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On being 57

ON Halloween (Oct. 31) I was 57.

Some people—even some he-men—try to keep their age a secret as they grow older. But I am not in this category. I have found that I have more to gain than to lose by broadcasting my age. There are too many who think a fellow looks or sounds older than he really is!

Your friends will say that a fellow just couldn't get to be so smart in your number of birthdays. And your enemies will say you are bound to be older than that, for a fellow could not get to be so thick-headed in that length of time. So, I'm 57—wanna make something of it?

A lot of water has run through and over the dams and a lot of puddles have dried up in these 57 years. It is quite an achievement to live that long in today's world.

One of the sure signs that I am no longer a spring chicken, at 57, is the aromatic fact that this year, for the first time in my life, a life insurance company has sent me a red rose on my birthday. And I have been a policyholder in that company since the 1930's! When you have been around as long as I have, your insurers really take an interest in your health.

As I look back, now, I realize that I worried far more about getting old and the inevitable end of earthly existence when I was in my 20's than I do now that I am all these additional steps (years) nearer the grave. Now I am sometimes so tired that I almost—not quite!—look forward to lying down to sleep for a few eons.

You may have noticed in the papers recently that some scientists say it will soon be possible for one to be frozen and stored in cold storage for thawing and re-
viving to life a hundred years from now. Well, fellas, the way things look now, you can have my place in cold storage. Just let me be cremated, only not prematurely, and let my ashes be cast over some good bream hole in one of Arkansas' many beautiful lakes and streams!

So much for the light side. I am genuinely grateful to God for letting me see my 57th birthday. Whatever days I have left on the earth I rededicate to living for Him.

Erwin L. McDonald

ARKANSAS Baptists gathered in El Dorado last week for the 111th annual session of the State Convention, with First Church as host. Complete coverage of the meeting begins on page 10, with pictures.
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A SOUND defeat was given by Arkansas voters Nov. 3 to Amendment 55 to legalize gambling in Garland County. Comments on the balloting will be found throughout the Arkansas news pages.
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ONE year ago Jimmy Griffin came to Arkansas to serve as associate in the Convention's Training Union Department. His experiences with the work and people of the state are related on page 5.
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FORWARD in '65! This was the call issued by President Walter Yeldell in his message to the Convention. A digest of his talk begins on page 9.
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FIRST Church, Mena, now owns a full city block and a new church plant valued at \$321,000. A picture-illustrated report is on page 14.
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THE 11th Baptist World Congress will be held at Miami in June, 1965. For a look at the famed Convention Hall and for information about reservations, please turn to page 8.
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'No' to gambling

WE are grateful to God and to the voters of Arkansas for resounding defeat of proposed constitutional amendment 55, which would have legalized casino gambling for Garland County by writing this evil into the constitution as a legitimate business or industry. As this was written, Sept. 5, 272,206 votes had been tallied against the amendment and 185,569 for it.

It is a rather sobering thought that most of those who voted for this gambling package were doubtless church members, many of them having their names on the rolls of our Baptist churches. And at least some of the church members who voted to legalize gambling are fairly active in their churches—at least in attendance of church services.

Many of our own members who were against the gambling amendment did everything they could to keep their feelings to themselves and a very small, inside group. "We are for Churches United Against Gambling," they said, "and we will give you some money, but do not use our names. You have no idea what pressure is being exerted on this issue." And, of course, pressure is something that is all but unbearable for a lot of us Christians today. Especially is this true if it appears we might lose a few friends, sales or contracts, particularly the latter.

The brighter side

But the brighter side of the picture is the fact that never before have so many Christians from so many different denominations worked so sacrificially and faithfully in so great a cause as in our crusade to save Arkansas from further contamination at the hands of gambling and its associated crimes.

The *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, as the official organ of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, threw all of its space and energy into the battle. But ours was but one of many voices crying out for the defeat of the gambling amendment. Methodists, Christians, Presbyterians and members of the Assembly of God were using their journals wholeheartedly in the fray. And the *Arkansas Gazette*, the *Arkansas Democrat*, the *Pine Bluff Commercial* and most of the other dailies of the state, as well as the weeklies, did far more than we ourselves were able to do in reaching the masses and helping the people to know and understand the fine print of the notorious proposal.

Governor, Legislature

Much credit is due the House of the State Legislature for its almost unanimous vote last March to call for the enforcing of the state laws against gambling, since this was the event that precipitated a closing order from Governor Faubus. No doubt the fact that both Governor

Faubus and his opponent, Mr. Rockefeller, took public stands against the gambling amendment, plus the fact that the governor continued to keep the casinos closed, had a tremendous and beneficial effect on the vote against the amendment.

Before the election was held, Governor Faubus stated unequivocally that if the people of the state voted the amendment down, he not only could but would continue to keep the Hot Springs casinos closed. And since the election, he has given full assurance that the casinos will remain closed even if he has to send the state troopers to see to it. Now is the time for us, the citizens of Arkansas, not only to continue to insist that gambling be kept closed, but to do everything we can to support the governor and other law enforcement officers in keeping the lid on gambling.

For a better spa

As Dr. Ralph E. Phelps Jr., president of Churches United Against Gambling, has said, CUAG's opposition was not to the city of Hot Springs or her people, but against the vice of gambling. We continue to be ready not only to battle vice but to do anything we can to encourage and help the growth and prosperity of Hot Springs and Garland County on a good foundation.

The war against crime and vice is a continuing war. A spokesman has already declared in a press release from Hot Springs that gambling will be resumed "in the back parlors if not openly." But at least we have the people of the state fully alerted and we do still have our marvelous state anti-gambling laws which would have been blotted out at one fell swoop, as far as Garland County is concerned, if the gambling amendment had been written into our constitution.

What have we Christians of Arkansas learned in the anti-gambling campaign? For one thing we have learned anew that all Christians and churches have a great deal in common and that we can accomplish some things for the Kingdom of God better by working together than by going our separate and several ways. This is one aspect of ecumenicity (oo-ops, there's that word again!) that even we Southern Baptists can well afford to embrace.

Another thing should be obvious. With so many church members being in favor of legalizing gambling it is shockingly evident that churches have fallen far short of carrying out the latter part of the Great Commission: . . . *teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded.* . . . It is inconceivable that any Christian—except a backslider or one uninformed or misinformed—could ever vote for gambling in any form, least of all casino gambling. Of course, even the church cannot educate members against the members' wishes or without the members' cooperation. But what we have just been through should be enough to cause our churches generally to try to do a better job of educating their members to know and follow the teachings of Christ in everyday living.—ELM

Plug for paper

At the risk of having this appear to be an advertisement for the Baptist state paper, we cannot but say what we really believe: "Baptists who know, care," And no Baptist can hope to be at his best in his church and as a Baptist in his influence without taking and reading the Baptist state paper. The fact that so many of our Arkansas Baptist churches—more than 750—now send the Baptist paper to all their church families was no small factor in our fight against gambling. Every week the

paper went into 60,000 homes, churches, and places of business in the state. So, we would urge churches who want to carry out the teaching part of the Great Commission that they be sure, as the barest minimum, to see that the Baptist state paper goes to the homes of all members—even to those who are not at church every Sunday.

In the war against gambling, as in the larger war of righteousness against all evil, Christ in the hearts of people is the only real hope. But churches cannot afford to stop with professions of faith and baptismal services. The real proof of the Christian life is in the living. —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.

Sunday School teaching

AS our children go thru school we find that in the lower grades they are under one teacher who endeavors to teach them all the various subjects at hand. As they get into high school we find that they are under three or four teachers who teach them on different subjects and when college comes along they do not attend class except under a different teacher for each one. There is a certain amount of diversification in teaching.

But in Sunday School, week in week out, year in, year out as the members of an adult department attend Sunday School they hear the same teacher every Sunday. I have taught Sunday School for a number of years and I really feel sorry many times for the fact that my class is a captive one and has to listen to me every Sunday. They should be getting divergent views on the planned lessons instead of the same old view each Sunday. Also from the teachers standpoint, many times I am afraid we are guilty of saying to ourselves, that we need not prepare too much today for it is the same old group that I will face and I can just talk around the subject and hence as a teacher you are not on your toes in preparing the lesson, as you should be.

There is a solution. The usual adult Department of a Baptist Sunday school will have under the new system from eight to twelve classes. My suggestion is taking for example an adult depart-

ment with eight classes, to have appointed a total of twelve teachers. Each of these teachers would actually belong to one of the classes. On Sunday morning when they arrive the Supt of the department would have an assignment for eight of these teachers which each Sunday would be a different class.

What are the advantages. First it would mean that every teacher would come with a well prepared lesson, not knowing what type of class they would teach. If there were absentees, with four extra teachers you could take up that slack without trouble. (Certainly any teacher knowing they would be absent should call the Supt, though as you well know they do not always do that) Those who are not assigned would go to their regular class and being well prepared could help lead in discussion. The classes themselves would benefit from different views that they would get each week from different teachers.

