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# Arkansas Baptist

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Geo. Fisher

Executive Board Meeting, page 11



### Facing the world

WHAT wildlife parents do for their children by instinct, pushing them out into the world early in their lives to manage for themselves, human parents often need to do for their own offspring but all too often cannot stand to do.

Some well-meaning mothers cannot stand to discipline their children or to see fathers discipline them. By strange coincidence, these are usually the mothers who have their hearts trampled on by ugly-spirited offspring as they grow up to despise their parents more than loving them.

Just the other day one of my young friends, now the head of his own home, recalled an arrangement his father worked out for him with a farmer in another state where the young man grew up. This was the father's deal or arrangement with the farmer: "Take my son and work the shirt off him on your farm and pay him \$20 per week. I will send you my check for the \$20 each week."

This arrangement if the son had known the details of it at the time, would doubtless have struck him, then a teenager, as a bit hard. The lad's mother may have wondered about the wisdom of it. But as the young man, now with a son of his own, looks back, he can see how wise his father really was.

One of the grave dangers in helping young people to grow up in a world that is always rather hard-boiled if not cruel is protecting them to the point of becoming over-protective. When the over-protector is the mother, we say the son or daughter is still "tied to the mother's apronstring." I am not sure just what the term is for an over-protective father.

Whether we like it or not, our sons and daughters come to that place in their lives where they need to be able to "stand on their own two hind legs," looking to no one but God as they reach destiny-making decisions.

Our concern needs to be helping our sons and daughters to know and depend upon God from their earliest days and to have the right attitude of hearts to life with its ups and downs. Helping them to be self-sufficient, God-dependent Christians will be worth far more than always being on hand to tell them where they may or may not go, what they may do, what books they may read, what speakers they may hear, etc.

The greatest of bequests comes to us out of the last will and testament of the Lord Jesus Christ: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

*Erwin L. McDonald*

MRS. R. H. Jones of Osceola attended the December meeting of the Executive Board of the Arkansas State Convention, the first woman ever elected to full membership on the Board. For Dr. S. A. Whitlow's full report on the meeting, turn to page 11.

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MONEY, money, money . . . the three major problems of Baptist Colleges today. Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president of Ouachita College, gave this description in a recent address before the Louisiana State Convention. Excerpts from his talk are on pages 8 and 9.

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BAPTISTS were represented at the recent Vatican Council II by an experienced staff writer and analyst of the Baptist Press, W. Barry Garrett. Mr. Garrett, on page 14, reports that the Catholic Church is now suffering the birth pangs of reformation.

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DURING the recent meeting of the State Convention at El Dorado, a ruling was made that a person who was not a messenger was not eligible for election as an officer. Carl Overton, Benton pastor, on page 5, explains the action in detail.

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RELIGION as a status symbol is on the way out, a Canadian rabbi declared recently. The Editor gives his comments on page 3. Other editorial subjects include Frank Broyles, Dallas "one year later," Sunday closing laws and Billy Graham's views on politics.

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ARKANSAS' hero of the day is a fine Christian gentleman as well as the coach of the nation's No. 2 football team. Frank Broyles, who will speak at Little Rock's Immanuel Church Dec. 13, is profiled by a man whose voice is familiar to all Razorback fans, Bob Cheyne, public relations director of the University's athletic department. His cover story is on page 10.

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ARKANSAS BAPTIST



### More than symbol

FAITH as a status symbol is on its way out, and the sooner the better, declared a Canadian rabbi recently.

Declared Dr. Walter S. Murzburger, rabbi of Shaarei Shomaypm Congregation, Toronto:

"As long as religion is content to survive as a respectable status symbol, a fashionable ornament, or a delightful plaything, it is bound to degenerate into a 'token religion' which is divorced from the actual conduct of life and which revolves in an orbit of pompous pronouncements and sentimental irrelevancies."

Continued the rabbi:

"While the task of preserving religious institutions may become more difficult when religion no longer conveniently offers the path of least resistance to an age of conformity, the new challenges afford religion an opportunity to purify itself so that it may emerge as a more vital and dynamic force."

In a hemisphere such as ours, on which professing religion is good for one's business, for social, economic,

political and cultural status, the hazards of having our own equivalent of "rice Christianity" are definitely a calculated risk. The number of nominal Christians in our American churches, if we can judge by the fruit or lack of fruit in our lives, would certainly be a sizeable segment of the whole.

The great plumbline of Christ still stands: "You are my disciples if you keep my commandments." Far more than mere status symbol is involved here.—ELM

### Man on the cover

IT takes more than a winning football team to get a Methodist layman featured on our cover. But we'll have to admit that even Coach-Methodist Layman Frank Broyles would not have "made" our cover this week without his prize-winning Razorbacks. So, it was both his achievements as coach and as active church layman that landed this Arkansas object of our affections on page 1.

In all fairness to the facts, we did not put Frank on the cover without our own private investigation of his worthiness. On our "snoop" committee were a member of the Church of Christ, a Baptist, and a Presbyterian. The Church of Christ member found him lacking in his views on baptism; the Baptist found him a little short of perfection, even as you and I; but the Presbyterian, without a moment's hesitation, declared the venerable coach was predestined to fill our most conspicuous spot in this issue of our publication.

We are glad to add our plaudits to the deafening chorus as we extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. Broyles. In our estimation he stands as a wonderful example of how to apply Christianity to the every-day affairs of men. As he has shown so well, there is not even a fine line, for the Christian, between the so-called secular and the sacred.—ELM

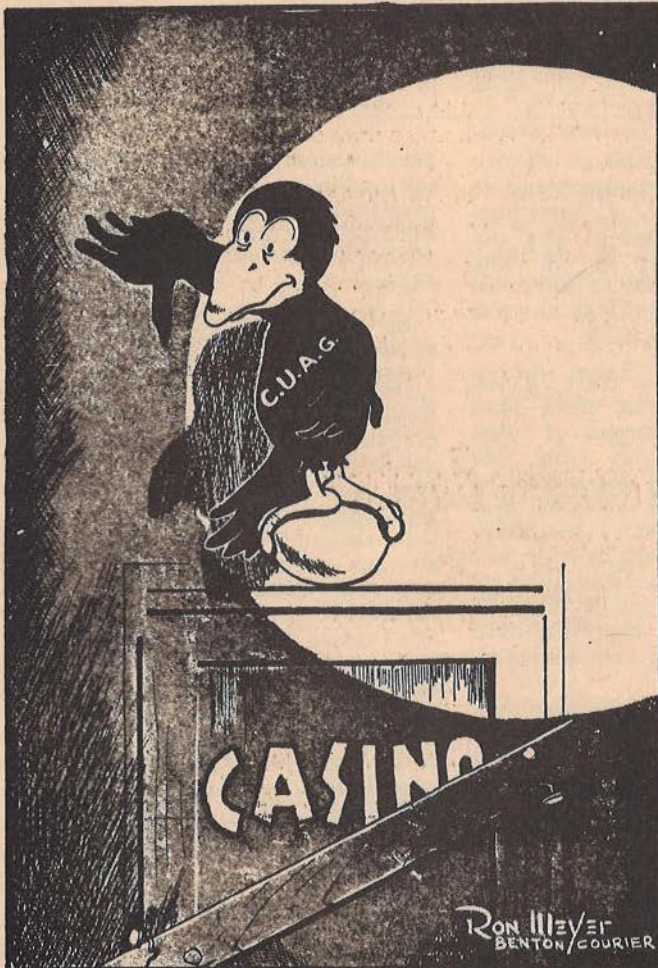
### Progress in Dallas

IN a Thanksgiving sermon, a Dallas minister took note of significant advances in Dallas in religion, civic life and other activities in the year since President John F. Kennedy was assassinated there, Nov. 22, 1963.

Dr. W. G. J. Martin, pastor of First Community Church, said: "My own impression. . . is that there is more opportunity for rational debate, more willingness to enter the creative dialogue about national issues. . . than there was this time a year ago."

Irrational debate is hardly worthy of being called debate. It is little more than harrangue and bitter diatribe. So long as one side of the reasoning equation holds that it has all the answers and takes the position that those of differing views not only are not worthy to be heard but are for all practical purposes subversive, the outlook for anything resembling "sweet reasonableness" is dark indeed.

If the tragic death of our President serves to shock at least some of us into moving from irrational to ra-



—Meyer in the Benton Courier.

Quoth the Raven . . .



tional debate on the issues of the day, then this great life has not been poured out in vain.—ELM

## Capital punishment

VOTERS in the state of Oregon recently adopted by a three to two margin a referendum to abolish capital punishment. The campaign to defeat the referendum was supported by a number of religious groups. It is expected that as a result of the mandate from the electorate, the state's next legislature will make life imprisonment mandatory for those convicted of first degree murder.

Imprisonment and treatment designed to correct physical, mental, and character quirks are more in harmony with the spirit of Christ for convicted criminals than execution. But in doing away with capital punishment there should be an improvement of most of our prison systems. Every precaution should be taken against turning loose on society those who are likely to turn out to be repeat criminals.—ELM

## Sunday closing laws

MICHIGAN'S Supreme Court has declared invalid and unconstitutional the state's Sunday closing law, which was passed in 1962 but never enforced. Lawsuits challenging the legality of the closing law were filed immediately after the law was passed. Although it had been upheld in the Wayne County Circuit Court, all

eight justices of the Supreme Court ruled against it, on appeal.

In recent years, Sunday closing laws have had their best chance of standing when they have not been related to religious observance. But regardless of the disposition of man-made laws, God's law still stands: "Remember the sabbath to keep it holy."—ELM

## Graham on election

NO one man or one political party can be blamed for the moral situation in America, evangelist Billy Graham said in Atlanta, in his first press conference since the election. Dr. Graham, who has just moved his team headquarters to Atlanta, called for a "united front" behind the Administration but declined to voice a political preference. "I'm representing the kingdom of God," he declared, "and whatever kind of government we have, I must support it."

We would agree with Dr. Graham that "the church is responsible to speak out [in political affairs] only when moral issues are involved."

