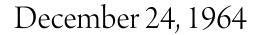
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personally speaking

Bethlehem Star



WHAT is more forlorn than an un-dressed Christmas tree on its way to the garbage truck and oblivion?

How popular and ornate the tree was for a few hours and days. But now it has been, or soon will be, stripped of its glory. Almost in the twinkle of an eye, the tree ceases to be the cynosure of all eyes and falls to the low estate of the garbage heap. (Or, in the case of the artificial trees good for more than one season, to the dark and dusty seclusion of attic or closet to wait out another year.)

The tinsel, the lights, the blobs of many colors are carefully sorted and stored to deck another queen another day.

Sometimes it seems almost that the Christmas spirit goes out with the Christmas tree. The wonderful feeling of goodwill toward every one, a feeling that is the heart of every Christmas season, seems to deteriorate pretty fast, after Dec. 25-especially as we return to our jobs and to paying the extra bills we made at Christmas. All too soon, we are back to normal. And normal, for the most of us, is pretty far from radiating peace and goodwill.

As we face the after-Christmas season, let us resolve to keep our eyes on the Star that is always there—our Lord Himself, who is the blessed Star of Hope that shines to expel the darkness of sin and death for all who will accept Him as Lord and Savior.

Happy after-Christmas!

Elmin L. M. Donald

IN THIS ISSUE:

SUPPOSE you walked out of church Sunday morning and found a million destitute people standing before the building. That represents the weekly population growth of the world. What you can do about it is outlined by the Editor on page 4.

PASTORS, there is a letter for you on page 5. We urge all of our readers to study the message from John Price of the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children.

FELLOW Baptists of the world are greeted in the name of Jesus Christ by .he Baptist World Alliance. The New Year's greeting is on page 6.

TWO news stories from the Baptist Press should be of special interest this week (pages 14 and 15). One concerns the future of state support of church-related schools. Gainer E. Bryan Jr., editor of the Maryland Baptist, describes the case being heard in a small courtroom in Annapolis. The other item is the rating of the SBC voting charge story as the top one of the year.

SINCE the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine will not publish next week, we bring you today the Sunday School lessons for the next two Sundays, introducing as our January writer Dr. Finley Chu of Ouachita College.

AS has been our custom in the last issue of the year, we are giving you the entire year's index. We suggest you keep it with your copies of the *Newsmagazine* for easy reference. The index begins on page 20.

TURN to our departmental pages for colorful greetings to you from your friends at the Baptist Building. And, please, turn your eyes to the opposite page for OUR warmest wishes.

COVER story, page 5, says it for all of us: May the Light shine evermore to bring the joy of Christmas to you and yours.



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Lottie Moon's World

FIFTY-TWO years ago this Christmas, missionary Lottie Moon died aboard a ship in the harbor of Kobe, Japan, of illness brought on by over work and a starva-



tion diet. But through her compassionate example many others have since answered or will be answering the call to give their lives on the mission fields of the world. And the special Christmas offering for foreign missions, a living memorial to Miss Moon, brings ever increasing millions of dollars to carry the gospel to the lost of many nations.

It is not easy for American Christians, in a land of churches and of great material prosperity, to realize the desperate and hopeless situation that exists for so many of the people of the world. Ross Coggins, a former missionary now on the staff of the Christian Life Commission, helps us to realize something of the magnitude of the need of our day.

In his book, To Change the World, published this year by Broadman Press, Mr. Coggins reports that the population of the world is increasing at the rate of a million people each week. He thinks we would be stirred to do much more for the people of the world if we could know them. He tries to imagine what would happen some Sunday if, upon our coming out of the morning worship services we should find a million people, representing one week's population growth, standing before the church building.

Any American church faced with such a situation, Mr. Coggins believes, would, after a shock of utter consternation, find ways of measuring up to the emergency. He envisions a hasty strategy conference, "urgent prayer, division of responsibilities, and a modern re-enactment of Pentecost."

Continues Mr. Coggins:

"Deacons would be hard pressed to organize the physical aspects of the venture; for this throng would be hungry, poorly clothed, and, to complicate matters, three-fourths of them would be colored. Fellow Christians would be called in to share in the task, and denominational credentials probably wouldn't be checked too carefully. Church agencies and boards would make their full resources available. Perhaps there would even be some believers who would sell houses and lands, bringing a touchingly sacrificial offering to church in manner of Barnabas and others."

But one of the best things, as Mr. Coggins imagines it, would be the witnessing of Christians to this lost multitude. Once the physical and spiritual needs of the people had been met and they were enabled to return to their homes, they would have an enthusiastic report to their own people. As a result of the Holy Spirit using them, new churches would spring up in every nation, says Mr. Coggins.

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But, of course, we will never have anything happen like this. As Mr. Coggins continues: "We can sit in church on Sunday morning....soothed by the stained glass words of the sermon and content in the knowledge that our departure for the cafeteria will not be impeded by masses of troublesome people. The million are at a safe distance beyond two ocean moats. We can pray God's blessings on the heathen in foreign lands (and pray that he will keep them there!), remembering to put something on the collection plate for the missionaries. It seems so much tidier that way.

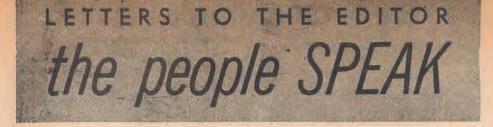
"But let us not deceive ourselves at this time of day. We may not find them at our church doors, but those millions are out there somewhere! Someone is shaping their values, and, tragically, those values are largely non-Christian. Hate fills the vacuum unfilled by love. 'Comrade' is the term they often use when there is no one to say 'brother.' Darkness envelops the place where no light is kindled to extinguish it."

With more than twice as many people on earth today as when Miss Moon died, in 1912, and with the forecast of a doubling of the population again by the year 2000, no generation of Christians has faced so great a challenge as ours. A small part of our responsibility can be met by giving sacrificially for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering now being received in all of our churches and by pledging at least a tithe to our churches during the coming year. Remember, the destitute men, women and children are out there by the hundreds of millions.

This is Lottie Moon's world-and oursl-ELM

Time Of Gladness





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.

Open letter to the pastor

IN most pulpits, church bulletins, and other promotional literature, the importance of giving to missions is stressed, and especially giving to the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings. I commend you for this, as far as it goes.

What I cannot understand is the little amount of promotion usually given to one of the greatest mission projects available-that is, the annual offering for the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children. We have Arkansas Baptist children here in the Home in great need, dependent upon Baptist churches to support them, and yet, our offering is given so little attention in the average church.

Are the churches saying, "The needy children in the Baptist Home are not as important to us as the needy chil-dren overseas or elsewhere?" Percentage-wise, the offerings taken are usually not one tenth the amount taken by the same churches for other mission projects. This I cannot understand.

Most churches set extremely high goals for the Lottie Moon offering and Annie Armstrong offering and work hard to achieve these goals. Very few of these same churches even set any goal at all for the Children's Home offering. They leave it to the people to give as they feel led, and then, no attempt is made to lead them.

Pastor, why is this so? Is the Children's Home of such little importance? Please help me to understand! This is the Christmas season, when

we think of our Savior, His church, and His children. If you have not promoted the Children's Home offering in your church like you would promote other great mission projects, won't you do so now? Your entire church will be blessed as you send your offering to the Children's Home. Can you think of a better way to celebrate Christmas? -J. R. Price, Superintendent, Arkansas Baptist Home for Children, Monticello

Appreciation for paper

THE membership of South Highland Baptist Church desires to express to you their sincere heart-felt appreciation for your positive, effective leadership against legalized gambling in Arkansas.

The stand that the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine took in withstanding

this proposed evil contributed much toward the resultant victory at the polls.

We appreciate you and shall pray for your continued success as the Editor of the Arkansas Baptist.-Garrett Graham, Pastor South Highland Baptist Church, 27th and Elm Streets, Little Rock, Ark.

Ingrams honored

THE First Baptist Church of Jasper is to bestow upon Brother Happy Ingram the honor of becoming its Pastor Emeritus, on December 30, 1964. A special program will be presented which will be followed with a reception in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church.

This is in honor of his Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. He will be presented with a love offering from friends over Texas and Arkansas. A cordial invitation goes out to all his friends for this special Wednesday Night Service.

As you know, Brother Ingram served eleven years as a foreign missionary in Brazil, and nine years with the Home Mission Department. He has been pastor of First Baptist Church twice during his lifetime.

The pastor and people of First Baptist Church are very happy to bestow on him the honor of Pastor Emeritus. -Andrew Allen, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jasper, Tex.

An Arkie transplanted

GREETINGS from Florida. Those of us who were transplanted from Arkansas to here are consistent readers of the Arkansas News Magazine. It is a delight not only to keep up with current events but to read of the progress / made by the Arkansas Baptist Convention. All of us were thrilled when we read of the recent election results which told us that gambling interests in Arkansas had suffered a great setback. Many of the Baptists in Florida were watching this situation very closely to see how Christian people would react toward this matter. Thank God that the issue was defeated, for this has given inspiration and courage to Baptists in other states.

While I have not always been in agreement with your editorial stand, I think it only fair to commend you and the staff of the Arkansas News Magazine for your courageous work in your campaign against gambling. I suspect that the Christian cause would have



The Cover



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IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:1-5, RVS).

been lost had it not been for your marvélous work and encouragement that the News Magazine gave to Christian people in general. For this I speak the voice of many of your friends to say "thank you."

Needless to say, we are thrilled at the success of our Razorbacks; and as far as I am concerned, they surely must be number one .- Al Butler, Pastor Myrtle Grove Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.

