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ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

NOTICE

Pastors & Brotherhood Presidents

The Executive Board Meeting and Brotherhood Rally shown for November 15th., on the Associational Calendar has been set back to November 22nd., due to conflict in date with the State Convention.

This is the only activity scheduled for November.

GLEANINGS FROM OUR ASSOCIATIONAL LETTERS:

Baptisms	641
Other additions	1,259
Losses: death, etc.	1,111
Sunday School Enrolment	12,657
Training Union Enrolment	5,157
Bible School Enrolment	5,458
WMU Enrolment	2,207
Brotherhood Enrolment	554
Choir Enrolment	2,091
Grand total membership	13,174
Total receipts—all causes	\$1,178,871
Gifts to Cooperative Program	132,102
Gifts to Associational Missions	24,477
Total—all Mission Gifts	187,605
Total value all church properties	\$6,270,056
Total value of Associational property	\$ 104,903

NOTE:

Every church reported one or more baptism, and also other additions.

Every church reported Sunday Schools and Training Unions.

All but four churches reported Bible Schools.

Seventeen churches reported some form of Brotherhood—

RA work.

Twenty-six churches reported WMU and/or auxiliaries.

And only four churches are pastorless.

Materials for our Annual Minutes are now in hands of the printer and should be received by the December 20th Board Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 18, 1965

September 30, 1965 — Cash Balance		\$5,402.96
September 30-October 18, 1965	History Minutes Offerings	
Amboy Baptist		\$ 207.41
Baring Cross Baptist		217.80
Bayou Meto Baptist		23.32
Berea Baptist		19.00
Bethany Baptist	\$ 5.00	
Cedar Heights Baptist		114.00
First Baptist, Jacksonville		108.90
Forty-Seventh Street Baptist		25.00
Grace Baptist	5.00	24.66
Graves Memorial Baptist	10.00	
Harmony Baptist		5.00
Hill Top Baptist	3.00	6.68
Levy Baptist	10.00	172.26
Oakwood Baptist		67.35
Park Hill Baptist	10.00	75.00
Pike Avenue Baptist	5.00	70.00
Remount Baptist	2.00	
Second Baptist, Jacksonville	3.00	44.52
Sixteenth Street Baptist	4.00	7.80
Stanfil Baptist	5.00	4.00
Sylvan Hills Baptist	10.00	
Zion Hill Baptist	5.00	
Miscellaneous	\$12.55	
	\$12.55	\$77.00
		\$1,192.70

TOTAL COLLECTIONS \$1,282.25

Total Funds Available \$6,685.21

Disbursements:

American National Bank, Lakewood	\$ 600.00
L. R. Baptist student Union	83.37
Home Mission Board, Pastoral Aid in Michigan, Oct.	37.50
Runyan Baptist Chapel, Pastoral Aid, Oct.	37.50
Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, Oct.	17.50
A. W. Upchurch, Asso. Secretary	50.00
A. W. Upchurch, Postage, Clerk	15.00
Twin City Printing & Litho, Stationery & Programs	78.83
Donnell Supply, Supplies, Clerk	8.81
Joseph Van Duyse, Audit	50.00

Total Disbursements 978.51

October 18, 1965, Cash Balance \$5,706.70

Mrs. T. A. Spencer, Treasurer

OTHER NEWS IN THE ASSOCIATION

Levy Church has extended a call to Rev. L. Alfred Sparkman (a native Arkansas) who has accepted, and will begin his work with the Levy church this week.

Rev. A. W. Upchurch, Jr., has resigned as pastor, Marshall Road Church, Jacksonville. He has also served as Associational clerk the past three and one-half years.



Doing your share?

SPANISH Baptists are discovering that person-to-person evangelism is the most effective, reports Editor Gainer E. Bryan Jr., *Maryland Baptist*, in a special article for the Baptist Press. Mr. Bryan's eye-witness account of the Spanish Baptist Evangelistic Crusade is on page 8.

Blind man's buff

"A BLIND man drives this truck."

This was the reassuring (?) line printed neatly across the rear doors of a delivery truck just ahead of me in the down-town Little Rock traffic one afternoon recently.

My first reaction was, "Oh, yeah!" as I took note of the fact that the driver was stopping for the red lights and starting again on the green.

One thing was obvious, the driver was not blind physically, although, I understand, someone with two dollars might conceivably secure an Arkansas driver's license for a blind man.

I suppose this sign was somebody's notion of something funny. Or it may be that the admonition was really, "Be just as careful not to run over me or let me run over you as you would be if you knew for a fact that I was actually blind." That would certainly make sense!

At this stage I took off my reporter's cap and donned my philosopher's beret. Physical blindness is just one way for one to be blind, I mused, chin in hand. As great a handicap as physical blindness is, it may well be that this lacks a lot of being as tragic as, say, intellectual, spiritual, or moral blindness—or a combination of all of these!

I recalled the request of a friend who came to me sometime ago and asked to borrow from me all the materials I had *against* a certain national organization. At first I had thought he was kidding. But he was not. He had tried the organization on the basis of an unfair and unfavorable propaganda crusade against it, had found it guilty, and refused to be swayed by whatever the facts might be. He was set blindly to prepare a paper *against* the organization.

The most of us are blind in many ways. It is easy for us to be blind to the needs of others as we center on Self. "Lord, bless me and my wife, our son John and his wife, us four and no more!"

We are blinded by our prejudices. We really do not like the handicapped—handicapped educationally, economically, socially. A certain Baptist leader (?) vetoed a committee's plans to invite a noted Christian speaker because the man has a deformed face! He thought the speaker's physical ugliness might hurt the program!

Space fails me. But maybe all of us should wear above our taillights!

"A blind man (or woman) drives this vehicle!"

Erwin L. McDonald

IT was with great pride that Arkansas Baptists learned of the election of Hugh Cantrell to the chairmanship of the SBC Brotherhood Commission. The Editor makes comment, page 3. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a picture of the new chairman and other officers.

AMONG the objections to Senator Dirksen's suggestion for Sunday elections was: "Don't you know Sunday is a shopping day?" This is only one item in the interesting new feature, "On the Moral Scene," prepared by the Christian Life Commission and found today on page 13.

POOR vision cannot always be corrected with glasses, says Dr. Robert J. Hastings. Sometimes the problem is deeper. And—how's your eye-sight, he asks. "Perspective" today is on page 10.

ARE you dreading the day your husband retires? Or do you complain because he's never around the house? Ladies falling in both categories have been writing this week to Harriet Hall. She applies her "Feminine Philosophy—or Intuition," page 5, to the contrasting situations.

COVER story, page 11.

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Arkansas leadership

THE election of Hugh Cantrell to the chairmanship of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was announced last week by the Baptist Press. Mr. Cantrell, pastor for more than 20 years of First Church, Stephens, is now a member of the staff of Ouachita University, where he began his duties this fall as director of the in-service ministry for ministerial students. Our readers will recall that Brother Cantrell was our "cover boy" for our issue of last July 15.

Needless to say, this is not only a great honor for Hugh Cantrell, but for Arkansas and Baptists of Arkansas in particular. This gives Arkansas men the top positions with two of our Southern Baptist Convention boards, Dr. Andrew Hall, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, having been chosen a few months ago to head the board of the Radio and Television Commission.

Church libraries

Establishing and maintaining a good library and encouraging the people to use it is one of the finest things a church can do, in its educational ministry. It is encouraging to note that more and more of our Arkansas Baptist Convention churches have libraries. Latest reports from the Sunday School Board's Library Department, Nashville, indicate five new libraries established by Arkansas churches during the month of September.

Look at London

ONE of the state's smallest churches—London, in Dardanelle-Russellville Association—has set a missions giving example that should be an inspiration for churches of all sizes.

Before the London Church had heard of the new proposed plan for increasing Arkansas church gifts to the Cooperative Program by 10 percent for 1966, it voted to increase its gifts to the Cooperative Program for next year by 10 percent of the total budget this year. Since the total church budget this year was \$2,000, this means an additional \$200 next year to be added to the regular contribution of the church through the Cooperative Program.

The church had already voted to double its gifts through the Cooperative Program before this special effort was approved.

It is noteworthy that while the need of one of our institutions—Ouachita—sparked the London action, the extra giving is not a designation for Ouachita but will be given to the Cooperative Program. Thus it will not only help to strengthen and sustain our university, but our total mission program. The needs of Ouachita and of all other phases of our mission program are continuing needs. The best way yet designed to support and sustain our total program, including Ouachita, is through steady

and stepped-up gifts through the Cooperative Program.