Many adult classes operate as the Junior and Intermediate with the teacher doing most of the promotional as well as the teaching work. If an adult teacher gets a good lesson to present, the time of preparation does not given them time to promote a class. This should be the work of class officers. I firmly believe that such a plan together with good promotion by class officers would have a good impact on building our adult departments. And when you build an adult department you have built the whole Sunday school. At least I believe that it would be worth a trial.—Ben Cashion, Eudora

REPLY: Sounds good. Why not try this for six months in your own Sunday School and give us a report?—ELM

The Cover



ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION OFFICERS FOR '65 — (Left to right) Rev. Walter Yeldell, pastor, Second Church, Hot Springs, re-elected president; Rev. Roy Hilton, pastor, First Church, Harrison, first vice president; Faber L. Tyler, Ozark businessman, second vice president.

A \$46,903 bequest from the estate of Mrs. Daisy Deen Wright of New Orleans has been received by New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans to apply on the purchase of a pipe organ for the institution's Leavell Chapel. Mrs. Wright's will stipulated a \$25,000 gift to the seminary, at her death in June, 1962. The additional additional amount was given the seminary recently when her estate was settled. This will be augmented by \$30,000 to be subscribed from other donations.

Newcomers at Convention

NEW pastors, ministers of music and education who have come to Arkansas during the past year and who were present for the Baptist Convention in El Dorado were:

Homer Shirley Jr., pastor, Third Church, Malvern;

Bill Kite, pastor, First Church, Dierks;

Jim Davis, minister of music and education, First Church, Fayetteville;

Ed F. McDonald III, pastor, Freeman Heights Church, Berryville;

James McDaniel, pastor, Whitton Church, Tyronza;

Dick Maple, minister of music, Grand Ave. Church, Ft. Smith;

George H. Harris, pastor, Dermott Church;

John Rodgers, minister of music and education, Life Line Church, Little Rock;

Dee T. Speer, pastor, First Church, Mammoth Spring;

L. C. Hoff, pastor, Eudora Church;

E. A. Boyer, pastor, Calvary Church, Osceola;

James T. Draper, pastor, First Church, Warren;

Bill Huddleston, pastor, Trinity Church, El Dorado;

Tom Bray, pastor, Second Church, El Dorado;

Bill Halbert, minister of education, First Church, Fayetteville;

Harry Garvin, pastor, Bellaire Church, Dermott;

Charles B. Thompson, pastor, First Church, Russellville.

Others watched 55

TENNESSEE watched the fate of proposed Amendment 55, the legalized gambling measure, with "great concern", a Baptist leader told the Arkansas State Convention Thursday.

Tennesseans felt that if gambling got a foothold in Arkansas, it might spread to other sections of the South, said Dr. Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., pastor of First Church there and president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The proposed amendment was defeated.

52 weeks with Arkansas Baptist

By James A. Griffin

ONE year ago I came to adorable Arkansas to serve Christ with some 318,000 Arkansas Baptists.



MR. GRIFFIN

Your beloved secretary of Training Union and the executive Board, led by God's Spirit, extended me a call to be the associate in the Training Union Department. Realizing this was God's will for my life, I accepted and came Oct. 28, 1963. This has been a wonderful year for me and my family. We are happy to serve with you.

My first responsibility as an employee of Arkansas Baptists was at Second Church, Little Rock. You will recall that was the State Training Union Workshop. That night I led in a Training Union Clinic at Gaines Street Church where Rev. Marvin Jones, former class mate at Norman (Baptist) College, Ga., is pastor. This was a pleasant day in my new state. I renewed acquaintance with some former friends and met many new friends.

Pastors, wives elect

NEW officers for the Arkansas Baptist Pastors' Conference and the Ministers' Wives' Conference named in annual meetings last week at El Dorado were:

Pastors: Mason Craig, pastor of First Church, McGehee, president; T. R. Coulter, pastor of First Church, England, vice president; and Raymond Carpenter, pastor of Gardner Church, Hamburg, secretary.

Wives: Mrs. B. G. Hickem, Crossett, president; Mrs. George Balentine, Hope, devotional vice president; Mrs. Rheubin South, North Little Rock, program vice president; Mrs. T. K. Rucker, Little Rock, social vice president; and Mrs. William Sewell, Searcy, secretary-treasurer.

From that first day, my days with Brother Davis and the other co-workers at Baptist Building have been very pleasing. Through the years Arkansas Baptists have accumulated some faithful servants here at Baptist Building. There is a wonderful Christian spirit evident that reaches out to serve every church in Arkansas.

During this year, I have travelled in almost every association in our State. It has been my privilege to teach in leadership schools, conduct one and two-night clinics, speak at associational meetings, preach on Sunday, or otherwise meet with some group of fellow Baptists in 38 associations. It will be my privilege to serve in the remaining five associations in the near future.

Driving over Arkansas has reminded me of the beauty of God's handiwork. How can anyone view the beautiful mountains, streams, trees and flat lands of Arkansas without being drawn closer to the Creator! In driving over Arkansas, I have met some of the finest Christians that ever lived. The response you have given and the attitude that you have toward His work in Arkansas is good. While none of us are satisfied with the effort we are putting forth, there is a definite air of expectancy in the life of every area of our great state. There are some who are laboring under adverse conditions, but not discouraged.

As we look ahead, I trust that we shall have a vigorous program for Christ in every association. This has been the lifeline of Southern Baptists through the years. This has been, and must continue to serve as a channel of information to help each church understand the help available for its needs. As I enter the second year with Arkansas Baptists, let me ask you to pray for the work of all organizations as we reach out through them to every member of each community. Let us do more in '65 to keep His churches alive.

Rebels and conformists

TONIGHT my thoughts are enmeshed with the dreams and plans of twentieth century young women. This stems from the past week-end visit to Tift College, Forsyth, Ga., and contemplated hours to be spent on Blue Mountain College campus, Blue Mountain, Miss., this week-end.

There is a wave of rebellion among youth. Young people of many nations are engulped in its reactionary behaviour. It is described by Geoffrey Lucy as "an alarming fever of hooliganism, recklessness, and moral anarchy." But on the above mentioned and other Christian college campuses are a large percentage of young women who seek life's fulfillment in the constructive path of Christian living.

It is paradoxical that rebels and conformists have some things in common.

Both groups are trying to cope with the problem of boredom.

Both streams of behaviour flow from a desire for adventure and from the divinely implanted mating urge.

Like flashing beacon lights familiar Scripture passages offer guidance away from boredom into paths of worthy, rewarding experiences: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10b); "For whoso findeth me (wisdom) findeth life" (Proverbs 8:35a); the whole adventure-packed book of Acts. . .

The book of Ephesians fairly glows with instruction concerning adventurous living and mated and family relationships, "that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:19b).

Many plans are being proposed and tried in efforts to counteract the worldwide problem of "wild youth:" youth clubs, youth patrols made up of former vandals, motor centers, friendship teams. . .



But specialists agree that "measures of this sort are little more than palliatives."

Those who are seriously dedicated to efforts to stem this tide in which the "wildest youngsters are often found in the richest countries" agree that the ultimate solution must come from the homes.

It is exciting to think of the power for changing destructive trends released as college-trained Christian young people go into all parts of the world to wield influence for good and to build stable, Christian homes.

Looking toward this matter of stabilizing homes, William W. Orr has some good things to say in his chatty little booklet, *How to Pick a Wife*. Here are a few excerpts.

"I know that the modern world takes a very dim view of the sanctity of marriage. Present-day philosophy is that if it doesn't work, then there's the divorce court. But . . . this isn't God's way of marriage."

Following his assurance that marriage is normal, ("Don't ever be ashamed of your desire for a wife, home, and children."), Dr. Orr offers these suggestions.

1. God is interested.
2. Your choice is limited. "Don't get involved with the girl's promise to become a Christian after marriage. . . Your privilege may be to lead the young lady to Christ first. . . But let enough time elapse so that you're sure the conversion is genuine."
3. Please take time. "Those who ought to know (counselors and research experts) tell us that there is really no such thing as 'falling in love.' You may fall into infatuation, or you may slip into a siege of puppy love; but when it's real love, you must grow into it."
4. Don't be knocked off your perch by a pair of dimples or by long sweeping eyelashes. "Prosaic as it may seem, there will be meals to prepare, a house to maintain, clothes to mend, and perhaps a nursery to establish."
5. Look for inner beauty.
6. Know something of her financial habits.
7. Remember that girls have a tendency to become possessive. "Sometimes you'll take out a girl once or twice and be surprised to learn that she thinks she's almost engaged to you." ! !
8. Her moral standards are important. Pre-marital sex relationship is still wrong in God's sight.
9. Be sure it is "real love." Is she almost constantly in your thoughts? Do you long for her presence? Do you want to give her things? When your eyes turn toward the future, do you see her? Do you build her up to others? Are you willing to excuse her little faults?

These suggestions are beamed to young men, but they contain for girls worthy food for thought!

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Richer By India, by Myra Scovel, Harper and Row, 1964, \$3.50

Here is the warm personal story of lively day-by-day adventures of an American missionary family in India. It brings the work of the missionary to life with direct personal impact. Some of the situations Myra Scovel describes are frightening, some are hilarious. She says of the book: "I feel it needed to be written. We have scores of books on what 'heroes' missionaries are (including what people have read into *The Chinese Ginger Jars*). There have been many complaints within the church that a realistic picture is not being given. Perhaps this book is unique in that it portrays the frustrations as well as the blessings of everyday living for a missionary family in India."