Which reminds us again of the marvelous "speaking out" of Arkansas churches and Christians, in bringing about the defeat Nov. 3 of the proposed gambling amendment that would have legalized casino gambling for Hot Springs and Garland County. It is good to know that Churches United Against Gambling, made up of churches of many different denominations in all sections of the state, continues to "keep its powder dry" for enforcement of the state's laws against gambling, and to restrict the spread of legal gambling.—ELM

Letters to the Editor

### THE PEOPLE SPEAK

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

#### Christian humility

I AM a constant reader of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine (cover to cover) which I'll say right now, I think ranks among the top Christian publications in the nation. I feel the helmsman of this "gospel ship" is steering a straight and dedicated course in the cause of Christ, and for this, we Arkansas Baptists should be humbly thankful.

One of the chief concerns that seems to be bothering most of the writers of articles in the ABN, is how to get us all to become more humble and more concerned about the Master's work here on earth, and how, by following their opinions, this can be accomplished. The advice is usually sound and good, with reference to Bible language as their source of knowledge to draw from. Some make strong implications that the Southern Baptist Convention, (of which I am a proud member) offers

the solution, since it is a large statistical body that has most everything to offer anyone. In fact, I sometimes catch myself on the verge of what am I first: Southern Baptist or Christian. If this kind of thinking is multiplied by the same thinking of others, we're no good to God or the SBC.

Now, where does this start in me. First, when I was saved, there came about in me the fulfillment of what Christ promised, in that truly, old things became so new, there was no doubt in my mind that salvation was a real thing. A love that I had never before felt, surged through by body, and opened my eyes to the revelation of God's goodness toward us. I felt, and still feel, a love for everybody and especially to those that love the Lord.

I want to believe that the ones God has placed in Christian leadership, are the humblest among the humble, and right here, comes my disappointment. The spiritual appetite God gave me, needs to be satisfied by those in high office. The spiritual eyes and ears God gave me need to see and hear humble talk coming from a humble man, whom God himself has prepared as a leader of the lesser ones. The spiritual hands and feet God gave me, need to work in the vineyard, because of the urging and pleading of some over-seer God has

placed there to reap the harvest. The spiritual heart needs to feel the compassion, that is so understandable, flowing from our leaders, like great rivers of joy; for in love, lies the solution of any problem.

My prayer to augment the above would be—

"Blessed God, in your wonderful, mysterious way, look down upon those of your elect, who have, through pride and conformity, become weak for reasons they themselves know only too well. Lay your holy hand of love upon their chosen shoulder, that through the strength of your mighty grasp, they may once again feel the worth of their appointed position. Refill, until their cup runneth over, so that we, who look to them for leadership in the work of this Southern Baptist endeavour, may hear the greatest echo of all time, In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." God bless you. Carl Drake, Rt. 6, Fayetteville

#### Preacher available

"I AM available for pastor, supply or evangelist work—Rev. Glenn Smith, 524 West 4th St, North Little Rock, Ark, Tel. FR 4-6532."



# Baptist parliamentary procedure



JIMMIE CAPEL

THE College Chorale of First Church, Arkadelphia, under the direction of Minister of Music Jimmie Capel, appeared Thanksgiving Day on the KARK-TV program, "Little Rock Today," and are scheduled to appear again Friday, Dec. 11, on the same program.

The Chorale is composed of twenty-four students from Ouachita College and Henderson State Teachers College, and is accompanied by Bob Braswell from Ouachita. Since its reorganization at the beginning of this school year, in September, the Chorale has made a number of public performances in its own church and in neighboring communities, has been on "Retreat," and is scheduled for a January tour in Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Mr. Capel and his wife Gloria came to First Church, Arkadelphia, from Louisville, Ky., where he was minister of music at St. Matthews Church. He had served in a similar capacity at other churches in Ashland and Louisville, Ky., Eaton, Ga., and as organist in churches in Georgia.

Mr. Capel received his A. B. degree from Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and his bachelor's and master's in church music from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

DURING the meeting of the State Convention at El Dorado a ruling was made that a person who was not a messenger to the convention was not eligible for election as an officer of the body. The question was raised in the halls outside the sessions of the Convention about the basis for such a ruling.

Since the meeting the question has also been raised about the election of persons not present at the Convention to positions on boards of trustees and committees. How is it possible to do one and not the other?

The answer to these questions hinges on the understanding of Baptist denominational polity and the Constitution of the Convention.

Article III of the Constitution, which deals with membership, states: "Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of messengers from regular Baptist churches. . ." In the traditional polity of Baptist associational (convention) life, we do not have a convention until it meets annually and those who are properly appointed messengers from co-operating Baptist churches are seated as the Convention. This is the first action taken at the annual sessions — to organize the body. Strictly speaking, then, there is no convention except at its annual sessions. Therefore, unless a person is a properly appointed

messenger and has registered as such he is not a member of the convention. This, then, was the basis of the ruling with regard to a person nominated for office at the session in El Dorado. Because it was known that this particular person was not present and had not been registered as a messenger he was not eligible for nomination and election.

The question of members of boards of trustees and committees of the Convention is of concern in Articles VI and VII of the Constitution and By-Law 4. When the Convention adjourned on Thursday morning, Nov. 5, it ceased to exist. Yet, it had some agencies and institutions to whom it was responsible for oversight, support, and guidance. How was this to be done? The Convention could not stay in session to hear each request for instruction; to study each item of need and to solve each problem. It must designate some groups of persons to care for these matters for it. These groups must be answerable to the Convention and yet — within limits, free to act for the Convention in matters that arise.

Thus, the Convention has reserved the right to delegate authority to anyone whom it wishes to carry on the work of its agencies and institutions. It has set certain limits upon those whom it may designate to serve for it in its intervals of meetings. These limits are set forth in By-Law 2, the last paragraph. This paragraph reads: "All elected officers of this Convention shall be members of churches co-operating with this Convention. This must also apply to members of the Executive Board and the institutional boards of this Convention."

The Convention, then, is composed *only* of those who, duly appointed by their churches, present their credentials of appointment and are seated as the body and it, the Convention, may designate whomever it wishes, within certain limitations, those who shall act for it in the intervals of its meetings. —Carl Overton, Pastor, Trinity Church, Benton

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Capel of Macon, Ga.

Mrs. Capel is the former Gloria Jean McGee of Macon. She is a graduate of Ursuline College, Louisville.

In addition to the TV appearance of the College Chorale, the churches Christmas music schedule includes a performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria" by the Sanctuary Choir, with orchestra, on Sunday, December 13, a Festival of Christmas Music by the nine choirs of the church on Sunday, Dec. 20, and a Family Pot-Luck and Carol Sing on Friday, Dec. 18.



QUESTION: "I anxiously await your column each time and have wanted to write for a long time and ask you to pray for me that God will help me to keep my faith in Him always.

"Will you please discuss the problem of a mother who is openly partial to one of her daughters and this daughter's child, even to the point of arranging in her will to leave practically everything she has to this daughter and grandchild.

"Although my mother is not old, she is a widow. She has made her will and in it has provided only token gifts to her several other children, but with careful effort has planned rather lavish provision for these two favorites.

"I am the only one of her children who lives near my mother. Consequently, when she wants anything done she calls upon me. Otherwise, however, I am left out, period. So are my children.

"I love my mother and have always been good to her.

"Sometimes her favoritism to this sister of mine and her child, and her seeming indifference to her other children, especially my children and me, are almost more than I can take.

"The hurts and tensions that have resulted from this open partiality have certainly taught me never to make a difference in my treatment of the wonderful children with whom God has blessed me. . . ."

ANSWER: Thank you for the kind expression of appreciation for this page.

All the details of your letter that have been withheld from print have been carefully read and included in consideration of your situation.

Your troublous problem is a cause-and-effect pattern that has disturbed and grieved many persons through all generations. Meditation upon your letter touches off a panorama of human-relation complexities: Rebekah's partiality to Jacob; Jacob's favoritism toward Joseph; Jesus' reaction to a state of affairs that must have had facets very much like



*My mother  
is partial---*

those growing out of your set of circumstances (Luke 12:13-15).

An objective look at some of the courses of action possible for you may be profitable.

One is to open your heart to your mother and tell her of the feelings that are troubling you.

Another is to confer with a reputable lawyer to make a comprehensive study of the legal aspects involved in the making of a will. . .

A rather extreme measure might be for you and your family to move to another location to live, far enough away to perhaps jar your mother into realization of her dependence upon your care.

At this distance, it seems likely that the only course to avoid greater tensions and more hurts is the one you say you are following: be kind to your mother and meet her needs to the best of your ability. If you decide upon this way as the best, it will be important for you to pray resentments and hurts out of your heart, for few things are more injurious to health, personality, and character than harbored resentments, or grudges.

Experience and observation show it is often true that parents tend to make more of the sons and daughters who live away—whose human frailties are bedimmed by the distance—and to take for granted, or become more readily critical of the ones who are with them and responsible for them. An "out-of-context" application of the proverb, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

Have you ever tried to discuss this matter with the favored sister—being careful to keep the discussion in a setting of good will?

Your mention of this sister's writing your mother every week is significant to me. Sometimes, you know, what appears to be parental favoritism is simply response to more attentiveness and more expressions of affection on the part of one member of the family.

Your pastor should be able to help you. You need to open your heart to some trustworthy person. Your letter gives me the impression that you are a discreet person who would not be guilty of carelessly airing your problem. One of the strongest and most admirable traits of character a woman can have is the ability to keep personal affairs strictly private. Conversely, a very weak trait is the practice of free, uninhibited talk about family matters.

You may need to seek help from a professional counselor. It could be that your presentation of the picture—to yourself, and to me—is somewhat biased.

Charles A. Curran defines counseling as "a kind of rational mirroring relationship in which the counselor can help his client gain a new view of himself that he could not have achieved unaided."

In any case, you may be sure of my response to your request: I pray for you.

May God bless you and enable you to be Christ-like in every circumstance of life.

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# MY GARDEN

BY J. I. COSSEY

I HAVE a garden in my back yard in which I take great pride. The work I do in my garden is the reason for having it. Because of Adam's disobedience, God told him, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." In my garden, I plant seed and grow things to eat. Every man should till some soil every year, because every man is a descendant of Adam. The dirt in my garden belongs to God, but it is mine to cultivate. It is mine to develop and grow things to eat and develop within me a useful personality.

My garden develops my posture, and this is very important. I must not be a slump. I must hold my head up and learn to walk in an upright and easy way. Our posture is our effort to stand tall, walk tall and sit tall. Personality will never be attractive if attached to a physical body that is slumped into a tired looking posture. In my garden, I work for my own posture and physical well-being. Every man should stop and ask himself the questions, "How do I look? Am I high or low; fat or lean; straight or crooked; sick or well? How well am I taking care of the body that God has given me to live in?"

