member of the State A.L.N. curriculum committee since it began.

Until her recent appointment in the Degree Program, she was the Executive Director of the ABMC School of Nursing. She joined the hospital staff as Nurse Educator in 1945.

GIFTS TO ABMC

Recent contributions to ABMC's Open Heart Surgery Fund were made by the WMS Circle of Immanuel Baptist Church and the WMS of Second Baptist Church, both of Little Rock.

after four years of faithful service.

The retirees attended a luncheon given in their honor and each was presented a Perma Plaque certificate by the Administration in addition to individual gifts. The Center will miss their smiling faces as well as their loyalty.

Convention Delegates Tour Center



Approximately 35 delegates to the Arkansas Nurses Association Convention visited ABMC on a "field trip" scheduled the first day of the convention. Dr. George Brenner, of ABMC's Radiology Department, discussed the capabilities and function of the Center's \$150,000 Cardio-Vascular Laboratory. The group also visited Intensive Care, Surgery, and Eye Surgery Departments. The two-day convention was held October 19 and 20 at the Lafayette Hotel.

ABMC Auxilian Elected President of State Auxiliary

Student Nurses Ass'n Elect SCA Student



Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mr. W. H. Patterson, Mrs. James G. Sawyer.

Mrs. Ray Wilson, past president of ABMC's Auxiliary was elected president of the Auxiliary to the Arkansas Hospital Association. Mrs. Wilson was

installed as president of the statewide organization at the annual convention held in Hot Springs.

The ABMC Auxiliary was presented

Miss Wanda Hamilton was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Arkansas State Nurses Student Association for the year 1967-68 during the Association's annual convention held in Little Rock, October 19-20.

Miss Hamilton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hamilton of Route 1, Hazen. She was graduated from High School in 1965 as valedictorian of her class and received eight outstanding student awards.

In addition to her duties as Corresponding Secretary, Miss Hamilton will edit the Association's newsletter, "P R N".

Miss Hamilton is a Junior in the State College of Arkansas School of Nursing and will be eligible to receive her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing in the Spring of 1969.

the "Outstanding Service Award" for 1967. The award is presented to the Auxiliary demonstrating outstanding service to its parent hospital and to the programs of the State Auxiliary. Mrs. Pat Sawyer, President of ABMC Auxiliary, received the award on behalf of the Auxiliary.



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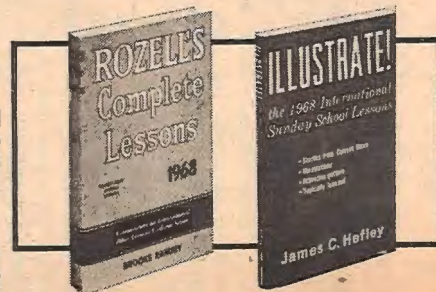
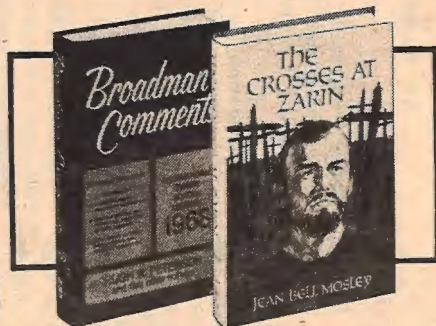
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Did you know?

BY CAROLYN H. WARD



Did you know that the brain of a bee is not even as large as the head of a pin? Yet, bees organize a city, build ten thousand cells for their home, twelve thousand cells for their larvae, and a veritable throne room for the mother queen.

They observe the increasing heat. When wax melts and honey is lost, they organize the swarm into squads and put sentinels at the entrances. They glue the feet down and then, with flying wings, create a system of ventilation to cool the honey.

A little bee may cover twenty square miles in its search for the flowers it needs.

If God is responsible for such tiny wonders, can we not trust him and his way of caring for us?

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Skipper's alarm clock

BY MAXINE MITCHELL

Skipper's grandmother had a box in her basement with these words printed on it: **SKIPPER'S BOX.**

Every time Skipper went to visit her, he headed straight for the box in the basement. There was always a surprise in it. Sometimes it was something new, like the green and yellow turtle that wound up and went round and round with his head going in and out of his shell. Usually it was something that Grandmother had found when she was looking through an old trunk or cleaning out a drawer in the kitchen.

One time Skipper found wooden checkers, red ones and black ones, in a jar. These had belonged to his father when he was a little boy. Another time there was a set of old, tin measuring cups. Skipper liked these things. He measured red and black checkers many times.

Today when Skipper looked in the box there was something exciting. Oh, how exciting—an old alarm clock! Grandmother said that it hadn't worked for years. Skipper didn't care, though. It was such fun to wind the keys and to turn the knobs on the back of the clock. Sometimes the clock would start to tick, tick, tick. Skipper would quickly put it to his ear and listen to its loud and tinny sound.