On Frank Broyles

AS usual I was thrilled today (Dec. 10) to get the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine but especially happy was I when I saw Frank Broyles picture on the Cover. I have been thinking about this man a lot recently.... Coaches in all age and influence brackets usually have much influence with the boys that play on their teams, but especially it is refreshing indeed to hear from you and others such wonderful things about a Head Coach of Mr. Broyles dimensions. Influence, such as he is calculated to wield over our boys, being an outstanding churchman as well a coach, Head Coach that is, would be hard to over-estimate. Blessings on "the likes of him."-S. C. Swinney Sr., P. O. Box, 141, New Madrid, Mo.

Ban discrimination

in federal program

NON-DISCRIMINATION requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 will be effective in federally assisted programs of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the National Science Foundation, according to announcement in the Federal Register, Washington, D. C.

The regulations will make Title VI of the Civil Rights Law applicable to programs in existence prior to passage of that law. Title VI prohibits discrimination "on the ground of race, color, or national origin. . . under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Among the programs included under the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are the National Defense Education Act, the Higher Education Facilities Act, Public Health, Service Act, Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Offenses Control Act, and the Vocational Education Act.

Affected by the regulations will be: loans for acquiring science, mathematics and foreign language equipment, student loans for higher education, training institutes for teachers, graduate fellowships, health research programs in hospitals and universities, construction of facilities for institutions of higher education; and nurse training programs.

National Science Foundation programs include: scientific research, equipment for undergraduate education, science education for undergraduate and secondary students, specialized projects, and institutes.

The "war on poverty" which became law after enactment of the civil rights bill is already subject to the non-discriminatory regulations. Churches and churchrelated institutions have been encouraged to participate in the anti-poverty program.

Church related institutions have been caught in the dilemma of whether participation in the various federally financed programs would be consistent with the principle of separation of church and

NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

January 1, 1965

WE greet fellow Baptists of the world in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Know ye the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture... Be thankful unto him and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:3-5).

Nineteen hundred sixty five will be a year of new opportunities and unprecedented fellowship. May Baptists and all others who profess the name of Jesus through their life and witness continue in His word, and thereby make the gospel real to individuals, communities and nations.

Baptist fellowship will reach a new summit when the 11th Baptist World Congress meets in Miami Beach, USA, June 25-30. Thousands of us from many lands will focus on the truth in Christ which makes us free (John 8:32). Let us pray that this gathering will further the will of God for our own people and for all the world which stands in need of His grace and truth.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Joao Soren, Rio de Janeiro President Robert S. Denny, Washington Associate Secretary Erik Ruden, London Associate Secretary

Josef Nordenhaug, Washington General Secretary

state. A primary question has been whether institutions receiving public funds, even church-related institutions, would be subject to public policy.

A. U. S. District Court ruling held that two private hospitals in North Carolina were subject to public policy after receiving Hill-Burton funds.

In the nondiscriminatory regulations outlined in the Federal Register, no distinction is made between public or private institutions.

Assurances would be required from institutions seeking financial assistance that they would comply with the non-discriminatory regulation. Elementary and secondary schools under court order to desegregate and presenting assurance of doing so, or presenting a plan for desegregation with assurances of following the plan, would be considered as meeting the requirements.

Institutions of higher education

requesting assistance, whether for construction, research, special training project, student loan program, or any other purpose, would be required to give assurance of meeting the non-discriminatory requirements. This would extend to admission practices and treatment of students.

Examples illustrating the application of the regulations were given:

1. Research, training, demonstration or other grants to universities at the graduate level —the prohibition would extend to the entire university unless it could show that other parts would not interfere with compliance at the graduate level.

2. Construction grants for hospitals—assurance of nondiscrimination would apply to patients, interns, residents, student nurses, other trainees, and to privilege of physicans and other professional persons to practice in the hospital.

Courtship, Marriage and the Home



"It isn't far to Bethlehem town! It's anywhere that Christ comes down

And finds in people's friendly face

A welcome and abiding-place.

The road to Bethlehem runs right through

The homes of folks like me and you."

-Madeleine Sweeny Miller

MEMORIES come flooding into our hearts these days, recalling blessed, happy Christmases we spent in Arkansas. You are no less dear to us now than then; and our spirits span the miles to wish for you and yours a Christmas abundant in depth, in joy, in laughter and fun.

May I pass on to you two practical bits from our December 13th Gentilly Church bulletin?

The first paragraph is from an article entitled "Concerning Christmas Clubs and Coffee Cups," written by our pastor.

"My word today concerns next year's Lottie Moon offering, not this year's. I make two simple suggestions to you about how to save your money for next year's gift.

"The first—you can open a Christmas Club account for Lottie Moon at your bank. Set aside only a dollar a week, and next December you will have fifty dollars for your offering.

"The second—set aside a dime for each cup of coffee you drink on each day next year. You can keep the dimes in a jar. By next Christmas you will have at least fifty dollars, and there's your gift."

The second probably appeared in your bulletin, for it is a clipping from Journal of Lifetime Living. It will readily convert into a worthy thought for preand post-Christmas days, or a New Year's resolution.

Title: "Be Lazy-and Love It"

"It's wonderful to be lazy—if you know how. It saves your energy, relaxes your mind and spares your heart—and you needn't feel at all guilty about it if you confine your laziness to these approved ways:

"Be too lazy to frown, fidget and worry.

"Don't wear yourself out carrying the needless weight of grudges, prejudices, and envy.

"Listen more than you talk and see how much better you feel.

"Don't quarrel over small things. Let the other fellow think he's right when it really doesn't matter.

"Don't run to catch a bus. The next one is better for your heart.

"Conserve your mental muscles for things that count, and never bother to wrestle with the inevitable, the imponderable or the insignificant."

I wish you might walk with me through William Carey Residence Hall for single women, and over our campus by the apartment buildings, to see the creativeness of those who live in our dormitory and of young ministers' wives on campus expressing itself in do-ityourself decorations.

One wife, who was married to her graduate-student husband only last June, said to me: "From the time I knew I was going to marry Jimmy, I've dreamed of our trimming our tree together."

When I get glimpses of their little tree, in passing their smallbut-beautifully-kept apartment, I see far more than baubles and colored lights. I see two lives blending into harmonious living. I envision the light of Christian influence radiating from their home down through the years.

Another facet of the Christmas mood here stems from the presence of dedicated missionaries and mission volunteers: like the Togami family from Japan, preparing to go' as missionaries to the Japanese people in Brazil. Such people move me to pray with Bessie Porter Head:

" . . .

Stir me, O stir me, Lord,

I care not how,

But stir my heart in passion for the world.

Stir me to give; to go, to pray; Stir 'til thy glorious banner be

unfurled O'er lands that still in deepest darkness lie.

O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high. . .

Stir me to give myself so back to Thee

That Thou canst give Thyself again through me."

A joyous Christmas and a most rewarding New Year to you, one and all, dear readers!

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LONE WOLF

BY J. I. COSSEY

THERE is a "lone wolf" type of preacher. We are not saying that they are not good men, good preachers, nor are we saying that they are not true to the doctrines, but they just want to go it alone. They claim to be independent thinkers. They are afraid to work with anyone else for fear they will lose their independence. They are slow to go along with any other preacher who is solidly behind and completely supports the whole Baptist program. Whatever be their alignment they are afraid of being with the wrong group. They seem to be scared of the word "program" or anything that is thought out in advance. They have forgotten that the eternal program of God was worked out before the foundation of the world.

My dear "lone wolf" brother in Christ, you will never find a perfect group of Baptists with which to align yourself. If you did find a perfect group, you would ruin it. If you are a Baptist, get with the cooperative program and learn to work with those who want to reach every spiritual need on the face of this earth. As a "lone wolf" you cannot reach world needs. The highest joy in life is found in working with other people of like faith and order. The "lone wolf" feeling of not being wanted is a most devastating reaction. The agreeable person will soon make himself needed and wanted. Each person usually sets the "die" for his lifework. When you positionize yourself, other people will accept or reject you. You will lose by being a "lone wolf;" you gain by working with others.

It is hard to define the misery of the "lone wolf" because the more he defends his position, the more self-centered he becomes. If Beacon Lights of Baptist History By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D. Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

Baptists push Sunday School work

THE only reference made to Sunday School work in the first convention meeting after the Civil War, 1868, was the appointment of a committee which recommended *Kind Words* as the Sunday School paper.

The next year the Sunday School Committee reported that it was the first duty of every Baptist church to secure the services of a pastor and to care for his needs. The second duty was to organize and sustain a Sunday School. This committee recommended patronage of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. (This was before the organization of the present Board.) Every family was urged to take the paper Kind Words.

A resolution in 1871 called for a committee of five to be appointed to gather statistics and study the work of Sunday Schools. Too, it asked that one-half day be set aside at the next session to hear this committee and consider the work.

The following year the committee reported some isolated churches were conducting success-

you cannot live and work with other people you are destined to a life of frustration and failure. The most natural thing in the world is the burning desire to be with people and work with people. The need for "togetherness" is why we have families and churches. It is not God's plan for us to go the way of the "lone wolf." We must work with people if we are to build churches, schools, and develop missionary agencies. Cooperation is the test of importance in any given task. The Bible says, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

ful schools. But they neither gave nor received help from adjacent churches. How to share their knowledge and enlist competent leaders and teachers were outstanding problems.

Efforts were being made to combat these. The Central Baptist Sunday School Convention had been organized some time before, and in June of that year it had been consolidated into the Arkansas State Baptist Sunday School Convention. Ideas could be shared now.

Announcement was made that the first meeting of the State Sunday School Convention was to be held in the Pleasant Hill Church, Pulaski County, on Friday preceding the fourth Sunday in July, 1873.

At the Convention in 1873 the brethren voted to put a state Sunday School agent on the field, his work to be directed by the Sunday School Convention. Rev. O. M. Lucas was given this position.

This was a good beginning. But the plan did not receive proper support to justify its continuance. The next year the committee on Sunday Schools recommended that the convention take the responsibility for supporting the work. They urged that a State Sunday School secretary gather statistics and report to the board at Marion, Ala. Rev. R. M. Thrasher of Malvern was recommended to this office.