My mental garden is in my vegetable garden. I would be unwise to keep all the cockleburs out of my vegetable garden and permit my mental garden to be choked out with cheap, trashy reading. No man can be considered strong and useful if his mind is grown-up with low-brow, ugly and smutty thoughts. God wants us to think tall and live tall mentally.

My spiritual garden is also growing within my vegetable garden. We must know that we cannot be physically and mentally strong, and spiritually weak without being abnormal. In addition to Bible reading, we should read the best books and literature that can

## Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.  
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### Arkansas Baptists raise school question

EDUCATION was "the storm center" of the annual meeting of the Arkansas State Convention in 1876.

The state had cooperated with Mississippi College in its educational program since 1870. Several young ministers had studied in Clinton. But objections to this type of educational program had arisen in 1875. The objection became acute at this meeting.

Rev. R. A. Venable, one of the young Arkansas ministers who had received his education in Mississippi, strongly advocated continuance of the plan. Dr. B. Thomas of Little Rock strongly opposed. He favored Judson University at Judsonia. It aspired to be a state Baptist college.

The controversy was long and sharp. Conviction on both sides ran deep. And Baptists can be expressive. In the main the discussion was carried on in good spirit.

Signs indicated that Arkansas Baptists would not long be content with their working agreement with Mississippi Baptists.

Four years previous the Springfield association in Northwest Arkansas had sent messengers with a request that the Convention recognize Shiloh Institute. This new school, located in Washington County, wanted state Baptist support.

Red River Association established the Red River Baptist Academy, in 1876, on the very grounds where Ouachita College

be found. Good, clean, wholesome food is good for the body, mind, and spirit. The three-fold man should be developed into a well-rounded life.

We may have the kind of lives we want. We will not live above or below our ideals. We create our own level of living. We can have a happy church relationship if we work to that end. We are the architects of our life program.

would be located 10 years later. Seemingly, Arkansas Baptists were in earnest about their educational program on a state level.

This convention was reminiscent of the 1856 session when attention turned from the mission work of the state and centered upon publication and education.

### A Boy's Christmas



Christmas is the house all warm and spicy smellin' Mom bustlin' about in the kitchen cookin' up good things; Me lickin' bowls and samplin' cookies and stuff, And dad bringing in secret packages and hiding them. All through the house there's a happy feeling.

There's pretty cards from all our kin folks, and friends; Uncle Ben and aunt Nan, and Grandpa Wills, and all. . . . Outside it's all frosty, with people hurrying by With presents and stuff, their cheeks all red like Santa. I can smell our Christmas tree and I feel all tingly inside. I just can't be still, no sir! I can't rest no where!

It's the excitenest time I ever saw! Christmas is! And then I think about it being Jesus' birthday; Mom says no one thinks about it being Jesus' birthday no more, But I do. We always sing happy birthday to Jesus, And I get all choked up and funny feeling. . .

Just like he was right there listenin'. Sometimes it gets all mixed up with the presents and Tinsel and toys and stuff, but way down deep inside Us kids know it's Jesus' birthday all right. Kids do!

—Mrs. Cecile Moore, Malvern



# The choice before our schools

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are excerpts from an address by Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president of Ouachita College, given recently before the Louisiana State Convention)



"THE three major problems of our school are money, money, and money," a Baptist college president said with a tinge of bitterness recently. "If we could solve these three, the rest we could unravel easily."

While his words may have been an oversimplification, the veteran president was voicing the sense of frustration which virtually every Baptist college administrator feels as he tries to keep his school's head above the turbulent waters of higher education in the twentieth century. Whatever other problems exist in Christian education circles, the money problem must be solved if the church school is to survive as more than a lonely grave-keeper in a historically rich cemetery.

The possibility that any Southern Baptist college or university might not live indefinitely may to some be shocking, but outside this denomination's ranks the prediction is being freely made that the next twenty-five years will see the demise of the majority of church-related schools.

Financial problems are not new among Baptist schools, but developments within the past five years

have intensified and multiplied the perennial difficulties. Among these factors are the following:

**Mushrooming enrollments.** Between 1960 and 1970, the college population in the United States will double. This means that as this "tidal wave of the future" graduates from high school, Baptist colleges must double their faculties, classrooms, dormitories, eating facilities, laboratories and library resources in order to hold their present proportion of Baptist young people attending their denomination's schools. Since 1960, that percentage has already dropped six percentage points below the one-in-five ratio that obtained when the decade opened. The reason? It is not that the schools shun larger student bodies but is simply that money has not been available to provide the capital additions and other things needed for expanding enrollments.

**Increased tax appropriations.** While church-related colleges have been receiving token increases or less, state-supported schools have doubled and tripled their available funds for operations. Most legislatures have been keenly aware of the need for in-



Increased tax support for schools and have increased sharply the allocations for higher education.

**Steady inflation.** Since World War II the cost of everything has gone up steadily, and this inflationary spiral has been extremely difficult to cope with on fixed incomes. One Baptist college with a modest endowment fund once paid its teachers' salaries through the lean summer months with the earnings from the fund. The endowment return has remained about the same, but because of rising costs the total endowment earnings are now required to pay the school's utility bills.

**Competition for teachers.** Because enrollments have jumped more rapidly than graduate schools have produced college teachers, the shortage has caused the "going rate" for professors to climb like an Atlas missile off a launch pad. To illustrate, one of the critical teaching fields is mathematics. The reason for the shortage of teachers in this discipline is apparent when one learns that all of the graduate schools in the country produce only 300 Ph. D.'s in mathematics a year. This total is less than the number dying or retiring and does not begin to fill the need for mathematicians in the space program.

One sometimes hears the fallacious argument, "Our Baptist college is paying salaries as high as our sister Baptist schools, so we must be doing all right." That's roughly the equivalent of a baseball team's arguing that it has a good team because its record equals that of the New York Mets. Baptist schools are not competing with other Baptist colleges for personnel; they are bidding against tax-supported schools, heavily endowed private institutions, industry, and the United States government.

**Federal aid to education.** A relatively new factor is that of U. S. government grants to higher education. Federal money is made available, in one form or another, for buildings, laboratory equipment, teachers' salaries, research paraphernalia, scholarships, student loans, special institutes, and a myriad of other uses. Some of this nation's best known and richest universities are deriving as much as one-half of their budgets from government grants, and large sums for research projects are used to attract scholars from schools with fewer resources for original scholarship.

As long as Baptists insist that their church-owned institutions must not accept federal grants and/or loans, the financial plight of their schools will be intensified. Accreditation standards are set by the level of achievements of all schools, not just Baptist. In the years immediately ahead, schools which now have inadequate facilities and faculties are going to look even worse in comparison unless (1) federal money is accepted or (2) other money is made available in its place.

**Growth of knowledge.** If a college had in its library today every book in the world and in its laboratories every piece of equipment currently produced, by this time next year its library would need supplementing, and its laboratories would be jumping

up and down for the school business office to expedite a requisition for a new piece of research equipment. The field of human knowledge is expanding so rapidly that much of it is becoming as obsolete as buggies and bustles as new discoveries are made each day.

If it is decided that Baptist schools are worthy of continued existence and are to be made first-rate schools so that those who attend them will not be given half an educational loaf for a double price, a great deal more money must be put into these institutions immediately. Whence will this money come? It can come only from one or a combination of the following:

**Increased support from the Cooperative Program in the various states.** If a child cannot look to a parent for support, to whom can he turn? But increased help from this source is impossible unless stewardship programs put more money into the Cooperative Program for state causes. (No college or university receives money from the funds given to southwide causes.) There is just so much pie to slice each year, and unless the pie grows bigger, the college slice cannot grow without some other cause's being hurt.

**Increased tuition charges.** This device would produce more income, but it would also price the church school beyond the reach of many now enrolled. Should Christian education be the privilege of rich Baptists only?

**Increased support from business and industry.** Private business has realized in recent years that gifts to colleges are a sound investment in futures, and this source is producing more money for Baptist schools each year. However, high tax bills and increasing production costs in a highly competitive world market have left less money to be given away. Too, business and industry rightly feel that the church school is not their primary responsibility.

**Acceptance of Federal funds.** Direct government aid to church schools is about the only available source not currently being utilized extensively. Since taking Federal money goes against the grain of everything Southern Baptists have been taught and have declaimed for a number of generations, there is going to be strong resistance on theological and philosophical grounds. The opinion is not unanimously against accepting such funds, however.

Christian higher education stands at the crossroads, and a decision must be made soon about which alternative it is to take. One road marker points toward "Increased Usefulness," the other toward "Oblivion." The choice will be made by all Southern Baptists, not by the schools themselves. If the decision is made to let the Baptist college die, let's at least have the decency to execute it cleanly and give it a decent burial. Let's not let it die slowly of malnutrition; for when we urge our finest Baptist young people to attend a starving school that is headed for oblivion we are committing a pious fraud and are guilty of ecclesiastical cheating unworthy of a cause bearing the name of Jesus Christ.



# FRANK BROYLES OF ARKANSAS

BY BOB CHEYNE  
PUBLICITY DIRECTOR  
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT  
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

COLLEGE football coaching at a state university is more than practice field drills and a 10-game schedule. Few positions offer greater opportunity to represent the people of Arkansas before regional and even national audiences than the one held by head football coach Frank Broyles.

True—his teams are expected to show the results of careful technical training and aggressive recruiting. This is his “report card” to the public—and it has been a spectacular one over the past seven years. But because of his success with the Razorback grid program, the demands of his profession are great. These demands are both public and personal, and Frank Broyles exemplifies the best Arkansas has to offer in every respect.

Here is a man whose very personality is enthusiasm. He enters into every contact, every new venture and every problem with the same enthusiasm that made him a great four-sport athlete in high school and later at Georgia Tech. This enthusiasm has been a trademark in his recruiting of the state's finest athletes; and it has been a part of his personal life.