Now, when Skipper's visit at Grand-

mother's was over, he was supposed to put all the things back in the box. Then they would be ready to play with on his next visit. This day he just couldn't put the alarm clock in the box. Mother was waiting, and Skipper's face was sad. Grandmother understood—grandmothers usually do. She told Skipper that he could take the alarm clock home with him.

Skipper's mother sighed and said, "Honestly, Skipper, I do believe your grandmother would let you haul her house home with you, one brick at a time, if she thought you really wanted it."

Skipper was happy. That night when he went to bed, he put the alarm clock on the table right next to his bed. Sometime during the night, the clock that hadn't worked for years started to tick, tick, tick. A little later the alarm that hadn't gone off for years went off. "Brrrr, brrrrr," it rang.

Skipper would have been excited if he had heard it. But he didn't hear it. The alarm was sputtering and ringing right in his ear, but Skipper just snored and snored. Father finally heard it, though, and reached over and turned off his alarm clock. He yawned and yawned. Mother stretched and stretched. Sleepily they crawled out of bed.

Mother put on her robe and went downstairs to fry the bacon for breakfast. Father went into the bathroom to shave. Father looked out of the bathroom window and thought to himself, "It's too dark to be morning." At the same time, Mother looked out of the kitchen window and thought the same thing. Mother looked at the kitchen clock and Father looked at his watch. It wasn't time to get up! **IT WAS STILL THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!**

Father rushed downstairs shouting, "Stop frying the bacon!"

Mother rushed upstairs shouting, "Stop shaving!" They bumped into each other on the stairs. Then they started to laugh.

"It must have been Skipper's alarm clock," chuckled Father. Mother nodded her head.

Together they tiptoed into Skipper's room to look at his clock. Slowly Skipper opened sleepy eyes, sniffed, and said, "I smell bacon."

"Yes," said Mother, "your alarm went off and we thought it was time for breakfast. But it isn't. It's the middle of the night! We can all go back to sleep."

Skipper started to giggle.

Worship through remembrance

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Life and Work

December 3

I Corinthians 11:20-29

There was a time when the "Lord's supper" was the "last supper." But of course when Jesus rose from the dead, that came to an end for now Christians never see each other for the last time. There is no last supper anymore.

God knew all along that even his own would forget him. He knew it because he was God. Yet it has also been confirmed through experience over and over again. Did not the Israelites forget who brought them out of Egypt? Have not men of all ages forgotten the one who forgave their sin? Before we judge these, we must accept the fact that a third to a half of our present membership have either never known God or forgotten him. If you have a paralyzed arm or leg, then you know what such inactive members do to Christ's body.

Even still, being active and being useful are not the same thing. You may have complete use of your arm, but what do you use it for? You may be very faithful to the organization called the church but does your witness contribute anything to the growth of the organism, which is Christ's body? We must therefore conclude that we all need to remember.

Meaningful symbols

Notice how wise God is. He strictly forbade images of any kind since man confuses the image with the real thing. Instead, he asked us to remember him by a piece of bread and a bit of juice. These in no way resemble God and only by the wildest stretch of the imagination can they be made to appear so. But just because they are not likenesses of God should we treat them casually? They are not just symbols. They are meaningful symbols.

This is why it is so important to preserve the form of the symbols of both baptism and the supper. They are God's way of guaranteeing that the Gospel will be preserved in the churches. They are Gospels for the eye. Those who compromise the form soon turn away from other New Testament doctrines also.

Remember how farmers used to set a sturdy stack-pole in the center of their haystacks to keep them from falling down or blowing away? Well, the Lord gave the ordinances to the churches lest the Gospel be lost. "With definite form for a definite symbolism of a def-

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inite message they are the 'stack-pole' of the churches to preserve them in integrity and faithfulness to their mission to give the Gospel to the World." The Gospel has never been lost to a people except when the true meaning of the ordinances were lost. Southern Baptists, who are the most faithful to the New Testament ordinances, are also the most evangelistic. These two facts go hand in hand.

Meaningful message

Perhaps a few summary statements will help in understanding the Supper.

1. Baptism precedes the supper. Most everyone agrees on this, whether they baptize (immerse) or merely "water" their members. The order seems to be: Become a disciple, be baptized, observe the supper (Matt. 28:19-20). Taking the supper is one of the things Christ wanted his followers to do.

2. The supper, like baptism, is a church ordinance. It was not instituted with an individual but with individuals gathered together in the name of the Lord. Even then, all of the Christians were not invited to it. Just because a church doesn't administer it to every Christian, doesn't mean others are not Christians.

Herschel Hobbs says there are three practices found among Baptists. The first is **open communion**, where all Christians are invited to participate. The second is **inter-communion**, where all Baptists are invited to participate. The third is **intra-communion**, where only members of a given local church participate.