A quiet place

I think the night was mellow-mild When Mary bore her Jesus Child. I think the lambs lay sleepy-eyed, And doves sat meekly by her side,

And though the town was wild and loud

And boisterous laughter filled the crowd,

The noisy people could not know The peace that filled the stable so.

For God had picked a quiet place. And laid in Mary's warm embrace The Baby Jesus, gift to all,

And placed them in a simple

stall.

-Iris O'Neal Bowen

ARKANSAS BAPTIST

The Bookshelf

The Art of Staying Happily Married, by Dr. Robert W. Burns, Prentice Hall, 1963, \$3.95

The author is the pastor of Peachtree Christian Church of Atlanta. He writes out of his experiences in joining and counseling more than 3,000 couples. He shows how to prevent serious marital problems by pointing to sensible, logical ways to successfully: manage the family finances; get along with the in-laws; raise children properly; avoid heated arguments; handle household chores; make big family decisions; achieve sexual compatibility; and cope with the normal, everyday problems of married life.

The John Leland Story, by Don M. Fearheily, Broadman Press, 1964

THIS book is based on the life of John LeLand, but does not attempt to render a fully accurate accounting in strict chronological order in the historical facts of his life. Because of a skimpiness of autobiographical material, the author had to imagine conversations, feelings, characters, and events which would give a roundness to known facts in filling out a unified and dramatic narrative. This is a story. It is meant to be read and enjoyed as such. It attempts to portray in dramatic terms the life of a remarkable Baptist.

Questions Teenagers Ask, answered by Ted W. Engstrom, Zondervan, 1963, paperback

ANSWERED here are questions dealing with dating, romance and love, living the Christian life, careers, school problems, home and parents, the church, and a miscellaneous assortment of questions.

Glad Moments With God, a family book of daily devotions, by Martin P. Simon, Zondervan, 1964, \$3.95

DR. Simon, noted for many con-tributions in the field of family literature, has written this new book of devotions out of a rich life of dedication to the cause of family living. Here are 366 daily devotions, Bible-centered and oriented to the young child's understanding. The material provides a positive answer to the many negative voices decrying our nation's moral decay.

Peace Shall Destroy Many, by Ruby Wiebe, Eerdmans, 1962, Paperback, \$1.95

IN his first novel, Mr. Wiebe, a young theologian, writes of prejudice and bigotry erupting to destroy the people of a small Canadian community. It tells of the trials and tribulations of a group of Mennonites in Canada who were dedicated to peace and nonviolence. The ebb and flow of time and events and their effects on this intensely religious people are described in passages of his book.

Baptist beliefs

The husband of one wife

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

TITUE 3: 3-12

THIS is one of the qualifications which Paul set forth for both a bishop (pastor) and a deacon. What did he mean by this? Obviously he did not mean that they must of necessity be married men. In all probability Paul was not married. So far as we know the same would apply to Timothy. The early church did not so interpret Paul's words.

In both verses A. T. Robertson comments that Paul meant "one at a time, clearly" (v. 2) and one "at a time as in verse 2" (v. 12). The Expositor's Greek Testament says of verse 2, "What is here forbidden is bigamy under any circumstances." And on verse 12 it refers back to this comment on verse 2. But Matthew Henry takes these to mean that they should not have "given a bill of divorce to one, and then taken another, or not having many wives at once."

The background of these verses was the current practices involved in marriage. Especially among the gentile pagans a man might have several wives at one time. Divorce might be' obtained on almost any ground. This was true even among many of the Jews. The Jewish teacher, Hillel, taught that a man might divorce his wife for any cause. But another, Shammai, allowed for divorce and remarriage only on the ground of adultery. These two schools of thought were the basis of the question posed to Jesus in Matthew 19:3. Jesus apparently permitted one cause (adultery) for divorce and remarriage, although some interpreters do not agree that this was the case. The author holds with A. T. Robertson that He did so allow. Hence Robertson's comment "one at a time, clearly."

This position plus Expositor's

"... the husband of one wife ... " reference to bigamy must be considered in the light of Jesus' teaching concerning divorce. If one holds that this is not a genuine teaching of Jesus, then he would rule out all divorced persons, regardless of the cause, as being qualified to be a pastor or deacon. But if one holds that this is a genuine teaching of Jesus, then to be consistent he should hold that a man divorced and remarried, and having adultery as the basis of divorce, should be eligible to be a pastor or deacon. For obviously under this circumstance he would not be considered as having two wives at one time. But in any case experience teaches that such a person does face a handicap in this regard.

Life

is but

a burking

candle Our life is but a candle! Slowly we are ebbing away... burning brightly. but melting, we light the way for others... They follow after us, groping and stumbling. Hold high the light of love. Send a glow before them into the darkness; Shine the light up toward Heaven's doorway....Make them to see! The candle burns low and soon it will be snuffed out. -Peggy Vining

DECEMBER 24, 1964

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

By Peggy Vining

'Twas in the East where first it did appear And shepherds followed as the bright star led: "It is the promised one," the shepherds said, "And prophecy foretells a stable drear."

"The star is still! It shines now, bright and clear." "Let us go in and, find the manger bed, And see if glory shines about the head Of this new babe the angels said was here."

And so..... they came and fell on bended knee, Awed by the light that shown around the face Of this new Babe who lay within the place; Where star had led and prophets did foresee: "It is all true! The child's of Jewish race." "See, Mary mothers him in warm embrace."

Arkansas All Over-



JUNE SELF

At Helena church

MISS June Self, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Self, Texarkana, has accepted the position of youth worker and music director of First Church, Helena. James F. Brewer is pastor.

Miss Self graduated from Ouachita College this summer. She was a member of Ouachita Choir, Ouachita Singers and the band. She also directed several plays, one of which she wrote.

She is a volunteer for the Journeyman program of the Foreign Mission Board.

No paper next week

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, as has been the custom in the past, will not publish next week. Our next issue will be dated January 7, 1965.

G. C. Hilton dies

GROVER C. Hilton, 75, of Hutchinson, Kans., formerly of Springdale, a prominent lay Bap-



tist leader in Arkansas for many years, died Dec. 17.

Mr. Hilton was president of a glue manufacturing firm at Hutchinson. While at Springdale he was a member of First

MR. HILTON a member of First Church. He took a leading part in several lay evangelistic campaigns into Mexico and the western states. He was a past president of the state Brotherhood.

Survivors include his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Zeph Fisher of Hutchinson.

SOUTH Side Church, Pine Bluff, is installing an Allen TC 4 organ and sound rooms.



THE freshman class of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, includes two sets of twins this semester.

Pictured left to right are: Linda and Belinda Coley, Forrest Lity; Dean of Women, Mrs. Woodrow Behannon; and Joan and Jean Brink, Viola.

The Coley twins are graduates of Forrest City High School and the Brink twins are graduates of Salem High School.

DECEMBER 24, 1964



All steps shown

EVERY step in the Girl's Auxiliary program was represented recently in Coronation exercises at First Church, Searcy. Twentythree girls took part in the program.

Top honors went to Queen Regent in Service Kay Yarbrough. Mickey Lemons was crowned Queen Regent; Becky Baker, Queen with Scepter; Carla Lemons, Queen in Service; and Laura Bradley, Danna Aclin, Cynthia Stottman, Judy Baker, Pam Vandiver, and Kay Osborne, Queens.

In addition to her achievement in the G.A. organization, Miss Yarborough has a perfect attendance in Sunday School for 10 years.

In a special statement to the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, Kay appeals to other young people to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. "Don't buy unnecessary gifts this year—give to the Lottie Moon offering," she appeals.

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25 Years for 'Hour'

"THE Baptist Hour" will begin its 25th year of broadcasting on Sunday, Jan. 3 with a message by Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs entitled "You Can Dream, Can't You?"

When the program was launched, on Jan. 5, 1941, Dr. M. E. Dodd's message was "Christ and Human Crises." That day 17 stations in 11 states broadcast the program. On the first Sunday of 1965, 500 stations in 37 states and 20 other countries will air "The Baptist Hour."

Theme of Dr. Hobbs' series for the first eight Sundays of the new year is "Life's Common Denominators." Six of the messages have. texts from the Gospel of John.

Dr. Hobbs has preached on the international radio worship service longer than any other mangoing on seven years. Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City since 1949, he receives no remuneration for his services to the Radio and TV Commission.

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.; KHBM, 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.; KPCA, Marked Tree, 8 a.m.; KENA, Mena, 1:30 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.; KBHC, Nashville, 5:30 p.m.; KCCL, Paris, 4 p.m.; KPBA, Pine Bluff, 7 a.m.; KDRS, Paragould, 10 a.m.; KAGH, Crossett, 1:30 p.m.; KUOA, Siloam Springs carries the program at 10 a.m. on Saturdays.

KTTA, 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 2 p.m. Sunday.



A WALL-HUNG, early-American-style clock has been given to North Dormitory of Ouachita College by Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel G. Ward, Murfreesboro, in memory of their son, Grady Ward, (inset) a freshman last year at Ouachita who died last June 16.

Mrs. Ward made the presentation in chapel at Ouachita Dec. 3, to Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., Ouachita president.

At the presentation, Dr. Phelps read a poem entitled "In Memoriam" and written by Troy Carroll Jr., formerly pastor of First Church, Murfreesboro.

From Recife, Brazil

MISSIONARY Martha Hairston reports from her mission field, Caixa Postal 1940, Recife, Brazil, on activities since she returned there after medical leave.

Miss Hairston returned to the States last spring upon the death of her father and remained over for several weeks for a medical leave.

