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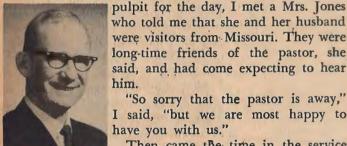
AUGUST 27, 1964

personally speaking

Down in Arkansas

THIS really happened "down in Arkansas":

Just before the preaching service began on a recent Sunday morning in a church where I was supplying the



ERWIN L.

"So sorry that the pastor is away," I said, "but we are most happy to have you with us."

Then came the time in the service

for the recognition of visitors.

"We are happy to have those of you who are visitors in the service," I said. "I happen to know of two of our visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Jones from Missouri. And this couple has my sympathy, for they came expecting to hear the pastor. But I am grateful that they are staying for church, even after learning that I am to be the preacher. Will Mr. and Mrs. Jones stand, please?"

Nobody stood!

After an embarrassing wait, an usher in the back of the auditorium called out in sepulchral tone, "Mrs. Jones took a real bad headache and they had to leave."

By the time the rafters stopped echoing the laughter, I was able to say, "Well, I am not going to get on that spot again this morning. If you are here as a visitor, kindly raise your hand and one of the ushers will give you a visitor's card."

And I immediately transferred all of the sympathy I had had for the Joneses from Missouri to olde Erwin

L. from Arkansas.

HERE is one to add to your "Wives Sure Are Funny" scrapbook:

Why is it women are all so dumb in arithmetic?

A wife will get upset when her husband-who frequently "leaves the lights on all over the house"-says to her, "Honey, you left the basement light on again, and you know how that runs up our bill!"

She never seems to understand how much higher the electricity is in the basement than in the rest of the

house!

Another thing many a husband seems to have a hard time getting through his wife's sweet little head is that it costs hardly anything per mile for a fellow to drive the family flivver on a fishing trip but that it costs at least 10 cents a mile for wifie to drive the same rig on a trip to her mother's.

Elwin L. M Donald

IN THIS ISSUE:

A DISEASE of considerable proportions affects high school graduates and parents every year. Read about why scholarshipitis needs to be diagnosed and treated before it claims more victims on page 16.

A CONTRAST to this season's topless swimsuits are the ones modeled by Mrs. Rozella Bell Lewis and daughters, Sarah and Rebecca, on this week's cover. An explanation of what prompted Mrs. Lewis to make these suits is in the cover story, page 5.

MIDWESTERN Seminary, the sixth and newest Southern Baptist Seminary is rapidly becoming a scenic attraction in Kansas City. Read about its campus and academic program on page 6.

AFTER spending a week with a large number of girls at GA camp, Mrs. Rosalind Street realizes some of the things "within the heart of a girl." She shares her ideas with you in "Courtship, Marriage and the Home" on page 8.

A NEW feature in the Newsmagazine will be a column, "From the Pastor's Study." This week, Dr. Paul M. Bumpers, pastor of the First Methodist Church, discusses his views on the gambling issue facing Arkan-

FOUR Pulaski County taxpayers are seeking to have the proposed gambling amendment barred from the general election ballot on the grounds that it is deceptive and misleading. Read more about the amendment in the news story on page 13.

C. W. BROCKWELL Jr., Blytheville pastor, explains his love for children in his story, "God's Gift to Pastors" on page 10.

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The open mind

SOON to observe his seventh anniversary as editor of The Maryland Baptist, weekly newspaper of the Maryland Baptist Convention, Gainer E. Bryan Jr., a native Georgian, editorialized in his issue of Aug. 13 on some things he has learned in Maryland.

"One learns in Maryland to cease thinking in stereotypes," muses Editor Bryan, "and to open one's mind to the possibility of new truth."

He has found Maryland, "The Free State," to be a place of moderation, reports Mr. Bryan. "There are segregationists in Maryland but no Ku Klux Klans, or even White Citizens Councils, so far," he writes. "Maryland has its integrationists, but few are of the radical variety."

One of the big hurdles for this Southern Baptist from the deep South, it seems, was overcoming a deepgrained antipathy toward Catholics:

"Catholics are numerous in Maryland, and that fact disturbs a Deep South Baptist at first, but even the Catholics are enlightened in this state. It is hard to find a bona fide case of church-state violation by sectarians of that faith in The Free State. Roman Catholics like to claim that the religious toleration of the Calverts who founded this colony had something to do with the eventual assurance of religious liberty for all of America. After seven years of association with liberal Catholicism in Maryland, I can give some credence to that claim."

Turning to those of his own faith in his adopted state, Editor Bryan says:

"There are progressives and there are conservatives among Baptists in Maryland, and I am debtor to both. A religious denomination needs its left-wing, its right-wing and its middle-of-the-roaders, as does civil society. That is why there should always be a spirit of toleration for the views of others, an acceptance of the right to differ, an attitude of 'live and let live'—without compromise of vital individual convictions. We need each other."

The editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine knew Gainer Bryan long before he moved to Maryland and feels that the Maryland editor is being generously modest in giving "The Free State" credit for teaching him such things as tolerance toward others' views. But this is a good emphasis. At face value, though, he has learned some things in seven years that some of us do not learn in a lifetime.—ELM

Guest Editorial

Anti-poverty act

CONGRESS passed President Johnson's anti-poverty bill without solving the church-state problems in it.

The over-all anti-poverty legislation is basically an education measure. Most of it could involve church programs, a spokesman in the House Education and Labor Committee reportedly said that in almost every title of the bill there would be "widespread opportunity for church groups to further promote their programs on a secular basis and to provide new ones."

In an earlier "staff report" on the anti-poverty legislation, C. Emanuel Carlson pointed out a number of church-state problems and outlined some suggested improvements. Carlson is executive director of the Baptist

Joint Committee on Public Affairs here.

As passed by the Congress, the measure still contains some "problem areas" in church-state relations. It would set up three youth programs: (1) Job Corps for school drop-outs, ages 16-21, to assist in education, vocational training and work experience; (2) work-training program to provide work experience to assist young people ages 16 to 21 to resume or to continue their education; and (3) work-study program to provide part-time employment for needy college students. The Job Corps could be vetoed in a state by the governor.

Under the work-training and work-study programs, federal funds would be prohibited for construction, operation or maintenance of facilities used solely for sectarian instruction or religious worship. However, work arrangements could be made with other church-operated facilities and funds could be channeled to them. These could include such facilities as playgrounds and recreation areas and other church-sponsored activities.

Another phase of the "war on poverty" would be community action programs. These programs would be planned and implemented by local community groups, either public or private, to help eliminate poverty within the community. Part or all of the costs for such programs could be paid with federal funds. The governor of a state would veto assistance to either public or private organizations for the community action programs.

Component programs, or parts of an over-all community program, could be of special interest to church groups. These could include programs for employment, job training, counseling, health, vocational rehabilitation, housing, home management, welfare, and special remedial or other noncurricular educational assistance.

The measure states that no funds shall go for general aid to elementary and secondary education in any school. However, there is no prohibition on a school, public or parochial, setting up "special remedial or other noncurricular" educational programs. An attempt to bar federal

funds from parochial schools for such programs was defeated in the Senate.

Also of possible interest to church groups would be the program of assistance to migrant families. A number of religious groups already provide some type of service for migrants. Loans would be available to set up programs for housing, sanitation, education, and day care for children.

Still another part of the "war on poverty" would be the setting up of a domestic version of the Peace Corps. This would be known as Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA). Volunteers in the program could be assigned "upon request" to public agencies or private nonprofit groups.

Assignments in any state would have to be approved by the governor. In his staff report Carlson observed that a governor "would hardly be expected to hold a line against assignments to church agencies."

A loyalty oath provision was written into the bill requiring those who would receive funds to swear they do not belong to or support a subversive organization. It states that "no part of any funds appropriated or otherwise made available for expenditure under this act shall be used to make payments to any individual" who fails to file such a loyalty affidavit.—Baptist Press, Washington, D. C.

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.

Incomparable missionaries

MRS. White and I have just completed a tour of several great Latin American centers. They included Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Brasilia, Compenas, Brazil; Montevideo, Uruguay; Buenos Aires Argentina, Santiago, Chile; Lima, Peru; Bogota, Colombia; Mexico City, Mexico. In all except Mexico City we had fellowship with our delightful and dedicated missionaries. The friends in Mexico City did not receive word or our arrival, so we rested the day and a half there.

In each country of South America, we were impressed with the vast cities. All of them were large and growing by leaps and bounds. In several instances they constituted from a fourth to a third of the population of the nations. The continuous march of the milling multitudes made one wonder from whence they come and whither they are going.

The economy is very unstable. Ghastly contrasts in status glare at you. The inflationary spiral makes you dizzy. Technology is only scratching the edges. Obsolete methods and techniques are too prevalent in both agriculture and industry. There are some notable exceptions, but they lag so far behind. Their rich resources are being terribly neglected. The human element has never awakened to energetic creativeness as it has in North America.

The present culture is some four hundred years old. In a number of instances it replaced a rather advanced Indian culture. This once glorious Latin culture with its dominant religious factor has been static too long. This area has never had the best expression of the Roman Catholic faith, or any other.

Enlightenment has lagged far behind

most of the Western world. In most countries ignorance among the masses is appalling. There are many signs of improvement but this is so belated. Education is a must, but it will not cure Latin America's greatest need.

They desperately need standards and stability. Yes, standards of all kinds: moral, ethical, social, and industrial. Newspapers, radio, television and tourism are exposing these people to the progress and propoganda of the outside world. This intensifies their dissatisfaction with their lot. But they have no blueprint by which to move up. However, the communists are very busy trying to fill this vacuum. They are a dangerous menace everywhere. Fortunately there are some evidences of an awakening alertness to this diabolical deception.