Since the London Church had recently gone on record as opposing the acceptance of federal funds for Ouachita, it would seem the church is "putting its money where its mouth is" in the action it has taken.

We doff our editorial hat to Pastor T. F. Cooper and the London Church. May their tribe increase rapidly!

Baptists and UN

WHY were Baptists not represented in larger number among the 240 persons who attended the United Nations Day observance here last week? a fellow Baptist asked this editor. Despite the fact that a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Brooks Hays, was the speaker for the occasion, Baptists were all too conspicuous by their absence.

If Southern Baptists average with Americans as a whole, they are at least four to one in favor of the UN as a world peace organization. But among the minority of those who are lukewarm or actually unfriendly toward the UN are some who are quite vocal in their opposition.

This is not to imply that the UN or any other institution should be accepted uncritically. But if we are going to be critical, we should be fair. Surely it is not fair, for example, to criticize the UN on the basis of any alleged shortcoming in the field of religion. It is not any more a religious organization than is the state or the federal government, or the police department. Some make much of the fact that the UN is made up not only of Christians but also of atheists, Muslims, etc., and that its sessions "do not open with prayer." But the sessions of the General Assembly of UN do open with prayer, silent prayer, with each one present being invited to pray according to his own faith. And the UN stands unequivocally for religious freedom for all people in all nations.

The great, over-riding purposes of the United Nations—world peace, human rights, and the general welfare of people everywhere—certainly do not take the place of the purpose of Christians to win the world to Christ. But the UN is in harmony with, not in conflict with, the teachings of Christ as found in the scriptures. The only alternative to having the UN, or something else like it, is, as Mr. Hays has pointed out, "passing up the conference table to start dropping bombs on one another."

The Southern Baptist Convention has seen fit to accept the privilege of having an unofficial observer to the UN through its Christian Life Commission. We believe Baptists can well afford to take an active interest in world affairs and to pray for and support such constructive international movement for peace as found in the UN. Membership in the United Nations Association of the USA, which has a state division in Arkansas, affords individuals an opportunity to keep informed on the UN and to have at least a small part in helping it achieve its goals.

the people SPEAK

Amazing Grace, by Robert Drake, Chilton, 1965, \$3.95

This is a selection of stories based on the experiences of the author as he grew up in a small southern town—Ripley, Tenn. With gentleness and quiet humor he evokes a past time and captures the essence and charm of a forgotten way of life. His nostalgia is genuine, his affection is extreme, as he grows in wisdom and learns of life. Although the chapters can be read separately as complete entities, they tie together to make a sort of autobiographical novel.

The Twenty-third Psalm, a meditation by Ronald R. Meredith, Abingdon Press, 1965, \$1.50

"Does God care about me? When my baby dies does he care? Does he know and understand me when life strikes me hard and leaves me wounded beside the trail?" These are some of the questions dealt with in this meditation.

1966 Higley Sunday School Lesson Commentary, Lambert Huffman Publishers, 1965, \$3.25

One of the most attractive of Sunday School lesson commentaries, this book includes detailed maps of the Bible lands in color. This book features a verse by verse commentary and lesson plans for the teacher.

The Douglass Sunday School Lessons, 1966, Macmillan, 1965, \$3.25

This book consists of detailed lesson commentaries on the international Sunday School lessons for 1966. Each lesson has a detailed lesson plan for use by the teacher. There are also helpful suggestions on the use of audio-visual materials.

The Romance of Bible Scripts and Scholars, by John H. P. Reumann, Prentice Hall, 1965, \$5.95

The author, a noted theologian, tells here the fascinating story of how the Bible has been translated into more than 1,200 different languages and dialects from ancient Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek manuscripts. To be found here are little-known human interest stories of distinguished Bible translators and their efforts to convey faithfully an ancient message into meaningful terms for our day.

Depth Perspectives in Pastoral Work, by Thomas W. Klink, Prentice Hall, 1965, \$2.95

This book explores the private dramas of depth experience in the meaning of everyday pastoral care. It is designed to provide for the minister a unified approach to the practice of the ministry, an orderly relation to preaching and counseling, teaching and visiting, evangelizing, and administering. It also shows how all of this can be done

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.

Our Baptist support

MAY I suggest that Ouachita University must be supported by us Baptists?

There should be little if any doubt as to whether we are able, financially. We are people of average means, are we not?

Would any thinking person expect "Federal aid" to consist of any funds other than money taken from the tax-paying citizens of Arkansas? Do we expect, by some magical formula, to have other people taxed for our schools? If so we hardly deserve to exist as a denomination.

The myth of "federal aid" seems to rule in the minds of many. Do they really expect something to be added to our tax dollars sent to Washington? By whom? For whom?

When I was a child I thought as a child now I do not expect something for nothing. The chance that control by government will not follow financing by government, is as remote as world peace.

Let us support Ouachita from our income while we have an income, and arrange through the Arkansas Baptist Foundation for its future support.—Jackson Crouch, Beebe, Ark.

without sacrificing the integrity of any one activity.

We're Never Alone, by Eileen Guder, Zondervan, 1965, \$2.95

"One of the most exasperating things about life is its untidiness," declares Mrs. Guder. "Situations seem to dribble off without any satisfactory tying up; people's lives and purposes and emotions become hopelessly intertwined so that nothing seems to be conclusive."

Out of this realistic appraisal of life, Mrs. Guder expresses her convictions, born of experience, that the Christian faith is the solid, unchanging answer for the whole of life, bringing purpose, freedom and joy to living.

The Holy Spirit at Work in the Church, by Lycurgus M. Starkey Jr., Abingdon Press, 1965, \$3

Someone has said that if the Holy Spirit were to leave one of our churches 99 percent of what the church is doing would go on unabated. This book gives

Life of a minister

When starting out, to his home church, he is one who will never make it.

In college, to his Professors and Colleagues, he is a hot-head and a know-it-all.

To his Deacons, he is unstable in his doctrine and full of false beliefs.

To the youth of his church, he is a long-winded loud-mouth.

To the young adults, he has too many gray hairs on his head.

To the senior members, he is too young to know what he is talking about.

To his own children, he is a doctrine-infiltrated party-pooper.

To his humble wife he is the Rock of Gibraltar.

When his worrying over back-sliders and stomach ulcers have finally taken the toll on his life and he fills a martyr's grave will immediately be concerned about his widow who was left with practically nothing but a bunch of dusty old books and sermon outlines. However his mansion is surpassed by nothing on this earth and the old soldier of the Cross now wears a starry crown.—Rev. Duane Flood, Lanton, Mo., Moderator of Big Creek Association, Pastor Enterprise Church, Oxford Church, Saddle Church,

a straightforward challenge to churchmen to re-think the nature and ministries of the church at the local level in terms of the work of the Holy Spirit.

Himalayan Heartbeat, by Ken Anderson, Word Books, 1965, \$3.75

This is the second of the books being published by Word Books—a division of Word Records, Inc. **Himalayan Heartbeat** is the biography of Dr. Geoffrey D. Lehmann and Herbertpur Mission Hospital. It is the true story of a brilliant and wealthy layman whose life has been committed to the stewardship of the good news of the gospel.

In This Land of Eve, by J. Birney Dibble, Abingdon Press, 1965, \$2.95

This is one year's experiences of an American surgeon in East Africa. Dr. Dibble is one of a growing number of Americans who want to do more than just enjoy their own high standard of living and who sympathize with less fortunate people from a distance.

Feminine philosophy -- or intuition

BY HARRIET HALL

Too little . . . or too much ?

THIS week brought two contrasting requests, one by a young mother who wants me to discuss her problem, which simply stated is this: her husband is in graduate school and is gone all day and her chief complaint is, "I don't see him all day long. I feel like a widow."

The same day I was asked by another woman to discuss the problem of retirement. "My problem is a husband who is around the house all day long. I'm just not used to having him there all the time and it's driving me crazy," she confides.

Somehow there ought to be food for thought in the striking contrast of these two women's problems. One sees too little of her husband and the other too much!

To the young woman who feels she is both mother and father to her young children, I would remind her of the importance of attitude. To her I would say, you have two fine young children who are in the formative years of their lives. Your attitude toward them and toward your husband is most important. Build into them the knowledge that their father is busy at very worthwhile studies.

Try not to begrudge these days when he is preparing to be the breadwinner for later years. His study time today is the best shortcut to success for tomorrow. Be proud of him and thankful that he has chosen a worthwhile and honorable profession. Teach the children to look forward to his arrival at night. When possible make their nap-time *your* nap-time so that you will be rested and ready to hear his "shop-talk" without thinking only of your own busy day.