Following are some interesting excerpts from her letter, about people with whom she works at her mission station:

"Jaiza, a sophomore, was preparing to be a missionary to the Indians. A few hours before her death (from an extended illness of hepatitis) she calmly announced that she was going to die. I knew she was already dying, so agreed with her and spoke of our certainty that the Lord to whom she had committed her life would continue with her as she left us and crossed to the other side. We recited the 23rd Psalm, and she said: 'How glorious and good is our God! How beautiful is his face!' and soon was gone to be with him.

"The nicest news of these recent months is the fact that this month we were able to purchase a much appreciated electric organ for the chapel. From the 1964 Lottie Moon offerings we are to receive money for instruments for the new unit of the music building.

"As usual, I'm enthusiastic about my Sunday School class. This month there have been three professions of faith and baptisms. Last Sunday one of the new Christians brought her son and a young Japanese professor, son of a Buddhist priest. The professor was definitely interested and he will return. One of the girls who comes frequently is the niece of the late archbishop of Recife and Olinda.

"Most every member of the class has an interesting story: there's Conceicao who was turned out of her home last week because she will not renounce her faith; there's D. Beatriz, with her financially more privileged Portuguese Catholic background and her desire to understand the faith of her Baptist neighbor who brought her to the class. The room is full each Sunday, and the period is always too short."

Revivals

FIRST Church, Mulberry, Dec. 6-13; Billy Walker, Walnut Ridge, evangelist; Red Johnson, Mountain Home, singer; 31 professions of faith; 19 baptisms; Charles H. Duncan, pastor.

SOUTH Side Church, Pine Bluff; Dec. 5-7; Dr. R. G. Lee, Memphis, speaker; 10 additions; 3 by baptism; 7 by letter; Tal Bonham, pastor.

CENTRAL Church, Jonesboro, Nov. 29-Dec. 6; Bo and Dick Baker, evangelists; 30 additions; Curtis Mathis, pastor.

Favells robbed

THIEVES broke into the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. Hudson Favell, Southern Baptist missionaries to Ghana, on the night of Nov. 17 and stole household items and clothing valued at over \$1,000. The Favells were away from home at the time.

They live on the compound of the Baptist Medical Center, Nalerigu, where he directs leprosy work and she is a nurse. They may be addressed at the medical center, Nalerigu via Gambaga, Ghana, West Africa. He is a native of Charlotte, N. C.; she is the former Jean Christy, of Fort Smith.



NASHVILLE—STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS will be observed in many Southern Baptist churches Dec. 27. Through the 1964 theme "The Churches' Outreach to the Campus," friends at home will hear students share experiences of Christian growth made possible by the joint efforts of churches and Baptist Student Unions.—BSSB Photo

SBC News and Notes-

By the BAPTIST PRESS

Aid to church colleges being tested in courts

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (BP)—A case that may determine the future of state support of churchrelated higher education in America is now being argued in a small courtroom in historic Annapolis.

The defendants are the State of Maryland and four small liberal arts colleges with varying degrees of church connection. Sponsoring the case is the Horace Mann League of America, and there are 12 plaintiffs, all citizens of the Free State.

Chief counsel for the plaintiffs is the noted constitutional lawyer Leo Pfeffer of New York, general counsel of the American Jewish Congress. Among the opposing attorneys is William L. Marbury of Baltimore, a member of The Harvard Corporation and a member of one of the most distinguished Maryland families. Marbury has held high positions in the Episcopal Church in Maryland.

Hearing the case in Anne Arundel County Circuit Court is Judge O. Bowie Duckett.

Defendants in the case, besides state officials, are the institutions aided: Western Maryland College, affiliated with the Methodist Church, granted \$500,000 for construction of a science building and dining hall: Hood College, affiliated with the United Church of Christ, granted \$500,000 for a new dormitory and classroom building; St. Josephs College and College of Notre Dame, both affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church, \$750,000 each for science buildings. All grants are on a matching basis. Granting of the monies has been estopped while the litigation is in process.

Counsel on both sides agrees that the case will be taken to the U. S. Supreme Court regardless of

By Gainer E. Bryan, Jr.*

the outcome.

Basically at issue is the narrow question of whether the secular aspects of higher education in a church-related institution can be separated from the religious aspects and be legitimately financed by the state.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs in the case of Horace Mann League vs. J. Millard Tawes, governor of Maryland, say they cannot be separated. Counsel for the defendants say they can.

A decision of this thorny issue obviously has applications to the broader question of church-state separation in America. How sweeping these applications are is a matter of disagreement between the opposing sides.

Although technically this is a state case, Pfeffer told the court that its ultimate outcome would determine the constitutionality of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963. This act made available federal grants to private and public institutions alike for construction purposes.

A proposal for Wake Forest College to accept funds under this act on the principle of services rendered to the state was voted down last month by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

In order to tie the state and federal issues together Pfeffer, in his opening agrument, cited three provisions of the state's Declaration of Rights and two amendments to the federal constitution which he argued were violated by partial support of the four colleges.

Attorneys for the defense said they would challenge the standing of the Horace Mann League and of the citizen plaintiffs to claim injury in the court, a tactic which has in the past discouraged litigation of the federal question in the federal courts.

In his opening argument Pfeffer described the issue as one "on which the future of public education in this country rests." Thomas B. Finan, Maryland attorney general, arguing the state's case in an almost exact reversal of Pfeffer's position, characterized the battle as "the Armageddon ... of the private educational system."

Pfeffer contended that the case has nothing to do with schools that are private but non-churchrelated, such as Harvard University and the University of Chicago. Marbury argued that even such schools as these are involved because their original and current church-relatedness cannot be entirely dismissed. Harvard, for example, has a divinity school. he stated, and Baptists still appoint one of Chicago's trustees.

The New York attorney began by asserting that the current case does not involve the question of government aid to church-related hospitals and other types of welfare institutions. Nor, he said, does it deal with the issue of indirect aid to educational institutions such as loans and scholarships.

His opponent Marbury argued back that such dissociations cannot be made. "You walk into Mercy Hospital (a Roman Catholic institution in Baltimore) and what do you find?" he asked. He answered by describing a statue of the Virgin Mary in the lobby, shrines on every floor, garbed nun nurses moving to and fro. Yet, he declared, "there is direct federal aid to Mercy Hospital." He contended that if church-related colleges are ruled out on grounds that they are places of religious worship and

ministry, so must such hospitals.

The Baltimore lawyer noted, "We are not here to consider lower schools. Mr. Pfeffer would say no distinction can be drawn between higher and lower schools." He argued that such a distinction has been made by former President Conant of Harvard and by the solicitor for the U S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The first week of the trial, which was expected to last two weeks, was devoted mainly to presentation of the plaintiffs' case. In the cases against the two Catholic colleges, documents were introduced that were intended to prove that these schools are saturated with Christian or Catholic aims in origin, nature, purpose, curriculum, etc. They are owned and operated by orders of Catholic nuns.

Although the College of Notre Dame has a few non-Catholic students, St. Josephs College is operated almost exclusively for Catholics, according to evidence presented.

The cases against Hood College and Western Maryland concentrate on required chapel attendance and one or more required courses in religion at each school. It was also noted that both institutions were church-related in their founding and that they have loosely maintained their church connections since.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs argued the inseparability of religious instruction from so-called secular instruction in the curriculum of the schools, especially the Catholic schools. They also contended that financing of the socalled secular functions of the defendants cannot be separated from the total financial program of the institution. The defense promised to challenge both contentions.

*Gainer E. Bryan, Jr. is editor of the Maryland Baptist. This is the first of two articles written while the Maryland case was being heard in the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court.

SBC voting charges rated story of year

The investigation of alleged voting irregularities during the 1964 Southern Baptist Convenvention in Atlantic City, N. J., has been rated the top SBC news story of the year by denominational editors.

It received 11 first place votes on the 34 ballots which were cast. A first place vote counted as 10 points, second place, vote as nine and tenth place vote as 1 point. Using this basis, the voting issue received 199 points.

It barely nosed out the second place story of the year—Southern Baptists stand behind present wording of the first amendment. The church-state issue won eight first place votes and 195 points.

It was a year when no story was a runaway winner of top honors. Four, in fact, rated well in point totals. Third place by a two-point margin was the new 16-year, 5000-missionary goal announced by the SBC Foreign Mission Board. It had four first places and 164 points.

Balloting for the 10 top stories each year in the SBC is conducted by the Baptist Press, SBC news service. Eligible to vote are the editors of 28 Baptist state newspapers, staff members of the SBC Executive Committee at Nashville —the sponsor and main budgetary supporter of the Baptist Press, and regional editors of the news service in other cities.

Several editors failed to vote or did not send in their ballots in time to be counted.

A release to the press by Joe W. Burton, Nashville, registration secretary at Atlantic City, first brought the alleged election irregularities to light.

A few months later, the SBC Executive Committee heard evidence of these allegations. Although there was no concrete evidence of any vote fraud, the Executive Committee enacted tighter registration and voting procedures as preventive steps at future convention sessions.

The year 1964 witnessed a major attack on the first amendment to the U. S. Constitution. This attack came to a focus in the so-called movement for the "Becker amendment." With Baptist editors in the forefront, the denomination generally opposed the Becker amendment and took the position that religion should be a voluntary response to God, free of government intrusion.

Point	ts Story First Place	Votes
199	Alleged SBC voting irregularities investigated	(11)
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162	North America's Baptists celebrate Third Jubilee in	
	Atlantic City	(4)
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	expanded trustee plan	(1)
121	Position on race taken by 1964 SBC in Atlantic City	(1)
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	studies joining it	(1)
100	Home Mission Board elects Arthur B. Rutledge to succeed	
	Redford	
90	896 laymen lead West Coast Evangelism Crusade	1 dece
84	Cooperative Program at SBC level once more reaches	
	advance stage	. (2)
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	and US-2	(1)
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Executive Board

Second Church, Conway

SECOND Church, Conway, William West, pastor, has made marvelous progress in every phase of the church ministry.