Due to extreme poverty, ignorance, and lack of moral training rooted in great religious convictions which make political corruption so easy, dishonesty and irresponsibility are too prevalent. Every citizen carries a pocketful of keys. Everything must be under lock and key every minute your back is turned. This does not give protection from the biggest thieves, in public office. This does not provide a healthy setting for a great reform movement so badly needed.

Many of the people are disillusioned, skeptical and cynical. They are hard to reach with the Gospel. However, in some areas in Latin America we are having our greatest response to the Gospel message. The morale of our missionaries is excellent everywhere. It is a resolute, devoted, intelligent group.

The missionaries are rearing a fine generation of exceptional children. We felt that they are much better disciplined than the average family here in the United States. Our fellowship with the missionary groups lifted our spirits and put a song in our hearts.—W. R. White, President Emeritus, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

Scriptural integration

IN Acts 10th chapter we see Gods method for integrating the races. There was no stronger segregationist in his day than the apostle Peter. He considered the Gentiles "common and unclean" But God informed him that anything He (God) had cleansed was not to be called "common or unclean." This was done to prepare Peter for the arrival of a group of Gentiles. When they arrived Peter accepted them and returned with them to the home of the Gentile Cornelius Peter immediately informed Cornelius it was "unlawful" for him to "keep company with or come unto one of another nation, but God shewed me that I should not call ANY man common or unceive that God is no respecter of persons." clean." Peter said "Of a truth I per-

This was Peter's acknowledgement that in God's sight the Gentiles had as much right to God's blessings as did he, or any of his race. Then Peter preached Christ unto them (the Gentiles) the minority group. In verse 43, Peter proclaim a "whosoever will" gospel that included the Gentiles. The Holy spirit fell on all who heard Peter preach. Thus ended the first integration sermon that any Jew ever preached. Thus we see God's method of the integration of the different races.

When we come to rely upon God instead of street riots or violating state laws and manifest the spirit of Cornelius, the minority groups will get somewhere and when the majority groups begin to pray as Peter did, God will give us grace to lay aside traditional ideas and accept God's Word "that we should call no man common or unclean."

But God refuses to help people until they approach him in the proper spirit. And using force or attempted force, will drive the races farther apart just as long as such tactics are employed. I am ready, as one belonging to the majority group, to accept God's method of integration. I will consider no man "common or unclean" unless such persons prove themselves unclean and common by resorting to street riots, violating state laws, attacking Law Enforcement Officers, carrying

(Continued on page 5)

The Arkansas challenge

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR. PRESIDENT OF OUACHITA COLLEGE AND CHURCHES UNITED AGAINST GAMBLING

RARELY in a lifetime is one presented with a moral challenge of the magnitude of the issue facing Arkansans when they go to the polls in November. The question of whether or not wide-open, casino-type gambling will be legalized will be decided then if the proposed constitutional amendment is left on the ballot by the Arkansas Supreme Court. No greater challenge to an honorable, moral people has ever been presented to the people of Arkansas.

While I do not have any spare time to be chairman of any kind of campaign, I am so deeply convinced of the inherent wrong and the potential danger of this attempt to legalize casino gambling that I have accepted the position as chairman of Churches United against

Gambling.

Anyone who has studied the tie-in between big-time gambling and the underworld, or who has studied what has happened in Nevada where is found gambling such as that which the current campaign is attempting to legalize in Arkansas, is keenly aware of the economic, political, social, educational, moral and spiritual weaknesses of such activities.

It is my firm conviction that if the good people of Arkansas know the real issues involved, they will soundly defeat the casino gambling proposal. It is the purpose of our organization to give the people the facts and to bring the real issues into clear focus.

I came to Arkansas 11 years ago and have stayed since because I have believed it to be "the Land of Opportunity." I do not want "opportunity" to mean a chance to prey on human weakness and to attract visitors by legalizing what every other state in the union except Nevada says is illegal because it is both wrong and bad.

We can never build a great state if we depend on attracting people just because they are permitted to do things here which the law prohibits their doing elsewhere. Arkansas does not have to license gambling and, in so doing, say to even our own young people that this is a socially approved way of living. Arkansas has more to offer the world than a chance to misbehave.

We need all the help we can get from solid citizens of every faith in order to win. We invite any person who is interested, for the same reasons we are, in opposing casino gambling to join our ranks:

Letters

(Continued from page 4) pistols on college campuses after being admitted as a student. These, my friends are methods being used that is widening the breach between the white and negro races.

Lets quit it and try God's method awhile and we will get somewhere. God help us ALL to try God's methods of integrating the races as in other things. -S. C. Swinney Sr., New Madrid, Mo.

Smoking at church

A BUSINESSMAN came home one evening to discover his children on the front steps. Each of them was painfully smoking a discarded cigarette butt.

"What on earth are you kids doing?" he asked.

"We're playing church," they answered.

After further questioning, one of the children declared, "We've already studied the Bible and prayed; now we're outside on the steps smoking before the preaching service begins."

The U. S. Surgeon General's Report "Smoking and Health" states. "There can be no doubt that a smoker invites the horrible specter of cancer upon himself."

Dr. Alton Ochsner, head of the Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, says that smoking decreases life expectancy and is a form of suicide.

He claims that the death rate from coronary heart disease is 115 percent greater among cigarette smokers than nonsmokers. He also asserts that the death rate from cancer of the lungs is 800 percent higher among smokers than nonsmokers.

The mission of your church is winning the lost to Christ not killing your

The Cover



These are topped!

Arkansas mother who dropped out of the beauty contest for the title of "Miss Chicago" in 1946, because of too-revealing bathing suits, has designed a bathing suit "for modest people."

She is Mrs. Rozella Bell Lewis, the wife of Rev. Bill H. Lewis, pastor of Second Church, Monticello.

Mrs. Lewis said that she was inspired to design an adequate bathing suit after seeing the extremes in modern bathing suits and reading about them in the magazines. Ahead of the Lewis vacation this year, Mrs. Lewis made bathing suits of the new design for herself and her daughters, Rebecca and Sarah. They made use of the suits on a vacation to New Mexico.

Designed to "cover the subject," the Lewis suit looks like something out of the fashion section of an 1890 magazine.

Left to right are Sarah, Rebecca, and Mrs. Lewis.—Photo courtesy Porter's Studio, Monticello

church members.

It is not likely that a church will influence the lost to attend when some of its members stand outside smoking before the services.

Let's give our children and those who pass by our church on Sunday the right picture of a New Testament Church.

Let's do those things which would attract people to Christ.—Tal D. Bonham, Pastor, South Side Baptist Church, Pine Bluff



LEFT: Midwestern's auditorium and administrative unit. Betwee the two buildings which are con nected by a walkway is a spaciou garden.

RIGHT (top): Students studying in Midwestern's new residence hall

RIGHT (center): Student center and classroom building. The mura faces the center of the campus.

RIGHT (bottom): Students in the dining area of the student center

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Through Gracie's eyes



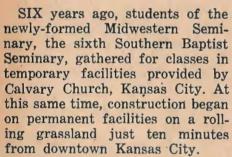
Midwestern Seminary

GRACIE

"In the heart of America for the hearts of the world"



By GRACIE HATFIELD



As soon as the new facilities were adequate enough for occupation, classes were moved out to the new grounds. . . the following day, fire gutted the classroom section at Calvary Church!

President of Midwestern, "In the heart of America for the hearts of the world," is Dr. Millard J. Berquist. Before Dr. Berquist came to Kansas City, he was pastor of First Church, Tampa, Fla. A graduate of William Jewell College and the Southern Seminary, he has held pastorates in Mo., Ky., Ohio, and Fla.

Scenic attraction

A most striking feature of the campus is that all seven buildings—including the maintenance building!—follow the same archi-



tectural design. Constructed of Venetian blue tile and Texas field stone, they are of conservativecontemporary design.

The newest building is the residence hall which accommodates 80 students. More than 90 percent of the students are married, but the single men and commuters from cities outside the Kansas City



area live here during the week. Located in the residence hall are a cafeteria, barber shop and guest rooms.

Other buildings include a library, auditorium, classroom, administration and maintenance buildings.

Student activities

Midwestern has an average enrolment of 206 and an average summer enrolment of 46. Its student body represents 29 states, four foreign countries and 81 colleges and universities.

Student activities are planned and directed by the student coordinating committee which is made up of seven sub-committees. They work together to plan all-school events such as annual picnics and parties.

The Student Wives Fellowship is an active organization and has the "Thrift Shop" as a project. Here, second-hand clothing is sold at a small price to finance club activities and to aid fellow students.

Academic opportunities

Midwestern was recently fully accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools which serves as the accrediting organization for Protestant seminaries in the United States. Credits from Midwestern are readily accepted by any Southern Baptist Seminary.

In addition to a regular seminary education leading to a Bachelor of Divinity degree, several other education plans are offered.

Just this month, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to inaugurate by September, 1965, a program offering a Masters of Religious Education degree. The program meets the American Association of Theological Schools requirement that half the work is done in the Biblical, theological and historical fields. It provides for a core of 22 hours in religious education and eight hours of free electives.

While the M. R. E. degree will not be officially inaugurated until next fall, students can enroll this fall in courses offered under the B. D. program that will count toward the M. R. E. degree.