I know this is easier said than done — because I, too, went

Facts of interest

. . . . THERE are an estimated five million mental retardates in the United States, or one out of every 33 citizens. Lifetime care for a severely retarded child, according to the National Education Committee, can amount to \$100,000.

. . . . Fifty cancer patients in Boston have tried out an electronic "pain box" about the size of a package of cigarettes, which relieves the unbearable suffering of spreading cancer with the flick of the switch. It is necessary to implant electrodes at the base of the brain where the thalamus relays sensation. However, investigators are now working on a method to make the pain box work without wires or the surgically implanted electrodes in the center of the thalamus.

. . . . Sweden operates what is claimed to be the only data-operated log sorting works in the world. The new plant has made it possible to reduce the labor force from around 600 workmen in the busy season to about 100. From the storing place in the river, the logs are directed by boat and a current-making, machine-driven propeller through a canal towards the sorting works. Faulty lumber is eliminated, and the lumber is marked according to kind and owner.—The Survey Bulletin

through this when my husband spent six years in graduate study beyond college. Many times my two youngsters and I did not see the man of the house from early morning until late in the afternoon. Often in those years of intensive study it was necessary for him to return to the library again at night.

It was during these years that I started writing my first book, working at night after the children were asleep. This helped me pass away the hours that otherwise might have been lonely.

Now, what about the people who have reached the retirement years? I am sure this presents a very real problem to many. One woman said, "It's just terrible. You don't know how awful it is. It is so sad to feel that you're being put on the shelf. I don't want anyone calling me a 'senior citizen.'"

I remember once when a woman said, "Oh, how I dread to see my husband retire. He'll be under foot everytime I turn around and I can't stand that." A woman who is a widow overheard her and later commented, "But how she'll miss him when he's gone!"

Those whom I have observed who seem the happiest in their retirement years are those who, while slowing down, stay busy. Many who may not be able to *run*, are an inspiration to all as they

walk, with minds alert and an active interest in a wide variety of people, places, and activities.

The apostle Paul spoke of learning to be content wherever we are.

Some years ago *Guideposts* magazine published a poem written by a missionary in Taiwan, which should prove helpful to those in any stage of life who find difficulties, anxieties, or heartaches:

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow,

He sendeth more strength when the labors increase.

To added affliction He addeth His mercies;

To multiplied trials—His multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance;

When our strength has failed ere the day is half done;

When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,

Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limit,
His power no boundary known

unto men,
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus

He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

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Comments, questions, or suggestions may be addressed to: Mrs. Andrew Hall, Mt. Sequoyah Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.

Sense of humor

A SENSE of humor is a great asset to any individual and a necessity to a body of people. We need someone to point out our ridiculous situations, someone to break tensions, to remind us we are human, and to relieve us of dull monotony. This element has saved Baptists again and again from divisions and restored fellowship.

No doubt many of those reading this will remember Dr. Otto Whittington in this role. One of our leaders of another generation and long-time pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Dr. Whittington had the happy faculty of arising at tense moments in meetings and saying, "Brethren, this reminds me of . . ." and he would be off on a good story. He could poke fun at himself, and others, and gradually people would begin to thaw out. They would see the humorous side and mellow in their attitude. He knew too many people took themselves too seriously.

A sense of humor saved a Mr. McMurry of Kentucky from being excluded from his church in another century. The antimissionary spirit was so strong that members were often excluded from churches who dared give to such causes. Mr. McMurry gave a dollar to the missionary enterprise.

Soon the brethren heard of this gift. At the next church meeting charges of disorderly conduct were made against him and he was notified to appear at the following meeting to answer the charges.

When time came for his case he arose and said, "Brother Moderator, I have labored very hard with my own hands to accumulate what little of this world's goods I possess. I thought I had obtained it honestly, and had a right to dispose of it in any way that I deemed fit, so that I did not injure my neighbor by it. But it ap-

pears that I was mistaken. I wish to do right. If the church claims the right to control my property, I cheerfully submit to her superior wisdom. (Taking a bunch of keys from his pocket:) Here is the key to my corn crib, this one will admit you to my meat house, and this third one unlocks my money drawer. Take them, and dispose of my possessions as you think best to the glory of God."

(J. H. Spencer, History of Kentucky Baptists, Vol. 1, p646)

Laying the bunch of keys on the clerk's table he took his seat. The church refused to take possession of his property and his sense of humor saved him from exclusion of membership. But other brethren in other churches of that period did not fare so well. They were excluded for making gifts to missions.

From the churches . . .

El Dorado First

TWO printed books concerning the past and present of the church and its members are available during the days of the 120th anniversary celebration: **First Baptist Church, El Dorado, Arkansas, 1845-65**, a history of the church compiled by the Anniversary Historical Committee, chronicles the record of the church. **The El Dorado Program**, describing in detail the new School of Christian Education, has been written by Dr. Harbuck and Mr. Evans.

El Dorado Caledonia

WALTER Fay was guest speaker at the evening service Oct. 10. Mr. Fay is a deacon at First Church, El Dorado.

Gravel Ridge First

THE foundation for the new \$50,000 auditorium is completed and the necessary plumbing and air conditioning installation in the foundation completed. Walls were going up Oct. 24.

Hicks First

GROUNDBREAKING ceremonies were held Sept. 26 at the site of the new church to be built in the Hicks Community, four miles north of Ashdown. Guest speaker was Dr. Maurice Hurley, professor, Ouachita University. Jack Gilbert is pastor.



PLANNING AHEAD—New officers of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission did some planning for 1966 shortly after their election. They are (from left) Fred Worrill, Atlanta, Ga., vice chairman; Hugh Cantrell, Arkadelphia, chairman; George W. Schroeder, executive secretary-treasurer; and Lucius Marion, Clarksdale, Miss., recording secretary. (Brotherhood Commission Photo)

Impetuous attitudes

By J. I. COSSEY

AN impetuous person is one who acts hastily, rashly, and with sudden feeling. Impetuosity is a driving force that does not always have the proper regard for the feelings of other people. It often seems to have the force of a steam-roller. The person with an impetuous disposition may run riot without having all the facts and often forces his half-baked ideas upon other people.

Very often a church finds itself following along a course of half-baked ideas rather than buck the one who espouses the un-thought-through plan of action. However, the highly impetuous, quick-acting person, if properly guided, may become a telling force for righteousness.

Several years ago an impulsive deacon said to me, "I don't like your plan of work, but you are having good success and I can't afford to oppose you." I thought to myself, this is one time when my success may keep me from having to move. People who are impulsive may not know that their attitude is negative and hurting to the very cause they want to advance.

Who knows? Impetuosity might have been the trouble with the Apostle Peter. Peter moved with force and speed but when properly guided he became the spokesman for the apostolic group. We should pray for that man who has in his nature an explosive force that needs to be guided into the right channels. After all, the greatest leaders are those who have patience and know how to guide the destiny of the high-strung into a mighty

particulars should contact Dr. Logue's office, Baptist Building, 401 West Capitol Ave., Little Rock, telephone FRanklin 6-2391, or Mr. Maloch, at Second Baptist Church, Little Rock.—Photo by Rodney Dungan.

force for good in the church community.

What is to be done with the man who has built into his nature a cyclonic disposition? One thing sure—you cannot make a zephyr out of a tornado by running headlong into it. An impulsive person needs help. He does not need to be accused of being high-tempered and long-tongued, but guidance will bring this power into useful channels. When your zephyr is about to take on the cyclonic energy, don't run another cyclone into it, give it a little time and patience and it will settle down to normal.

Some of the most outstanding soul-winners we have once were outlaws, bad men to be feared. When desperate men are won to Christ, they may become a living force for righteousness. There is no type of Christian service that is as far-reaching as that of winning bad men to Christ and to lives of usefulness.

I am high-tempered, long-tongued, impetuous, impulsive and good-natured. I need your help and counsel. I pray for all of God's men who need to be tamed.

Revival news

ROVER Church, Russellville-Dardanelle Association, Oct. 18-24; Howard Langwell, evangelist; George Duke, singer; 9 by profession of faith; 1 by letter; 17 rededications; Claude Miles, pastor.

BARING Cross Church, North Little Rock; Oct. 17-24; Billy Walker, evangelist; Max Alexander, singer; 6 by letter; 15 by baptism; Alvin K. Pitts, pastor.

FIRST Church, Vandervoort, Oct. 18-24; Theo Cook, evangelist; Earl Hayes, singer; 12 by profession of faith; 1 by statement; 23 rededications; Harold A. Walker, pastor.