A few months ago, it was our privilege to work with Mr. West and the good people in Second Church in a Stewardship emphasis. They have used some phase of our Stewardship programs every year and the last two years they have used the "Growth in Christian Stewardship" emphasis. Last year they also had a week's Stewardship revival with the writer doing the preaching.

Statistics can never tell all the story but here are a few: Since 1958 the church has averaged baptizing 38 people each year; the total gifts to the church have increased from \$2%, 169 to \$45,-966, or 23 percent.

But, better than all statistics. one can feel the togetherness of the people with a mutual love between pastor and people. Conway is in a county that has a Baptist college sponsored by the North American Baptist Association. The North American Baptists and the American Baptists have as many rural churches as Southern Baptists in the county. Yet, Second Church has continued to grow. We give you this background to show that this growth has not been easy. It took proper planning plus some real hard work.

If every Baptist church in Arkansas could have made the same progress over the last seven years, we would have baptized many, many more people; our people would be better stewards of their money and our state Cooperative Program budget receipts for the year would have been \$3,432,654.41 instead of \$1,-831,273.00.

The church that emphasizes the stewardship of money is not hurting its opportunity of service, it is helping its members grow in NG YE PEOPLE, O people sing! Sing for joy; let your voices ring, For in Bethlehem in early morn, In David's town, a Saviour is born.



O come ye people and worship Him! Let loud hosannas to Him ring Until this message covers the earth And hearts of men shall know rebirth.

Elsie E. Thornburg

OFFICE STAFF, ARKANSAS WMU Nancy Cooper

Mrs. R. E. Hagood Mrs. Melvin Murphree Mary Hutson Mrs. Clarence S. White

the nurture and admonition of the Lord. When this happens, that growth spells more evangelistic fever, a more enthusiastic approach to Kingdom work and more victorious work for Christ.

There is pessimism among many because we are down in some departments of our Baptist work, but there is no pessimism among the good people of Second Church, Conway.

Now, perhaps we can all agree that we as Baptists have been a little weak on the teaching of the Commission given by Jesus. But, there is no reason to go on a binge of criticism. We need to acknowledge our error and start a more intensive indoctrination of our people. This includes the doctrine of Stewardship.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

Sunday School

MERRY CHRISTMAS! AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Inside Christmas

THE outside of Christmas is visible. You can see it. It is there in Christmas trees, in holly, in toys, in gay store windows, in gifts wrapped in bright paper. The outside of Christmas can be heard. In chimes. In carols. In organ music. In the voices of the choir. In sleighbells. The outside of Christmas can be tasted. There's the turkey and cranberry sauce, the pumpkin pie and the candy.

In the hurry and scurry of the Christmas season most of us limit our contact to the outside of Christmas. We are so busy that we do not have time to get inside Christmas, so Christmas becomes for most of us a surface experience.

To discover the true riches of the Christmas season we must penetrate beneath the surface; we must get inside Christmas. And when we get inside of Christmas, Christmas will get inside of us and we will have a truly mystical experience.

No one knows how to go about exploring the inside of Christmas. Each of us must go adventuring to find the inside of Christmas in his own way. One thing is certain and that is that we must get away from the turmoil and the crowds and the outward excitement that are so much a part of the outside of Christmas. We must get away from the visible. and journey into the invisible. We must quiet the mind. We must seek the inside of Christmas in the silence; we must look for it in our deeper selves. We may go alone into a cathedral or chapel late at night to meditate. We may sit alone by the fire in our homes after all the others have retired and open ourselves to the inflow of good will and joy and peace. We may take a long walk under the stars, or through the softly falling snow. We may sit by the bedside of a sleeping little one and think about the miracle of childhood.

When we take the time to seek and find the inside of Christmas the Christmas spirit will glow with a new radiance within our hearts. . . Copied.

Merry Christmas to all our readers from the Church Music Department.—Hoyt A. Mulkey, Secretary; Annie Mary Wilson, Office Secretary

Counselor of deferment ..

The devil belittles seldom A doing of a worthy deed. He even argues for it As a part of his own creed, But urges that it be delayed For reasons he prescribes. When 'tis at last too fate to act, His urgings turn to jibes. —W. B. O'Neal



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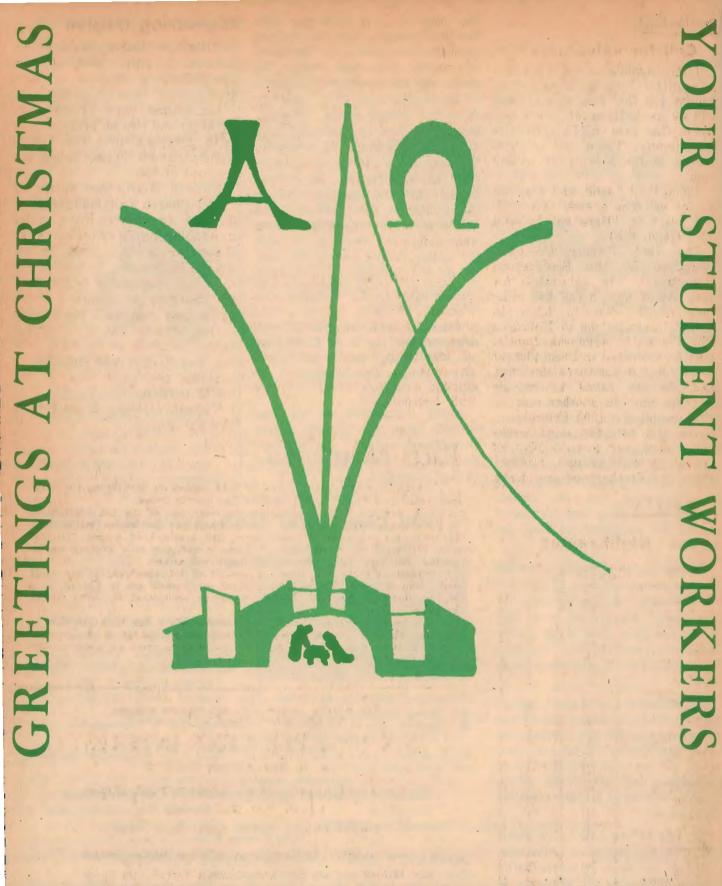
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Brotherhood

Call for volunteers

THE capabilities of Christian men differ both in kind and in degree, but God uses all men who will be used. However, every one whom God uses in His service is a volunteer. There are no conscripts in God's army of willing men.

"Who shall I send, and who will go for us" The answer of a willing heart is, "Here am I; send me" (Isiah 6:8).

The 1965 Pioneer Crusades, sponsored by the Brotherhood Department, are scheduled for July. As of now, a call has come for enough men to labor in THREE associations in Nebraska and Colorado. Arkansas Baptist men have worked in these pioneer areas for the last three summers, and we are asked to provide workers for still another association during the 1965 Crusade.

We will not, for some weeks yet, follow our general plan of appeal through pastors, missionaries, and Brotherhood presidents,

Training Union

"M" Night report

Association	Meet			Pstrs.	Dir's.	
		Attend.	Rep.			
Arkansas Valley	1	240	17	15	12	
Ashley	1.	128	12	11		
Bertholomew	1	209	11	9	10	
Benton County	1	854	20	14	13	
Big Creek	ĩ	64	6	5	1	
Black River	ī	851	19	14	16	
Boone-Newton	ī	256	21	17	16	
Buckner	ĩ	178	20	15	8	
Buckville	` Õ					
Caddo River	. 1	99	8	8	8	
Calvary	î	197	15	18	10	
Carey	î	228	15	10	8	
Caroline	i	322	24	18	15	
Carroll County	1	82	6	6	8	
	1	120	7	7	6	
Centennial	i	272	81	25	25	•
Central	. 2	304	16	10	18	
Clear Creek		788	80	20	21	
Concord	1	118	12	20	12	
Conway-Perry	1		12	10	17	
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Russellville	1	122	15		19.	
Delta	1	364	24	18		
Faulkner	1	164	15	6	11	
Gainesville	1	117	11	5	8	
Green County	1	413	85	24	27	
Harmony	1	951	80	28	24	
Hope	1	444	28	19	17	
Independence	1	127	14	11	5	
Liberty	4	1,078	48	42	45	
Little Red River	1	188	10	9	6	
Little River	1	186	15	18	9	
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County	2	618	38	81	26	
Mt. Zion	21	848	28	21	17	
Ouachita	ī	110	9	7	7	
Pulaski County	1	822	34	25	19	
No. Pulaski	1	626	27	14	20	
Red River	î	285	19	21	11	
Rocky Bayou	1	91	10	-8	4	
Stone-Van Buren	-					
	1	189	12	10	6	
Searcy	1	484	28	20	20	
Tri-County	i	827	82	23	25	
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for their help in enlisting men for the Crusade. Instead, we are going to endeavor to get as many volunteers as possible before we make any other approach.

Two men have already volunteered as 1965 Crusade participants. Some others have been perennial volunteers, and can be counted on to go. How about you? Will you join these? And will you write the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock, to place your name among the volunteers?

When we come to the time of endeavoring to fill out the complement of men by searching them out individually, it will help tremendously to have a back-log of men who have already volunteered to go. "Will you be enlisted as a volunteer?"—Nelson Tull, Secretary

Facts of interest

Organizing mission

TEMPLE Church, Waldron, organized in July, 1962, is now establishing a mission at Blue Ball.

Constituted with 11 members by letter and two on profession of faith, Temple Church now has 65 members and a Sunday School enrollment of 78.

Harmon Allen, then pastor of Parks Church and moderator of Buckner Association, was a leader in establishing Temple Church. In September of this year, he resigned. In October, he was in the Blue Ball community. In the first five Sundays he preached there, seven were converted. He has led in the organization of a Sunday School. Attendance the first Sunday was 47. He will continue as missions pastor as long as his health permits.