A diploma in theology is of-

Beacon Lights
of Baptist History
By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.
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Baptists protest use of tobacco

BAPTISTS of Dardanelle Association may have spoken far more wisely than they thought when



they included a statement on tobacco in their temperance report of 1919.

Added to the statement about the use of alcoholic beverages is, "So far as the

DR. SELPH use of tobacco is concerned we are not improving

fered to a person who did not earn a B. A. degree, but completes 72 hours of seminary work. This is offered only to individuals over 30 years old who are ineligible to earn a B. D. degree. Younger students are encouraged to attend college.

The "School of Christian Training" is an evening school with courses offered to interested Baptist laymen and church workers in the Kansas City area. Through this program, one may take regular seminary courses for self-improvement in church leadership. The program does not lead to a degree, but one may earn a certificate of graduation after completing 12 semester hours.

Midwestern also offers a summer school of two four-week terms for seminary students and pastors who wish to take refresher courses.

Future building plans

The Seminary's 215 acre site leaves plenty of room for expansion and at present, plans for four new buildings are being considered.

According to President Berquist, a child care center will be the next building to be constructed. Next will come 50 or 60 apartments for married students, an additional classroom building and a physical fitness building.

very fast. The use of tobacco is almost as bad as the use of whiskey. We should urge our people, not only to quit the use of tobacco, but also their influence to keep others from using it."

Time was on the side of the resolution. Today, everyone is conscious of the pros and cons of smoking and personal use of tobacco. Medical research has proven its usage to be a health hazard. Tobacco companies first tried to ignore this, but are now frantically working and advertising that they are removing the harmful effects from tobacco.

Now comes the announcement that an anti-smoking organization is being formed. The press states that twelve health and education organizations have formed a national organization "aimed at combating smoking as a health hazard."

The new organization will be known as the National Interagency Council on Smoking and Health. This agency will disseminate information on the harmful effects of tobacco and direct programs to combat its use.

Such groups as the American Association of School Administrators, American Cancer Society, National Tuberculosis Association, Classroom Teachers and health organizations make up this new body.

Though we have to go back some few hundred years for it, the statement of James I, King of England, on smoking when the fad was introduced into his country might fit in well here.

He said, "In your abuse thereof sinning against God, harming yourselves both in person and goods, and reeking also thereby the markes and notes of vanities upon you; by the custome thereof making yourselves to be wondered at by all forreine civill nations, and by all strangers that come upon you, to be scorned and contemned: a custome loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs, and in the blacke stinking fume thereof, nearest resembling the horrible Stigian smoke of the pit that is botomless."

Courtship, Marriage and the Home



What's in the heart of a girl?

.WHAT'S in the heart of a girl? Here to take part in this week's state GA camp held at Tall Timbers, Louisiana's two-year-old Woman's Missionary Union camp, I find this question centered in my thoughts.

Fragmentary answers have come through group responses in the hour that is mine with the campers each morning, and through informal visiting with individual ones of them on the grounds of this very beautiful place, set in the midst of lush green trees, typical of the deep-

South countryside.

What's in the heart of a girl? An eagerness to learn the facts of life. Especially about herself. Growing up in the midst of a sophisticated world of youth, she has an inner awareness that there is much she doesn't know - so much she needs to learn. What a challenge to her parents, back at home! Mothering a sub-teen girl, preparing her for entrance into the adventurous experience of womanhood calls for the maximum in tact and ingenuity. Her wholesome curiosity issues in an appeal to every mother of every girl to give honest, accurate answers to the questions she is asking.

What's in the heart of a girl? Hunger for love. Would that we might ring in all the dads on the plea these girls be dealt with as tenderly as nature deals with a rosebud just beginning to open; that these daughters be surrounded with an atmosphere of expressed affection that will build into their personalities security, confidence, and the capacity to love and be loved.

What's in the heart of a girl? A passion for fair play; appreciation for people of all kinds, colors, and classes; recognition of individuals as persons in their own rights; dedication to some high calling of service to God and humanity. Arkansas GA campers in other years and Louisiana GA campers here have communicated to me the worthy ambitions of their girlhood as we have engaged in casual, friendly conversations. I covet for them understanding and responsive attitudes on the part of both parents when they return home with fresh resolutions in their hearts.

One student of church-home relationships believes that much of that which is taught to members of our families by Christian organizations is not "internalized" and he maintains that it will be internalized only as parents and children discuss it together.

It is said of Martin Luther that he was an austere person and often would pass adult acquaintances without recognition; but children he would always greet cordially. Asked one day about the difference between his manner toward adults and that which he always showed toward boys and girls, he replied:

"I know what the adults are and I accept them as they are; but nobody knows who these boys and girls will become. I salute them now for what they may be tomor-

row."

Another story that points up the parent relationship, concerns a university president who was asked, "What is your 'magnificent obsession'?"

The University president re-

plied:

"To be a Christian daddy to my children. Somewhere there are others who could make good university presidents; but nobody else on earth can be a good father to my children."

What's in the heart of a girl? Love of life, energy, a flare for fun, an abundance of giggles, and a susceptibility to the influence of environment, associates, and people admired.

Blessed are those who invest time, money, patience and much of themselves to set the feet of GA girls on the high road to Christian womanhood.

Many a GA has gone home from one of this summer's camps with the spirit of John Oxenman's line planted deep in her heart:

"Is your place a small place? Tend it with care-He set you there. "Is your place a large place? Guard it with care! He set you there. "What'ere your place, it is Not yours alone, but His Who set you there."

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The Bookshelf

The New Testament in Four Versions, King James, Revised Standard, Phillips Modern English, and New English Bible, published by Christianity Today, Washington Building, Washington, D. C., 20005

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The Christian Fright Peddlers, by Brooks R. Walker, Doubleday, 1964, \$4.95

Who are the Christian fright peddlers? According to Author Walker, minister of the Emerson Unitarian Church, Canoga Park, Los Angeles, they are: "Convinced that a vast Communist conspiracy has infiltrated America to the point where violent overthrow of our government is certain and imminent.

"For them there is no middle road; you are either on God's side (their side), or you are at best a Communist sym-

pathizer.

"They want to impeach the entire Supreme Court, get the UN out of the U. S. and the U. S. out of the UN, and attack Russia before they attack us. They purport to be defending the American way of life, yet by their very methods they are doing their utmost to destroy it.

"Their religio-political appeal is aimed at the id rather than the mind; they play on man's subconscious fears, ha-

treds, and frustrations.

"Virtually no institution or person is beyond their attack. With shielded innuendo and anonymous libel, they seek to undermine the vast majority of Americans' faith in their churches, their educators, and their leaders.

"Their memberships are secret, their ranks are growing every day, and their menace can no longer be disregarded."

Here is a most interesting and timely volume that should be profitable reading for most of us.

From the pastor's study

PULASKI HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH LITTLE ROCK

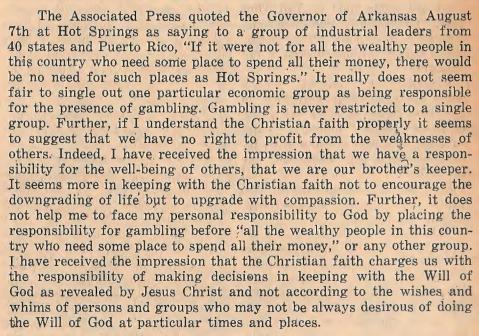
IN America there is a growing movement for national and state lotteries and legalized gambling in general. Christians should therefore be prepared for propaganda even now being directed toward making

gambling acceptable in our society.

Already one state, New Hampshire, has voted approval of a state lottery. Other states may be tempted to follow. The good state of Arkansas is confronted with a proposed constitutional amendment known as the Garland County Lawful Wagering Amendment.

We have heard and will continue to hear some seemingly plausible arguments, such as: "Legalized gambling means tax gains for the government;" "It makes more money available for schools and other worthy objectives;" "People are going to gamble anyhow, so

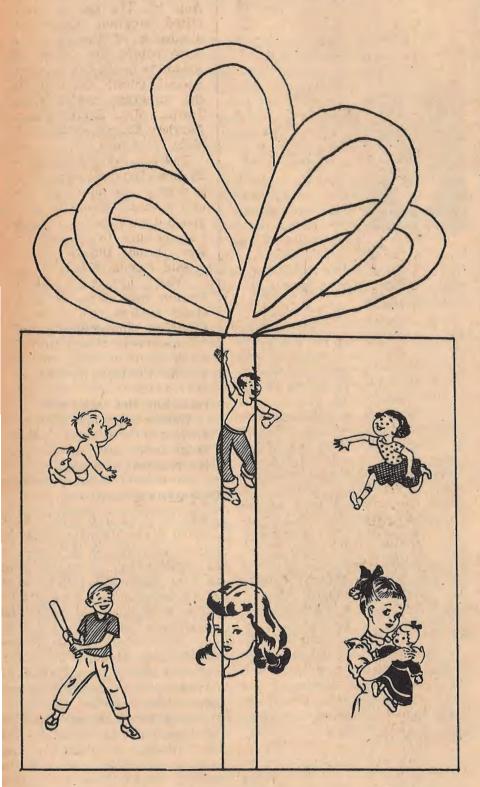
it should be legalized;" "Proper laws will make for proper supervision;" "People need the excitement and financial gain that come to winners;" "Other nations have national lotteries, why not America?"—and many more.



Beloved, now is the time for careful thinking. The arguments for legalized gambling are insidiously persuasive but they consistently evade the economic, moral and spiritual issues involved. Legalized gambling is a sordid business. For this reason *The Methodist Discipline* urges that "Methodists should protest all forms of gambling practices..."