FIRST Church, Cullendale, Camden; Walter K. Ayers, staff evangelist, First Church, Little Rock, evangelist; Malcolm Sample, music director; 33 on profession of faith; 5 by letter; 400 students and coaches attended on Student Night; Robert A. Parker, pastor.

CONCORDIA Church, Concordia, Mo., Oct. 13-24; W. T. Byrum, pastor, Dallas Avenue Church, Mena, evangelist; W. Joe Barbour, pastor, song director; 4 by letter; 1 by baptism; 3 rededications.



Youth night Nov. 17

SPONSORS of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's Youth Night, to be held as the concluding session of the 112th Annual State Convention, look to Baptists of Arkansas for help in filling the more than 7,500 seats in Barton Coliseum, where the meeting will be held Wednesday night, Nov. 17, beginning at 7. The sponsors include, left to right, Virginia Woolsey, of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock; Vic Cox, of Second Church, Little Rock; and Dr. Tom Logue, secretary of the Baptist Student Union department. Another member of the committee, not appearing here, is Jim Maloch, youth director of Second Church, Little Rock, who is chairman of local arrangements.

It is hoped that as many of the messengers and visitors to the convention sessions as possible will be present for the Youth Night service, speaker for which will be Howard E. Butt Jr., well known Baptist laymen and businessman from Corpus Christi, Tex.

Special arrangements are being made to bring busloads of young people to the meeting from nine Baptist associations: Pulaski, North Pulaski, Caroline, Faulkner, Centennial, Conway-Perry, Central, Harmony, and Dardanelle-Russellville.

Those interested in further par-

Person-to-person best Spanish evangelism

BY GAINER E. BRYAN JR.
FOR BAPTIST PRESS

MADRID—In a land where non-Catholic Christianity still must operate underground, Spanish Baptists are finding person-to-person evangelism the best New Testament method there is.

Every Christian witnessing to his family, neighbors and other acquaintances—this, plus preaching, was the method being used in the Spanish Baptist Evangelistic Crusade in October. The effort was the first nationwide evangelistic campaign ever held by Baptists.

Tall, distinguished Juan Luis Rodrigo, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, beamed as he described preparations for the crusade in his church. He is president of the Spanish Baptist Union.

He said what is happening in his church is happening in all of the 53 churches, plus missions, of the Union.

"We are now getting ready to make personal contacts with prospects," he said, holding up a thick stack of neatly typed cards. "We have over 40 people going out in pairs to see them, taking these cards and bringing back reports. We had a meeting of all these visitors last Thursday night. They filled up a small auditorium."

Rodrigo, 43, with thick brown hair graying at the temples, was so enthusiastic about what he had to tell that he was almost laughing. He talked through an interpreter, Southern Baptist missionary Charles W. Whitten of Mississippi, in Rodrigo's tiny study in his seventh floor apartment.

"There's a special spirit in my church now I haven't seen in a long time," he said. "They're all bringing people to church." First Baptist Church, Madrid, with 430 members, is the largest Baptist church in the country.

Proselytism is forbidden to non-Catholics in this country where the Catholic Church is established by the state and more than 90 per cent of the people are nominal Catholics. "What we do we do not think of as proselytism," the Spanish Baptist leader said.

"We are not going to bother anybody's faith, but wherever we find people who do not have Christ in their hearts we believe it is our responsibility and our privilege to share Christ with them. There are thousands and thousands of these in Spain.

"Any real faith will give testimony of itself, and this is our witness."

As he talked, Senor Rodrigo displayed a variety of literature and gimmicks prepared for the campaign. He held up the campaign poster being dis-

played throughout Spain.

It features the purple shadow, placed diagonally, of a black cross on a field of color in three layers—yellow at the top, brown in the middle and black at the bottom. Inscribed in Spanish are the words, "Christ says: I am the way."

The poster has been reproduced on letterheads and envelopes available at cost in every church, as well as on seals to stick on the outside of letters.

Senor Rodrigo also displayed a pink and black ball point pen with the words of the poster inscribed in gold, "Jesus dice: Yo soy el camino." He said, "I had 1,500 of these made and the members bought them all in one afternoon to give out to prospects." He said he gave one to a policeman who accepted it enthusiastically.

Of special interest was a printed folder entitled, "Our Evangelistic Possibilities." The folder opened up to a double-page form entitled "My circle of personal influence."

There were blanks to write in names and addresses under the following headings: "My relatives," "My friends," "My work companions," "My neighbors" and "My influence in other towns." Senor Rodrigo said many prospects are being gained from the use of this form.

One layman in First Baptist Church made up all these campaign materials. The materials include a special offering envelope for the campaign. A special offering, taken in all the Baptist churches of Spain the preceding Sunday, had yielded \$200 in his church, "and the envelopes are still coming in." He said seven "promoters" of the campaign are at work in his church.

There is a national organization for the crusade consisting of four general officers, eight "promoters," a coordinator for legal matters and one man for liaison with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Rallies or "conferences" will be held, but not in the form of mass meetings. Renting of public halls is forbidden to Baptists. The members of Baptist churches near each other will simply come together in one place.

"We cannot use radio, television and newspaper," Senor Rodrigo said. "None of these is open to us. One thing they can't do—they can't keep people from talking to each other. This is the thing we take advantage of. It is the best New Testament method there is."

Youth Night speaker



HOWARD BUTT

THE second Youth Night in connection with the annual Arkansas State Convention will be held Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. in Barton Coliseum, Little Rock. Howard Butt, Texas grocery executive, will be the principal speaker.

A 1,000 voice choir will be under the direction of Hoyt Mulkey, State Music Director.

Mr. Butt is vice-president of H. E. Butt Grocery Company, which owns and operates supermarkets in 42 Texas cities. He is president of Christian Men, Inc., and president of the Foundation of Laity Lodge, the Christian retreat center for adults. Mr. Butt is a member of the Board of Trustees at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a member of the Board of Directors of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Two hundred Little Rock and North Little Rock high school students are involved in committee work in preparation for the mass youth rally. The co-chairmen are Nancy Archer of Immanuel Church and Vic Cox of Second Church, Little Rock.

C. H. (BUD) Moore has been called as interim pastor of Hatfield Church, Ouachita Association.

The springs of compassion . . .

THE offering at Thanksgiving for the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children is a part of the financial plan of the Convention. Less than half of the budget for the Home is provided through the Cooperative Program. But even more important than policy is the fact of need on the part of many children of our state. Many unfortunate boys and girls in our state must look to an institution like the home for both physical and spiritual needs.

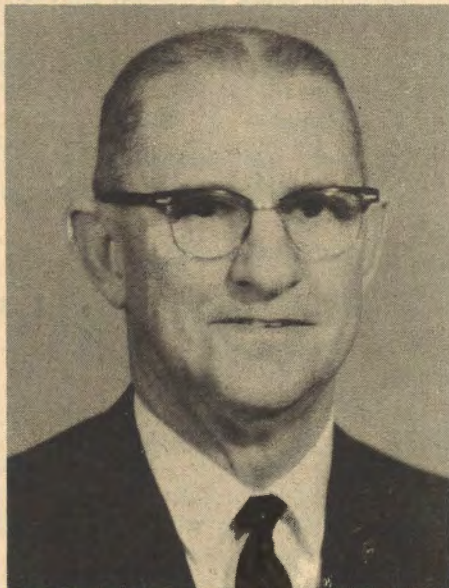
The springs of compassion in the heart of our Master seemed to be even more responsive to the needs in the lives of children. I am grateful that Arkansas Baptists feel something of this compassion for our children in the Home and many of our churches are glad to give over and above at Thanksgiving to provide more adequately for these children.

Surely every church will want to have a worthy part in this ministry this Thanksgiving. Brother pastor, give your people an opportunity to share in this worthwhile cause and they will respond with joy.—Dr. S. A. Whitlow

Grace constituted

GRACE Church, Calvary Association was constituted Oct. 10.

The church for 10 years was a mission of First Church, Augusta. A council of pastors and deacons from the associational churches approved the organization.



BOYD Baker, chaplain, State Sanatorium, Booneville, has announced his intention to retire Dec. 31. He will have completed five years as an employee of the Department of Missions. In his work he has maintained regular services of Bible study, worship, and day-by-day visitation and bedside ministry.

Southern alumni meeting

DR. Nolan P. Howington, professor of Christian Ethics at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., will be the speaker for the luncheon meeting of Southern Seminary alumni during the state convention.



The meeting is planned for noon on Nov. 17 at the Lido Cafeteria, Little Rock.