With a family of six children, Frank and Barbara Broyles have reflected a special interest in church work wherever coaching has taken them. In seven years at Fayetteville, his contribution to the Central Methodist Church has been especially significant. Few coaches would have spared the



—Cover portrait by George Fisher

time, but he has served for three years on the official church board, including one term as chairman. He accepted the responsibilities seriously and gave of his time and energies in the total church program. This interest as a church lay leader has broadened into a national area involving athletics. He is presently serving on the National Board of Directors of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. This work carries him to Estes Park, Colo., every summer for an encampment—and has included participation by a number of Razorback athletes in this interdenominational effort.

The U.ofA. head coach believes in the training rules he expects of his athletes. He has contributed several articles for national magazines on the adverse influence of alcohol and tobacco on athletics.

Coaching, public speaking, football clinics and numerous functions necessary in his role as head football coach leave little time, but Broyles spends it well and where his influence can do the most good. He has been active in Scout work, is quick to respond to the needs of youth groups and will lend his support to many charitable agencies.

Already proud of his accomplishments on the football field, Arkansas fans can take pride in his role as an ambassador of good will in many other areas. His reputation with the press and radio corps is extremely cordial, and he enjoys national stature in his own profession.

Broyles' football record reached its highest plateau with this great 1964 team. The Razorbacks finished with an undefeated season, ranked second in the national polls and will meet Nebraska in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day. In seven seasons at Arkansas, his teams have won or shared four Southwest Conference championships, will have participated in five Bowl games and produced five All-American players. His total record at Arkansas is 53-21—the third best in the football history of the Southwest Conference.

Few football fans ever have the opportunity to become personally acquainted with the man who directs their favorite team. At Arkansas, Frank Broyles has spanned this relationship with a winning record, a winning smile, the most popular television program of the year and a personal interest in his state and his community.



## Executive Board in December meeting

THE Executive Board of the Convention held its regular semi-annual meeting at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Dec. 1. Fifty-eight of the sixty-nine members were present.

This was a historic meeting, due to the fact that Mrs. R. H. Jones, of Osceola, was present as the first woman ever elected to full membership on the Board (The executive secretary and president of the State Woman's Missionary Union are ex officio members of the Board.)

Dr. Rheubin L. South, pastor, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, is president of the Board, and the Rev. B. G. Hickem, pastor of the First Church, Crossett, vice president.

The principal committees of the Board appear elsewhere in this issue.

### Hospital loan approved

In keeping with previous Convention action, the Executive Board granted the Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, authority to borrow up to \$100,000 for construction of additional office space for rental purposes. This amount, however, is only about one-fifth the amount the Hospital had thought might be needed, at the time of the Convention meeting.

### New BSU construction

Another committee, made up of the officers of the Operating Committee together with the president of the Executive Board, was set up to let a contract and supervise construction of a BSU center on our property located near the campus of Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia.

Action was taken to authorize the Executive Secretary to transfer title to two pieces of property located in Woodruff and Crittenden counties to the respective Baptist associations of those two counties to be used for mission purposes.

### New business manager

John Cutsinger, Ft. Worth, Tex., a former resident of North Little Rock, was elected as business manager of the Convention to succeed

Mel Thrash, of Hope, who recently resigned to enter private business.

### Editor is sustained

Norman Lerch, pastor, First Church, Booneville, introduced a resolution which had been adopted by a group of ministers of Concord Association calling upon Erwin L. McDonald, editor, *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, to retract a statement which he made recently commending the director of a student center in Fayetteville for offering a Bulgarian citizen the use of the center to make a speech after this privilege had been denied him by the Universi-

ty; or, upon Mr. McDonald's failure to make such retraction, the resolution demanded the Executive Board release him from the responsibilities as editor of the *News magazine* upon the threat of urging the churches in their association to discontinue their subscriptions to the denominational paper. Henry Evans, moderator of the Concord Association, spoke in favor of the resolution. After a few members of the Board had spoken against the resolution the Executive Board rejected the resolution by a vote of about 50 to 5.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary-Treasurer



*TRUSTEE Kendall Berry (center), banker from Blytheville, discusses the 1965-66 budget for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with seminary president Robert E. Naylor (left) and trustee president J. H. Steger (right).*

*The \$1,787,075.25 operating budget was adopted during the annual trustees' meeting on campus Nov. 24. Berry is the Arkansas representative on the board.*



# Executive Board committees

To Jenny Lind

(Named at Dec. 1 meeting of the Board, at Immanuel Church, Little Rock)

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Paul Roberts, Chairman

<b>1965</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>1967</b>
Phil Beach, Rison	Paul Roberts, Little Rock	Larry Foster, Little Rock
K. Alvin Pitt, North Little Rock	Vernon Dutton, Pine Bluff	

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Carl Bunch, Chairman

<b>1965</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>1967</b>
Homer Speer, Mountain Pine	Richard Vestal, Corning	Harold Anderson, Heber Springs
Eugene Ryan, Lonoke	Lonnie Lasater, Camden	J. N. Shoptaw, Texarkana
Murl Walker, Ft. Smith	Lewis E. Clarke, Smackover	Carl Bunch, Jonesboro
Austin Rogers, Mena	Curtis Mathis, Jonesboro	S. M. Cooper, Salem
Jay Heflin, Little Rock	J. C. Myers, North Little Rock	L. D. Eppinette, Lepanto
Jimmy Watson, Amity	Paul Roberts, Little Rock	E. C. Flowers, Calico Rock
James B. Johnson, Blytheville	Ernest Ward, Little Rock	Edgar Griffin, Pollard
Merle A. Johnson, Lake Village	Ben Wofford, Clinton	Carl Kluck, vice chairman, Arkadelphia
Sardis Bever, Green Forrest	Tommie Hinson, West Memphis	Hugh Owen, Malvern
Harold Presley, Malvern	Jimmy Garner, Fisher	Morris Smith, Morrilton
	Wm. Kreis, Blytheville	

## OPERATING COMMITTEE: W. Harold Hicks, Chairman

<b>1965</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>1967</b>
Andy Hall (1), Fayetteville	Vernon Dutton (8), Pine Bluff	W. Harold Hicks (5), Little Rock
John Holston (2) Batesville	Marvin Gennings (4), Ft. Smith	D. Hoyle Haire (6), Marianna
R. C. Johnson (3), Wilson	Clarence Anthony (7), Murfreesboro	

## FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bill Flynt, Chairman

<b>1965</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>1967</b>
W. H. Heard, Walnut Ridge	James F. Brewer, Helena	J. C. Atherton, Fayetteville
Charles Taylor, Bellefonte	Bill G. Hickem, Crossett	J. D. Dryer, Jr., Mountain Home
Truman Spurgin, Waldron	Jeff Cheatham, Monticello	Mrs. R. H. Jones, Osceola
Charles Chesser, Alma	Cecil Tedder, Searcy	R. B. Crofts, Wynne
Bill Flynt, Conway	Ray Daugherty, vice chairman, Stuttgart	Cline Ellis, Fordyce
Sam C. Gash, Forrest City	Graham Fowler, Hot Springs	Larry Foster, Little Rock
John T. Daniel, Smackover	Stanley Smithson, Ft. Smith	Leo Hughes, Texarkana
K. Alvin Pitt, North Little Rock	Jack Bledsoe, Danville	Norman Lerch, Booneville
Dean Newberry, Rogers	Mason Craig, McGehee	John Maddox, Secretary, Camden
Phil Beach, Rison	A. O. Smith, Stamps	I. M. Prince, Cotton Plant
		Robert L. Smith, Pine Bluff

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rheubin L. South, Chairman, North Little Rock	Walter Yeldell, Hot Springs	Carl Bunch, Jonesboro
	W. Harold Hicks, Little Rock	Bill Flynt, Conway
		Paul Roberts, Little Rock

## Campbell speaker

WILLARD S. Campbell, educational assistant of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, brought the evening message at the First Methodist Church of Prescott, Nov. 22.

Prior to the church service, he spoke to the senior high Methodist

Youth Fellowship of that church. He illustrated his devotional, "God IS Real, But" with color slides.

Campbell is a Baptist, and serves his church as pianist and Sunday school teacher, and is a deacon. He was in Nevada County presenting the alcohol-education program of the CCF to the high schools of the county.—Reporter



DALE BARNETT

DALE BARNETT, former missionary of White River Association, and twice pastor of Yellville Church, has resigned the Yellville pastorate to become pastor of Jenny Lind Church, between Ft. Smith and Greenwood, in Concord Association. The Barnetts' new address is Route 1, Box 92 A, Greenwood, Ark.

## \$2,000 grant received

PRESIDENT H. E. Williams of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, has announced that Southern has been given a \$2,000 grant to continue support of a project initiated during the summer of 1964 in a program of research participation for college teachers, by Professor of Chemistry and Mathematics Leroy Madden. The grant will terminate Oct. 31, 1966.

## Sutton to Louisiana

NORMAN L. Sutton has resigned as minister of education of First Church, Hot Springs, to accept the same position with Weller Avenue Church, Baton Rouge, La.

His resignation becomes effective Dec. 31, after 12 years service in Hot Springs. (CB)

SUNBEAM Band of Pleasant Grove Church, Conway, presented a Thanksgiving basket and program for the elderly people at Medo Lake Rest Home.





## Broyles to speak to young gridders

COACH Frank Broyles of the University of Arkansas Razorbacks will address approximately 200 members of football teams of Little Rock and vicinity at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Dec. 13.

Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor, said that the high school young people of his church will serve as hosts. The youth choir will furnish special music.

Coach Broyles will be joined by Bud Campbell and Cliff Shaw to talk about the 1964 season and about the 1964 Razorbacks. The talk is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

"He has said again and again this season that he is not only proud of the boys on the field during the games, but he has been just as proud of them for they have conducted themselves as Christian gentlemen," Dr. Vaught said. "I think this is real important and I believe it gives us an opportunity to emphasize this fact to all of our high school athletes."