Peng M. Bungers

GOD'S GIFT TO PASTORS



By C. W. Brockwell, Jr. Pastor, Cole Ridge Church Blytheville

A PASTOR has many friends but his most loyal ones are the children. To be admitted into their circle of friendship is one of life's greatest rewards. They are surely God's gift to pastors! Children make a pastor feel wanted when often he isn't. Since their lives are not twisted by years of sinful living, they have little to fear or hide. The seeds may have been planted but as yet haven't come up and borne fruit.

Children are often just the tonic a pastor needs to keep going. When the Lord's work seems to be at a standstill or going backward, the friendship of a child can help change his whole attitude. Many times my bubble of discouragement has been burst by the kindness of a little child.

The time a pastor spends with children pays dividends in another way too. It helps him get into the circle of the parents' friendship. This is not to say he uses them, for they are smart enough to sense a false friendship.

Most parents are grateful for a pastor's interest in their children. A bond of fellowship is often created between them and the pastor just that way. Even so, there are times when parents turn their children against their pastor by things said in the family circle. Perhaps this creates the greater sorrow in a pastor's heart.

Is it little wonder, then, that Jesus said, "suffer the little children to come unto me"? They surely must have helped Him when the burdens became so hard to bear. Children are truly God's gift to pastors.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST



SUIT FILED: At right, the chief clerk of the Arkansas State Supreme Court records a suit, watched by Dr. Kenneth L. Teegarden, left, and attorney Edwin Lester. Dr. Teegarden is one of four Pulaski County taxpayers seeking to have the proposed gambling amendment barred from the general election ballot on the grounds that it is deceptive and misleading.

Pastor is honored

THE honorary degree of doctor of divinity was conferred on Rev. T. R. Coulter Jr., pastor of First Church, England, by American Bible College of Chicago, Ill., Aug. 5.

The degree was given in recognition of Dr. Coulter's "many fruitful years of Christian service in the pastorate and general evangelistic endeavor."

Pastor Coulter was educated in the University of Southern Mississippi and Golden Gate Seminary. He has served, as pastor in two Arkansas churches, Matthew Memorial, Pine Bluff, 1957-59, and First, England, since April of 1962.—Mrs. J. W. Swaim

Glorieta speaker

NASHVILLE—John McClanahan, pastor, First Church, Blytheville, was on the program of a student conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Assembly, Aug. 20-26. McClanahan was among 51 speakers and conference leaders from 46 states scheduled to attend the annual conference. More than 1500 American and international college students, graduates, high school seniors and adult leaders of youth were expected to attend.

Missionary speakers

MISSIONARY and Mrs. Hayward Adams and their 15-year-old son, Dean, arrived in the states recently to begin their year's furlough after serving their third three-year term of service in Nigeria, West Africa.

A native of South Carolina, Missionary Adams is a graduate of Stetson University and Southwestern Seminary. Before going to the mission field he served as pastor in Florida, Texas, and Washington. Mrs. Adams graduated from Texas Women's University and Southwestern Seminary. She is the daughter of Elmer Anderson of Camden.

They are at present making their home in Camden where they are members of Cullendale First Church. During the months ahead Mr. and Mrs. Adams will be available for pulpit supply and meetings with a missionary emphasis. They can be reached through the Cullendale church or at 2756 Dogwood Avenue, Camden.

Greenfield coronation

Greenfield Church recently held its first GA Coronation. Miss Joyce Wallis was crowned Queen Regent in Service; five girls were crowned Queens.

'Sound of Gambling'

A SPECIAL hour-long radio program titled "THE SOUND OF GAMBLING" was aired over Radio Station KPCA at 11 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 23. The special dramatized program featured a discussion of the gambling issue before the people of Arkansas in the fall election. Special guests featured on the program were: Cecil Justus, Mrs. Buddy Craig, Charles Emrich, and Mrs. Ruby Nicholes.

The program featured the Tyronza Baptist Church congregation and choir in several musical arrangements, a group discussion, and a speccial message by the pastor, Rev. Horace Duke.

Said Pastor Duke:

"The Tyronza Baptist Church has taken an open stand against the proposed Gambling ammendment and is presenting this program in the hope of being an aid to the thinking citizens of our county in their decision regarding this great evil."

This program, the first of two, was written by Mr. Duke, who also served as the program narrator.

Opposes gambling

SECOND Church, Little Rock, adopted a resolution opposing legalized gambling in Arkansas in its regular business session Aug. 12. The action was recommended by the board of active deacons.

The resolution sets forth that gambling is "immoral, anti-Christian, destructive to human personality and character and connected with vice and corruption," as well as bringing "economic and moral blight upon society."

Church members are urged to purchase a poll tax, vote and use their influence to defeat the measure in November. They are also asked to pray for help and to give financial support to the Churches United Against Gambling.

Chapman to Dallas

church, Dallas, Tex.

While Mr. Chapman was at Highland Heights, the church attained the Standard of Excellence for a Music Ministry and established a graded choir program.

Mr. Chapman is originally from Blytheville and is presently attending Southwestern Seminary.

Youth director

CENTRAL Church, Jonesboro, has Miss Sandi Sylvest as youth director during the summer

months.



A native of Jacksonville, Fla., Miss Sylvest will be a sophomore at Ouachita C o llege this fall, where she is a member of the folk singing group, "The Han-

naberry Singers."
Summer activities for youth have been centered around personal soul-winning. The youth chose for their summer theme, "The Master's Minority." Seven of the youth have given themselves for church-related vocations, and several others have fully committed themselves to whatever vocation God may lead them into.—Charles Gwaltney, Educational Director

Mt. Zion Association

Pastoral changes

BOBBY Barnett has accepted Egypt Church. He previously held pastorates in Trinity Association and attends Arkansas State College.

EUGENE Webb is the new pastor of New Hope Church, Jonesboro.

WINSTON Foster has resigned the pastorate of New Hope Church, Black Oak.



DEE T. SPEER

Mammoth Spring pastor

DEE T. Speer, pastor of Temple Church, Centralia, Ill., has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Mammoth Spring.

Mr. Speer, a native of Odin, Ill., attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and is a graduate of Southern Illinois College of Bible, with a diploma in theology.

During his two and a half years at Temple, 86 united with the church. A new parsonage was purchased and additional property for future expansion was bought.

Mr. and Mrs. Speer have two children, Gayle, 13, and Allen, 7.

Batchelor to Lonoke

PAT BATCHELOR, a sophomore at Little Rock University, has accepted the position of music



and youth director at Lonoke Church. He will be a full-time worker until September and then work on a half-time basis.

Mr. Batchelor has been a choir

Gaines Street Church and First Church, Little Rock and has done supply music work for the past two years through the state BSU program.

Hobbs to speak

DR. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, returns to the air as preacher on "The Baptist Hour" Sept. 6.

Dr. Hobbs' theme for the next 13 weeks is "Certainties For Uncertain Days." His subjects for September are: "How Firm Is Your Foundation," Sept. 6; "The Gospel For The Modern Mind," Sept. 13; "Religion Is Not Enough," Sept. 20; and "The Divine Eraser," Sept. 27.

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

KVRC, Arkadelphia, 3 p.m.; KTHS, Berryville, 8 a.m.; KCON, Conway, 2:30 p.m.; KAGH, Crossett, 8:30 a.m.; KDQN, DeQueen, 7 a.m.; KFAY, Fayetteville, 8:30 a.m.; KBJT, Fordyce, 4 p.m.; KXJK, Forrest City, 9:30 a.m.; KXAR, Hope, 5 p.m.; KNEA, Jonesboro, 6:30 a.m.; KNEA, Monticello, 3:30 p.m.; KDRS, Paragould, 8:30 p.m.; KUOA, Siloam Springs, 7:30 a.m.; KWRF, Warren, 8 a.m.; KWYN, Wynne, 7:30 a.m.; KSUD, West Memphis, 4 p.m.

"Master Control" schedules for Sunday:

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

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

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

"The Answer" television series is carried by KTHV, Little Rock, at 10 p.m. Sunday.

Texans to Life Line

THE CHORALIERS, a youth choir from North Richland Hills Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., will perform tomorrow night at Life Line Church. The performance will climax Youth Emphasis Week.

The Choraliers are on a ten-day singing and sight-seeing tour which they earned the money to pay for themselves. The itinerary calls for performances in churches in Tex., Ark., La., and Okla.

Combs to Tulsa

REV. Arnold Combs, who has served First Church, Hackett, for the past four years, has accepted the pastorate of Mayfair Church, Tulsa, Okla.

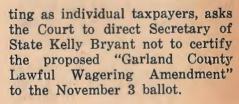
Before coming to the Hackett Church, Mr. Combs served as pastor for two years of Lakeview Church near Bentonville and for six years of Pleasant Hill Church near Rogers.

Brief says gaming law title would confuse sophisticated

Even the most sophisticated voter couldn't understand the scope and effect of the proposed amendment to legalize gambling in Garland County by reading the ballot title, the state Supreme Court was told Thursday of last week.

A brief filed by taxpayers seeking to prevent the proposal from getting on the November ballot said that because of "subtle salesmanship" in the choice of words and through "sugar-coated" terms in the ballot title, the proposal wasn't presented intelligibly, honestly and impartially as required by law.

The suit, by a group of Protestant churchmen and laymen ac-



Bryant has to act by September 2 so the litigants will seek to have the merits of the dispute thrashed out before then. Attorney General Bruce Bennett, who represents Bryant as secretary of state, Thursday filed a general denial to the charges set out by the plaintiffs.