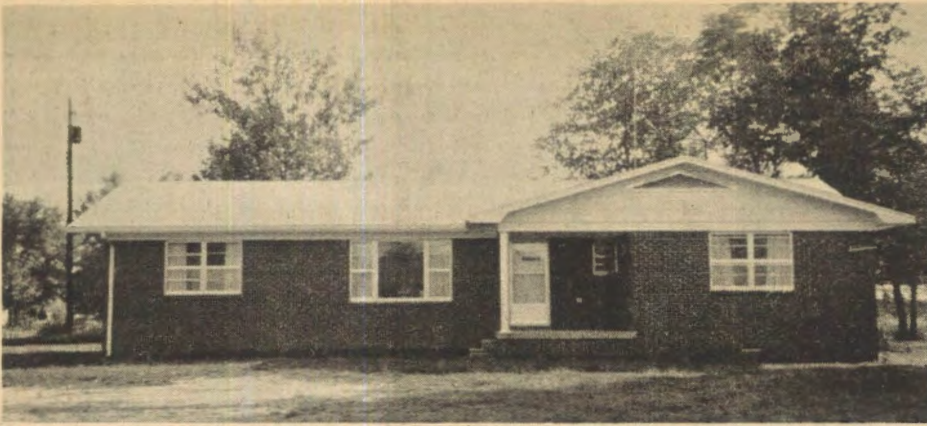
President of the Arkansas alumni of Southern Seminary is J. Benton Wofford, a 1934 graduate of the 107-year-old institution. Mr. Wofford is pastor of the Clinton Church.

All Arkansas Southern Seminary alumni are urged to attend.

Washington-Madison

GENE Palmer is the new pastor at Berry Street, Springdale. He came to Arkansas from a pastorate in Oklahoma City.

RAY Hart has accepted the pastorate of Providence Church, Fayetteville. Mr. Hart was in evangelistic work earlier this year. His last pastorate was at Wichita, Kans.



NEW PASTORIUM—Cherry Valley Church observed open house Oct. 17 for its new three bedroom pastorium. It is an all-electric home with air-conditioner and pump. The building committee was composed of T. Bailey, chairman, Leon Foust, Ernest Hudspeth, Robert Mann and J. M. Reddmann. John R. Collier is pastor.

Indian Hills mission

PARK Hill Church, North Little Rock, has accepted the responsibility of developing a mission at Indian Hills. The North Pulaski Association purchased four acres on the west side of Highway 5 three years ago and early this year made full payment on the property.

The association has purchased the Runyan mission site, which is now active and sponsored by First Church, Gravel Ridge. The association also has a mission site in Lakewood and has paid a large part of its cost.

DR. C. W. CALDWELL, superintendent of Missions, Arkansas State Convention, is serving as interim pastor for South McGehee Chapel.

Meets at Casa

CONWAY-PERRY Association held its annual meeting Oct. 21-22 at Casa and elected Loy Garner, First Church, Perryville, moderator. Ronald Raines, Bigelow Church, was named vice moderator.

The missionary message was brought by Ray J. Cowart, and the annual sermon delivered by Mr. Garner.

Theme for the year was taken from Philippians 3:14: "Pressing toward the mark for missions." Luncheon was served by the host church.

Cary group meets

CAREY Association, meeting Oct. 12 at First Church, Bearden, went on record with the stand "that God's plan of supporting His institutions through stewardship of tithes and offerings is better than taking federal aid."

Elected were: Homer Haltom, Perry Blount, vice moderator; A. P. Elliff, clerk-treasurer.

Sermons were delivered by Cecil Launius, Ouachita Church; Mr. Blount, First Church, Sparkman; and Hayward L. Adams, missionary to Nigeria.

The next annual meeting will be held at New Hope Church in October, 1966.

WILFRED Jenkins has accepted the pastorate of Rudd Mission, Carroll County Association.

H. L. LIPFORD, former pastor of Brinkley First Church, has been called as interim pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff.

New Arkansas Baptist subscribers

Church	Pastor	Association
One month free trial received:		
Arabella Heights, Texarkana	Bob Alexander	Hope
One month free trial received:		
Felsenthal	Dale Shirey	Liberty

PERSPECTIVE

by
Robert J. Hastings

How's your eyesight?

ABOUT a year ago an electric eye that can see in four directions was developed for use at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala. It is being used for tracking stars and laser images.

Although some schoolboys think their teachers have eyes in the back of their heads, most of us must settle for eyes that focus in one direction at a time. But for those who are alert and sensitive to life around them, there is plenty to see, one direction at a time.

We can see opportunities, where others see only gloom and defeat. We can see beauty, while others are preoccupied only with the ugly, the sordid, the repulsive. We can see needs, and discover ways to meet those needs out of our abundance. We can see truth, perceiving lies and half-truths and distortions for what they are. We can see ourselves—our potential as well as our limitations, our strong points as well as our weaknesses. We can see some good in the worst of others, while some are content to watch for the worst even in the best of men.

On one occasion, Jesus asked his listeners, "Having eyes, see ye not?" (Mark 8:18). He evidently felt they were blinded by prejudice and narrowness. Which means that poor vision can not always be corrected with glasses. Sometimes the problem is deeper—a problem of attitude, of motive, of intent.

By the way, how is your eyesight today?

Wednesday session short at Convention

MESSENGERS to Arkansas State Convention, Nov. 15-17, at First Church, Little Rock, will be free Wednesday afternoon following the address of Dr. R. G. Lee, retired pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, and former SBC president.

Originally scheduled for 3:30 that afternoon, the Federal aid to education discussion has been cancelled, following Ouachita University's resolution asking that the Convention not consider the question at this time.

A change in the original program brings Carl Bunch, Mt. Zion Association missionary, as the speaker on civic morality Tuesday morning.

STEVE Martin, a student at Southern Baptist College, has been licensed to preach by First Church, Stuttgart.



LLOYD ALFRED SPARKMAN

Sparkman to Levy

LLOYD Alfred Sparkman, pastor, Shively Church, Louisville, Ky., has accepted the call of Levy Church, North Little Rock, and will be on the field Nov. 7.

A native of Smackover, he is the son of Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, First Church, Kosciusko, Miss., and Mrs. Sparkman.

He is a graduate of Ouachita University and Southern Seminary. He has had one year of resident graduate work on a Master of Theology Degree at Southern.

Mrs. Sparkman is the former Miss Bobbie Deloris Stephens, Pine Bluff. They have two children, Susan Kay, 8, and Stephen Lloyd, 6.

BETHEL Church, Ouachita Association, has called Dwane Hamby as pastor.

CHERRY Hill Church, Ouachita Association, has called Alton Looney as pastor.

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Training summary

October 1, 1964, through August 25, 1965

AWARDS EARNED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL PRINCIPLES AND METHODS Category 17

	Total Pct.	Total Awards	Pos.
Red River	61	170	12
Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	59	191	9
Faulkner	58	127	21
Harmony	51	315	3
Current River	47	129	19
Bartholomew	38	116	23
Clear Creek	38	145	15
Black River	37	180	10
Calvary	36	87	26
Trinity	35	203	8
North Pulaski	34	261	5
Pulaski	34	570	1
Concord	36	240	6
Washington-Madison	31	154	13
White River	30	69	31
Central	29	211	7
Rocky Bayou	29	36	32
Gainesville	27	86	27
Benton	26	99	25
Liberty	26	489	2
Caroline	25	132	17
Carroll	22	2	39
Independence	22	85	28
Arkansas Valley	20	128	20
Delta	20	150	14
Hope	18	269	4
Ashley	15	172	11
Little River	14	130	18
Mississippi	14	136	16
Tri-County	14	121	22
Boone-Newton	11	23	34
Mt. Zion	8	116	24
Caddo River	7	10	36
Conway-Perry	7	12	35
Dardanelle-Russellville	7	6	38
Greene	7	72	29
Carey	5	26	33
Ouachita	5	72	30
Buckner	3	9	37
Big Creek	---	---	40
Buckville	---	---	41

Centennial	---	---	42
Little Red River	---	---	43
Total	25	5,550	
Total Last Year	29	6,424	

SUMMARY OF BOOK AWARDS ALL CATEGORIES

Category 1-15—Juniors	2,922
Intermediates	2,492
Young People and Adults	17,266
Category 16—Church Administration	37
Category 17—Sunday School	5,550
Category 18—Training Union	1,406
Category 19—Church Music	363
Category 20—W. M. U.	124
Total	30,165
Total Last Year	33,083