Herbert Dedmon is pastor of Temple Church.

.... AMERICANS spent a record of \$413 million on nonprescriptive drugs last year. This includes \$350 million for aspirin alone.

.... Women are holding down jobs in every one of the 489 occupations in the Census Bureau's list. The United States has 101 women blacksmiths, 85 locomotive engineers, 301 stevedores, and nearly 1,000 women "lumbermen, raftsmen, and woodchoppers." Some women are even working underground. The last census showed 266 lady coal miners.

.... Thirteen years ago, about 25 percent of all Americans in the 18-21 age group were in college. Today, about 40 percent are in pursuit of a higher education. Experts estimate a college enrollment of seven million by 1970.

.... A parking garage shaped like a water wheel has been invented by Kyosuke Mori of Tokyo, Japan. This new rotary garage is designed to handle a number of cars and yet take us as little space as possible.—The Survey Bulletin

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A \$30,360 GRANT to Carson-Newman College (Baptist), Jefferson City, Tenn., by the National Cancer Institute will enable it

to extend its research, directed by Carl T. Bahner, chairman of the college's chemistry department. The newest grant is \$10,000 more than the institute provided Car-

son-Newman last year for cancer

MORE than 250 radio stations in 15 Central and South American countries have requested

Christmas programs produced in Spanish by the Southern Baptist

Radio and Television Commission. Ft. Worth. The response was three

times the anticipated number and requests are still coming in, said

Jerome B. Pillow, head of the

commission's language production

Uncle Deak writes

I ben feelin a mite sickly lately. Yesterday I went to the docter at the county seat an he sed I wuz gonna have

to live some wheres else

where the weather wuz more fitten to my ole bones. So I

aint gonna get to write ye

no more fer a spell bout our church. I shore do love to write to ye tho. I love these people here an I shore will miss em. But soon as I get where im goin I'll get in a church an do the best I ken fer the Lord. I might even get to writen there state editor. But he wont be as nice as you I no. Well, ed, pray fer me an tell ever body to keep givin to the Lord and

he will keep givin more back.

Tincle Deak

Slate Baptist shows

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Dear ed:

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BETHLEHEM

BY THELMA C. CARTER

A SMALL town is usually quiet and peaceful until something important and exciting happens to the people who live there. After that, things are never again the same.

Bethlehem, at the time Jesus was born, was a small village. It was about five miles south and west of Jerusalem, built on a ridge of limestone hills. A gate led into the village and a well where the people drew their water.

The people made their living with their hands, tending their crops of grain, olives, and fruits. Shepherds tended their flocks as David had done as a boy growing up in Bethlehem.

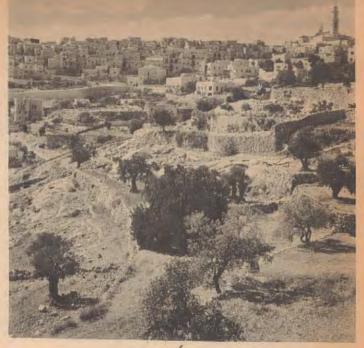
Because of the well and the Inn of Chimham, travelers stayed overnight in Bethlehem. It became known as a stopping point for merchant caravans on their way to Jerusalem or departing from Jerusalem en route to Egypt. About the only excitement that occurred was the arrival of these travelers. Perhaps soldiers' war chariots sometimes approached the gate of the small town and stopped at the well.

Bethlehem might have remained quiet and peaceful if the world about it had been a happy one. But the people were troubled and afraid under the harsh rule of the Roman emperor.

In all the land, soldiers camped in the hills and valleys, patrolling the land. The people had no one to whom they might turn. Certainly they could not turn to King Herod. He had little love in his heart for anyone but himself.

One does not wonder that the people were glad when the angel of the Lord spoke to the shepherds. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). Things were never the same in the small town of Bethlehem, or for that matter the whole world, after the birth of Jesus.

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-Photo by Francis Jenkins Olcott Bethlehem today



Christmas thoughts

BY MARY TAYLOR

Crimson candles on the mantel, Holly wreath and sparkling snow, But the brightest part of Christmas Is the star of long ago.

Gifts all tied with shining ribbon Wait the joyful Christmas morn, But the greatest gift was given When a little Child was born.

Carols sung beneath the window Bring a wish for peace on earth, But the angels sang the sweetest. Telling of our Saviour's birth.

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At left are the new officers of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital Board of Trustees. They are: Seated, W. M. Freeze, Jr., of Jonesboro, president; and standing, James Linder of Little Rock, vice president; and Rev. R. H. Dorris of North Little Rock, secretary. At right are new Board members: Kenneth Price of North Little Rock and Rev. Homer Bradley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dewitt. Not present is W. C. Blewster of Magnolia.

Three new Board members were elected at the State Baptist Convention held last month at El Dorado.

Chaplains Depict Healing Ministry

A unique presentation of the healing ministry of Christ as carried out by a church-sponsored hospital was given in narration and slides by the Department of Pastor Care at the regular meeting of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital Auxiliary November 12 in the Student Union Building.

The program was previously presented at the Arkansas Hospital Association meeting in Hot Springs earlier this fall. Dr. Don Corley, chaplain, and Rev. Jerre Hassell, associate chaplain, prepared the program. Dr. Corley presented the story and Hassell showed slides which he had made.

The slides portrayed Christ's ministry in healing the blind, the lame, the mentally ill and others and also showed a modern hospital's application of this same ministry through laboratory procedures, surgery, ophthalmology services, psychiatric treatment and radiology.

"This report is designed to demonstrate the manner in which the Arkansas Baptist Hospital extends the healing ministry of Jesus, through the provision of a contemporary medical center," Dr. Corley explained in his narration. "Actually, wherever the Christian gospel goes, as sponsored by Baptists, the healing ministry goes also... Whenever an individual comes to our Hospital, we try to provide for him a service in the name of Jesus Christ and to the glory of God." They are: Kenneth Price of North Little Rock; W. C. Blewster of Magnolia; and Rev. Homer Bradley of De-Witt. Blewster and Price have previously served on the Board.

Only three appointments were approved by the Executive Committee of the State Convention although four vacancies occurred, leaving the Board at only 17 members instead of the usual 18.

Dr. Henry Good rotated off the Board, Vernon Massey died last year, and Judge Carleton Harris and Rev. Wayne Smith resigned, Judge Harris because of the press of other duties and Mr. Smith because he moved out of the state.

NLR Memorial Staff Officers



These are the men who hold the key positions on the North Little Rock Memorial Medical Staff. From left, seated, are: Dr. Joe P. Stanley, chief elect and chief of the medical section; and Dr. Charles H. Kennedy, parliamentarian and past chief. Standing, Dr. Frank Stroope, secretary; Dr. Frank E. Morgan, chief of the OB-Gyn section; Dr. Amail Chudy, vice chief; Dr. Huie H. Smith, chief of the general practice section. Not present for the picture were Dr. W. D. Sessoms, chief of staff for 1965 and Dr. Frank Ludwig, chief of surgery.

Echoes From Sound Waves Diagnose Tumors



Dr. James Bearden pulls a Polaroid picture from the new Ekoline which shows the sound waves recorded on a radar-like screen within the machine. The machine is used for studying the brain and other parts of the body.

The technique used by naval forces to detect submarines is incorporated into a new machine called the Ekoline, recently put into use in the EEG Department.

The ping of sonar waves has been transmuted to the blip of ultrasound charts, as high-frequency sound impulses scan the brain for information about such lesions as tumors, abscesses or hemorrhages. This is called ultrasound, echoencephalography but Ekoline is not limited to brain studies only. It can also do similar studies of the eye and other parts of the body.

In ultrasound diagnosis, high-frequency sound waves are beamed into the body to reflect off organ walls, bones or other interfaces, producing echoes that are picked up on an oscilloscope screen. The time difference between impulse transmission and return echo illustrates changes in acoustical impedance as a measurement of relative tissue density. Deviations from normal patterns indicate the possibility of pathologic processes.

In echoencephalography, the ultra-

sound equipment determines brain midline deviation. Often an accident victim is either unconscious or in such a state of shock that he cannot describe what happened to him. With the Ekoline, any shift in the middle of the brain can be determined indicating what damage has been done. Ultrasonic scanning helps to determine the need for corrective surgery and speeds the diagnosis of subdural hematoma or cerebral contusion or concussion. It is always correlated with other clinical observations and tests before a final diagnosis is determined.

To make the study, a transducer is placed on each side of the head above the ear. When a lesion is present, scanning discloses a shift in the brain midline off which the sound waves are bounced. The echoes from the two hemispheres of the brain will fail to line up on the oscilloscope. This technique, which is performed without disturbing or moving the patient, has provided diagnostic accuracy as high as 97 per cent.

The Ekoline can also be adapted to do studies of changes in eye structure in glaucoma-like diseases, to spot orbital tumors behind the eye and to locate retinal detachments that may be obscured by hemorrhage. It can also be used to determine the exact local of a small foreign body which has penetrated the eye, such as a metal chip. Other uses of the ultrasound equipment include the scanning of liver and urinary bladder and the scanning of the fetus to determine head location and size in pregnancy. One of its advantages is its freedom from any side effects.

Volunteers Receive Service Awards

A 3,000-hour certificate was awarded to Mrs. Elton Cook, volunteer who works at the information desk at the meeting of the ABH Auxiliary held November 12 in the Student Union Building.