God Speaks to Women Today, by Eugenia Price, Zondervan, 1964, paperback, \$3.95

"Women remain women," says Eugenia Price, "and God remains God. What he had to say to women in Bible times, He is still saying today. Like Sarah, women are still having to uproot their homes and move when they don't want to move. Like Sarah with her maid, Hagar, women are still being self-righteous and jealous."

Those who know the author of this book from having read her previous books will know that this is much more than just another book about the women of the Bible. The perceptive analysis of the problems of each of the Bible personalities and application to women today is both stimulating and provocative.

My Hope for America, by Lyndon B. Johnson, Random House, 1964, paperback, 95 cents

Since LBJ has now been elected President of the United States in his own right, this book should be of real interest to all Americans. It should be especially interesting to those who have read *A Texan Looks at Lyndon*.

AS a special inducement to their readers to renew their subscriptions in advance, *Christianity Today*, the well known fortnightly "magazine of evangelical conviction" published by Wilbur D. Benedict, Washington Building, Washington, D. C., is giving a special edition of the *New American Standard Bible, New Testament*, published by The Lockman Foundation, LaHabra, Calif.

Politics on the Southwestern Frontier: Arkansas Territory, 1819-1836, by Lonnie J. White, Memphis State University Press, 1964, \$6.50

Here is an interesting new book for the Arkansas history shelf.

The author's study begins with the movement in 1818-19 of southern Missourians for separate territoriality and

Did Paul change his message?

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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(I CORINTHIANS 2:2)

"FOR I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

Paul is writing about his attitude when he came to Corinth directly from Athens. Some hold that he learned his lesson in Athens; he had dealt with philosophy, had failed, and practically had been laughed out of the city. Therefore, when he came to Corinth he determined to stick to the gospel. But is this the case?

An analysis of Acts 17:22-34 reveals that the apostle preached the gospel in Athens. He began with the principles of philosophy (vv. 22-29), the position of the Epicureans and Stoics, and from there went on to preach the gospel (vv. 30-31). In response to it some mocked, others wanted to hear more, and there were several converts (vv. 32-34). Is a sermon a failure which is used to win a Supreme Court Justice and a prominent woman, along with

the debate in Congress over attempts to restrict slavery in the proposed Territory of Arkansas. During the debate the line to divide free and slave territory in the Louisiana Purchase later agreed upon in the Missouri Compromise was suggested. It includes a detailed report on and interpretation of events across the troublesome years to Arkansas' admission to the Union as a state, on June 15, 1836.

Spiritual Secrets of Famous Christians, by Anna Talbott McPherson, Zondervan, 1964, \$2.50

Among the famous Christians whose experiences are shared here are Ann Judson, Peter Cartwright, Ann Preston, Frances Ridley Havergal, David Livingstone, Mary Reid, John Bunyan, John Fletcher, William Booth, Charles Finney, George Fox, David Brainerd, Billy Bray, Hudson Taylor, John Newton, John Wesley, Martin Luther, and John Patton. Each story is illustrated by the author.

others? Therefore, I Corinthians 2:2 must have a different meaning.

Let us examine this verse. "Determined" means to reach a decision after weighing the evidence. "Not" in the Greek text belongs with "determined." Literally, "For I did not decide." He was looking forward not backward. "To know" means *soul knowledge, fixed knowledge*. It is a perfect tense meaning a fixed and final knowledge. Paul knew in the past, still knew in the present, and would continue to know in the future. Know what? "Jesus Christ, and him crucified." Or "Jesus Christ [both person and office], and this one as having been crucified [perfect passive participle, same effective force as in "know," implying also the resurrection]."

Paul faced the corrupt, commercial city with a sense of a lack of physical resources, and, therefore, in fear and trembling (2:3). With what message would he confront this city? He had *known* always "Jesus Christ, and him crucified." This gospel had worked in Palestine, Asia Minor, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, yes, even in Athens. And he was convinced that it would work in Corinth as well. So he did not change his message as between Athens and Corinth. He continued to proclaim "Jesus Christ, and him crucified" and raised bodily from the dead (cf. I Cor. 15). His only *change* was to adapt it to the needs of Corinth as he had done in Athens and elsewhere. And always he found this gospel to be "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

OPENING DOORS

BY J. I. COSSEY

Entertaining an association

ONE family assumed the responsibility of providing hospitality for an Association meeting in the jungle of Burma in 1875.

The work was progressing in Shuwaygrañ among the Karens (hill people) and in appreciation for what the gospel had meant to him and his people one man pledged to care for the guests.

About 200 men, women, and children attended the meeting. Some of them came two or three days' journey on foot. When some of the nearby villages learned that the association was going to meet, they requested that teachers be sent them. The Association-al Committee met this request.

Unfortunately the man who promised to care for the association lost his home and possessions by fire just before the meeting. He did not feel that he could provide for the people over the Sabbath. When the non-Christians in the vicinity learned this they brought food for the guests that the meetings might be continued. Nearly all the people remained until Monday, enjoying the three days of praying, preaching, and singing.

Children in that district who attended mission school did so at the danger of their lives. They travelled three or four days' journey over hills infested with tigers and other wild animals.

The work was conducted under the leadership of Rev. Henry W. Hale who had gone to that field with his wife in December, 1874. They had both graduated from Newton Theological Seminary and gone out to start the Burman Department of Missions.

They began their work on their way to the field of labor by handing out tracts to the boatman on their passage. God honored his work. The head boatman often visited them afterwards in their home, and after a period of time asked to be baptized.

GRANDDAD is old and not able to work long at a time, but he wants to be useful and helpful. He sits in the front room of a large and very busy family. He wants to be helpful and, most of all, appreciated. He chose as his daily dozen, opening doors for the other members of the family. The job was easy and it was a service of love. It was necessary for him to get up on his feet many times during the day. This gave him the physical exercise he needed. This exercise kept him supple and useful and happy. He made himself happy by making others happy. Granddad made himself welcome and wanted in the home when the average man of his age would become a burden and maybe unwanted.

The gateman at the big railway station is paid for his work, but his best pay is the "thank you" from the people who pass through the gate during the day. The opening doors at big super-markets, even though mechanically opened, render a most helpful service. The open door to the Children's Home is a haven of rest for

the many homeless children. The door to the hospital is opened to suffering people and is usually a place for them to get well.

Perhaps the greatest door in all the world is the open door into the kingdom of God. It opens the door to salvation from sin and to lives of usefulness in the Lord's work. The doors to salvation and church membership must be kept open by those who love lost people. These doors lead to the Christian home, wholesome society and clean business life. This kind of life is what we all long for.

Why not resolve now to give more time to opening doors for people who are searching for a better way of life? What can anyone do that is more enduring than to open doors of peace and opportunity to a searching heart? Most people may know how to enter an open door but there are no doubt people who are standing at some place waiting for their "dreamed of" door to swing open.

The main job for church-members is opening doors to a better and more useful life. A deacon is a door opener for the many people who are seeking places to develop their spiritual lives. We are all seeking to put life and peace into the open door of the mind, heart and soul. Christ is at the door of every human heart and is ready to enter with full salvation to satisfy every longing of the heart.



BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS—The 11th Baptist World Congress will be held in Miami Beach's famous Convention Hall June 25-30, 1965. Night meetings will be held in Miami's 73,000-seat Orange Bowl stadium. Messengers from countries throughout the world will be represented. Reservations should be made as soon as possible on forms furnished by the Baptist World Congress Housing Bureau, P. O. Box 1511, Miami Beach, Fla. Rates are from \$2-\$10 per day.

Fill these needs... forward in '65



MR. YELDELL

(A digest of the address to the Arkansas State Convention at El Dorado Nov. 3 by Walter Yeldell.)

SOMETHING is wrong with individuals and with the world! One does not have to be a dyspeptic or a pessimist or a defeatist to see that things are not right.

The wisest of our economists; the bravest of our generals; and the ablest of our statesmen are telling us that America is sick, and we need a revival. And the revival they have reference to is not a revival for winning the lost but a revival for reclaiming the saved, the so-called church member.

Our churches, many of them, have too little life. Many of them are making little or no spiritual impact upon their communities. Many of our churches are filled with people whose lives look so much like the world six days a week that when they come to church on Sunday and the unsaved see them they are unmoved, unimpressed, and still unsaved.

Many of our denominational leaders are busy seeking to find an answer to the reasons for our serious reverses in our denominations life—why the decreases in almost every area. Some of them are saying that our reverses, at least in part, may be attributed to our geographical pride—to our denominational pride. We are Southern Baptists! And if the world is ever saved, Southern Baptists will do it! And though we be no longer a people of the South—we still hold on to our geographical pride.

Others of our denominational leaders are suggesting that our reverses may be in part attributed to our failure to take a stronger stand on the integration question. And though it be a local church matter—this does not prevent our Southern Baptist Convention, or our State Conventions from stating a more positive position.

And then there are other of our denominational leaders who are saying that our reverses are partly due to our doctrinal narrowness. If this be true, thank God. God help us to remain always a people of the Book—the one Book: supernatural in origin, divine in authorship, infallible in authority.

Yes, some are thinking that our decreases, our reversals, may in part be due to our position on the ecumenical question.