THE TOP 70 CHURCHES IN SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING

DIVISION I		
Church Membership 1-99		
Top 25 (403 Churches)		
1. New Hopewell	S-VB-S	24
2. Snowball	S-VB-S	18
3. Trinity, Magnolia	Hope	18
4. Zion	S-VB-S	18
5. Alco	S-VB-S	16
6. Antoine	R. Riv.	13
7. Bethel	Con.	13
8. Swifton	Bl. Riv.	13
9. Evening Shade	S-VB-S	12
10. Botkinsburg	S-VB-S	11
11. Pleasant Valley	S-VB-S	11
12. Brownville	Carln.	11
13. Half Moon	S-VB-S	10
14. Fitts	Bl. Riv.	10
15. Emmanuel	B-N	9
16. Temple	Calv.	9
17. Temple, Waldron	Bknr.	9
18. Altus	Cl. Crk.	8
19. Rupert	S-VB-S	8
20. Emanuel	Fau.	6
21. Hopewell	Wh. Riv.	6
22. New Bethel	Fau.	6
23. Oxford	R. Bay	6
24. Antioch	Barth.	5
25. Old Walnut Ridge	Bl. Riv.	5

DIVISION II		
Church Membership 100-199		
Top 20 (322 Churches)		
1. Calvary	Cur. Riv.	36
2. Bee Branch	Fau.	30
3. Faith	Central	25
4. Hopewell	Cur. Riv.	25
5. Coy	Carln.	24
6. Glendale	Conc.	23
7. Wheatley	Tri.-Co.	23
8. Alicia	Bl. Riv.	22
9. 1st., Grady	Harm.	20
10. Dennison St.	Pul.	19
11. Oak Grove	Harm.	17
12. Sage	R. Bay	16
13. Bowman	Mt. Z.	15
14. Brush Creek	W-M	13
15. 2nd., Fayetteville	W-M	13
16. Greenfield	Trinity	13
17. Northvale	B-N	12
18. Victory	Lib.	10
19. 1st., Coal Hill	Cl. Crk.	9
20. Pickles Gap	Fau.	9
20. 1st., Tupelo	Calv.	9
20. West View	Greene	9

DIVISION III		
Church Membership 200-499		
Top 15 (290 Churches)		
1. Diaz	Bl. Riv.	86
2. Shiloh Mem.	Hope	58
3. Elmdale	W-M	57
4. Parkview	Lib.	49
5. Strong	Lib.	48
6. 1st., Ashdown	L. Riv.	42
7. Joyce City	Lib.	42
8. Beech Street	R. Riv.	41
9. 1st., Stephens	Lib.	38
10. Webb City	Cl. Crk.	38
11. 1st., Marshall	S-VB-S	36
12. 1st., Sherwood	No. Pul.	35
13. 1st., Decatur	Ben.	34
14. Martindale	Pul.	33
15. Fitzgerald Crossing	Tri.-Co.	32

DIVISION IV		
Church Membership 500-up		
Top 10 (159 Churches)		
1. Immanuel	Pul.	129
2. Grand Avenue	Conc.	125
3. 1st., Crossett	Ashley	108
4. Harrisburg	Trin.	87
5. Immanuel	Harm.	85
6. 1st., Hope	Hope	81
7. Levy	No. Pul.	78
8. 1st., Mena	Oua.	72
9. 1st., Piggott	Gnsvl.	68
10. Cullendale, 1st.	Lib.	65

By the BAPTIST PRESS

Dr. Williamson resigns

NASHVILLE—Dr. E. Stanley Williamson, secretary of Broadman Films department, Sunday School Board, has resigned effective Oct. 1 to become executive producer of Ambassador Films, Inc., of Nashville.

Dr. Williamson has been with the board since 1953. He first served in the board's Sunday school department, and in July 1959 he became head of the board's audio-visual aids department.

Ambassador Film produces feature length motion pictures said to be "interesting, clean and with an impact for righteousness." They are released to theaters.

Dr. Williamson is the son of the late Dr. Edgar Williamson and Mrs. Williamson. The elder Williamson headed the Sunday School department of the Arkansas State Convention for many years.

A SERIES of leaflets for adults to use in witnessing to unsaved persons and another series for youth are available from the Sunday School Board's church literature department, Nashville. "Witnessing Leaflets — Adult Series" and "Witnessing Leaflets—Youth Series" may be used in personal visitation and other witnessing activities.

DR. Harold E. Ingraham, director of the Sunday School Board's service division, has been honored by Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Shutt, who have established a \$1,000 student loan fund in his name at New Orleans Seminary.

DR. J. Chester Badgett, pastor of Campbellsville, Ky., Church, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during the board's annual three-day meeting in Richmond, Va., Oct. 11-13.

SOUTHERN Baptist Radio and Television Commission presented special appreciation

Distribution of SBC funds 1966 Cooperative Program receipts

	Operating Budget	Capitol Needs Budget	Total	Per Cent
Foreign Mission Board	\$10,000,000	\$ -0-	\$10,000,000	47.04
Home Mission Board	3,203,000	606,250	3,809,250	17.92
Annuity Board	250,000	-0-	250,000	1.18
Six seminaries	3,633,000	1,438,500	5,071,500	23.85
Radio & Television Commission	900,000	200,000	1,100,000	5.17
American Seminary Commission	88,000	-0-	88,000	.41
Southern Baptist Hospital	35,000	-0-	35,000	.17
Brotherhood Commission Southern Baptist Foundation	205,000	-0-	205,000	.97
Education Commission	60,000	-0-	60,000	.28
Historical Commission	88,000	-0-	88,000	.41
Christian Life Commission	83,000	-0-	83,000	.39
Stewardship Commission	90,000	-0-	90,000	.42
Public Affairs Committee	83,000	-0-	83,000	.39
Convention Operating Budget	98,000	-0-	98,000	.46
	200,000	-0-	200,000	.94
	<u>\$19,016,000</u>	<u>\$2,244,750</u>	<u>\$21,260,750</u>	<u>100.00</u>

All funds above \$21,260,750 are advance funds and shall be divided two-thirds to the Foreign Mission Board and one-third to the Home Mission Board.

awards recently to the two men who served as 1965 summer replacement speakers for Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, the regular Baptist Hour preacher:

Dr. John W. MacGorman, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary, and Rev. Harold P. Reeves, former missionary to Thailand and recently employed by the Commission as a regional representative.

"BEARING Our Witness for Christ," a series of 13 lessons emphasizing the message of the Bible in witnessing, has been prepared by the Sunday School Board's Sunday school department for adults and young people to study

January-March. This series, which is related to the 1965-66 denominational emphasis on proclamation and witness, is an alternate study which may be used instead of the Uniform Series, which is still available.

MRS. Eurabee Preston Odom has been named assistant publications editor in the Sunday School Board's office of denominational relations, where she has been an editorial assistant since 1962. In her new work, Mrs. Odom will assist with the production of the Board's monthly "News Letter," a publication for denominational and church staff personnel.

Departments

Executive Board

Did you know?

THAT only 16 out of 100 Arkansas Baptists claim to be tithers.

That only 13 out of 100 in the Southern Baptist Convention claim to be tithers.

That 1/3 of the Baptist churches do not adopt a budget.

That 1/3 of the tithe of Southern Baptists goes to the church.

That Southern Baptists are close to the bottom of the list in per capita giving.

That Southern Baptists pay enough interest on borrowed money to finance the work of some boards and agencies.

That Southern Baptists need (some think government) money to operate their institutions.

That, even though 84 of their members out of every 100 do not claim to tithe, some churches have never used any Stewardship material, not even the Bible, to help the members to grow in giving.

That some say, "We have plenty of money, what we need is a spiritual ministry."

That the way churches deal with money is a spiritual matter.

That 80 percent of the Baptist church members give 20 percent of the money. (That leaves 20 percent to give the other 80 percent.)

That the Bible says, "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse."

That Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

That every Baptist church, by a little praying and effort on the part of the leaders, could challenge the members to become better stewards.

There is no end to this, so why go on? Let us resolve to change this picture, by the grace and help of God.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary



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moment of your
time to tell
you about
Paron Baptist Camp?**

Things are really happening as more and more of our churches are scheduling retreats throughout the winter months.

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.... BEGINNING next Jan. 1 every pack, box, and carton of cigarettes sold in the United States will carry the following warning: "Caution: cigarette smoking may be hazardous to your health." It is generally conceded that the mildness of this warning is a victory for the tobacco industry. The new law bars additional warnings in cigarette advertising until July 1, 1969. An estimated 4,000 additional people per day become addicted to cigarette smoking.