Mrs. M. D. Goldsby, a volunteer hostess, received a 2,000-hour certificate. Other awards made at the meeting: Mrs. James Low, 500-hour pin; Mrs. Tot Turner and Mrs. Faris Middleton, 400-hour pin; Mrs. L. J. Tabor, 200hour pin; Mrs. J. O. Henry and Mrs. W. L. Taylor, 100-hour pins; and Mrs. Jack Bain, Mrs. Phil Baldwin, Mrs. E. H. Betts, Mrs. O. D. Clark, Mrs. Kurt Hartstein, Mrs. Polly Johnston, Mrs. W. H. McGlothin, Mrs. Carl Olsson, Mrs. P. A. Prince, Mrs. Edna Rollins and Mrs. W. C. Massey, emblems. Slides on the Japan Baptist*Hospital were shown by Shin Suzuki, the assistant administrator, who is on a sixmonths study program at ABH and North Little Rock Memorial Hospital. The Auxiliary voted to contribute \$10 toward beginning an Auxiliary at this

Hospital. Mrs. Henry Rose was awarded an honorary membership in the Auxiliary for her work in making clothes for needy children at the Hospital.

Mrs. L. L. Stewart, chairman of the volunteer committee, puts a 500-hour pin on Mrs. James Low, at left, and presents a 2,000-hour certificate to Mrs. M. D. Goldsby, at right. Mrs. Elton Cook received the highest award, a 3,000-hour certificate.

New Machine Measures Blood Volume



A Volemetron, which gives an accurate and quick automatic measurement of blood volume, has been added to the radioisotope laboratory.

The Volemetron can determine blood volume in 12 minutes whereas the fastest previous measurement took 30 minutes to an hour. This saving in time can sometimes mean a saving in life as well because a quick volume measurement on an accident victim who has suffered a large blood loss can determine how much blood he is to be given.

A premix sample of blood is drawn from the patient to determine the presence of any previous dosages of radioactive substances. Then an injection of radioactive iodine is given, allowed to "mix" with the blood for 10 minutes and a second blood sample is drawn. Both are placed in the Volemetron, which is portable and can be wheeled to the bedside, and the machine determines the total amount of circulating blood volume in the patient. If there is radioactive matter in the premix sample, the machine adjusts for this in giving the final reading. Another advantage of the machine

Another advantage of the machine is that it can furnish a saving of whole blood by giving part of the information which will let the doctor know whether he needs to give whole blood or other fluids, such as plasma or certain solutions. When a hemocrit test is done in the laboratory, where the blood is spun in the centrifuge to pack the red cells so that the percentage of red blood cells can be done, the Volemetron determination of total blood volume can be combined with this information to determine whether whole blood or other fluids are required and in what amounts to achieve the right balance of cells.

The new machine by electronics means does all the computing of results which takes the calculated guess out of blood volume determinations. It is especially valuable for patients suffering from operative blood loss either during or after surgery, from gastro-intestinal hemorrhage, concealed blood loss in shock, fluid loss in burns, severe dehydration, and in intestinal obstruction.

Mrs. Jo Ann Barn-

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well, x-ray technician, is shown at the controls of the new

measures blood vol-

umes quickly and

with a high degree of accuracy.

Volemetron

The amount of radioactivity employed in the use of the Volemetron is comparable to that produced by a luminous watch face, causing no danger

Information Hostess Now In Uniform

A new program for information hostesses in uniform was initiated last month at Arkansas Baptist Hospital to make visitors feel welcome at the Hospital and to help them in finding their floors.

The new hostesses will replace the information clerks and will be in uniforms. As part of the program to make the entry to the Hospital more pleasant, the information area in the Twelfth Street crosswalk is being remodeled. The walls are being painted, drapes hung at the windows and a planter is being placed by the door.

The new information hostesses are: Mrs. Diane Graves and Mrs. Marianna Sontag, who will be working full-time during the days; and Miss Carolyn Cate, Miss Linda Hill and Miss Watina Sorrells, who will be working from 5 to 9 p.m. each evening.

Mrs. Graves had worked here previously but Mrs. Sontag is new. She is German, having completed two years of college at Frankfurt University and her husband, whom she met while he was stationed with the armed forces in Germany, is now with Arkansas Louisiana Gas Company.

Miss Cate and Miss Hill are students at Little Rock University and Miss Sorrells is a student at Little Rock Central High School.

in exposure. It may be used on children as well as adults.



Who wouldn't like to come into the Hospital when he can be greeted by this group of attractive information hostesses who staff the two information desks? Seated is: Mrs. Linda Hill, and standing, from left, are: Mrs. Diane Graves, Miss Watina Sorrells, Mrs. Mariann Sontag and Miss Carolyn Cate.

Sunday School Lesson

Wise men come to Jesus

BY TAL D. BONHAM, PASTOR SOUTH SIDE CHURCH, PINE BLUFF TEXT: MATTHEW 2:1-12 DECEMBER 27, 1964

A SIGHTSEER was driving through the countryside admiring the beautiful scenery when



he stopped his car to get a better look at an unusual s i g h t. There was a barn with targets all over it. In the center of each target, exactly in the bull's eye, was an arrow.

He was so intrigued with this expert marksmanship that he decided to meet the farmer who lived there. When he inquired about the "excellent marksman" the farmer replied, "No one around here is an excellent marksman. That was done by the village idiot. He comes out here and shoots arrows in the side of my barn, and then he paints targets around them."

And so men are today! So many have reached the goals that they have set for their own lives. They have hit their targets and spent a lifetime trying to explain to God why they never bothered to consider *His* target for their lives. In the final analysis, the most important matter in this life is one's reaction to Jesus Christ. As soon as He was born, men began to react in one of three ways to the Saviour.

'Leave me alone'

THERE is the reaction of Herod (vs. 1-3, 8). Herod was suspicious of anyone who might interfere with his life. If he suspected anyone as a rival to his power, that person was exterminated. He had murdered his wife and his mother. It is generally agreed among church historians that Herod also assassinated three of his sons. Emperor Augustus once said, "It is safer to be Herod's pig than Herod's son."

Herod knew that no one would shed a tear when he died. Therefore, he gave orders to arrest some of the most distinguished citizens of Jerusalem and put them in prison on false charges. He ordered that they should all be killed the moment he died. It is no wonder, then, that "all Jerusalem" (v. 3) was troubled when Herod learned about the birth of Jesus.

Herod's reaction to Jesus is this: "Leave me alone and let me live my life as I please." But Jesus later said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23). The Christian is one who no longer lives as *he* pleases but as God pleases. Herod is still with us today in the person of those who refuse to commit their lives to Jesus Christ.

'I'm too busy'

SECONDLY, there is the reaction of the chief priests and scribes (vs. 4-6). The chief priests were the religious aristocracy and the scribes were the theologians and scholars of that day. But they didn't get too excited about Jesus. Herod asked them a simple question, "Where is Christ to be born?" They simply quoted Micah 5:2, which indicated that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. But they were too busy with their religious activity to be concerned with

Christ.

The chief priests and scribes are with us today. Many Christians who never witness for Christ are loaded down with denominational affairs, social problems, theological issues, vocational interests, civic responsibilities, recreational activities, and even religious activity. The sad truth is that we are burning out our lives doing many good things while we leave the best thing undone.

"Worship the King"

THIRDLY, there is the reaction of the wise men (v. 11). Their chief desire was to lay at the feet of Jesus Christ their best gifts. In His presence, they were struck down with the realization of their own unworthiness.

They brought three gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold is the gift for a king. It was so fitting that the king of metals should be given to the King of kings.

Frankincense is the gift for a priest. The sweet perfume of frankincense was used in the Temple sacrifices. This One who makes direct communion with God possible was recognized later as the "great High Priest." He is called "the High Priest of our profession" (Hebrews 3:1). He is the High Priest who does not need to go into the Holy of Holies once a year to offer a sacrifice for our sins because he offered himself on the cross (Hebrews 7:26-28). Now, through Him, any person can pray directly to God for forgiveness (Hebrews 10:19-22).

Myrrh is the gift for one who is to die. Christ was born to die. Redemption for man's sins was possible only through the death of our kingly priest (Hebrews 9:22).

Everyone who hears of Jesus Christ reacts in one of three ways: (1) Hostility, (2) Indifference, or (3) Commitment. The Herods are many. The priests and scribes are legion. But the Magi have never been numerous. Sunday School Lesson-

The Gospel of the Kingdom

BY FINLEY M. CHU (I TIMOTHY 3:2, 12) JANUARY 3, 1965

FOR the first sixteen Sundays of this year, our Sunday School lessons are from the Gospel of



Matthew. The central theme is "The Gospel of the Kingdom." Today we begin our study with John the Baptist. I. The life of John the Baptist. A MINISTER should be proud

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of being one who baptizes a Miss America or a President of the United States. Here we have a Baptist preacher who had every reason to be more proud, because he baptized Jesus, the son of God and the Saviour of mankind!

John's parents were Zacharias and Elizabeth. His mother was kin to Mary, the mother of Jesus. He dressed plainly and ate simply. Living in the desert, he learned self-denial and self-reliance. He never was corrupted by the luxurious life of the Roman courts, nor was he frustrated by the then flourishing Greek philosophies. straightforward He was in speech, uncompromising on principle, and faithful to his calling (Matt. 3:7).

II. The ministry of John the Baptist.

JOHN was a messenger for the Gospel of the kingdom and a herald to Jesus. His coming was prophesied by Isaiah (Isaiah 40:3). And his place was later confirmed by Jesus (Mt. 11:10). Thus, we can see that John came from God, and he came for God.

Though John was born of priestly descent and was prepared for priesthood, he turned his back on it. Instead, he chose to be a servant of God playing an auxiliary role for his master. He had never lost sight of what he should

have lived for and what he was supposed to come for. He realized that he was human and that the one for whom he came was divine. He knew that his ministry touched only the surface of things, but the power of Jesus penetrated into the depth of man's soul. Thus he said, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Mt. 3:11).

John advocated neither a new law nor a new way of life; he concentrated on his witness to the person of Jesus Christ-"The Mightier One" who alone could bring us to convictions; who alone could produce repentance; and who alone could forgive our sins.