**MISSIONS PASTOR** *First Church, Fort Smith, has called Rev. James Heneisen Jr. as pastor of the two missions now sponsored by the church. Mr. Heneisen comes to Fort Smith from Immanuel Church, Owensboro, Ky. He is a native of Evansville, Ind., and has pastored churches in both Indiana and Kentucky. He, with his wife, daughter and son will move into the mission pastor's home at 1313 C Street.*

## Named bank examiner



MISS NORMA LOUISE BALLOU

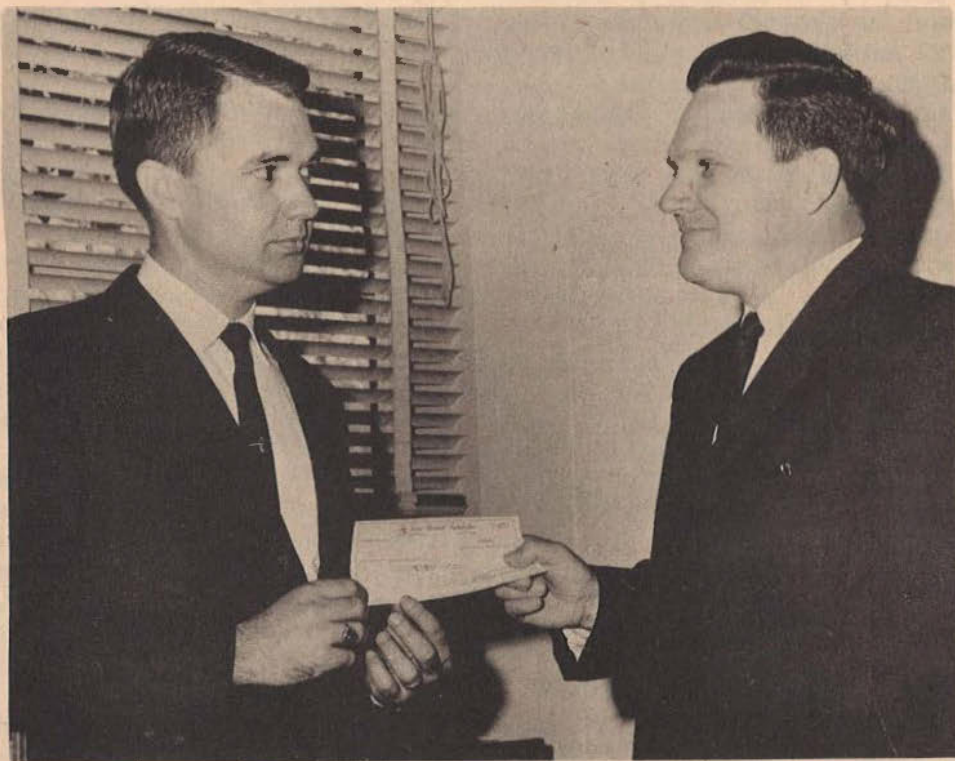
A OUACHITA College graduate has been appointed the first woman bank examiner in the 31-year history of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, officials in Washington have announced. She is Miss Norma Louise Ballou, who received a B.A. in business administration and accounting last June. She was named Dec. 2 by FDIC Chairman Joseph W. Barr as an examiner in the agency's Dallas regional office. She is undergoing a four-week Federal Reserve System course for junior bank examiners in preparation for her assignment.

Miss Ballou is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Ballou of Little Rock. She was a member of Phi Beta Lambda at Ouachita.

## Turman to Little Rock

W. H. (Bill) Turman, who has been minister of music and education for the past 18 months at First Church, Booneville, has resigned to accept a similar position at Markham Street Church, Little Rock.

Mr. Turman is a native of Jonesboro. He attended Loyola University, Los Angeles, Calif., and is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He has served churches at Lomite, and Hawthorne, both in California. He was with Norman Avenue Church at Lomite for four years, and with Calvary Church, Hawthorne, for two years.



**DR. BEN Elrod** (right), vice president for development, receives a check for \$1,000 to Ouachita College from Leon Wood, manager of the Arkadelphia Sears Store. The check was part of the \$700,000 in unrestricted grants distributed by The Sears-Roebuck Foundation under a new program of aid to privately supported colleges and universities. A total of \$5,300 was distributed to seven participating colleges in Arkansas.



By the BAPTIST PRESS

## Council adjourns with unfinished business

—BY W. BARRY GARRETT—  
BAPTIST PRESS STAFF WRITER

THE avowed purpose of Vatican Council II is to renew, reform or update the church. After four years of preparation and three years of annual sessions of two months each the Catholic Church continues to suffer the birth pains of reformation.

There are many evidences that change has already taken place. Indeed, the Roman Catholic Church can never be the same as it was before the council. Plain honesty tells the cynics to be careful in their skepticism. However, some events also jolt the optimists and demand cool, objective appraisal.

Thus far, five final conciliar actions have taken place. They are the constitution on the liturgy, the decrees on communications, ecumenism, and the nature of the church, and the papal proclamation of Mary as the mother of the church. Baptists do well to study these before they react to them. There is more here than medieval history.

Someone has said that the Protestant reformation took place in the 16th century and the Catholic reformation is taking place in the 20th century. Let us hope and pray that this is a genuine reform.

After twelve weeks of direct reporting on the council in action at the second and third sessions, this reporter finds it difficult to "understand all he knows" about what is going on. For those who have not been present it should be even harder to arrive at final conclusions of either approval or disapproval of what is happening.

Here are some of the problems we face in evaluating the council:

### 1. The policies of Pope Paul VI.

Pope John XXIII seemed to be aggressive in pushing for an open church, for decentralization, for reform and for wide avenues of approach to other Christians. Pope Paul VI has many people, both in and out of the church, guessing about his direction. The new pope has talked and acted in ways that encourage both the conservatives and the liberals in the church. This may be good policy in maintaining the unity of his massive organization, but it makes it hard for Baptists and Catholics alike to know with certainty the direction he is traveling.

### 2. The delay on religious liberty.

The contents of the proposed declaration on religious liberty and the enthusiasm of the majority of the bishops for a clear statement are enough to rejoice the heart of any Baptist. But the success of the conservatives in blocking mighty efforts for council action on religious liberty leaves one disappointed that reform is so difficult.

The opponents of a modern declaration on religious liberty succeeded in blocking discussion of the subject last year. The proponents succeeded this year in getting it to the floor of the council for debate. Even though the revised document was ready for final council action three weeks before adjournment and even though the majority of the bishops wanted to vote on it, the conservatives by procedural tactics succeeded in thwarting action this year.

Pope Paul VI sided with the delaying tactics of the conservatives, but he assured the liberals that religious liberty would get priority when the council meets in fourth session, probably in 1966.

### 3. The meaning of "shared power."

Pope Paul told the bishops at the opening of the third session that they should complete the work of Vatican Council I by defining the role of the bishops in the church. They did so and the council decreed that the bishops share in the pope's infallibility and teaching authority in the church.

In spite of this, a petition by 1,000 bishops out of 2,400 present could not force a vote on religious liberty. Also, after the bishops in council debate could not agree that Mary should be designated "Mother of the Church," the pope used his authority and proclaimed the new title anyway. The bishops were further visibly shaken by the addition of 19 amendments to the decree on the nature of the church without opportunity to discuss them. They would only vote "for" or "against" the amended decree.

The question arises: Does the decree that the bishops are the successors to the apostles mean that the pope's powers are increased or that the bishops will have a larger share in the rule of the church?

### 4. The move toward Christian unity.

The decree on ecumenism is to be highly praised by all Christians. It is encouraging that the Roman Catholic Church has taken a hard look at its relations to other Christians. Their confessions of guilt for the divisions in the church and their expressions of charity to non-Catholic Christians and churches are commendable.

But their insistence that the Catholic Church is the one true church, that the fullness of truth has been committed to the Catholic Church, and that unity consists in the "return" of the "separated brethren" to the Catholic Church, smacks of an arrogance that will not hasten a healing of the wounds in the Body of Christ.

On the other hand, the relaxed attitude toward other Christians, the overtures for "dialogue," the call for humility, change of heart and the open door for the working of the Holy Spirit is a refreshing breeze blowing in the church.

The Roman Catholic Church is undergoing great travail of soul. Powerful forces are in determined combat. The liberal spirit is in revolt against the conservative rulers that have dominated the church.





CHARLES H. ASHCRAFT

### Former Arkansan To high position

CHARLES H. Ashcraft, pastor of First Southern Church, Las Vegas, Nev., has been named the first executive secretary-treasurer of the newly-organized Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

Ashcraft, president of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention which had previously included Utah and Idaho Baptist churches, will assume the newly-created post effective Jan. 1, 1965—the date that the new convention officially comes into being.

Announcement of the election and acceptance of Ashcraft as the convention's first secretary was made by C. Raymond Cearley, president of the newly-constituted convention and chairman of its executive board. Cearley is pastor of First Southern Church, Mountain Home, Ida.

Ashcraft, 47, will set up offices of the convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, at an address to be chosen later.

In addition, he will serve as evangelism secretary and editor of any newspaper the convention launches.

Plans call for an administrative staff of three other persons to serve with Ashcraft—an associate executive secretary in charge of missions, a religious education secretary, and a Woman's Missionary Union secretary. A committee of the convention's executive board

will work with Ashcraft in securing additional convention personnel.

Ashcraft, as president of the parent Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, moderated the meeting in Salt Lake City where the new two-state convention was organized one month before his election. It will become the 29th state convention to join the Southern Baptist Convention.

There are 52 Southern Baptist churches and missions in the two-state area with a total of 6,500 members. The organizing session in Salt Lake City provided for a budget of \$149,821 for the first year and slated a 1965 convention here Oct. 28-29.

Ashcraft is a native of Malvern, Ark., a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and a graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He has been pastor of the Las Vegas church for ten years, and was its founding pastor. He also helped establish Southern Baptist work in Southern Nevada.

Ashcraft previously was Foundation secretary of the New Mexico Baptist Convention, and was pastor of First Church, Los Alamos, N. M. He served as a chaplain during World War II.

Ashcraft is married to the former Sarah Bell of Richland, Ga., and they have three sons: Charles II, 15; Quin, 13; and Sam, 11. A brother, J. Morris Ashcraft, is professor of theology at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

### J. B. Weatherspoon

JESSE Burton Weatherspoon who had a 57-year career as pastor and teacher in the Southern Baptist Convention died in Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 11 from a heart ailment.

Weatherspoon was 78. He spent the last days of his denominational career as visiting professor of preaching at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. He served on the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. from 1929 to 1958.

Services were held at First Church, Raleigh. (BP)

### John Hill dies

A NOTED Baptist author, teacher and editor, John Leonard Hill, 86, died Nov. 15 at his home in Nashville after a long illness.

Hill served as editor of books and other publications for the Sunday School Board from 1923 to 1950 and for the next three years was director of promotion for Ridgecrest and Glorieta assemblies.