Now as to what real effect these matters have had, or are having, upon the life of our denomination I really don't know. Perhaps there are those among us who feel that these matters are playing a significant role in our decline, in our reverses. And at the same time I am sure there are still many others who feel that the needs of our denomination

are greater than these—that these are not our basic needs.

I am conscious, more conscious than I've ever been before, of the desperate needs in our denomination's life. We could go to great lengths to tell you of the needs at Ouachita College, at our Baptist Hospital, at our Children's Home—in the area of Missions and Evangelism. But I want to look beyond these and try to get to the grass roots of our denomination with the thought that, if we can recognize our needs there, perhaps this will give us the vitality, the life, the breath, to move forward again.

First, I would mention the need of a new awareness of sin! It is almost unbelievable—the shallowness that many of our church members show concerning sin. In these recent days in which Amendment 55 has been so much a part of each of our lives, many of us have been shocked beyond words at what we have seen and heard among our church memberships.

Surely, we who are pastors must assume part of the responsibility for there being this shallowness, this lack of conviction, concerning the awfulness of sin.

Secondly, we need a burden for souls. It is my earnest conviction that a continual emphasis on evangelism will help solve many of our problems and at the same time give us the vitality we need to sustain us for the future. What we are today is largely because of a concern, a deep concern and compassion for the souls of men.

I wonder how many of us today, if confessions were in order, would have to say, I do not have the burden, the concern, the desire, the enthusiasm, I once had for the souls of men. I am afraid with all the demands made upon my time—this matter of soul winning, and soul caring, has been placed near to the bottom of my list. Did you know that if the active pastors in our Baptist Churches in Arkansas were to average winning one person to Christ per month we would have baptized more people last year than we did.

Thirdly, we need a consciousness of the nearness of God. I believe one of the greatest joys that comes to a Christian is to be aware that God is near—that He is near at all times.

It was this consciousness of the nearness of God that gave the Old Testament patriarchs, the prophets, the preachers—the enthusiasm, the zeal, the cour-

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Arkansas Baptists at El Dorado

By the Editor

BIG, friendly Walter Yeldell, who, by his own public admission was absent from his church field a total of two calendar months during the past year to attend to his duties as president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, has been re-elected convention president for the coming year.

Yeldell, pastor of Second Church, Hot Springs, received what amounted to a double endorsement by the 111th annual session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, in El Dorado last week. Not only was he re-elected unanimously, but shortly after his election, the messengers, by near unanimous vote, struck down a proposal for amending the constitution to limit the presidential term to one year, ruling out a second term.

Named to serve with President Yeldell were Roy Hilton, pastor of First Church, Harrison, first vice president; and layman Faber L. Tyler, Ozark business man, second vice president.

The provision of the convention constitution that the officers be elected on the morning of the second day of the annual session may be complicated by a new amendment adopted at the El Dorado sessions. Now the election of the president must be completed and the results announced before the candidates for first vice president can be nominated and the vote counted. Then this must be completed and the votes counted before the convention can proceed with the election of second vice president.

The convention voted to hold its 1965 annual session at First Church, Little Rock, on Nov. 15, 16, 17, Lehman F. Webb, pastor of First Church, Hot Springs, was named to preach the annual sermon, with Clifford Palmer, pastor of Grand Ave. Church, Ft. Smith, as alternate.

In a resolution to the conven-

tion, the trustees of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Dr. H. E. Williams, founder and president, asked that the convention study for the coming year the advisability of accepting the college as fully owned and operated by the convention.

It was pointed out that the junior college, now in its 24th year, is fully accredited, fully Baptist, has no substantial debts and has assets valued at \$2 million.

In his annual report, Dr. Williams expressed appreciation to Arkansas Baptist State Convention for financial support of his school since 1949 and for an increase in appropriation in the new convention budget.

Dr. Williams said: "Our people do not feel that the college will be a burden to the convention but, rather, one of her greatest assets.

He said Southern College, with an enrollment of 375, a gain of 50 percent over enrollment a year ago, is "now growing faster than any other college in Arkansas."

He claimed for Southern's location that it is "in the midst of the largest number of Baptists in any section of Arkansas of similar land area."

According to Dr. Williams, the per capita wealth of Baptists in Northeast Arkansas excels that of any other section of the state. Pointing to mission opportunity, he said there are more than a million people within 100 miles of Southern College above the age of 12, who do not belong to any church. More than half of these are of Baptist preference according to surveys, he said.

Ouachita College this year reached a new record enrollment of 1301 and faces the necessity of considerable expansion in the immediate future, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president, said in his report to the convention.

Dr. Phelps said Ouachita is asking Arkansas Baptists to pray

and study during the ensuing year to determine what the college is to do about securing funds under the National Education Facility Act recently created and already a chief source of support for many of the nation's large universities and colleges.

In a visual presentation, Dr. Ben Elrod, Ouachita vice president in charge of development, traced the recent history of Ouachita, showing the enrollment has increased from 508 in 1953 to 1301 this year.

The projected enrollment for 1978 is 1740 and the estimated increases in faculty to match this growth, a 20 percent increase to 94.

A minimum of seven additional buildings will be required, Dr. Elrod said: five dormitories, a cafeteria-study hall, and a speech-drama center.

By 1973 an endowment of \$10 million will be essential, an increase over the \$2 million the fund is expected to total by the end of this year.

The messenger registration reached 749, some lower than the average in recent years, and, due perhaps to late arrival by those who stayed at home for election day, many of the sessions were rather sparsely attended.

But on Wednesday night, youth night, bus loads came from many churches of the area, under the sponsorship of Dr. Tom Logue and the Baptist Student Department, and filled the auditorium to overflowing. A timely talk by Dr. Chester Swor, of Jackson, Miss., climaxed this session, regarded by many as the highlight of the whole convention.

In business sessions, the convention voted down a proposed change of the convention constitution to limit the term of president to one, one-year term in a lifetime. As the constitution stands, the office of president must be filled each year and no

one may serve more than two consecutive terms.

The request of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital board to consider borrowing up to \$550,000 for enlargement of its office building for physicians and surgeons was referred, as requested by the board, to the convention's executive board with power to act. Administrator Johnny Gilbreath, of the hospital staff, said that the present office building, erected 13 years ago, will be paid out in two more years and that the expansion of the hospital makes it imperative that additional office space be provided to meet urgent requests for additional offices. He said that the hospital might add two floors to the present office building or might add a wing to the building, depending upon the final recommendations of architects.

A minor change was made in Article X, Section 1 of the constitution, inserting the words "and by-laws" to make the section read:

"This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of this convention, two-thirds of the members voting concurring in the measure . . ."

Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law was officially adopted as "the standard for deciding questions of parliamentary procedure."

An effort to amend the constitution to add the office of parliamentarian was decisively voted down.

The proposed budget of \$2,151,169.81 was voted, for the coming year, 37 percent, or \$721,932.83, to go to the Southern Baptist Convention for its agencies and institutions, and the remainder to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. All funds above the total budget would be divided equally between the Southern Baptist Convention and the Executive Board of the State Convention.

The convention gave its approval to a \$1,000,000 fund raising campaign for Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, for the next three years, half of the new funds to be for buildings

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YOUTH CHOIR—Two hundred and fifty voices formed the choir for Youth Night, under the direction of Hoyt Mulkey, Arkansas State Convention music director. Theme of the convention is seen in front: "Deepening our ministry through worship."



MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM THROGGED—Wednesday night, Arkansas' first Youth Night, brought out a crowd of 2,300 to fill the auditorium. Several hundred more were unable to find seats.



HOSTS—Official hosts to the Arkansas State Convention at El Dorado were (left to right) Joe Hayes, manager of Municipal Auditorium, Van Evans, minister of education of First Church, El Dorado, and Don Harbuck, pastor.

'Prepare ye the way of the Lord'

IN a statement released Wednesday of last week to the Associated Press from the Baptist Convention in El Dorado, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, as president of Churches United Against Gambling, said:

Our faith in the people of Arkansas and in the state's future has been vindicated by this victory [against proposed Amendment 55].

We are grateful, first, to the thousands of churchmen—laymen and ministers alike—and others who have worked tirelessly and unselfishly in behalf of a cause they believe to be morally right and socially best for their state. Most were political amateurs, but what they lacked in political know-how, they made up for in dedication to their cause.

Second, we want to express our appreciation for those newspapers in the state which helped to bring into clear focus the real issues in this election. American journalism has never known a finer hour than during this campaign when, with a few notable exceptions, the newspapers turned the spotlight of truth into dark corners with which most Arkansans had little prior knowledge before this attempt to legalize casino gambling.

Third, we want to acknowledge humbly our debtorship to God for his support. Without this we could not have succeeded.

As we face the future, those of us in Churches United Against Gambling need to do three things: First, we need to keep our pledge to use the moral force of our 3,000 churches to see that the anti-gambling laws of this state are enforced. The indifference of which so many of us were guilty before the attempt to pass Amendment 55 must not and will not characterize us in the future. Our governor has promised to enforce the laws and we promise to help him do this.

PREACHING the annual convention sermon at the El Dorado meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention last week, Rev. E. E. Griever, pastor of First Church, Hamburg, spoke on the text from Mark 1:3 "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Pointing out that the admonition of Christ early in his earthly ministry, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord," is just as urgently addressed to Christians of today as to those nearly 2,000 years ago, Mr. Griever gave the most of his time to a discussion of various ways Christians can "prepare the way of the Lord." Following is a brief digest.