III. The Message of John the Baptist.

JOHN'S message is, "Repent ye: the kingdom of heaven is at hand." These are the very words first spoken of Jesus himself (Mt. 4:17).

Many scholars make a distinction between the "kingdom of God" and the "kingdom of heaven." Mark, Luke, and John always use the term "kingdom of God" and Matthew alone speaks of heaven." "kingdom of Jesus seemed to use these two terms said. interchangeably as he "Verily I say unto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God" (Mt. 19:23-24).

In simple language, the kingdom of heaven is the reign of God in the heart of man. The kingdom of heaven spoken of by John has place, this new kingdom is brought about by Jesus Christ, who reigns not politically but spiritually. 'For he said, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36).

In the second place, the entrance to this kingdom is through repentance. Negatively, repentance means a man's turning away from his sins, and, positively, it demands a man's turning his heart toward God. It is a changing of one's heart as a result of accepting Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord of his life.

In the third place, genuine repentance sparkles new life which is bound to be capitalized by new determination and invested in new action. That was why John said, "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance" (3:8).

Presenting the message concerning the kingdom of heaven, John detected two groups of people cherishing wrong ideas: the Pharisees and the Sadducees. The Pharisees were ritualists, believing they could enter the kingdom by performing institutional details. The Sadducees were rationalists who thought they could receive salvation through reason on the basis of observed facts. As descendants of Abraham, they were proud of their traditions and ancestry. Through Abraham they believed they could obtain special security and protection from God.

All of these had the conviction that they were chosen people, and that the kingdom of heaven was for them. They had convinced themselves that they were indispensable to God. But John pointed out to them that none of what they thought could help them; repentance alone was the key to the gate of salvation.

John's message was convictive and universal. Many people were brought to repentance and to baptism. He did not need to prepare one sermon for the urbanites and another for the country folk; his several dimensions. In the first was for all the people in Jerusalem, Judea, and all the region round about Jordan.

A church or the churches are not identical with the kingdom of heaven. But a church is divinely oriented, and it is organized for expressing the love of God and promoting the cause of the kingdom. A church, with all its imperfections, is still the true herald to Jesus Christ.

A contemporary church must guard itself against the kind of race-consciousness in the tradition of the descendants of Abraham, against the kind of institution-consciousness in the tradition of the Pharisees, and against the kind of "science"-consciousness in the tradition of the Sadducees. Its message must remain simple, direct, and clear, and its gospel is for all men of all nations and all traditions.

"Am I a John the Baptist? Do my words and my deeds really help to prepare the way for Jesus Christ in the heart and the mind of my friends and neighbors? Am I a good herald for my Lord?"

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Not the curve

TRAFFIC Cop: "When I saw you come around the curve I said to myself: 'Forty-five at least .'"

Woman Driver: "Well, you're a way off. It's this hat that makes me look so old."

DECEMBER 24, 1964

A Smile or Two

Men!

A MAN and wife were relaxing at home one evening. Suddenly the man spoke up, turning from the window:

"By gosh, there goes that woman Sam is so madly in love with!"

His wife dashed to the window. "Where?" she screamed.

"Right there," pointed out the husband. "The woman in the light coat."

"Oh, for goodness' sake!" declared the woman to her husband. "That's Sam's own wife!"

"Certainly!" agreed the husband. "Never said it wasn't."

Winter's tale

'TWAS a bitter cold night and as the nurse trudged her weary rounds she came upon the lanky patient, teeth chattering and oversize feet sticking out from under the blankets. "Are you crazy?" she screamed. "You want to catch your death? Put your feet under the blankets!"

"Course I'm not crazy. You think I want them cold things in here with me!"

Safety first

SMITH was called to the phone. "Are you going down our road this morning in your car?" inquired a feminine voice.

"No," answered the astonished Smith. "But why do you ask?"

"Oh, that's all right!" came in relieved tones over the wire. "I only wanted to know if it was safe to send my little girl around the corner on an errand."

At least nod

COUNTRY Squire: "Why not stand up straight? I bow my head to no man."

"See that field of Farmer: grain? Only the empty heads stand up, those that are well filled bow low."

LITTLE Joe says no need to worry about your station in life. Sooner or later someone is bound to tell you where to get off.

Attendance Report

December Church	13 1964 Sunday School	Training Union	Addi- tions
Berryville	100		
Freeman Heights Blytheville	180	67	
First	627	199	2
Chapel Gosnell	67 803	99	5
Camden			
Cullendale First First	455	191 152	6
Clinton First	524 154	72	
Crossett First			
Mt. Olive	542 249	155	
Dumas First	249	88	
El Dorado Caledonia	88	28	
East Main	273	96	
First Parkview	884 223	647 85	1
Trinity	206	107	
Ft. Smith Grand Ave. Mission	709	334	2
Fouke First	28 96	40	
Gurdon, Beech St.	177	66	
Harrison, Eagle Heights Hope First	489	78 223	
Huntsville Calvary	84	22	
Jacksonville Chapel Hill	59	80	
Marshall Rd.	160	71	
Jasper Jonesboro	63	45	
Central	504	189	4
Nettleton Little Rock	234	106	
Immanuel	1,266	663	7
Forest Tower Rosedale	81		
McGehee First	800 378	108 135	
McGehee First Chapel Magnolia Central	77	88	
Marked Tree First	748	285	1
Monticello Second	800	166	2
North Little Rock Baring Cross	746	192	1
South Side	52	81	1
Camp Robinson Calvary	21 426	17	
Forty-Seventh St.	209	113 73	1
Grace	97	67	8
Levy Park Hill	584 887	216 339	1 2
Sixteenth St.	37	28	
Sylvan Hills First Pine Bluff	338	142	2
Centennial	202	98	
South Side Tucker	787	289	8
Siloam Springs First	28 316	20 180	2
Springdale First Texarkana Beech St.	504	184	
Missions	505 61	181	
Van Buren	•		
First Second	467 95	170 57	
Vandervoort First	51	84	
Ward Cocklebur Warren, Immanuel	54 265	51 74	
Westside Chapel	87	45	

Only numbers

A LITTLE boy was balancing himself on his head. An old lady who knew him came by.

"Aren't you too young to do that? You are only six," she said.

"It's all right, missis," replied the boy, "you see, I'm nine while I'm upside down."

Discerning youth

FATHER: "Now I'm giving you a good job in my mill. I want you to work your way up."

Son: "But, Father, there's no future in it. I want to work in some place where I can marry the owner's daughter."



POLISH TRANSLATION

A NEW Bible in modern Polish will be published in 1966 to celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of Christianity in Poland.

The disclosure was made by a Polish clergyman, the Rev. Z. Pawlik, in an address at the Baptist Church House in London. He added that Polish Baptists are currently celebrating the 400th anniversary of the first baptisms by Protestant believers in their land.

He showed guests a copy of the four Gospels in modern Polish which has just been published. Next year, he said, the whole of the New Testament would be released in the new translation and then the entire Bible would be published in 1966. Mr. Pawlik, one of the translators, said the work of translation had been going on for decades.

NAZI IN DISGUISE

AN American Nazi who entered Canada illegally admitted in Vancouver that he had disguised himself as a bearded rabbi.

George Lincoln Rockwell, head of the American Nazi movement, went to Vancover via plane, but was identified shortly after he doffed his disguise

He had been scheduled to address a group at the University of British Columbia. School officials canceled the talk when they learned his status as a "prohibited person" under Canadian law. Immigration officers then made certain he was placed aboard a U.S.bound plane.

MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

A MEDICAL school scholarship will be available to Johnny Tucker whose father, Joseph W. Tucker, was killed by rebels in Paulis, Congo, Tuesday, Nov. 24, officials of the Assemblies of God have revealed.

The scholarship will be given by an unnamed Arkansas physician who called the denomination's headquarters in Springfield, Mo. to make the offer. The doctor learned that Johnny, an 18-yearold high school junior, was interested in being a medical missionary.

Besides the scholarship for the oldest son, calls have been received from numerous sources offering to contribute to a memorial fund established for Mrs. Tucker and the other children, Carol Lynne, 13; and Melvin Paul, 11.

Mrs. Tucker, herself a veteran of 25 years of missionary service, has returned, with her three children, to North Little Rock, Ark., where the Rev. Mr. Tucker's brother, C. Melvin resides.

An adopted son of the Tuckers, Johnny was born in Brussels, Belgium. Reared most of his life in Congo and surrounding countries, he speaks four languages, English French, Lingala, and Swahili. He has received much of his education in the Rethy Academy in the Congo. He hopes to return to the Congo as a medical missionary after completing his education.

WOMAN THEOLOGIAN

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WHEN Dr. Rachel Henderlite becomes professor of Christian education at Austin (Texas) Theological Seminary in June, 1965, she will be the first woman to hold a full professorship in a Presbyterian, U.S. (Southern) seminary. She is also taking steps to be one of the first ordained women ministers in her denomination.

AIR DISPENSATION

AMERICA, the national Catholic weekly, has called for a general dispensation from the law requiring abstinence from meat for those Catholics who must travel by air on Friday.

In a commentary appearing in the Nov. 28 issue, *America's* Jesuit editors said the current practice—dispensations granted to the passengers of specific airlines— "strikes us as unnecessarily complicated and confusing."

"First TWA, then United, and now a number of other airlines have announced that they have received or are about to receive dispensations for their Catholic passengers and crew members," it noted. "Why hasn't the dispensation simply been given generally and directly to all Catholics who are forced to travel by air, rather than to the airlines?

SOUTHWESTERN ACCREDITED

SOUTHWESTERN Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., recently received associate membership in the National Association of Schools of Music.

The NASM, accrediting agency for music degree curricula, elected Southwestern's School of Church Music as an associate member in its 40th annual meeting, Nov. 27, in St. Louis, Mo. Schools may apply for full membership after two years as associate members.

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