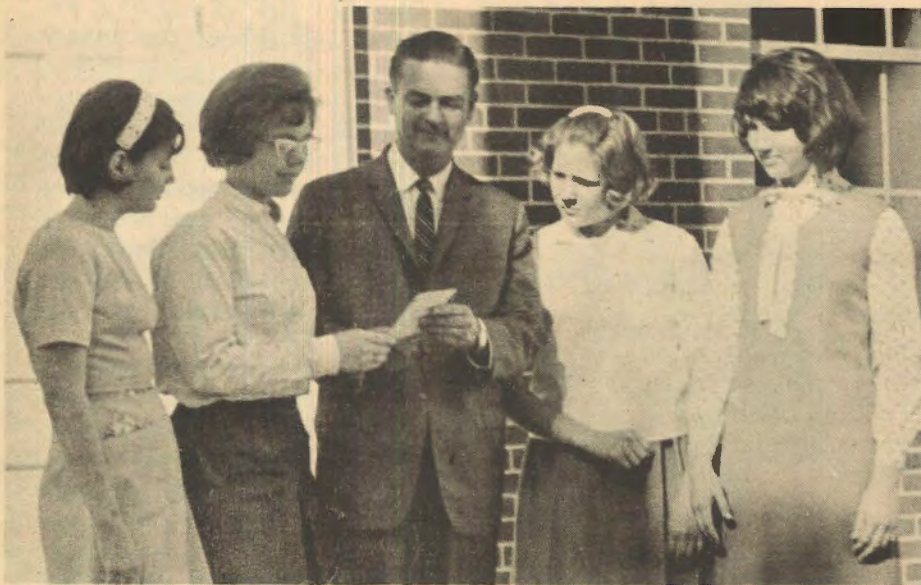
... The Children's Bureau of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare reports that 40 percent of all babies born out of wedlock are born to mothers 19 years or younger.

.... According to the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, six youths belonging to a burglary ring were recently arrested for burglaries which had been occurring over a period of several months. Fifteen unsolved burglaries were cleared up by their admissions, and the youths also admitted shoplifting on numerous occasions. Ages of the offenders: 13, 11, two aged 9, and 7.

.... The American Civil Liberties Union has launched a campaign to abolish capital punishment in the United States, believing that "capital punishment is so inconsistent with the underlying values of the democratic system that the imposition of the death penalty for any crime is a denial of civil liberties."

.... Sen. Everett Dirksen received a massive protest against his suggestion to hold elections on Sunday. Said one letter: "Don't you know Sunday is a shopping day?"

GA's increase Ouachita fund



(Left to right) Mary Ward, Claudia Morgan, Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., Ouachita University president; Robin Davis, and Angelie Wilkie.

AS the result of a summer project of the junior Girls Auxiliary of First Church, Stephens, the Ouachita University endowment fund has been increased by \$61.

The group earned the money by doing odd jobs such as washing cars, mowing yards, and baby-sitting. The Women's Missionary Society at the church also donated money. Angelie Wilkie served as chairman of the 11-12-year-old

group which raised the most money in competition with the 9-10-year-old group.

Claudia Morgan, assistant counselor, had the idea as part of her Queen Regent in Service.

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MAKE your plans now to see that the boys of your church shall attend the annual Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper, which will be held at First Church, Little Rock, on Monday evening, Nov. 15, beginning at 5:15.

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Attend the Convention!

More Arkansas Baptist laymen should attend the annual meeting of the Arkansas State Convention. Not only should the men come to hear, but to be heard. Surely the minds and hearts of our laymen should be exercised to help meet the needs and solve the problems of our Convention.

The 1965 Convention is scheduled to meet at First Church, Little Rock, during the period of Nov. 15-17, with the opening session on Monday night, Nov. 15.

Plan to attend the Convention!
—Nelson Tull

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Diana of Ephesus

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and past president, Southern Baptist Convention

"SO that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth" (Acts 19:27).

A CRISIS had arisen in Ephesus. So successful was Paul's ministry there that the trade in images of Diana had fallen off. These images were made of silver (for the rich) and terra-cotta or marble (for the poor). Worshipers bought these and hung them in the temple of Diana. When room for them was exhausted the silver images were melted down, but the others were thrown away. Hence only terra-cotta and marble images have been recovered. Note that the silversmiths were more concerned for their trade than for the goddess (v. 27a).

Who was this goddess? Actually her name was Artemis, wrongfully translated here as "Diana." Diana was the Roman goddess of the hunt. But Artemis was the goddess of fertility. By one name or another she was worshipped throughout the Middle East. She was an Anatolian deity having

many breasts. Her idol in the Ephesian temple was said to have fallen from heaven, from Zeus. She was called "the Great" (cf. vv. 27-28). An Ephesian inscription calls her "the greatest god."

Her worship was characterized by sex orgies. She was worshipped in "all Asia" (province of Asia) and "all . . . the world" (inhabited earth). Obviously the latter is an exaggeration (or is it?). But temples to her have been found as far west as Spain and Gaul. Pausanias reports that no deity was more widely worshipped than Artemis.

The temple of Artemis was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Its marble blocks were said to be held together by gold rather than by mortar. So it was a rich and powerful religion. But without gold or worldly splendor the gospel of Christ challenged it in its seat of power. History records that Christ won the conflict.

ARKANSAS churches with new libraries established during the month of September are: Mary's Chapel Baptist, Blytheville, Bert Thomas, pastor, and Mrs. Joe Collins, librarian; Southside Baptist, El Dorado, M. H. McManus, pastor, and Mrs. B. E. Savage, librarian; Martindale Baptist, Little Rock, Houston Austin, pastor, and Mrs. Mary Jane Wilchman, librarian; Whitton Baptist, Tyronza, James McDaniel, pastor, and Frank Eldridge, librarian; First Baptist, Yellville, J. Paul Lewis, pastor, and Mrs. Ethyll Dwyer, librarian.

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Are You Having Grading Problems?

By W. L. Howse

Doubtless, you are one of many persons who could answer yes to the question the title raises. Some might say, "This is a perennial headache." A few with a rising inflection might say, "Don't get me stirred up!" Others could reply happily and truthfully, "This is not a problem with us."

Every Sunday School officer and teacher, sooner or later, comes face to face with the problem of grading. When he does, he usually handles the problem according to his church's policy or passes it along to the department or general superintendent for decision and solution. All too often problems of grading become "hot potatoes," which are tossed here and there in the Sunday School organization. Since juggling does not solve the problem, acute crises can result.

Every problem of grading is different; so the responsible person who must face up to the solution of the problem can never be ready with a "pat" answer. When problems arise, there are some facts to keep in mind as solutions are sought.

Several elements make up a grading system. The significant elements of the grading system in Southern Baptist churches are:

- ▶ **Age grading**—grading according to the age of a person at a given dividing line
- ▶ **Ages grouped together**—grouping of various ages together to form classes, departments, groups, etc.
- ▶ **Grading date**—the date used as a dividing line to group persons
- ▶ **Promotion date**—date in year to promote persons from one age group to another
- ▶ **Names of groups**—designations of various age groups

Problems which arise may relate to only one or two of these elements, not to the entire system. The solution to problems of this nature should be isolated and solved, thus saving a church the radical change of its entire system.

The perfect grading system does not exist. The churches of a denomination should evaluate their grading system periodically to see whether it is adequate. But no system will meet the needs

of all Sunday School members. Certain individuals will need assistance in adjusting to the grading system regardless of what the system is. Such persons should be dealt with as persons, and the best possible solutions to their needs should be sought.

However, in meeting the needs of one or more members, other members should not be disadvantaged. When certain persons come in conflict with the grading system, they demand that the system be changed rather than adjusting to it. Before making a hurried decision to change the system or make an exception, it should be recalled that such actions may pose problems for other members who might as strongly favor other solutions to meet their special needs.

It should be repeated here that adjusting only one or two elements of the grading plan may solve the major problems.

Another fact to keep in mind is that most grading problems sooner or later can be traced to adults. One of the major problems in keeping a Sunday School graded is that often adults accept grading in general but do not accept it in particular. That is, they are for a graded Sunday School but reserve the right to make their own exceptions to it.

When one accepts a church's system of grading, he should know that he also has accepted voluntarily moving to the proper class on Promotion Day. Otherwise, the school becomes ungraded within a year.

If adults accept grading and follow it cordially and happily, the Sunday School not only remains graded, but grading begins to achieve its education and administration purposes. Groups of adults so attached to each other that they are not aware of prospects for their classes become little "Dead Seas." This attitude sets the wrong example for the entire school. Adults who observe grading according to age and voluntarily move up to the proper classes and departments on promotion day confirm their belief in a graded Sunday School. Their willingness to grade themselves expresses their interest in personal advancement and their concern for reaching others for Bible study.