Since baptism precedes the supper, the real question is not "communion" but baptism. What is, New Testament baptism? When you have answered that, you will have decided who participates in the supper.

3. The supper is a remembrance of Christ who died for us. It reminds us that he died at the hands of his own people and that he died for our sins. We should have been on that cross but in mercy he took our place.

Concerning the body of Christ, Frank Stagg made an interesting comment in the March 12, 1964 issue of this maga-

zine. He said: "The supper is sometimes referred to as 'the breaking of bread' (Acts 2:42; 20-7). This formula meant to take a meal together. The expression 'to break bread' does not emphasize the fragmentizing of what was one loaf. Rather it emphasizes the fact that two or more people are joined together in eating from the one loaf.

"The Lord's supper portrays the body of Christ, not the broken body. In the oldest manuscripts of the New Testament, I Cor. 11:24 reads; 'This is my body for you.' The early text does not have the word 'broken.' This is a scribe's addition and it ruins the meaning."

4. The supper expresses a confident hope that Christ will come again. We are to observe it until he does come, however long that may be.

5. The supper is a recognition of the covenant relationship which he has provided for us. The covenant or agreement is that by partaking of him we have eternal life (John 6:53). We take the bread and juice to symbolize this union with Christ. The union with other Christians is secondary to this union with Christ. Thus the supper is not so much an expression of brotherly fellowship as it is a practice of doctrinal truth.

6. The supper should not be taken unworthily. The word translated "unworthily" in I Cor. 11:29 is an adverb of manner. "It refers not to the person's condition, but to the manner in which the supper is observed" (H. H. Hobbs). The translation, Living Letters, bears this out by explaining unworthily as "not thinking about the body of Christ and what it means." Here again is a warning for Christians to hold the line on their interpretation of the supper.

It goes without saying that we should make things right with God and our fellowman before taking the supper. Yet it is also true that the supper helps us do this by recalling what Christ had done for us.

Much more could be said about the supper but experience in taking it will add to one's knowledge and understanding. The important thing to remember is to observe it as a spiritual act of worship and witnessing. To do so will contribute much toward the vigorous life of a church.

What God requires of man

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Micah 6:1-8

Micah lived in the eighth century B.C. and was a contemporary of Isaiah. The contents of this book was probably prepared and expressed just prior to 722 when Samaria and Israel fell to Assyria.

He was a rural prophet who lived in western Judah near Gath in Philistia, but he prophesied to both Judah and Israel. While Hosea had spoken out against the sin of Israel in deserting the Lord and turning after the Baal gods, Micah cried out against the religious weariness of Israel. Like the Ephesian church, Israel left her first love—lost her religious zeal.

In chapter 6 Micah's book comes to a climax in setting down the grandest brief statement in the Old Testament on God's ethical standards for men. The prophet called for an open hearing in the controversy between the Lord and Israel.

First off, Micah voiced God's complaint against Israel, calling for a rational explanation of Israel's reasons for neglecting the Lord (6:1-2).

God's charge (6:3-5)

God calls for an honest answer. He often appeals to the rational nature of man and calls for a reasonable answer. If the Lord can get a wayward man to think seriously on his way, search honestly into his own mind, and give reasonable answers to God's questions, the man will repent and return unto his maker.

1. **God's question.** His opening question might well be asked today: What has God done to cause men to grow weary of him? The question seems to imply that the people were not opposing God so much as they were neglecting him, much like many elements of the American society which do not bother to fight the church or the Christian people but ignore them.

2. **God's reminder.** The Lord reminded them that he had (a) raised up most capable leaders for them in Moses, Aaron, and Miriam; (b) redeemed them from Egyptian slavery; (c) brought them up from Egypt; (d) blocked Balaam's efforts to hire Balaam to pronounce a curse of Israel; and (e) dried up the Jordan river to provide passage into the promised land. Israel had forgotten her own history.

God's requirements (6:6-8)

In three verses Micah manages to express the most persistent query of the human heart, suggest the standard answers of the major religions of the world, and finally relay God's serious

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answer to humanity's sober question.

1. **What shall I bring unto God?** That question has arisen in the heart of man since the beginning, and in varied forms has been framed by his lips and written on his tablets. What shall I bring in my hands as I seek God? In all its forms, the question assumes that man must prepare himself to meet God.

2. **Will God be pleased with ritual offerings?** According to Amos, who preceded Micah by one generation, God

would not accept or look upon sacrifices which were offered by wicked and impenitent men (Amos 5:22). As far back as Samuel, it was revealed that "to obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Sam. 15:22).

3. **Will God be pleased with lavish gifts, such as "thousands of rams and with thousands of rivers of oil?"** A right standing with God is not purchasable as with some ancient sale of indulgence.