1. *Waiting with patience*

In our impatient world we find much impatience in our churches, and, often, in the lives of pastors. If we are to do our best as Christians, we must cultivate patience. We are tempted in our organizational programs to run ahead of the Lord. We are face to face with insurmountable problems today. Is it not time to wait on the Lord and let him tell us what we are to do? God's commission is worth waiting for.

Second, we need to show Christian charity toward the pro-gambling element in Garland County, forgiving them the statements they have made and tactics they have employed in this campaign.

Third, we should offer our help in any way possible to develop Hot Springs as a family tourist center and as a location for solid industry, which it could be with a new image. For a long time I have been an enthusiastic tub-thumper for Hot Springs and the matchless beauty surrounding it, and I'd like to sing the praises again if they will let me. Our quarrel has never been with Garland County but with the gambling proposal which we could not in good conscience do anything except oppose.

2. *Going when God wants us to go*

God had to permit a great persecution to drive the disciples out of Jerusalem. But as they scattered in all directions, they went preaching. Jesus set the example as he went from place to place and city to city, proclaiming not truths but THE truth. We today are to follow in His leadership.

3. *Staying where He wants us to stay*

Even at this convention I have heard some preachers asking: "Is there an opening over there? Could you recommend me?" If you are in God's will, He knows where you are and He will move you when he's ready for you to move. A tree that is transplanted every year will bear little if any fruit. If we will have more to say to people about preparing for the coming of the Lord, we will have less time to think about trying to move.

4. *Witnessing as we go*

Scattered by persecution, the disciples went everywhere preaching. We are the only witnesses Jesus has. Many of the bad things that are happening are happening because many of us preachers have been unfaithful in the task to which God has called us.

There are hungry souls in every congregation. Let each of us preachers always pray: "Lord, help me to feed them."

5. *Looking for and expecting Him*

When are you expecting Him? Today? We ought to live every day of our lives as if we knew He would come today. Do you long to see Jesus as you long to see a dear relative? He is our elder Brother. I want to see Him. What kind of reception are you planning for Christ?

We are the forerunners of Jesus. We are to tell the world that He is coming and warn the world to get ready for his return.



ESTER JOY RUSHING

To New Mexico

MISS Ester Joy Rushing of Clinton left recently for Albuquerque, N. M., to assume her duties as associate to the missionaries in that city. Her election came through the Home Mission Board.

Miss Rushing graduated with distinction from Mississippi College in 1962. She received the MRE Degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, in May.

Joy is the daughter of Mrs. Willie McCraw Rushing of Clinton and the late Rev. C. J. Rushing. Mr. Rushing, a former pastor in both Texas and Arkansas, served as associational missionary for Jones County nine years, prior to his retirement in 1958.

Nodena dedication

NODENA Church, Wilson dedicated its new building recently with Rev. J. T. Elliff, director, Religious Education Department of the Arkansas State Convention, delivering the dedicatory address.

The former rural church was rebuilt in town, because of loss of membership caused by mechanization.

The concrete block building was constructed at a cost of \$21,500 and is centrally heated and air-conditioned. Room is provided for 175 in the Sunday School. The sanctuary seats 150. Nursery, kitchen, dining and religious education space is provided.

Roy C. Johnson is pastor.

Charles W. Finch

CHARLES W. Finch, 69, former Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanatorium chaplain, died Nov. 2 at Booneville.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Verna Daniel Finch; six brothers, Allen of Conway, John and Oral of Little Rock, Jim of Woodson, L. D. of Lonoke and E. L. of Albuquerque, N. M.; and four sisters, Mrs. Maggie McPherson of Grady, Mrs. Sarah Lou Nelms of Rome, N. Y., Mrs. Cora Lowry of Pine Bluff and Mrs. Ruby Nell Brown of Roland.

Mr. Finch retired in 1960 as chaplain after 12 years with the Department of Missions.



ALLEN H. MEESKS

Meeks to Alaska

ALLEN H. Meeks has resigned as minister of education and youth at Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, to serve as secretary of Religious Education for the Alaska Baptist Convention. He begins his new duties at Anchorage Nov. 15.

Mr. Meeks has also served churches at Pascagoula, Miss., El Dorado and Searcy.

The religious education post in the Alaska Convention was left vacant by the resignation of Roy Moore. The Convention has four full-time employees. Mr. Meeks served for years as educational director of First Baptist Church, Anchorage, before moving to North Little Rock.

Mr. Weeks attended Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, receiving diplomas in Religious Education and Church Music. While in seminary he served at Azle Avenue and First Churches of White Settlement.

Mrs. Meeks is the former Ruth Haygood. The Meeks have four children, the oldest a freshman at the University of Corpus Christi.

Annuity benefits

MESSENGERS attending the Arkansas Baptist Convention in El Dorado were told the Southern Baptist Annuity Board paid out more than \$2,142,000 in benefits to retired or disabled ministers and other denominational employees or their widows during the first eight months of 1964.

Another \$99,235 was given to relief beneficiaries.

T. K. Rucker, annuity secretary for Arkansas, said the Arkansas annuitants received \$62,150 of the total annuity payments.

Rucker also reported that 29 Arkansas ministers joined the Southern Baptist Protection Plan in 1964.

The Annuity Board, located in Dallas, Tex., administers the protection program for more than 25,000 ministers and other church or denominational employees, Rucker said.

North Pulaski elects

DR. B. Franklin Bates, pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, has been elected moderator of North Pulaski Association.

Other officers are: Roy D. Bunch, Levy Church, North Little Rock, vice moderator; A. P. Upchurch, Marshall Road Church, Jacksonville, clerk; W. B. O'Neal, Gravel Ridge Church, historian.

First Church, Mena, dedication



FIRST Church, Mena, dedicated its new church plant Nov. 1, climaxing a year and a half in construction. H. C. Walker Construction Company, Cove, was the contractor. Norris J. Sparks, Little Rock, was the architect.

The building is built on property the church purchased three years ago from the Mena school board. The church now owns a full city block. Total cost of the new plant is \$321,000.

The educational building has 21,000 feet of floor space. It is a two-story brick and hadite block building with concrete floors. This building houses a suite of offices, nursery suite, two Beginner departments, three Primary departments, two Junior departments, one Intermediate department, one single Young People's department, one Married Young People's department, and three Adult departments. It has a fellowship hall that will seat 160 people and an all-electric kitchen. It is heated centrally and air conditioned throughout.

The auditorium of the church will seat 662. It is of simple Gothic Design and is painted off-white and has oak paneling finished in natural color. The carpet is red. The pulpit furniture is of special design and all lighting is rheostatically controlled.

There is a radio control booth where the public address system is controlled as well as the hook-

up for the weekly radio broadcast of the church services. There is a special panel designed for the church so that recorded music may be played into the auditorium and recordings may be made of the church services.

Dillard S. Miller has been pastor of the church for eight and one-half years, longer than any other pastor who has served the Mena congregation.

Prior to occupying the educational facilities of the new church, Rev. Lawson Hatfield and some of the state Sunday School workers conducted an enlargement campaign. Those assisting Mr. Hatfield were Rev. Larry Foster,

pastor of Lifeline Church, Little Rock, who worked with the Intermediate leadership; Mrs. John Danner, Searcy, who assisted the Junior leadership; Miss Pat Roton, Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff the Primary work; Mrs. Edgar Williamson, Little Rock, the Beginner workers. Mrs. J. H. Humphries, Little Rock, the Nursery work and Mrs. A. C. Kolb, Little Rock, the Extension and Cradle Roll workers. Mr. Hatfield directed the Adult and Young People's leadership.

The Sunday School organization of the church was completely graded and set up in their new building on the Sunday following the enlargement campaign. Mr. Hatfield assisted the Sunday School superintendent in the first Sunday in the educational plant. There were 395 in Sunday School attendance.

The church has been in the educational building one month and has had a record average attendance for any single month of 361.

The pastor reports that the campaign led by Mr. Hatfield and his group of helpers was one of the greatest spiritual experiences in the life of the church. The leadership of the church expressed great praise for their program of training.

Featuring dedication services was the dedication address, by Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.—Reporter



By the BAPTIST PRESS

Cooperation in BJA plan

WASHINGTON— A Southern Baptist editor and an American Baptist executive have given personal evaluations of the effectiveness of the Baptist Jubilee Advance within their respective conventions.

Gainer E. Bryan Jr., Baltimore, editor of the *Maryland Baptist*, and W. Hubert Porter, associate general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, Valley Forge, Pa., gave the evaluations at the third Conference on Baptist Unity, meeting at the First Baptist Church here. The conference theme was "Baptists, the Bible, and Unity."

Others invited to address the group were: Dale Moody, professor of biblical theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; Winthrop S. Hudson, professor of church history, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y.; Paul Allen, editor of *Crusader*, Valley Forge, American Baptist Newsmagazine; and John Steely, associate professor of historical theology, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Bryan, from a limited survey of Southern Baptist editors, said most of the editors felt Southern Baptists cooperated with other Baptists in the jubilee advance. However, he said the editors seemed to believe this cooperation was primarily among the leadership and that the program did not reach the "grass roots."