Attorney Ed Lester of Little Rock, who represents the plaintiffs—Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, Dr. Kenneth L. Teegarden, Dr. Robert C. Malcomb and Mrs. Edgar F. Dixon—filed with the brief a request that the Court limit the time in which Bennett can file a brief in reply.

Bennett, who has assigned Jack L. Lessenberry, his chief deputy, and John P. Gill, an aide, to the case, previously had said that he would do what was necessary to get an immediate hearing.

The brief by Lester argues that through the use of such words as "wagering" rather than "gambling" the sponsors of the proposal "dull the full connotation of the word gamble." In fact, the brief notes, the word "gambling" appears only once in the 240-word ballot title.

The brief also argues that the proposal provides for drastic revisions in executive power through the creation of a special Gaming Control Board but that the title doesn't disclose this. The same attack is made on the ballot explanation of the tax levy proposed and the inclusion of a "catch-all" provision affecting other gambling laws. The brief also asks whether the law will enable minors to visit casinos if they don't go into the gambling parlors. (DP)



BAPTIST Deacon Ralph Creger, left, Little Rock, receives a citation as a "Distinguished Alumnus" of Central College, Pella, Ia., from Dr. Arend D. Lubbers, president of the college, at recent graduation exercises.

The award was made in recognition of Mr. Creger's leadership in the field of human relations. His book, A Look Down the Lonesome Road, dealing with the Christian approach to solving the problem of race relations, was published last spring by Doubleday and Co.

Author Creger is a member of Calvary Church, Little Rock.

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SBC News and Notes.

By the BAPTIST PRESS

Outstanding young men

FORT WORTH-Seven alumni of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here have been selected as "Outstanding Young Men of America" by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Three of the seminary graduates are now teaching at Southwestern - William Pinson, Yandall Woodfin, and Thomas Urray.

Others are Bill Moyers, aide to President Lyndon B. Johnson and deputy director of the Peace Corps: Jesse Fletcher, Richmond, personnel secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board: Miles Seaborn, Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines, and Ralph M. Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Tex.

They will be listed in the 1965 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America," sponsored by

the Jaycees.

New editorial positions

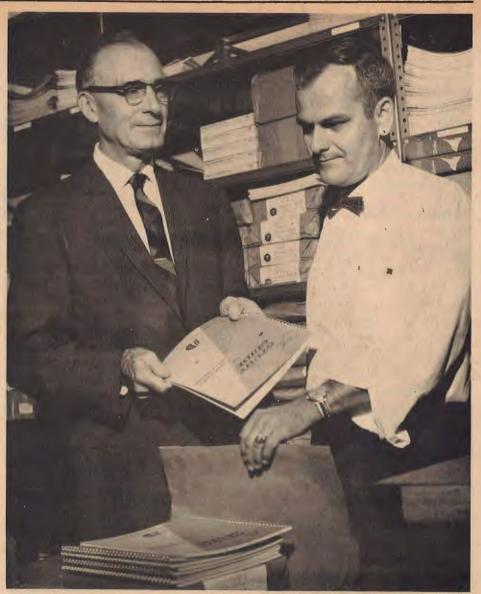
NASHVILLE - Four new editorial positions have been established in the Sunday School Board's Training Union department.

Dr. Donald F. Trotter, Louisville, will become editor of special materials Sept. 1. He will work with other editorial personnel in planning and preparing curriculum supplements and other special learning devices.

New manuscript editors will be Miss Grace Allred, Nashville, Miss Martha Rainey, Little Rock, Ark., and Miss Adriane Bonham, Groves, Tex. Miss Allred and Miss Rainey began work Aug. 16. Miss Bonham will come to the Board Sept. 1.

News about missionaries

MISS Miriam Willis, Southern Baptist Missionary to Paraguay, returned to the States Aug. 4 on medical leave. She may be addressed at 2504 Maple Ave., Apt. H, Dallas, Tex. She is a native of Little Rock, Ark.



NEW GUIDEBOOKS-New study guides for the Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminaries have started their way to extension centers. Ralph A. Herring, left, director of the department, holds copy of one new guide while Thomas C. Grubbs fills an order for mailing from department's Nashville office. (BP) Photo

Hits 'balanced ticket'

ATLANTA, Ga. (EP) — President Johnson was urged by the Georgia Bulletin, official weekly of the Atlanta Roman Catholic diocese, to scorn advocates of the "Catholic-on-the-ticket" and pick whomever he considers the best man to be his running mate.

"It would be a mockery if a Catholic were chosen merely for vote-getting reasons," declared an editorial signed by Gerard E. Sherry, managing editor. "The times are too grave for such immature thinking."

Burned church fund

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)—The Mississippi Baptist Convention board here will handle gifts to help rebuild burned church buildings used by Negroes in the state, Executive Secretary Chester L. Quarles of Jackson said.

The funds will be handled through the administrative office of William P. Davis, secretary of the board's department of Negro work. Gifts addressed to "Negro Church Rebuilding Fund," Mississippi Baptist Convention, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., will go for this cause. Quarles said.

'Religion by law' studied by Baptists

WASHINGTON religious practices required by law were hit by a group of Baptist leaders here in a study paper on "Public Ceremonialism and the Free Exercise of Religion." In taking their position they contrasted New Testament religion as a voluntary personal experience and religion as a national heritage or culture.

The paper is one of eight prepared by seminar groups across the country for the Religious Liberty Conference here Oct. 7-9. The conference is sponsored annually by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director. The current conference theme is "The Meaning of the Free Exercise of Religion."

Some of the "ceremonialism" discussed by the Washington group are oaths for public office, chaplains in the Congress, national day of prayer and Thanksgiving Day proclamations, "In God We Trust" motto, and "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

People of "vital religious faith" have contributed much to this country, the study paper pointed out. It went further to say, however, that "in American history one can see many attempts to equate religion with our national heritage or make it just a part of our culture."

"The American success story—victorious in every war, highest level of living in the world, most powerful people on the earth measured by military power, etc., has made it very easy for some to substitute the birth of the nation for the new birth of Jesus Christ as a prerequisite for an American Christian," the seminar group said.

The paper traced the history of oaths for public office. It noted that always there has been the alternative to "swear or affirm," thus "admitting the precedence of individual conscience and permitting the free exercise thereof."

Still certain coercive factors

have slipped into some state laws, the paper stated. It cited the Torcaso vs. Watkins case in Maryland as an example. Torcaso was denied appointment as a Notary Public in the state of Maryland because he refused to declare his belief in God. The Supreme Court ruled that this requirement established a religious test for public office and was therefore unconstitutional.

In the free exercise of religion, if a person wishes to include "so help me God" in the oath he should be free to do so but he should not be required to do so, the seminar group said.

The paper criticized any attempts to set up religious requirements for election to a political office. "The fairminded citizen must accept the free exercise of the public figure's religion, whether demonstrated in the private sanctuary or in public assembly," it said.

Concerning chaplains in the Congress, the paper said that "in the light of the free exercise of religion there seems to be no question but that Congressmen ought to have what spiritual help they want."

It pointed out that Congressmen are not required to attend the opening session which includes prayer, and that individual Congressmen may invite ministers of their own choice to lead the prayers.

The question of government involvement in paying the chaplain from tax funds is similar to the chaplain in the armed forces, the seminar group stated. They asked, "Does the government have an obligation to provide for the needs of man when he is required to perform a duty for the government away from his home? Would some of his needs be spiritual?"

The paper questioned the spiritual value of legally declaring a day of thanksgiving or day of prayer. It said the practice of prayer by governing bodies would

Texas Baptist aid

WASHINGTON — A Baptist and a Catholic university are among 39 public and private institutions receiving \$1,150,632 in research grants from the United States Public Health Service.

Baylor University, Houston, Texas, received a total of \$136,-898 in three separate grants. Baylor, with campuses at Waco and Houston, is owned by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., a Catholic school, received \$24,331 for a program to train ophthalmic (pertaining to the eye) assistants.

All of the 39 grants support community service and professional training activities. They were made under the Neurological and Sensory Disease Service Program of the Public Health

Service.

Missouri expansion

ROACH, MO. — The Missouri Baptist Convention executive board has approved plans for a new Baptist state office building in Jefferson City.

The convention will pass on the board's recommendations when it meets in October. The proposal is to begin work on the new office building within three years. It will cost \$1 million to \$1.5 million to construct.

The new building would be located on U. S. Highway 54 across the street from a large motel. Missouri Baptists have owned the 17-acre building lot for two years.

The present Baptist Building, erected in 1948 in downtown Jefferson City, is considered to be seriously outgrown.

be a better guide for the people than would be any law.

"Prayer freely entered into, and not limited to a given brief period, is much more in keeping with the 'free exercise' clause of the First Amendment than the institution of a day of prayer prescribed by public law," it said.

The group said there is a "longing after God" in man that leads to some type of "identifying with God." This produces the idea of favoritism with God or being "on God's side." they said.

SCHOLARSHIPITIS



A DISEASE of considerable proportions is loose in the land. and it needs to be diagnosed and treated before it claims more vic-

High school graduates are usually the victims, although the disease quite often affects their parents as well. First signs of the malady include a recognition that most institutions of higher learning are offering a number of diverse types of scholarships, and an inner craving to receive, orin the case of parents—see one's son or daughter receive one.