4. **Will the Lord be pleased with excessive zeal, such as might be expressed by personal sacrifice of children?** Again the answer would have to be negative

Baptist beliefs

The line of communications

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"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching there unto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints"—Ephesians 6:18.

Every military man knows the importance of maintaining an unbroken line of communications during military operations. It is necessary not only for receiving the materiel of war but for the giving of orders and for directing the troops in the conflict.

In the light of Paul's military metaphors in Ephesians 6:10-17, this seems to be the sense of verse 18. And to him this line of communications is prayer. This is necessary if the Christian soldier is to keep in touch with *Headquarters*, to receive direction in the fray, and to have an unbroken line of supply for the spiritual material necessary for battle.

Actually one should connect verse 18 with the opening part of verse 14. "Stand therefore. . . praying always." Not only should the Christian soldier be well equipped for defence and offense; he should also *keep in touch*. And he does so through prayer. He should be "praying always" or "at all seasons." He should do so as a regular thing both in ordinary times and in times of crisis.

This thought is further reflected in the words "with all prayer and supplication." Literally, "through every kind of prayer and supplication." "Prayer" means prayer in general. "Supplication" is a special kind of prayer, a more ardent prayer, in time of great need. And both should be "in the Spirit" or "in the sphere of the Spirit." For it is only in the sphere of the Holy Spirit that any kind of petition can truly be uttered and from which it draws its inspiration (cf. Roman. 8:26-27; Jude 20).

So we see in this verse three things which should characterize the prayer of the Christian soldier: its variety and earnestness ("with all [every kind of] prayer and supplication"); its constancy ("always" or "in every season"); its spiritual reality ("in the Spirit").

Furthermore, this prayer is to be uttered *in watchfulness*. "Watching" renders a present participle meaning to be constantly on guard or on the alert. On guard against the enemy so that one shall not be caught unprepared. It could also mean on guard lest the enemy should cut one's line of communication. A Christian soldier should never be caught napping in this regard. Rather "in every kind of perseverance and supplication" he should pray, not only for himself, but "for all saints" or for all Christian soldiers. For the safety and success of one depends upon the safety and success of all.

because God is not moved by self-inflicted, meaningless suffering.

5. God will be pleased with justice and mercy and an humble heart. The reason why men make wrong approaches to God is that they have wrong concepts of God's nature. If God were some pompous dandy, the ceremonial approach might be acceptable. If God were needy, lavish and extravagant, gifts might please him. If God were harsh, cruel, and bloodthirsty, the zealous sacrifice of children might appease him.

But since God is a morally upright being who has no needs but desires to share his blessedness with men, it follows that God looks for qualities in man which in miniature reflect those qualities in God and seek to reproduce them.

God requires justice because God is just. He requires mercy (steadfast kindness) because he is merciful and reliable and keeps his covenants.

God requires that a man walk humbly, recognizing that he has not and cannot reach God's standards. This does not mean that if a man is humble before God that this makes up for being unjust or unloving, but rather it is his confession that he is not altogether just or loving. Jesus pronounced a blessing on the "poor in spirit"—those who recognize their spiritual poverty and look to God for spiritual wealth and spiritual health (Matt. 5:2).

This superb sentence from Micah does not tell modern man how to find God, but how a man who has found God must live. God is concerned with what one does, what he loves, and what his disposition is. (a) He expects his people to be just, fair, and honest in all their dealings. (b) He expects them to love mercy, kindness, tender affection, and steadfast loyalty. In an age increasingly harsh, rough, and uncouth, God's people can channel back into society the elements of tenderness, compassion, and refinement. (c) God expects his people to walk in humble submission before him. The life of faith has two elements—trust and submission. A person is most thoroughly free and most completely himself when he walks in humble submission before God.

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A Smile or Two



If you don't like the budget, why didn't you submit your ideas to the finance committee—in writing.

—ARK-E-OLLOGY by Gene Herrington

Get to the point!

"This is Perkins, Potter, Parker and Potts; good morning."

"This is Mr. Sullivan's office, of Sullivan, Chadwick, Bicknell, Hale and Jones.

"Is Mr. Potter there?"

"Just a moment, I'll connect you."

"Mr. Potter's office."

"Mr. Potter, please, Mr. Sullivan wants him."

"Will you put Mr. Sullivan on the line, please?"

"Mr. Sullivan? Ready with Mr. Potter."

"Hello, Pete. This is Joe. Okay for lunch? Good. See you."

That's progress?

The machine that once did away with horses is now well on the way to doing away with people.

Teacher: "What was the Tower of Babel?"

Student: "Wasn't that where Solomon kept his 500 wives?"

A farmer came home from the field one day to find his house a mess.

"What happened?" he exclaimed to his wife.

"You're always wondering what I do all day," she said. "Well, here it is; I didn't do it."

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