The Baptist Jubilee Advance was a six-year cooperative program of advance between seven Baptist bodies, climaxing with a joint celebration at Atlantic City in May 1964 commemorating 150 years of nationally organized Baptist work in America.

After pointing out several specific aspects of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, both positive and negative, Bryan said he felt it had helped Southern Baptists "toward more cooperative en-

deavor with other Baptists." He cited the proposed North American Baptist Fellowship as "the realistic and the ideologically sound approach."

"I do not believe that the idea of organic union will get to first base, and I fear that continued advocacy of it might be a stumbling block to approval of the more limited continental fellowship," he stated.

Hubert Porter described American Baptist reactions as ranging from alarm, hostility and misunderstanding, to appreciation and support. However, he considered it one of the most "significant programs" the American Baptist Convention has undertaken.

While citing some shortcomings, Porter presented the jubilee advance as being a successful program on the whole. He said he believed "enduring results will accrue from the fact that the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphases have invested evangelism with firmer substance and deeper meaning."

Adult Education

THE Bureau of Studies in Adult Education announces its schedule of Institutes in Adult Education at Indiana University. The institute training is offered for persons concerned with applying psychological principles and educational procedures to problems of learning in religious institutions.

The institutes provide training in leadership and group participation, together with a tested procedure for planning and improving adult educational work. Dates for forthcoming institutes in 1965: Jan. 31 - Feb. 5; April 25-30; June 6-11; Aug. 15-26.

Interested persons should write to Coordinator, Institutes In Adult Education, Bureau of Studies in Adult Education, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

MADRAS, Ore. — The Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington has, for the first time, elected the pastor of a church in Canada as president of the convention. The new president is Jack W. McKay. He is pastor of Westwood Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

The Oregon-Washington convention has cooperating churches in the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia as well as in the two states of the United States.

The convention adopted a Cooperative Program 1965 goal of \$211,200. It voted to forward 19 per cent of these receipts from churches to the Southern Baptist Convention. During 1964, the SBC share of Cooperative Program receipts is 18 per cent.

The convention's total budget, including money from other sources, is \$318,624 for next year.

The Southern Baptist Convention was issued another invitation to meet in the Pacific northwest—either at Portland or at Seattle, Wash. The latest invitation is for the 1970 session. An effort earlier to secure the 1968 Convention was unsuccessful.

Subject to approval by the Evergreen Baptist Association of churches, which covers the Seattle area, the Oregon-Washington convention voted to buy a building for a Baptist student center next to the University of Washington campus in Seattle.

The convention has an option to buy a former fraternity house for \$100,000 and will use its Bible center fund to pay for it. A chair of Bible program is expected to be part of the Baptist Student center operation.

Permission was granted the Northwest Baptist Foundation, an agency of the two-state convention, to campaign next year for \$100,000 to build up its assets. If the \$100,000 is raised, assets will increase to \$270,000.

The 1965 convention will meet in Spokane, Wash. The Oregon-Washington convention has 185 cooperating churches. Total membership of these churches and their 40 missions is 27,000.

Facts of interest

Spiritual growth

LAST week we talked about sponsorship and baptizing during the revival. This week I shall discuss the pastor's letter, the pastor's class and assignment to organizations.

III. THE PASTOR'S LETTER.

1. The pastor should congratulate the new member for being a member of the greatest institution on earth next to the home. 2. Remind him that he can be a nominal member or an above average one. 3. Include a schedule of the services of the church, the church covenant, a pledge card, or tither's card or both and a tract on tithing. A package of church envelopes should be given. 4. My desire as pastor is to be of service to you. 5. The sponsor should take a baptismal certificate to the new member signed by the pastor. 6. Follow the "Deacon-Led Spiritual - Growth Program." Get pamphlet from state Training Union Department on this.

IV. PASTOR'S CLASS.

1. Teach *Your Life and Your Church*, by Dr. James Sullivan. 2. Teach the church covenant. 3. Instruct the new members in baptism, The Lord's Supper, the budget — how it is worked up, adopted and subscribed, tithing etc. 4. Enroll them in the proper Unions in Training Union. This teaching period will cover five or six Sunday nights of training and is one of the most important things a pastor can do. Count them in total attendance in Training Union.

V. ASSIGN TO ORGANIZATIONS AS PROSPECTS.

1. Those not already enrolled in Sunday School. 2. Those not already enrolled in Training Union. 3. WMU, R.A.'s, G.A.'s Sunbeams or Brotherhood. 4. Choir. 5. Acts 18:26 says "Priscilla and Aquilla heard Apollos" and "took him unto them and expounded unto him the way of God accurately." Apollos did not seem to be grounded in the faith. One of the most important

... A PORTABLE device in mobile clinics is enabling people in Cleveland, Ohio, to find out in eight minutes whether or not they have diabetes. The invention compares a blood sample to a solution of known concentration, then measures the resulting blood-sugar index. Jack R. Leonards, of the School of Medicine, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, developed the apparatus.

... The total veteran population of the United States was 22,012,000 on June 30, 1964, the end of the last fiscal year. It dropped from 22,166,000 on June 30, 1963. The Veteran Administration had 18,000 Spanish-American War veterans on its roll at that time. Their average age was 86.1 years. The 2.2 million World War I veterans averaged 70 years in age, while the more than 15 million World War II veterans averaged 45 years in age. The 4,574,000 Korean veterans who had no service in World War II averaged 32.9 years.

... More than 12 million persons in the United States have arthritis and related rheumatic diseases, according to a report by the National Health Education Committee in New York City. Second only to heart diseases among the widespread chronic illnesses in the United States, arthritis and rheumatic disorders claim about 250,000 new victims each year. Rheumatic disease alone is the nation's number one crippler.—Survey Bulletin

things a pastor can do is to take some time with the new convert instructing him in the faith.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

Revivals

COCKLEBUR Church, Ward; Robert L. Campbell, pastor, evangelist; Ronnie Madison, North Little Rock, singer; 9 by profession; 1 by letter.

SECOND Church, Clarksville, Paul E. Wilhelm, missionary, evangelist; 3 by letter; 1 by baptism; James N. Swafford, pastor.

STANFILL Church, Jacksonville, Oct. 18-25; lead by Levy Church Brotherhoods; 3 for baptism; 1 by statement; 1 for special service; 52 rededications; Elmer Madison, pastor.

BAPTIST Tabernacle, Little Rock, Oct. 2-Nov. 1; Ed Walker, Levy, evangelist; Tabernacle Brotherhood, song directors; 6 for baptism; 2 others by profession of faith; 1 by letter; 3 for special service; Don Hook, pastor.

FIRST Church, Cabot, Oct. 18-25; J. T. Elliff, Religious Education director, Arkansas State Convention, evangelist; Jim Elliff, song director; 10 professions of faith; 6 by letter; Harold O'Bryan, pastor.

Uncle Deak writes

Dear ed:
Last Sunday wuz sturdship lesson day in Sunday school. I shore do think a lot of thet Sunday School Board there in Nashville fer gettin out those lessons on sturdship. Theres no tellin how much good they do. Everybody in the Junior, Intermediate, Young People and old folks classes studied them lessons. I think it helped the teachers bout as much as it helped the pupils. We had Demonstration Day agin to. Thets the third time we had it this year. Ye no thets where everybody is ast to bring at lest a tithe fer one week. It helps us no how much we could get in if everybody tithed. We got more in this time than any of the other to so i gess it jest keeps workin better each time.

Uncle Deak

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Yeldell: Forward in '65

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age, the willingness to keep on.

Still again—if we are to recover our spiritual, our denominational, vitality—not only do we need a new awareness of sin, a burden for souls, a consciousness of God's nearness but we need the dynamic of the Holy Spirit. It has been said, "The Holy Spirit could withdraw from many of our churches and we would never miss Him." For the truth is that so much of what we are doing in our churches, we are doing in our own strength, in our own energies. Could this not be a part of our problem today? With all of our technical and denominational know how—why do we need God?

With all our better programs, better facilities, larger budgets—the spiritual impact we are making upon our communities and a lost world is ever lessening—ever diminishing.

We need His power! Arkansas Baptists need the dynamic of the Holy Spirit.

If Arkansas Baptists are to move forward, if they are to recapture their zeal and zest, we need

to harness the energy and enthusiasm of our church people. Our churches are literally filled with men and women who are capable, who are able, who have the talents, but all of these are being used for community projects and programs. Yes, many of these are not dedicated, not consecrated, but they are members of our churches and many of them can take these talents and with love and patience be brought to see that their churches need them.

This is not a new thing. We are hearing much in these days about a program to enlist our adults—that too long we have thought only of the so-called professional help of our church, paid workers. Now we are seeking out these men and women who give much of their time to social and civic projects and asking them to do the same for their church.

One other need I believe will help us to move forward in "65." We need a faith, a strong faith, a sustaining faith—and there is only one who can give us this kind of faith—God!

And with these Arkansas Baptists shall move outward and upward for God's glory—and for the building up of His kingdom on earth, even as it is in Heaven!

At El Dorado

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and half to endowment. The college is assured the cooperation and support of Baptists of the state with the understanding that "every effort be put forth to avoid any interference with the local church budgets and the Co-operative Program."