A native of Owen County, Ky., he was noted for his Sunday school lessons broadcast on a Nashville station for more than 25 years. His books included *Blackboard Outlines in the Life of Jesus, From Joshua to David, Purely Personal* and *Studies in John's Gospel*. He taught in Kentucky schools, Georgetown College and George Peabody College for Teachers. (BP)

### New Browning items

ARMSTRONG Browning Library at Baylor University has announced the recent purchase of a collection of letters, envelopes and other materials which was at one time the property of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning.

The collection includes 24 letters written by Robert Browning.



CHURCHMAN AWARD PRESENTED — Concert pianist Van Cliburn holds a plaque naming him 1964 Churchman of the Year. The award was made by the Lay Associates of Southern Seminary during the Christian Layman's Forum in Louisville. (BP) Photo



Executive Board

**First Church, Ola**

LAST year Rev. J. Ronald Condren, pastor of First Church, Ola, asked the writer to visit the church and suggest a stewardship program.

We went to the church, had a meeting with the deacons, and presented the "Growth in Christian Stewardship" to them. The deacons asked me to present the plan to the church, which was done. Sometime later the church voted to use "Growth in Christian Stewardship" in challenging the people to become better stewards.

Recently we received a letter from Brother Condren. In it he stated:

"Our 1963-64 church year is over and I can now report some of the results of the 'Growth in Christian Stewardship' program we used last November.

"This time last year we sat down with a budget of only \$6,840. After using this program we challenged our people with a \$9,000 budget. To the surprise of many, we came within \$47 of reaching that goal. We had total receipts of \$8,953. We raised our Cooperative Program gifts to 14 percent and our associational gifts to 4 percent. We gave a total of \$1,810 to mission causes this year.

"With some adaptations we plan to use the program again for I believe we've only begun to tap the resources."

This church had a 31 percent increase in total gifts in one year.

If every church in the State Convention had used "Growth in Christian Stewardship" last year, a different story could be written about the stewardship of our people.

It is not too late to use this program. If anyone desires more information, call or write my office and I shall be happy to assist you. —Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

Evangelism

**Evangelism Conference**

OUR state-wide Evangelism Conference will be held at First Church, Little Rock, Dr. Paul Roberts, pastor, Jan. 25-27, 1965.



DR. DOSSEY

One of our featured speakers and representative of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board will be Dr. C. Y. Dossey, who is a native of Texas. He received his education at Hillsboro High School, Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary.

For two years after Dr. Dossey was graduated from the seminary, he was pastor of North Church, McKinney, Tex. The last year of his pastorate the church was third in the state of Texas in baptisms. In 1927 he became a state evangelist for Texas and served in that capacity for 13 years. During that period he conducted over 300 revivals with more than 15,000 additions to the churches. Over 10,000 of those were for baptism.

From August, 1940, to July 1, 1946, he was pastor of First Church, Salem, Ill., and Proctor Street Church, Port Arthur, Tex. On July 1, 1946, he was elected associate superintendent of Evangelism in Texas. He led in the organization of 114 associations in Texas for simultaneous campaigns during 1947. During this time Dr. Dossey led 15 associational simultaneous campaigns in which there were 3,153 additions to the churches, 1,879 on profession of faith and as candidates for baptism.

Since December, 1947, Dr. Dossey has served as associate superintendent of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has conducted six simultaneous crusades in Alaska, four in Cuba, one in Panama, one in Canada and in practically every state of the territory of the Southern

*An urgent call*

Blow! Blow on a bugle! Sound loud with a horn!  
 We're off to discover where manhood is born!  
 Where manhood, the hope of the church and the state,  
 Is cradled, is nourished, is fondled of late.  
 Yea, call at all quarters, sound long the alarm,  
 The lap of the mother is robbed of its charm.  
 Thieves have slipped in and have stolen the prize,  
 Have placed disappointment there hid in disguise.  
 With grief we discover the sham, but too late,  
 And sorrow comes on in unbearable weight.  
 O, aid us kind Father, our search to extend  
 Till we have recovered this treasure. Amen!

—W. B. O'Neal

**Writes history**

DR. LEWIS A. MYERS, a former editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, recently completed an extensive history of Baptists of New Mexico. Dr. Myers and his family live at 102 Meadowbrook Court, Hot Springs. He is a member of First Church, Hot Springs, and is available for supply preaching. He has just recently accepted an assignment from our paper to do the Sunday School lessons for next May.

Baptist Convention. In 1951 the Foreign Mission Board sent him to Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay, South America, where he spent four months teaching the pastors the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism and leading them in simultaneous crusades. In May, 1958, he conducted the first evangelistic conference in Mexico.

Dr. Dossey will speak twice during our Conference on "The Meaning of Evangelism" and "The Person of the Holy Spirit."

Brother Pastor, mark the above date and your plans to attend the conference. Yours for a great conference—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism



ATTACK!

DATELINE, PEA RIDGE, Ark.

Sunday, I preached at First Church, Pea Ridge. Nearby is a famous Civil War battleground. For two evenings we engaged in skirmish attacks with church programing concept.

"Have been pressed about on every side. Back is to the wall. Arm is shot off. Fear not, everything is in hand."

O, pardon me, I'm carried away with the local color. What with battle fields, cannon to the right and left, monuments and a Rebel victory (first day) and all.

Seriously, it has been a good three days with pastor, Roy G. Law, and superintendent, Owen Wood, and most of the 44 officers and teachers.

This fine church is edging in on the new approach in church programing.

A church council is in the making.

Church program organizations will be writing goals, determining strategy, seeking calendar time, and seeking other resources. All this to help the church accomplish its major functions of worship, proclamation, education and ministry.

The strategem of outreach through the Sunday school is and surely will be a major part of their programing.

The Pea Ridge Sunday School for the past five years has had an average enrollment of 234, average attendance of 139 or 56 percent. With 364 prospects available, an enlarged organization was recently set up. Now to the task of prospect cultivation visitation.

Projects in the next two years include the use of the "One for One" growth campaign each year.

Last week the pastor's wife, Elenor, visited with the Intermediate and Young People. Results, last Sunday three Intermediates joined the Sunday school and another attended morning worship.

Objectives, goals, strategy of battle, results, evaluation, this is

Purpose of the Training Union

WHAT is the purpose of the Training Union? The answer has often been given: "To train in church membership." The answer, although correct, is terribly inadequate. There are six fundamental tasks of the church that have been assigned to the Training Union.

The first task is to interpret four study programs: Systematic theology, Christian history, Christian ethics and church polity and organization.

The second task is to train church members to perform the functions of the church. This is also study program number five. By study program we mean the course of study offered our people in our curriculum materials.

The third task is to give orientation to new church members. The development of this program will be completed in 1965 and will include far more than the pastor's class which has been used for a number of years.

The fourth task is to discover, recruit and give general training to potential leaders. This program will be perfected by the first part of 1966. Every year your church has new workers. Are these workers prepared for the new jobs? How much better it would be if they had definite training for six months before beginning their leadership task.

The fifth task is to provide organization and leadership for special projects of the church.

The sixth task is to provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and denomination.

Let's don't sell our Training Union short. Six of the most fundamental tasks of a church have been assigned to the Training Union. Tasks one and two contain the Training Union study programs. Five of the nine study programs of Southern Baptists have been given to the Training Union. —Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

the order. Rout the enemy.—Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary



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To Runyan Mission

RUNYAN Mission has called; Rev. Elmer Madison, who has been pastor at Stanfill Church since July, 1962. The sponsoring church, Gravel Ridge, has endorsed the call and Mr. Madison expects to begin at Runyan Dec. 13. He and his family, a wife and three sons, are living at Runyan.

Mr. Madison is an electrician and an employee of the U. S. Government at the Little Rock Air Force Base.

During his pastorate at Stanfill there were 25 additions by baptism and 8 by letter. The church building was remodeled, and new pews, new windows, new hymnals and a new piano have all been purchased and installed.

The Gravel Ridge and Runyan Missions Committee met at the future church site at Runyan recently and staked off the ground for the first unit of the new church. —W. B. O'Neal, Reporter





NEIL Jackson (left) has begun his tenth year as Baptist Student Director at Arkansas Tech. James Smalley, Baptist Student Director of Southern State College, also has begun his tenth year with the Student Department. For four years he served at Arkansas State Teachers College.—Tom J. Logue, Director.

Brotherhood

**For a brighter tomorrow**

THE personnel of the Brotherhood Department has enjoyed immensely the recent meetings held with representatives of the 31 sample churches which have been chosen to participate in the "Program of Strategy for Growth and Improvement." The meetings have been largely informational, and have given a bright promise of greatly enhanced effectiveness in the work of our churches for years to come.

We are looking forward to the day when each Arkansas Baptist church shall determine its own programs; and then utilize the various departments of our state work to assist in developing these programs and to provide materials to match the programs.

A church that will study its own needs and its opportunities within its own field, and then build its own programs to meet its own needs and opportunities, is going to become a powerful factor for the carrying out of the Great

Commission both in its own community and everywhere else, to the ends of the earth.

The problem, of course, is for each church to discover what it ought to do, and then to formulate a strategy (or a series of strategies) involving both methods and work, to reach set goals aimed at continuing objectives.

Much will be said and heard within the next year or two about needs, goals, strategies, tasks, activities, objectives, resources, etc. Alert Baptists are going to discover the necessity of comprehending a new terminology which is designed to fit a new era of research and development in all our church programing. Any word so used must have the same connotation in the thinking processes of all wide-awake Baptists; for we are coming to a time when we must think together, pray together; plan together, build together; and together seek the whole will of God in every phase of our work.

Yours for a brighter tomorrow!  
—Nelson Tull, Secretary

*Uncle Deak writes*

Dear ed:  
We air havin our foreign mission offerin now. The women have alreedy hed their week of prayer meetins and the men are gonna talk bout missions tomorrow night at the mens meetin. We got a gole of \$100 to raise fer the special mission offerin an we already got \$78.29. Thets \$2.39 more than we got last year an we still got a long time to go to get the rest. The Sostle's, there retired, stood up an sed they wuz gonna give \$5. Sister Sostle sed they hed ben savin it out of there egg money all year long. Jeff Seclest, hes Bro. Seclest's youngun, sed he hed \$.32 to give. He'd ben savin his "Grit" money. Ye no "Grit" thets a little paper they sell down here. Were gonna get the \$100 ye wait an see.