In the advanced stages, the disease may be indicated by the evidence of jealousy on the part of the parents upon hearing that their neighbor's son or daughter has received a scholarship. The terminal symptom is a fervent quest for a scholarship, not primarily for its monetary value, but for its value as a status symbol.

what scholarships have come to assistance is concerned, will nev- volved! One's choice of a college mine which school the children that! Furthermore, he can easily ed institutions have more money tically any college in the country, available for such purposes (as provided his record is at least well as for all other purposes), average in quality. the choice quite often means at- Therefore, let the student and tion rather than a Baptist college. years of time and the total amount

The disease can be cured. Parents and prospective college enrollees may strengthen their resistance to "scholarshipitis" by often reminding themselves of a few pertinent facts.

First, let them remember that the vast majority of scholarships are so small that they constitute a really insignificant percentage of the total cost of a college education. For instance, let us assume that the average cost of a college education in Arkansas is \$1,200 per year. That figure may be high or low in any particular case, but should be a fairly accurate average cost. A scholarship may range in value from \$50 to full costs, but the average scholarship will represent not more than \$100 per semester, or \$200 per year. In the total picture, that represents one-sixth of the total cost of one year's education.

To be sure, "every little bit A status symbol is precisely helps," but no student should let his decision to enroll at a given mean to many people. Families institution of higher learning be whose children do not need a decided solely on the basis of the scholarship, as far as financial payment of a sixth of the cost inertheless let a scholarship deter- is much more important than attend. Because the state-support- borrow that much money at prac-

tending a state-supported instituthe parents think in terms of the

of money which they will invest in the college to be attended. On that basis—their investment of four year's time and \$4,000 of their own money-is the college being considered worth the investment?

Second, let them remember that the things in life most of which are worth anything involve a cost for the one who would possess them. A free ride at an institution of inferior quality is a poor way to spend four of the most formative years in one's life. If an institution has the qualities which parents and students want in their educational experience, they should choose that institution, scholarship or not! Borrow the money if necessary! Let the student seek part-time employment at the college if necessary! But, by all means, do not let a small scholarship of some sort guide the student away from the institution of his choice!

There are many worthy scholarships granted for great numbers of well-deserving students. They play a very vital role in making it possible for those students to attend college. Their value is to be greatly appreciated. In fact, practically every institution of higher learning is in serious need of more, not less scholarships.

A scholarship, however, should never become a status symbol, nor should it, except in very rare situations, be the determining factor in one's choice of an institution of higher learning. Instead, scholarships, along with factors such as the quality of the institutions being considered, the courses of study offered, the student's plans for a career, and the over-all cost to the student in time and money should be considered in proper lation. In other words, a scholarship should be a factor in choice, not the factor.—Ben Elrod

Baptist beliefs

FALSE GODS

BY J. I. COSSEY

WHY worship a false god when you can worship the true God? There is only one true God. All



MR. COSSEY

other gods false. The first commandment says, "Thou shalt. have no other gods before me." It must certainly be possible for one to break this first command-

ment and not realize it. There is no thing that is so deep seated and subtle as to try to substitute for the true God. The one true God warns us against worshiping any other god than himself. If the true God is first and above all, then all other gods are invalid.

All of our little personal gods must sink into non-existence as we recognize the true God and worship him. If we do not accept the first commandment, we invalidate all the other commandments. If the supreme God is ruled out, then we have no valid God left. In that case, we have nothing left but chaos and communism. If the supreme God is not God, then all other gods are shadows of a God that does not exist.

God is just and has all power to do as he chooses. Man is God's greatest handiwork and God wants man to choose right and not wrong. This world would be a paradise if man would worship the true God and deny all false gods. One finds complete peace when following the supreme God, but nothing but trouble when following false gods.

Do you worship the true God? Many people worship money, land, power, fame or perhaps a big business. These are little gods, serving for a short time and then they vanish. The Bible says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

The earnest of our inheritance

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS
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(EPHESIANS 1:13-14)

"... THAT holy spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of



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t h e purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

The key words are "that holy spirit . . which is the earnest of our inheritance . . ." So Paul identifies the

Holy Spirit as "the earnest of our inheritance." "That holy spirit of promise" is the Holy Spirit whose coming was promised by Jesus" (cf. Jn. 14:16).

The word "earnest" renders the Greek word arrabon which means "earnest money." It is used in the papyri for the money which was paid as a guarantee that one would go through with a transaction. It is used three times in the New Testament, and always in reference to the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:14). Paul says that "ye were sealed with that holy spirit . ." (v. 13). This word "sealed" was commonly used in the papyri as setting one's seal

We are not called upon to prove that God exists, but by faith to accept him. A penitent revolution must take place inside the sinner's heart to bring about an experimental knowledge of God. In this experience the sinner is made new. The Bible says, "Old things have passed away, behold all things have become new."

False gods cannot bring about an inside heart change. False gods can only hinder the work of grace. We have put God to every kind of test and he has never failed us. The false gods have always failed. Nothing permanent or spiritual can come from the worship of a false god.

or brand upon something as a mark of ownership. A shipment of goods was sealed as a guarantee that they would be delivered in good order. These two words "earnest" and "sealed" are used in the aforementioned ways in present-day commercial transactions.

The "inheritance" is the Christian's inheritance of full salvation in Christ. Full salvation involves justification, sanctification, and glorification, Justification occurs the moment one believes in Christ as his Saviour. Sanctification is an instantaneous act at the moment of conversion wherein the Christian is set apart or dedicated to the service of God. Thereafter, he develops in that sanctification as he grows into the likeness of Christ and in doing the will of God. Glorification refers to the final bodily resurrection of the believer from the dead and his entering into the full glory and joy of heaven.

At the moment of justification the Holy Spirit takes up His abode in the believer. He works in the state of sanctification as progressively he develops the believer in his dedication to God's will and service. And he continues to do so "unto" (ais, goal) the full redemption of the body in the resurrection whereby the believer enters into the full glory which God has designed for his "purchased possession." "Purchased possession" is one Greek word meaning that which God has obtained and preserved as his own.

A romantic note may be added in the fact that the word arrabon (earnest) is found in the papyri for an "engagement ring." So we may say that the Holy Spirit is Christ's engagement ring which he gives to his bride, looking toward the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Children's Nook-

ONE day a camel and pig met on a broad Indian highway. They found a shady spot and began a conversation. The camel, a proud animal, turned the talk to his favorite subject—himself.

"Just look at me," said the camel. "See how tall I am. Don't you wish you were as tall?"

The pig was a plain, ordinary animal, not the least bit haughty. Because he was honest, too, he spoke as he thought.

"No, Camel, I don't wish to be as tall as you. I think it's better

to be short."

"How you talk!" scoffed the camel. "Both of us can't be right. I'll prove it's better to be tall, or else I'll give up my hump."

It's time to teach Mr. Camel he is not always right, thought the

pig.

He said, "I'll prove it's better to be short, or else I'll give up my snout."

"Just come with me," laughed the camel. "I'll show you that I am right."

The tall camel and the short pig walked down the road together. Soon they came to a high stone wall. Beyond the wall was a garden that had trees ripe with fruit. Because no door was in the wall, the pig could not get through. The camel was so tall, however, that he could look over the top. He could see the ripe fruit on the trees.

"How delicious those pears look!" he said. "I think I'll have some."

He stuck his head over the wall and ate all the fruit he wanted. He didn't offer the pig a single bite.

"Ho, ho," chuckled the camel.
"What do you say now, Pig? Isn't
it better to be tall like me than
to be short as you are?"

Without a word the pig started down the road. The camel followed.

Soon another wall came to view. It was high, so high that even the camel could not reach over it. He could just barely see the tops of the trees growing in the garden beyond.

SHORT



A door was in this wall. The pig walked up, pushed the door with his snout, and walked into the garden. This garden, like the first one, was also full of ripe fruit. The pig began to eat the juicy red apples which lay on the ground. Because the camel was too tall to get through the door, he did not get any of the fruit.

When the pig came out of the garden, he said, "Those apples were the best I ever ate. Now would you say it is better to be short or tall?"

The camel thought for a while before he spoke. "Sometimes it is better to be tall. Sometimes it is better to be short."

"I agree," said the pig. "Because we are different, we can help each other. Here, this is for you."

The pig held out a big red apple. The camel looked ashamed as he took the apple.

"I did not think to offer you a pear. I was selfish. Will you forgive me?"

"Certainly," said the pig. "We all make mistakes now and then. You can forget about giving up your hump."

"And you can forget about giving up your snout," replied the camel. "As for me, I must remember to think less of myself and more of others."

That's good advice for anyone to follow.

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Executive Board

Now is the time

THIS IS a good time of the year to order Stewardship material from the Stewardship Services,



DO DOUGLAS

127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

There are two programs for presenting Stewardship. One is entitled The Forward Program of Christian Stewardship, de-

signed for churches with over 300 members. The price of the packet is \$2.50. The other one is called Growth In Christian Stewardship and is designed for churches with less than 300 members. The price of the packet is \$1.25.

This material for this year suggests that the church use its Sunday School and Training Union to help teach Stewardship. These organizations have been given special jobs to do and through them the church members will be able to get a closer view of what Christians should do in the matter of giving money to Kingdom causes.

These materials are designed to help Southern Baptists in the most vital area of church life. When church members become better stewards, then everything that Baptists are trying to do will prosper. A good steward gives his money. A good steward is a soul winner. A good steward attends the church services. A good steward is so concerned that he will sacrifice for that which is right. But, church members do not automatically become good stewards any more than a lost sinner automatically becomes a Christian. Church people must be taught, led. and challenged just as lost people must be taught, led, and challenged.

We have special efforts (revivals) to help the lost person to be saved. We must also have special efforts to help church members become better stewards.