Voting unanimously to suspend the rules that would have required a month's advance notice in the *Arkansas Newsmagazine* of a proposal to build a new Baptist Student Union Center on the campus of Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, the convention authorized the executive board to receive bids and let a contract for this construction.

The Convention adopted the previously published budget of \$2,151,169. Southern Baptist Convention will receive 37 percent of that amount.

Dr. Rheubin L. South, pastor, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, was re-elected president of the Executive Board.

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SBC Shorts

A NEW Baptist mission was officially inaugurated in Quito, Ecuador, on Sept. 26. Started during a city-wide crusade in early September, it averaged, while the crusade was in full swing, about 23 in attendance and witnessed 12 professions of faith.

THE religion editor of the *Dallas Times Herald*, Stewart M. Doss, has been named to receive the annual Texas Baptist Press Award for "outstanding contributions to Christianity through journalism."

A PERSON'S mind, body, and spirit flow together, inseparably, into one human being. One cannot be treated to the exclusion of the other. This was one of the conclusions — a reemphasis in Southern Baptist medical missions—which came out of two consultations on medical missions attended in September and October by Dr. Franklin T. Fowler,

medical consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

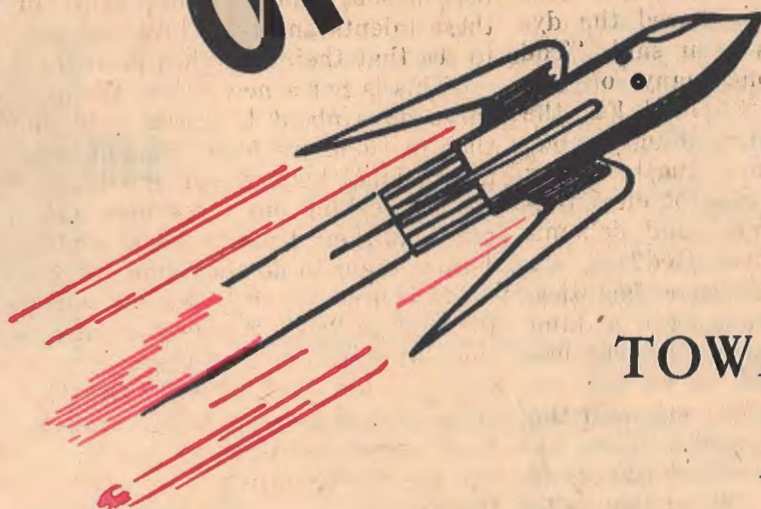
A TOTAL of \$1,959,087 has been pledged in Furman University's Greenville, S. C., area capital gifts campaign, Dr. Francis W. Bonner, vice president and dean, announced at the university's annual fall meeting of the board of trustees. This puts the drive within \$40,000 of its \$2,000,000 goal, Dr. Bonner said. Funds have been earmarked for a student center, already under construction, and for completion of Furman's Science building.

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"DON'T forget to come home early, Daddy," Tina called as her father started to work. "The piano recital is tonight, and I have the most important part."

"Why do you think your part is the most important?" asked Tina's mother.

"Because it's a duet," Tina insisted, skipping about the room. "My part is harder than Jane's. She plays the bass, and her part wouldn't sound like much without mine."

"How would your part sound without hers?" asked Mother.

"Well, not the best," Tina admitted, "but at least I play the melody."

When the time came for the recital Tina was dressed in her new blue dress with the ribbon sash. Daddy drove her over to the school early.

"Mother and I will be here before time for the program to begin," he promised as he let her out.

Although several boys and girls were already there, Tina did not see Jane anywhere. Tina tiptoed down the hall and backstage where she could peek through the heavy curtains. Why, the lights were not on yet in the auditorium. The piano was not even on the stage. It was still in the little room at one side.

Tina found the light switch in the little room and went over to the piano. She sat down and began to play. Her part sounded weak and unfinished without Jane's. Suppose Jane didn't come. . .

Tina heard steps in the hall. Mr. Frazier, the janitor, turned on the lights in the auditorium. He turned on the footlights and the big overhead lights on the stage. Then he came into the little room.

"Well, hello," he said. "I guess it's about time I played my part in this recital."

"I didn't know you could play," Tina said in surprise.

"Well, my part is a little different from yours," Mr. Frazier laughed.

He moved the piano out on the stage and straightened the curtains. Then he went away.

I guess his part is quite important after all, Tina thought.

She saw Mr. Evans, the principal, walking down the hall. He was always at school when anything was happening. She saw some of the high school girls in pretty dresses. They were hurrying to the auditorium to give out programs. Then some of the high school boys, wearing white coats, came in. They were to be ushers and show people to their seats.

"They have important parts, too," Tina realized. "I guess my part isn't so important after all. Even the people who come to hear us are important. We couldn't have a very good recital without an audience."

Just then she saw Jane coming down the hall. Tina hurried to meet her.

"I'm so glad you're here," she told her friend. "I didn't know before how many people are needed to make a recital a success. Everyone's part is important."

The MOST important part

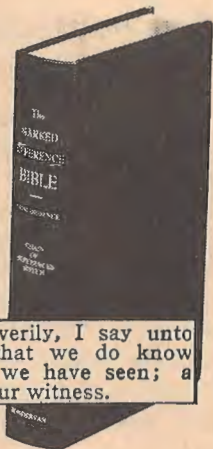
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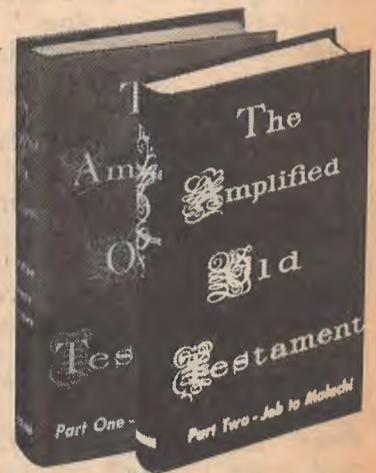


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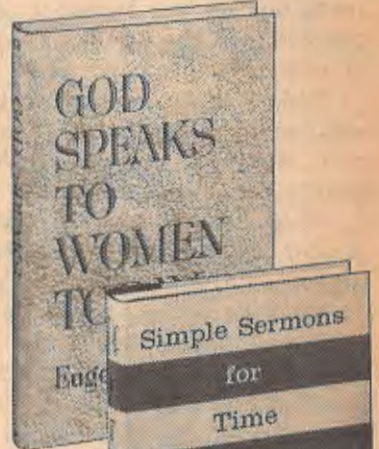
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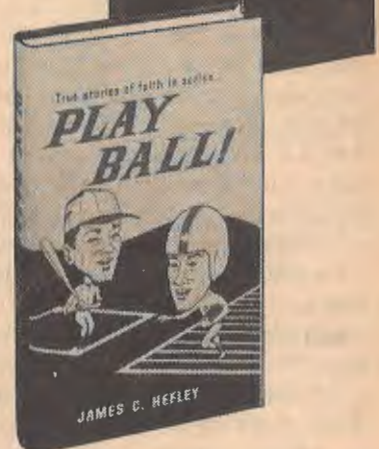
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AN APPROVED WORKMAN (Equipped for service)

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TEXT: II TIMOTHY 2:8-15; 3:14-17
NOVEMBER 15, 1964

THE approved workman needs the personal qualities of the good soldier. The skill may be different, but there must be faithfulness, readiness to take pains, and the concentration which avoids entanglements.



MR. ASKEW

The Gospel of the Risen Christ must be the focal point of all his thought and activity. It alone will keep the workman at his real job and give him the inspiration to endure any troubles it might bring. Paul instanced his own sufferings, exposed to hardship and imprisoned as a criminal. It was all worth while, because through his sufferings the word of God ranged abroad and many were called to eternal salvation.

Paul recalled a verse from a familiar hymn which faithfully expressed the truth. It may have been a baptismal hymn, perhaps sung at Timothy's own baptism. It recalled his complete identification with Christ in His death and resurrection. There must be identification with His sufferings, if there was to be participation in His glorious reign. To deny Him would court His denial on that great day. This coupling together of suffering and triumph in Christ was enough to inspire faithfulness unto death and hope in eternal glory.

All this significance of the Gospel of the risen Christ Timothy must hold in constant remembrance and live upon day by day. He would never be an approved workman, if he failed to do so. Similarly he must remind his hearers of it, and in their case

make a special application. They were being deflected from the truth of the Gospel by wordy battles on alien issues. He must solemnly protest to them and call upon them to stop it. This he must do "in the presence of God" on some special occasion, and not merely in private. The Gospel of the Risen Christ required it.

The matter must have been serious for such a remedy to be demanded. There must have been false teaching which involved schemes and terms unrelated to the reality of the Gospel. One naturally thinks of the Gnostics and their fantastic genealogies tracing orders of being downwards from God to men. They were based on a different view of God and the world, and were answering different questions from those dealt with by the Gospel. They inevitably involved endless arguments about names and concepts which had no basis in reality. The work of the Gospel was edification, but this teaching brought catastrophe.

We may not be troubled by such dangerous teaching, but still the Gospel may be deflected by useless speculations and controversies. How easy it is for the teacher to have a bee in his bonnet, and to argue on his pet theory for the sake of arguing. How simple it is for us to make every challenge into a personal issue, and to contend for our reputation and good sense rather than for the truth of the Gospel. How many reams of paper are wasted on trifling issues, and how much money is thrown away on vain religious theories. The approved workman has to concentrate on the reality of the Gospel.