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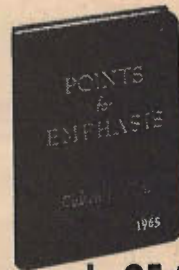
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### Carol sings

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### State music ministry planning conference

This second annual meeting of all ministers of music and choir directors from over the state will be held Jan. 25. Please mark this date on your calendar and make every effort to be present. You will receive more definite information on meeting place and time at a later date. Remember this is the meeting where you as individual ministers of music have a chance to voice your opinions and make suggestions in the planning of activities in our state music ministry, such things as the state festivals, Ouachita Music Conference and choral clinics will be discussed. Try to not let anything interfere with your being present for this meeting. I will let you know later about what assistance I can give you in your travel expense to this meeting.

I am sure you are aware that this meeting is prior to the State Evangelism Conference. The "Music Men" will sing for every session of this conference. More information later, but reserve the date now.—Hoyt A. Mulkey, Secretary.

### REVISE LORD'S PRAYER

PROTESTANT, Roman Catholic and Orthodox theologians are working on a revision of the Lord's Prayer to make it acceptable for common recitation by French Christians, according to Father M. Gy, a director of the Center of Pastoral Liturgy, Paris.

## Facts of interest

... RICE is the world's most widely grown food. The average American consumes only about six pounds a year, but the average Japanese may eat as much as 130 pounds.

... According to the American Society of Travel Agents, more than half the 1963 around-the-world tours were made by Americans. An estimated 34,000 Americans toured the world last year. The total number of around-the-world tours taken by citizens of all countries was estimated at 56,000.

... British research workers at St. Dunstan's Hospital, London, have developed an alarm clock to wake deaf and blind persons. A simple time switch connected to a vibrator is placed under the sleeper's pillow. Its final refinement for the blind is a braille time switch.

... About 84 percent of the population of Alaska and 79 percent of Hawaii's population are under 45 years of age. For the nation the figure is 71 percent. About 9.3 percent of the nation's population is over 65, but the figures for Alaska and Hawaii are 2.6 percent and 4.9 percent, respectively.—The Survey Bulletin

### County revival planned

MINISTERS and laymen from six denominations met at First Baptist Church, Black Rock, Tuesday night Nov. 30 and laid the groundwork for an area-wide tent revival to be held in mid-June 1965.

A steering committee was formed consisting of the pastor and one layman from all participating churches. All churches in Lawrence County and adjoining areas are invited to participate.

The group voted unanimously to cast aside all denominational barriers and unite in prayer and purpose for the salvation of souls through a Christ-centered gospel.

Officers elected were Rev. Dorsey L. Crow, pastor, First Baptist Church, Black Rock, chairman; and Elbert Callahan, layman, Black Rock Methodist Church, treasurer. Other officers and committees will be elected at the next meeting, to be called by the chairman.

Perry Toles of Walnut Ridge was present at the meeting and offered the use of Toles Park in Black Rock as the revival location. A three-ring circus tent to be used will seat 2,000 people.

Southern Baptist Evangelist Walter K. Ayers, Conway, and singer Herbert "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, will conduct the revival next June 13-20.

Each night the revival choir will consist of members from all the churches. During the invitation all the ministers will be on hand to receive those coming to unite with their respective churches.—Reporter.

### Star-topped tree

Transcendent beauty of a star  
Atop the dazzling tree  
Can pierce the air with flecks of light

Like moonbeams on the sea—

And stir within believing hearts  
Remembrances of light  
That flooded all of earth and sky  
One wondrous, breathless night.

—Etta Caldwell Harris, Hamburg

### Revivals

FAIR Oaks Church, Nov. 15-22; Walter Ayers, evangelist; Red Johnson, singer; 2 by profession of faith, 1 by letter; 1 surrendered to preach; Wesley L. Clark, pastor.

ELLIOTT Church, Camden; Nov. 15-22; Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor, *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, evangelist; Malcolm Sample, minister of music and education, First Church, Cullendale, Camden, director of music; 1 by profession of faith; many rededications; Danny Griffin, pastor.

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BY GAIL EDITH JOHNSON

TO make pretty Christmas bells, you will need the upper part of three quart-size bleach bottles, six one-inch, colored Christmas-tree balls, ribbon one-fourth inch wide, and glitter.

Trim off the upper, bell-shaped part of the bottles. When this is neatly done, also trim off the screw nozzle. Smear glue over the entire outside area. Sprinkle glitter thoroughly over the surface of the bells. Let this dry.

Cut three pieces of ribbon, each about eight or nine inches long. Thread these ribbons through the hangers of three balls. Double each ribbon and center the ball. Bring the ends of one ribbon up through the bell portion of each bottle and through the top opening. Glue the ends to the lower part of one of the remaining balls. When the ribbons are securely fastened, put glue around the edges of the top opening on the bells. Push the upper balls snugly against the glued area.

Let the glue dry. Then tie the hangers of the top balls together with colored ribbon. Hang the cluster of bells gaily above a doorway or from a light fixture.



## Hand-me-downs

BY VEDA GROUP

NELL Hall was tired of hand-me-downs. Her brown eyes were serious as she lifted her curly head from her homework and stared beyond the table into space. A slight smile appeared on her face as she thought of the new coat she just might have this time.

Her older sister Dorothy took care of her clothes. Because of that, when she outgrew them, they were in good condition for Nell. But this time Dorothy's own coat had been a hand-me-down from a cousin. Now that she had outgrown it—well, even Mother said she thought Nell should have a brand-new coat. They would see about it next payday.

Payday came. Nell was in the room when Daddy handed Mother money for the usual household expenses.

Then he said, "You spoke about a new coat for Nell. I'm giving you fifteen dollars to take care of that. Will that be about right?"

Mother looked at her now with a smile. "We'll go to town Saturday morning and look at coats—  
if we can make it," she said.

"But get your minds off of such things now," continued Mother. "A missionary will speak at the church this evening. I want you girls to get your studying done so that we can be there to hear her."

Nell's heart began swelling within her as she listened. She had had no idea how much needed to be done in other countries. How terribly poor some people were! Why, even a hand-me-down coat would be a rich gift for some of those girls.

Nell had some money in her bank. She didn't

know exactly how much. It might be a dollar.

The pastor was speaking now. He was saying that from their abundance all would want to give generously. He said the lady would be in the area a few days longer to speak in other churches nearby. The gift from this church would be made on the day she was to leave.

Suddenly Nell's face grew serious. She had thought of something else. Those children in the other country had so little. Suppose . . .

As the offering plates were passed, Nell left Dorothy and slipped quickly back to the pew where her father and mother sat.

"Daddy," she whispered, "if I wouldn't mind a hand-me-down coat again, can we give that fifteen dollars the new coat would cost?"

"What?" said Mr. Hall with surprise in his hushed tone. "Well, we'll talk about it on the way home."

They did talk about it on the way home. Nell was more and more sure she really did want to wear a made-over coat again. She wanted the price of a new coat to go to help those children in another country, who needed so much help.

"I'm proud of you, Nell," said her mother. "I believe I can fix the other coat with a new collar and cuffs and different buttons. I think it will look quite nice."

It did look nice when Mrs. Hall had fixed it with all the skill in her able fingers. It was ready by the first cold day. Nell was a happy, happy girl in her remodeled coat.

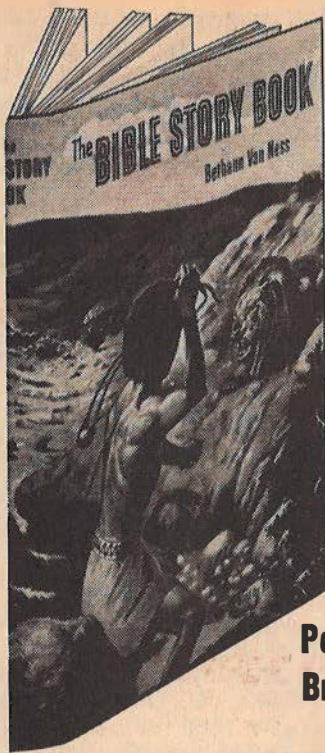
"Oh, what a pretty new coat!" said somebody.

"Thank you," smiled Nell. "It's part new, and I'm glad you like it."

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# The Bookshelf

Genesis, The Anchor Bible, translated with an introduction and notes by E. A. Speiser, Doubleday, 1964, \$6

Vol. 1 of The Anchor Bible, a new translation in 38 volumes, this volume marks the beginning of a new era of cooperation among scholars in biblical research. Each volume is to be the work of an outstanding Protestant, Catholic or Jewish authority on the Bible, and the entire project is under the general editorship of William Foxwell Albright, professor emeritus of Semitic Languages at John Hopkins University, and David Noel Freedman, professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Literature at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Aim of the new Bible is to make the Old and New Testaments accessible to the modern reader. Its methods are to arrive at the meaning of the Bible through exact translation and extended exposition, and to reconstruct, as far as possible, the ancient settings of the biblical story.

**Baptism: Conscience and Clue for the Church**, by Warren Carr, Holt Rinehart Winston, 1964, \$4.50

The author, pastor of Watts Street Baptist Church, Durham, N. C., levels a strong charge at those who transform baptism into a rite of admission into a particularist church, rather than as a sacrament of new beginning in Jesus Christ; against those who treat baptism as a medium of accommodation and adaptation, rather than as a pre-eminent and central doctrine whereby one's initiation into Christ, His priestly body, and His Church is effected.

**Israel and the Nations**, from the Exodus to the Fall of the Second Temple, by F. F. Bruce, Eerdmans, 1963, \$3.95

Combined here are a scholar's research and a Christian's interpretation with popular history's readability. The author shows how Israel's foreign relations, coupled with its distinctive religion, acted on the nation to give it a special character.

The Hebrew Bible is the author's primary source of information.

**Homemade Happiness**, by Wayne Dehoney, Broadman Press, 1963, \$2.50

With prospects for almost half a century together, the average young couple today have a reasonably stable economic future and information galore to help them achieve a successful marriage, declares the author, currently serving as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Dehoney offers positive, helpful counsel about love, obstacles to a happy marriage, and the blessings of Christian faith, as he points out ways of insuring the success of marriage.

The book will be of real help to newlyweds, those about to be married, and pastors and counselors.