Someone may say, "We just tell the people how much our budget calls for and leave it to them. God Training Union

Some important questions

"HOW can we learn more about visitation?" Information will be given during the fourth quarter of



MR. DAVIS

1964 in our Sunday School and Training Union quarterlies.

In the Training Union Baptist Adult quarterly the October unit will be "How to Visit for Enlistment." The

Baptist Young Adult quarterly will have an October unit of study on "How to Visit to Meet Present Needs." The flip chart, "How to Visit" (\$1.00) has been produced, which will strengthen the use of these lessons. The lesson course study plan will make it possible for people to get study course credit for this study on visitation.

The Sunday School Department has prepared alternate lessons for young people and adults for the fourth quarter using the title, "Sharing Christ's Concern for Persons."

With the Sunday School and Training Union working together, much help can be given our people this fall on the important subject of visitation—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

will lead them to give." That is hardshellism! Baptist in days past believed that about evangelism. They said, "When God gets ready to save the lost He will do it without our help." That doctrine brought Baptists to a do-nothing-ism.

We have come a long way from hardshellism in evangelism, but too many still have the hardshell approach to growing better stewards.

Why not order a packet of the Stewardship material today! Now! and start helping Baptists give more than 3 percent of their incomes through the churches?—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

Music for you

THE RESPONSE to the new hymnal "Christian Praise" has been most gratifying. The demand for both the round and shaped note editions has justified our belief in the need for this book in these editions. If you have not purchased a copy for your own examination, why not do so now?

This is the season of the year when every choir director is thinking about Christmas. Broadman has some new cantatas for your examination — music your choir will sing and sing and sing. And for each cantata there is a record album available to help you and every member of your choir learn the music. When your choir members learn the music at home, the precious time in your weekly rehearsal is spared. Here are the titles:

"Within a Little Stable" by Robert Graham (for Juniors). "His Saving Grace Proclaim," by William L. Hopper (SAB, for youth or adults). "Today the Prince of Peace Is Born" by Philip Young (SATB for youth or adults). "The Lord Emmanuel" by Robert Graham (SATB for youth or adults).

Dr. and Mrs. Claude Rhea have written a new book entitled "A Child's Life in Song." Largely designed for children ages four and five, this is a most delightful collection of original songs written and composed by the Rheas and first used with their own children. There is a companion album consisting of three 7-inch records.

"Songs for Primaries" is a new collection of songs for use in Sunday School, Training Union, Sunbeams, and music activities — in fact, for any church-related activity for boys and girls ages six through eight. There is also a companion 12 inch record album for these children to use at home.

Other new music publications now available are "Selections for the Revival Choir No. 3," "Preludes on Well-Known Hymn Tunes No. 3" (these are based on the 1964 Hymns of the Month), and "Revival Songs."—William J. Reynolds

News notes

CORRECTION

A CORRECTION is in order for readers of Sunday School promotion.



MR. HATFIELD

In the August 13th issue of this paper a two page ad promoting the Sunday School Bible Teaching Conference failed to carry the correct meeting place and date.

The Conference will meet at the Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The meeting will start at 1:45 on October 5 and will conclude with the evening service on October 6th.

ADULT THRUST

Another Sunday School meeting will be the State Adult Thrust Meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, September 10th starting at 1:30 with an evening session at 7:00. At this meeting, churches will receive special information and inspiration about the Sunday School emphasis on reaching adults for Bible study.

Copies of the programs on these two important meetings have been mailed to pastors. You may also get correct information on the programs from the Sunday School column, of August 13th issue of the Newsmagazine.

PREPARATION WEEK PACKETS

Many churches are requesting the preparation week packets with materials to assist them in planning and training workers for a new year. Have you written for yours?

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

Vacation Bible Schools reports are a bit ahead of this same period for last year; however, we have heard of many schools being conducted which have not been reported. It helps us prepare for next year when we know the results of this year's work. Is your Vacation Bible School report in?

Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary

Report from Washington

THIS week finds me in the Baker Mts. for Youth Week. We brought nine young people



JOHN RUSS

from Northgate Church. All but one were Christians, and she profesmade a sion of faith Sunday night. What a wonderful thing it is to see young people accept Christ.

We presented our play here at the Assembly last Saturday night. One of the pastors from Seattle was here and said we must come and present it at his church. So the kids will present it at least two more times that I know of.

The only activity that we have left is a banquet for the entire youth department Thursday night, August 20. This will climax the summer activities.

This has been a wonderful sum-

mer. We planned every activity from the beginning and everything has worked out according to schedule.

> Sincerely, John Russ

(John Russ of Henderson State is serving as Youth Director at Northgate Southern Baptist Church in Seattle as a special summer project of the Student Department. He is serving without renumeration. The church has been pastorless during the time John has served the church, so he has had pastoral duties as well as that of a Youth Director.)

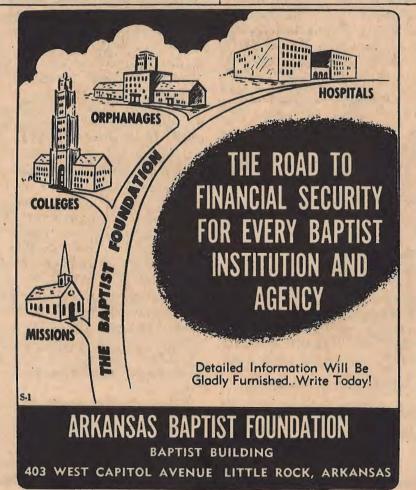
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Revivals

TULIP Memorial Church, Route 2, Carthage; Lonnie Lassiter, Camden, evangelist; Charles Stanford, Prescott, singer; 5 by baptism; 5 by letter; David Blase, pastor.

SIDNEY Church, July 12-19; G.M. Roberts, pastor and evangelist; 2 by profession of faith; 3 by baptism.

FIRST Church, Rogers, tent meeting July 15-26; Jesse Reed, evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Short Sr., music directors; 22 for baptism; 9 by letter; Dean E. Newberry Jr., pastor.

SECOND Church, Jacksonville, Aug. 2-9; Walter Ayers, Conway, evangelist; Mark Short, Arkadelphia, singer; 16 by baptism; 7 by letter; Gene W. Welch, pastor.

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Non-resident church members

IN recent months joint planning between the Division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, and the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board has resulted in what we believe will be a fruitful approach to reaching non-resident church members.

Let's move to solve the problem of non-resident church members. There are now 2,800,000. Please check the information above. This is a sample of the cards to be used between pastors and the Sunday School Board in trying to reach the non-resident church members. These cards may be purchased at the Baptist Bookstore. We hope every pastor and church will use this means of helping to relocate and enlist the non-resident church members.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

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REV. P. J. Crowder closed his supply pastoral work with First Church, Sparkman, on Sunday, Aug. 16, and is again available for supply service or to serve as interim pastor. Any Church or pastor who desires the service of Bro. Crowder may contact him by writing him at Sparkman.

Possessing the Promised Land

BY HOMER WILMOTH LAYMAN, FIRST CHURCH, ROGERS

DEUTERONOMY 34; JOSHUA 1-6; 21:43 TO 24:33 AUGUST 30, 1964

MOSES had failed to be humble and meek in the sight of God, at the waters of Meribah. God told



MR. WILMOTH

him to speak to the rock and the water would come forth so the people could drink. Because the people chided with Moses and murmured against him for leading them into the wil-

derness, Moses lost his temper. He struck the rock twice with his rod. The water came forth, but Moses had failed to give God the glory and it cost him a trip to the Promised Land.

Moses was a great leader, but no man is indispensable in God's sight and the Lord had to replace him. The Scripture says, "And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face" (Deuteronomy 34:10). It is always a tragedy when a great leader dies, but God always has a man to lead his people. That man was Joshua, the son of Nun, of the tribe of Ephraim. Joshua had been with Moses at Mt. Sinai when the law was given. He was a great military leader and strategist. He had proven himself as a scout when he was sent as one of the spies to the promised land. He was a man of faith and action.

New leader named

AFTER the death of Moses, Joshua takes the reins. He is in full charge of the people in religious and political as well as military matters. It is not easy to follow a great leader like Moses but

Joshua was God's man of the hour. Perhaps many times when we lose a great preacher from our pulpit and a great leader we feel discouraged. However, God's work must be carried forward and He always has some one to do the job.

Joshua's first task was preparing the people to cross the River Jordan to possess the land. The command of God had been given and Joshua commanded the people likewise to prepare. Joshua was taking God at his word, perhaps he was a man to "burn bridges behind him." Certainly many times in our lives God wants us to prepare ourselves for the task ahead.

Joshua gave the people three days to prepare food for the cross-

ing of the Jordan river.

God had told the people that as soon as the feet of the priests, bearing the ark, touched the waters of Jordan, the river would be rolled back and they might pass through this river bed on dry land. What a test of faith for Joshua and these people. But Joshua had the assurance that the Lord would take care of the situation.

Many times when the Lord tells us to do something, we want to know how, why, and when. God is still on his throne and he is able to show us many miracles, able to accomplish any task, able to solve any problem if we will trust in him. Certainly we cannot see ahead, but God says go, and to please him we must walk by faith. To reach the true Promised Land, we must answer God's call by faith through accepting Jesus as Saviour and Lord. It has been well stated that God does not "open all doors" at the same time.

We must walk through the first door before the second one is opened to us.

Crossing the Jordan

THE story of the actual crossing of the Jordan river in the third and fourth chapters of Joshua are well worth your reading again. The Lord is not only showing the people his strength, power and glory, but also that he is with Joshua as he was with Moses. God magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel at that memorable crossing.