Timothy, having been told to remember the Gospel, was next exhorted to use diligence in presenting himself to God. Before God he always stood, judged by His standards, not those of men.

He must be unashamed before God. Jonathan Swift wrote: "I never wonder to see men wicked, but I often wonder to see them not ashamed." We may not wonder to see God's servants faulty, but we may wonder to see them not ashamed. They may not have brilliant gifts, but they need not go on striking the wrong notes, making the same mistakes, blundering through the years without increasing their skill. By earnest diligence they could win the Lord's approval: "he has done what he could."

The approved workman rightly handles the word of truth. The Greek for "rightly handling" means "cutting straightly." It could refer to cutting a straight furrow, or dividing something equally, or preparing stones for a building. Probably, several ideas are in mind: straightness of purpose, balanced judgment, and comprehensive vision, all contributing skill in dealing with the Gospel. Otherwise the truth is caricatured by wrong emphases.

Later, Paul turned to the Scriptures on which Timothy's skill was used. Every Scripture is God-inspired. Not every word has the same inspirational value, but it serves God's purpose. God breathed into man, and he became a living soul. Similarly the Scriptures are alive with God's Spirit.

They provide everything needed. There is teaching matter for advocating the truth or for refuting false opinions. Similarly there is practical guidance for correction and renewal of life, and for discipline in right living. Everything is provided, "that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

The workman of God has to proclaim the Gospel. What he needs is conscientious attention to his materials, so that he may win God's approval and be unashamed in His presence.

Church	November 1, 1964 Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Berryville			
Freeman Heights	152	75	
Blytheville, Gosnell	287	86	1
Camden			
Cullendale First	762	196	
First	555	177	
Clinton First	160	44	
Conway, Pickles Gap	75	61	
Crossett			
First	567	165	4
Mt. Olive	212	111	
Dumas First	306	110	
El Dorado			
East Main	342	120	
Trinity	199	115	
Eudora	219	108	
North Side	56	21	
Forreat City First	595	167	
Midway	52	48	
Ft. Smith Grand Ave.	747	357	5
Mission	26		
Greenwood First	239	91	
Gurdon Beech St.	153	78	1
Harrison Eagle Heights	286	101	
Hope First	497	160	2
Hot Springs Park Place	439	166	
Huntsville Calvary	39	24	
Jacksonville			
Berea	119	67	
Chapel Hill	48	31	2
Marshall Road	140	68	
Jonesboro			
Central	514	199	2
Nettleton	253	116	
Lavaca	267	146	
Little Rock			
Forest Highlands	222	119	5
Immanuel	1,247	494	4
Rosedale	318	107	1
McGehee First	480	171	
Chapel	85	39	2
Marked Tree Neiswander	156	68	
Monticello Second	269	155	6
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	707	208	1
Southside	48	27	
Camp Robinson	24	8	
Calvary	489	112	10
Forty-Seventh St.	204	88	
Gravel Ridge	214	111	
Runyan	43	18	
Park Hill	889	245	8
Sylvan Hills First	306	132	1
Pine Bluff Centennial	201	102	
Springdale First	466	204	
Van Buren			
First	461	197	8
Second	75	70	1
Ward Cocklebur	57	41	2
Warren Immanuel	278	114	
Westside	51	30	

Sympathy

"HEY, you, where are you going? Pull over to the curb," said a traffic officer to a timid driver, who, obeying directions from the back seat, had entered the wrong end of a one-way street. Immediately a woman in the rear seat chimed in:

"That's right, officer. He's been speeding all day, and I knew he'd be arrested. It just serves him right!"

"Your wife?" asked the officer with a sympathetic look at the scared driver.

The driver nodded.

"Drive on, brother," said the policeman.

Double harness

A MAN and his wife were engaged in a bitter quarrel. The woman motioned her husband to the window and pointed down the road. Two horses straining on either side of a long, sturdy tongue were drawing a wagon loaded with wood up the hill.

She: "Why can't we pull together like that?"

He: They've only one tongue between them."

Well, I meant . . .

THE president of a small college was visiting the little town that had been his former home and had been asked to address an audience of his former neighbors. In order to assure them that his career had not caused him to put on airs he began his address:

"My dear friends — I won't call you ladies and gentlemen; I know you too well to say that."

Unstressed tresses

COMMENT: Your hair is getting pretty thin on top.

Reply: Well, who wants fat hair?

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1ST Farmer: "If it doesn't rain I'll have to rob a bank."

2nd Farmer: "If it doesn't rain I've already robbed one."

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Weighing in

A PROSPECT for life insurance was filling out the necessary application. Included in the information required was one question calling for the correct weight of the applicant. The man filled it in, "177—with glasses."

The insurance agent was somewhat puzzled by this entry. "Why," he asked, "don't you put down your weight minus the glasses?"

"Because," was the reply, "I can't read the bathroom scale without my glasses."

Time used wisely

WHEN asked if she had any particular qualifications or unusual talents, the job applicant said she had won several prizes in cross-word puzzles and slogan-writing contests.

"Sounds good," said the personnel manager, "but we wanted somebody who will be smart during office hours."

"Oh," assured the applicant, "this was all during office hours."

Specific

AS bright an answer to a foolish question as we've ever heard was delivered by a local lady on a printed questionnaire her new doctor asked her to fill out.

The question was, "Do you have trouble making decisions?" and the answer was, "Yes and no."

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Religious News Digest

By Evangelical Press

REALISTIC assessment of the status of mission institutions is a necessity in considering ways younger churches can reach self-supporting status, a U. S. missions executive said at the All-Asia Lutheran Conference recently in Ranchi, India. Addressing delegates from Lutheran Churches in 10 countries, Dr. David L. Vikner, East Asia secretary of the Board of World Missions of the Lutheran Church in America, called for "bold and creative" decisions regarding mission institutions.

"The modern mission movement brought with it not only the verbal proclamation of the Gospel," he said, "but the establishment of schools and hospitals." These institutions, largely maintained by the use of outside personnel, he said, have "become a part of the younger Church program, but... they are not an expression of its concern and mission. They cannot be, for they are far beyond the ability of most younger Churches to adequately manage and staff."

A NEW interdenominational theological seminary, sponsored by four Protestant bodies, is scheduled to open in Bareilly, North India, in July, 1965. To be known as the North India Theological College, it will be formed by a union of three seminaries which were formerly located at Indore, Saharanpur and Bareilly.

Representatives of the Baptist Union of North India, the Methodist Church, the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon (Anglican) and the United Church of Northern India. (Presbyterian, American United Church of Christ and the Moravian Brethren) will comprise the Board of governors of the new college.

PRESIDENT Johnson has been asked by a group of Christian and Jewish leaders in New York to appoint a special commission of experts to study the traffic in pornography among American children and recommend a "swift and permanent solution" to the problem. They also called for an investigation by the FBI to find the sources of pornography production and urged that the "facts be made public so that the American people will know who is responsible for this corruption."

PENNSYLVANIA'S State Board of Education will be asked to make a decision on Bible study as a literature course in public schools of the Commonwealth at its December meeting. The action was requested by Federal Judge Frederick V. Follmer, who wants State educational authorities to evaluate the proposed Bible study course of the Cornwall-Lebanon Suburban Joint School District before he makes a judgment on its constitutionality.

THE role of prayer as a Christian "power" in helping to solve domestic and international issues was stressed at the annual meeting of World Gospel Mission, interdenominational evangelistic group, in Canton, O. Delivering a major address, Dr. Roy S. Nicholson of Central (S. C.) College, an elder of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, asserted that prayer is fast becoming a "lost art" among many Christians.

SEVEN Protestant ministers in Buffalo, N. Y. protested a proposal to use part of Prospect Park, Buffalo, for expansion of D'Youville College, a Roman Catholic institution for women. The clergymen contended in a letter that a gift of public property would violate church-state separation and be unconstitutional.

MEMBERSHIP in the World Student Christian Federation has been withdrawn by the Student Association of South Africa because of the federation's position against racial discrimination in the African nation.

THE controversy over the United Church of Canada's new Sunday School curriculum was caused by the right word—"myth"—used in the wrong way in newspaper headlines, according to the Rev. Peter Gordon White, its editor-in-chief. "'Myth' made many an ulcer jump, but actually it means profound spiritual truth conveyed in picturesque form," Dr. White said. The headings that alarmed and alienated conservatives and fundamentalists were along the lines of—"Goliath, Virgin Birth: Myth or Bible Truth?"

FULLER Theological Seminary president, David A. Hubbard, announced with regret that the 10-year trial merger agreement with the Winona Lake School of Theology, Pasadena, Calif., is being dissolved at the request of the Winona Lake Board. He added that continuing fiscal and administrative difficulties make it impossible to carry out what was hoped would be a strategic alliance between these two schools.

RELIGIOUS pavilions at the New York World's Fair, which drew their share of both praise and brickbats during the first season of the exposition, from a statistical standpoint could only be counted as among the most popular features of the event. When gates closed until next April 21 at the 646-area in Flushing Meadow, a total of 27.1 million visitors had been on the grounds. The eight religious pavilions reported they had drawn collectively 22.5 million visitors.

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