# Brothers in Christ

BY TAL D. BONHAM, PASTOR  
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TEXT: PHILEMON 8-21

DECEMBER 13, 1964

IN Paul's day, there were sixty million slaves in the Roman Empire. A slave was the living tool of his master. He could be beaten. He could be sold. He could even be killed by his master.



DR. BONHAM

TYPICAL of the treatment given slaves is that recorded by Pliny. He tells how Vedius Pollio treated his slaves. One afternoon, one of his slaves was carrying a tray of crystal goblets into the courtyard. One of the goblets slipped from the tray and shattered into several pieces. Without hesitation, Pollio ordered his slave thrown into the fishpond in the middle of the court. In a matter of minutes, the savage lampreys had torn his body to pieces.

Sixty million slaves constituted a very real threat to the Roman Empire. A revolt of this many persons would have presented an obvious problem to the Empire. Therefore, strenuous measures were taken against runaway slaves. A rebellious slave was promptly exterminated. If a runaway slave was allowed to live (only after severe torture), he was branded with a red-hot iron on the forehead with the letter "F" signifying that he was a "fugitive." It was not uncommon for runaway slaves to be crucified when apprehended.

## The message of Philemon

ONESIMUS had run away from his owner, Philemon. He had probably even stolen from his master (vs 18, 19). He made his

way to Rome to get lost in that populous city. We shall never know just how it happened. But, somehow, Onesimus came into contact with Paul who was in prison at Rome. Paul witnessed to him and this runaway slave became a Christian (v. 10). Evidently, Onesimus had been an effective witness for Christ and a great deal of help to Paul during his imprisonment (v. 13). But the proper procedure was for Onesimus to return to his master (v. 14).

This runaway slave was a changed man. His very name meant "profitable" or useful. In verse 11, there is a play on words. This one whose name meant "profitable" was actually useless to his master and to the cause of Christ. Now, as a Christian, he lives up to his name. Only in Christ does any man, no matter what his station in life, really live up to the purpose for which God created him.

The message of the book of Philemon is revealed in Paul's plea to this Christian master to receive his converted slave "as a brother beloved" (v. 16).

## Christ and race relations

IN Christ, external differences between man and man are abolished. For, you see, Christ died for all people regardless of race or nationality (Jh. 3:16). Christians of all races are brothers and sisters in Christ (Lk. 13:39). None of God's creatures are inferior to others because they were all created "in the image of God" (Gen. 1:27). One of the most evident truths of the Bible is that "God is no respecter of persons" (Rom. 2:11; Eph. 6:9; I Pet. 1:17). In

Christ, there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free man, male nor female (Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:11).

Race is only skin deep. The difference in the races is found only in the outward physical appearance of man. Blood types are the same in all races. No race is superior to another. All men stand on equal ground before an impartial God.

Let us hear from some specialists in the field of anthropology. Hear this testimony of Dr. Cole of the University of Chicago, the late Dr. Linton of Columbia University, and Dr. Shapiro of the American Museum of Natural History:

"There is no evidence that the intellectual capacities of any one race are superior to those of any other. Each race has its quota of individuals of low-grade intelligence, as well as its quota of brilliant minds, while the bulk of its members fall between the two extremes. The apparent differences in the capacities of various races are due to differences in training. When members of different races receive the same training they show themselves to be very much the same in brain power."

## The sin of prejudice

TO be prejudiced is to prejudge others who were created in the image of God. Prejudice is caused by ignorance and the sin of pride. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (Prov. 16:18).

Racial hatred is a spiritual problem. For the Bible says, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (I Jh. 4:8). It is time to approach our racial prejudice as sin and confess this sin to God! Is it not time to treat people of all races as "brothers beloved?"

After all, what color is God?

Charles Hostetter, "Race is Only Skin Deep," *The Mennonite Hour*, page 5.

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First	507	160	
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Conway, Pickles Gap	77	63	3
Crossett			
First	526	153	
Mt. Olive	263	141	
Dumas First	313	86	
El Dorado			
East Main	309	124	
First	785	623	
Trinity	221	122	
Eudora First	233	110	
North Side	48	25	
Forrest City First	618	173	1
Midway	40	38	
Ft. Smith Grand Ave.	767	364	5
Mission	23		
Greenwood First	267	102	3
Gurdon Beech St.	174	62	
Harrison Eagle Hgts.	265	94	
Hope First	488	194	
Huntsville Calvary	34	23	
Jacksonville			
Chapel Hill	59	38	
First	457	139	1
Marshall Rd.	153	71	2
Jonesboro Nettleton	257	129	6
Lavaca	247	136	
Little Rock			
Forest Highlands	209	100	
Immanuel	1,224	437	4
Rosedale	294	123	
McGehee First	439	144	
Chapel	84	39	
Magnolia Central	643	258	
Marked Tree			
First	168	57	1
Neiswander	134	85	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	692	187	
South Side	57	29	
Camp Robinson	21		
Calvary	475	107	2
Forth-Seventh St.	203	102	2
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First	425	178	
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## No sugar?

THE diner was annoyed because the waiter had brought him a knife and fork, but no spoon.

"This coffee," he said pointedly, "is going to be pretty hot to stir with my fingers."

The waiter reddened, and beat a hasty retreat to the kitchen. He returned shortly with another cup of coffee. "This one isn't so hot, sir," he beamed.

## Lose again, men

WIFE reading her husband's fortune on a scale card: "You are a leader, with a magnetic personality, witty and attractive to the opposite sex."

"It has your weight wrong, too."

## All balled up

THE conceited rookie was pitching his first game. He walked the first four men and the manager pulled him out of the game.

As he slammed his glove to the ground, he was heard to mutter, "Yanked out of the game when I had a no-hitter going."

## Overworked?

THE company's employment office was checking on an applicant's list of references.

"How long did this man work for you?" a former employer was asked.

"About four hours," was the quick reply.

"Why, he told us he'd been there a long time," the astonished caller said.

"Oh, yes," answered the ex-employer, "he's been here two years."

## Housewife-tramp

"I DON'T think you know what good, honest work is."

"No'm; what good is it?"

WE'VE just found out the real reason for the hot line between Washington and Moscow. The teenagers have tied up all the rest of the phone circuits!

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## Free elections

ON election day a man in a little Russian village was given a sealed envelope at the polling place and told to drop it into the ballot box. He started to tear it open when one of the Russian overseers ranted, "What are you doing?"

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. . . . A STONE from the Cypriote monastery of St. Barnabas was placed into a wall of the St. Barnabas Episcopal Church under construction in Fredericksburg, Texas, in ceremonies featuring the participation of President and Mrs. Johnson. The stone was a gift to Mrs. Johnson from Archbishop Makarios, President of Cyprus.

. . . . Wolfgang Sucker, of Darmstadt, president of the Evangelical League and an expert on Protestant-Catholic relations, has been elected president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse and Nassau, effective Jan. 1. He will succeed Martin Niemoeller, a prominent German churchman. Dr. Niemoeller, 72, will continue to serve in various ecumenical posts, including that of co-president of the World Council of Churches.

. . . . Joseph Cardinal Ritter, Archbishop of St. Louis, is the first Roman Catholic prelate in this country to write a special article for the annual observance of the World Council of Churches' Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be observed January 18-25, 1965. His article is titled "Behold, I Make All Things New" (Rev. 21:5).

. . . . The Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Board has approved 13 persons for missionary service in seven countries, bringing the total number of missionaries to 800 serving in 73 countries.—The Survey Bulletin

### MINISTERS FINED IN ITALY

TWO evangelical ministers are facing a fine of \$25 each for holding a street meeting in Foggia, a city 300 miles south of Rome on the Adriatic Sea.

Rev. Royal Peck and Rev. Bernard Oxenham learned recently that they had been tried in absentia and found guilty by a court in Foggia. They expressed surprise that any such action had been taken against them, especially when the Second Vatican Council is hotly debating the question of religious liberty.

The action was based on a street meeting which had been held last February 7, after which the two men had been arrested. After questioning, they were told they had not violated the law and were released. The incident was widely interpreted as a victory for religious liberty.

### ANGLICAN CHURCH IN KOREA

CELEBRATION of the 75th anniversary of the Anglican Church in Korea began on All Saints Day (Nov. 1) and will continue to Michaelmas Day, Sept. 29, 1965. The Church traces its beginnings to the consecration in Westminster Abbey of the first Bishop in Korea, Dr. Charles J. Corfe, on All Saints Day, 1889.

### BIRTH CONTROL PERMISSIBLE

SHEIKH Abdullah Al-Qalqili, Grand Mufti of Jordan, in a fatwa, or religious ruling, said birth control was permissible for Islamic believers. Noting that he had prepared the ruling in response to a query submitted by the Jordan government, he said that if the government decides to introduce a birth control program, "it is binding to comply with it."

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY THREAT

CONCERN was voiced in Protestant circles in Madrid over two developments which they fear may affect the "thaw" recently discernible in the attitude of Spanish authorities toward the non-Catholic minority.

In Cartagena, two Spanish pastors—The Rev. Luis Hombre, a Baptist, and the Rev. Joaquin Geuraga, a minister of the Plymouth Brethren—were each fined \$83 on charges of illegally distributing copies of the Gospels.

Meanwhile, authorities refused permission for a luncheon party planned by parishioners of an American Baptist chapel in Madrid on the ground that "proselytizing" was involved. A similar gathering was held last year without official objection.

### ANTI-RELIGIOUS BROADCASTS

RADIO Sofia has begun a new program which will spotlight "prominent atheists over the centuries" and stress the "atheist traditions of the Bulgarian nation."

The first of the series, entitled "The Rostrum of the Atheists," started with the contention that "religious survivals and prejudices are still obstacles to build a sound Communist morality."

One of the speakers, described as a "candidate of philosophic science," demanded that "all prejudices and superstitions from the past, including religion, be removed from today's scientific concept of life."

### NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NATIONAL Presbyterian Church, a Washington landmark of architectural and historical distinction, will be torn down, probably within two or three years. A new office building will rise in its place in Washington's burgeoning downtown section.

Before the congregational meeting began which consummated a land trade transaction, a dozen pickets marched outside the church to register their displeasure over planned destruction of the 80-year-old Romanesque structure, attended by a number of the nation's Presidents.

The congregation will move from Connecticut Avenue to one of the city's more fashionable areas on Nebraska Avenue, not far from the National Cathedral (Episcopal).

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