In the second part of our Scripture text, Joshua 23:1-5, the Promised Land is possessed. Peace had come after the conquest of Canaan. One of these notable campaigns led by Joshua was the battle of Jericho. This again pictures the faith and assurance of a great leader, in God's providence.

Joshua was old now and he called the heads of Israel, the elders and judges, together for advice. He reminded them of all the Lord had done for them. He told them of some land that remained to be divided among them, but it was inhabited by enemies. The Israelites were to have faith that the Lord God would expel these enemies before them.

Then Joshua gives some very timely words to the people. He said, "Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left" (Joshua 23:6).

It always takes courage to stand for what is right in the sight of the Lord. Many times we as Christians are fearful to take a stand because of public opinion against that stand.

Facing many issues

IN this day when our nation is about to divide itself on several issues, there is only one standard, one criterion for the Christian to go by. Let us base our decisions upon the law of love. If we are to be true followers of Christ we must pattern our lives after His example.

In verses 7 through 9, Joshua tells the people to refrain from admiring, worshipping, or serving the gods of the Canaanites.

It is said that the Canaanite worship involved infant sacrifice and lustful, immoral indulgences. They worshipped the god Baal and the goddess Ashtoreth.

Joshua was doing his best to challenge the people, who had come from Egyptian bondage, through the Red Sea, through their wilderness wanderings and across the River Jordan into the Promised Land. These things should have caused the Israelites to give their entire devotion, allegiance, love and worship to the Lord.

'Choose this day'

Verses 14-16 of Joshua 24 gives the final appeal of Joshua and the affirmative answer of the people. They agreed that they would serve God and him alone.

It is so easy for us to forget promises and vows which we made to the Lord in times of trouble. When things are going good we no longer need God!

Throughout life we face many decisions, there are many rivers to cross, many walls to tear down, many battles to fight, but God is always willing to guide us and lead us to victory.

In Joshua 24:15, we, like the Israelites, are confronted with an

important choice:

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

There are many choices we can make today, but Christ is the only choice. He is the answer for possessing the Promised Land.

REV. and Mrs. Charles M. Hobson, appointees for Colombia, may be addressed at 1306 Austin St., Denton, Tex. Born in Spur, Tex., Mr. Hobson grew up in Roswell, N. M., and Berryville, Ark.; Mrs. Hobson, the former Wanda Nave, was born in Owensboro, Ky., but grew up in Newport, Ark.

A Smile or Two

Weather report

WITTY boarder: "Ah, your steak is like the weather this evening, madam. Rather raw."

Witty landlady: "Indeed? By the way, your board bill is like the weather, too. Unsettled."

Help wanted

THE phone rang and the young mother answered. Came her mother's voice saying: "I phoned, dear, to find out if Dad and I could leave your children with Tom and you tonight. We are invited out for the evening."

Mine office

ONE supervisor telling another, "When I walk through the typist section I feel like a piece of uranium approaching a whole battery of geiger counters."

"What do you mean?" the oth-

er man asked.

"The closer I get the faster they click."

Texas size?

CUSTOMER: "Where is the steak on your menu?"

Waiter: "There, sir (reading)

sirloin steak a la carte."

Customer: "Good. Wheel it in!"

Oh, forget it!

THE following correction appeared in a small town weekly paper: "Our paper carried the notice last week that Mr. John Doe is a Defective in the Police Force. This was a typographical error. Mr. Doe is really a Detective in the Police Farce."

Weight problem

MOTHER: "I sent my son for two pounds of plums and you only sent me one and a half pounds."

"Madam, Fruit dealer: scales are correct. Have weighed your son?"

Ever noticed . . . ?

NO matter where they seat you at a ball-game you're always located between the hotdog peddler and his best customer:

Attendance Report

August 1	Sunday	Training	Add
Church	School	Union	tions
Alma, Kibler	126	92	
Berryville		00	
Freeman Heights	156	60	
Biscoe	68	30	
Camden	413	168	
Cullendale First First	499	158	
Conway, Pickles Gap	75	37	
Crossett	10	٠.	
First	450	165	
Mt. Olive	198	118	
Mt. Olive Dumas, First	. 307	64	
El Dorado			
East Main	269	106	4
First	667	141	1
Northside Chapel	29	-	
Parkview	181	80	3
Parkview Forrest City, First Midway Mission Fort Smith, Spradling	517	166	4
Midway Mission	48	54	
Fort Smith, Spradling	219	115	
	239	90	3
Greenwood, First	257	138 59	16
Gurdon, Beech Street	100	87	1
Harrison, Eagle Heights	45	01	1
Greenwood, First Gurdon, Beech Street Harrison, Eagle Heights Huntsville, Calvary Jacksonville	40		
Berea	115	50	4
First	396	151	2
Marshall Rd.	122	77	_
Second	208	86	1
Jonesboro, Nettleton	264	127	
Lavaca	243	164	
Little Rock			
Immenual	1,038	350	4
Forest Tower	87	28	
	25	17	5
McGehee, First	429	141	
	75	49	
Magnolia, Central	542	181	3
Magnolia, Central Marked Tree, First	160	123	
Monticello, Second	.235	123	
North Little Rock	626	200	3
Baring Cross Southside Mission	39	9	0
Camp Robinson Miss			
O-lunus	382	110	
Forty-Seventh Street Park Hill	178	74	
Park Hill	690	212	2
Sherwood	196	118	2
Sylvan Hills	270	185	3
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	183	82	1
South Side	640	213	8
South Side Shannon Rd.	46	22	
Tucker Chapel	22	18	
Siloam Springs, First	287	142	4
Van Buren		204	
First	501	204	11
Second	106	51	
Vandervoort, First Ward, Cocklebur	56	40	
Ward, Cocklebur	50 248	35 75	
Warren, Immanuel	63	39	
Westside Chapel	03	do,	

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Church literacy campaign

STUTTGART, Germany (EP)
—The Evangelical Mekane-Yesus
Church in Ethiopia, with the financial aid of the Bread for the
World campaign of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID),
has begun a large scale drive
against illiteracy.

To date 514 schools have been established, with 1,000 paid and volunteer instructors teaching 56,000 children and adults.

Assemblies to meet

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (EP)
The Assemblies of God will host
the 17th annual convention of the
Pentecostal Fellowship of North
America Oct. 27-29, in Springfield, officials of the denomination have announced. Some 2,000
church leaders and delegates are
expected to attend.

Representing 15 denominations and 15,500 churches, the fall convention will be held in Central Assembly of God, largest church of the denomination, in Springfield, seating more than 2,400. Facilities of the Assemblies of God headquarters building will also be made available to the convention

In the world of religion

.... MARTIN Niemoeller, prominent and often controversial German Protestant churchman, will retire at the end of 1964 as head of the Evangelical Church of Hesse and Nassau. The 72-year-old clergyman will continue to serve in various ecumenical posts, including that of copresident of the World Council of Churches.

Soviet Radio in Moscow called for Russian citizens to resist efforts by tourists to supply Bibles and devotional objects to Soviet Christians. "These tourists will fail in their campaign of smuggling into the U.S.S.R. such imperialist propaganda," the broadcast stated. "This kind of so-called literature is the flesh and blood of anti-Communist organizations acting with the church against Communist countries," the broadcast continued.

.... A modern advertising medium previously used only by large business firms is being installed to "advertise" God. Installed on the roof of a multistory building accommodating several Roman Catholic organizations of Essen, Germany, a moving letter-track consisting of a system of over 4,000 colored light bulbs will spell out brief sermons as well as church news. This is the first such system in Germany to be used for religious purposes. It will resemble the famed "news-in-light" method long used by The New York Times in Times Square.—Survey Bulletin

Senators hit persecution of Jews

WASHINGTON (BP) — Religious persecution in the Soviet Union came under strong attack from four United States Senators at a congressional hearing here.

The Senators presented testimony at a hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on a resolution condemning persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union. The resolution was introduced in the first session of Congress by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.), and is co-sponsored by 63 other Senators.

Appearing before the committee were Sen. Ribicoff, Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.), and Sen.

Opposes Goldwater

LONDON (EP)—Canon John Collins, dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, called on the Archbishop of Canterbury and other religious leaders to condemn the policies of Republican Presidential nominee Barry Goldwater.

In a sermon, Canon Collins said the Arizona Senator's policies were repugnant to the Christian conscience. The selection of Goldwater as a candidate is part of a growing resurgence of "fascist mentality" in many parts of the world, said the clergyman, who has spoken often on social and political issues.

He added that churches should not sit on the fence but should oppose the Goldwater candidacy. Kenneth B. Keating (R., N. Y.). Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) had his statement included in the committee record.

Ribicoff said the aim of Soviet policy is "to shatter, pulverize and gradually eliminate Jewish historical consciousness and Jewish identity." He said this is being done by: depriving Jews of cultural and religious rights, anti-Jewish propaganda campaign, scape-goating of Jews, discrimination in education and employment, and refusal of the right to emigrate.

Sen. Javits testified that in spite of Soviet "claims of religious freedom and denials of the existence of anti-Semitism because it is a violation of Soviet law," there is evidence that the Jews are being singled out for "discriminatory restrictions and extreme punishment." He said the three million Jews in the Soviet Union constitute the "second largest Jewish community in the world."

Organizations merge

CHICAGO (EP) — A long-standing barrier between evangelical youth organizations here fell quietly this summer when Youth for Christ and the Hi-C Bible Clubs of Chicago announced a merger. The merger takes effect with the opening of the school year.

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