Adults are a further source of grading problems. When dissatisfaction with grading arises among children and young people, it is most often parents or teachers who insist that the grading system be changed to eliminate the dissatisfaction. One of the best ways to teach unselfishness is to assist a person in adjusting to the problems that grading poses for him. It is not possible to meet everyone's needs by letting each have his own way. Grading problems can be learning opportunities, and they should be.

Occasionally, a church changes its grading system rather than cope with the problems it faces with its existing system. If a change is made with enthusiasm, the virtues of the new system often are extolled while the previous system is discounted. This leads neighbor churches to feel that their systems are no longer useful and that they too should change.

It should be remembered that no system really succeeds without the support of the officers and teachers of the Sunday School. If the existing system is supported vigorously and there is continuous education as to its values, there probably will be no demand for a change. When Sunday School officers and teachers understand the education and administration purposes of grading and explain them positively, problems of grading can be kept to a minimum. Sunday School workers should instruct their members in the values of grading throughout the year. If they follow this practice, Sunday School members will have information for making the right decisions when problems arise.

The answer to problems of grading is not to change the system or even to change the persons involved to another class or department. The answer is found when teachers know their pupils well enough to make these problems learning opportunities.

Problems of grading are certain to develop; and when they do, they should be no surprise to the general officers, especially the general superintendent. If their work is done well through the year, the general officers will have fewer problems to face, and the ones that come can be solved with less difficulty.

Note: The Sunday School Board periodically evaluates the grading system it recommends to the churches. It welcomes and receives regularly evaluations and suggestions for improving grading. Comments on this article are welcome. Please send them to 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. ◀

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BY VINCENT EDWARDS

BELLHOPS, who scurry about hotels calling for guests, are not nearly as busy as the people who are continually trying to find the meaning of words. Every minute of every day, somebody somewhere goes to the dictionary. To put it figuratively, Mr. Noah Webster is forever being paged.

When the father of the American dictionary died in 1843, he was famous in several fields. Webster was a distinguished Connecticut lawyer. He was known also as an expert gardener and an amateur scientist. Today his reputation as a word compiler has so far overshadowed everything else he did that the name Webster has become a synonym for the dictionary.

Noah Webster was first of all a patriot. He was still in his teens when cannons thundered at Bunker Hill. Webster believed in the Revolutionary cause so strongly that he even felt the American language should have a declaration of independence from that of England.

Of what use were the *u*'s in words like "honour," "labour," and "colour," he wanted to know, or the *k*'s in "critick" and "music"? What did it matter, indeed, that the great Dr. Samuel Johnson had set his approval upon such spelling? The time had come for the new nation to stand upon its own feet even in this field, Webster thought.

When Webster brought out his *American Spelling Book* in 1782, he tried to carry out these very ideas. The book had an instant appeal. Overnight, so it seemed, the 25-year-old Yale scholar acquired an income that would have turned the heads of many young men.

For Noah Webster, with both feet planted firmly on American ground, this money seemed to offer a chance to give his country

BY ANNA M. GASSER



**I've been upon a foreign trip;
I went alone and traveled far.
I didn't go by bus or ship
Or train or plane or in a car.
A more-fun trip I never took.
Know what I did? I read a book.**

something it would prize even more—a dictionary. Until then, the only standard work of this kind was Dr. Johnson's dictionary. It contained many glaring errors and was far from complete. Noah Webster proposed to compile a word book that would define meanings correctly, simplify English spelling, and thoroughly cover the field of terms in general use.

He set to work in 1810. Day after day he toiled at his big circular desk. Wearing clothes of academic black, he made an impressive picture of scholarship as he turned to the grammars and dictionaries of twenty different languages. He was seeking out the exact meaning for each word in its alphabetic succession.

The task was long and painstaking. One year of continuous work showed how great it was to be. Webster thought he would be through in another five years, but he was wrong. Not until 1828, eighteen years after he had started, did his *American Dictionary of the English Language* finally appear.

Never before had there been so fine a dictionary. It contained 70,000 entries, 12,000 more than in Dr. Johnson's standard work. Perhaps the most remarkable quality of the new work was its fairness and impartiality. Webster almost never aired his prejudices in his book.

Although the new dictionary was a triumph of scholarship, it was anything but a success financially. Conservative folk refused to accept its Americanized spellings and pronunciations. Then, too, the price of \$20 seemed too high. Even when a revised edition was brought out for \$15 in 1840, the sets still moved slowly. When Noah Webster died in 1843, his estate seemed loaded with a commercial white elephant.

The story was different when George and Charles Merriam secured the copyright. From their small job-printing plant at Springfield, Massachusetts, they immediately issued a cheap six-dollar edition. Sales rose quickly. They soared so fast that in 1847 the two brothers gladly paid Mr. Webster's heirs \$250,000 for the entire rights of publication.

That dictionary became a gold mine. For more than a century the demand has remained constant. Each new edition runs into hundreds of thousands of copies. Today a staff of more than 200 special editors work tirelessly to keep abreast of the newest words in the language. No wonder the latest edition contains 550,000 entries—122,000 more than are found in any other dictionary. After World War II, such familiar words as "blitzkrieg," "panzer," and "quisling" were promptly listed.

No end of entertainment can be derived from this book. For example, tell us once and for all how "tomato" is pronounced. If that seems too easy, explain the derivation of the word "sarcophagus." You think you know words? Well, then, give the meaning of "goop" and "jabberwocky." Don't tell us you don't know those. There's one way to find out. Let's page Mr. Webster.

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Let us take a long, hard look

THE Arkansas Baptist Home for Children is owned and operated by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. It is our only agency in the state that is charged with the sole responsibility of meeting the needs of dependent and neglected children whose birthright has been denied them. These children (as all children) are endowed by God with basic and fundamental needs. Without exception, the children cared for by the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children have a right to turn to us, the Baptists of Arkansas, when their homes have deteriorated to the point where they can no longer function as a unit able to meet the most elementary and basic needs of the children.

We have every cause to be proud and thankful to God for giving us the opportunity and the resources to operate for Him a substitute home for children when His chosen institution for this purpose fails. Fail they have and fail they will. Every child who has ever been in the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children or will ever be there is a testimony to the failure on the part of his original home. *We must not fail him, nor be a party to a denial of his needs.*

There are many hundreds and even thousands throughout the state who can and do give evidence of the joy and blessings that come through providing this service. Yet, there is almost an equal number of Arkansas Baptists who do not experience this Christian joy because they have not given of themselves and their finances to support the Home.

Last year the Arkansas Baptist State Convention reported 1,184 churches with a Sunday School enrollment of 215,969. Yet the Thanksgiving Offering to the Children's Home last year was only \$77,-

865.27. This represents 36 cents per Sunday School member for the year, not a very impressive nor a very worthy amount.

If we are to increase the efficiency of the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children and make it possible for the Home to meet the demands that we as Arkansas Baptists require of it, we must increase our own efforts. We must increase our own contributions, but we believe even more important, we must give more and more of our people an opportunity to contribute to the Home through this year's Thanksgiving Offering. This not only will increase our per capita contribution, but, as in all of the Lord's work, it will give our people an opportunity to share in the blessings of Christian service.

This will not just automatically happen. Neither will we be successful with just a simple announcement. Our people need to know of the work of the Children's Home and their share of the responsibility for the support of the Home. We can overcome this problem by work and prayer in faith, believing that this work is of the Lord and that He will bless our efforts. We must realize that He will bless only to the degree of our faithfulness.

Someone has asked if, in a world such as ours with all the trouble and crises, plus the world wide problem of population explosion, one more obscure and depraved child really makes that much difference. The positive and sobering answer to the question is, when that child is yours, he *counts* and he *does* make a *difference*.

These are our children and they do count. May the Lord lead all of us in the fulfillment of our responsibility to them. If there was ever a mission in life for us, this is one that we can and must perform.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

Monticello, Arkansas

J. R. Price, superintendent

HANNAH

BY DR. RALPH A. PHELPS JR.*

TEXT: I SAMUEL 1:1-2:11; 2:18, 21; 3:10
NOVEMBER 7, 1965

HANNAH is a good example of a woman whose domestic difficulties were solved by God's intervention after she, in desperation, had cried out for divine help. She is also a worthy example of a person who, in a time of tranquility, kept a vow she had made in a crisis.



DR. PHELPS

The wife of Elkanah, a devout man who worshipped God regularly, Hannah was a woman with problems which appear to have had her on the verge of a nervous collapse.

Frustrated

Since Elkanah had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah, the lot of the central figure in today's lesson would not have been an easy one even if she had not been plagued by a physical disability. Two wives keeping house and vying for the love of one husband constitute the raw material for more problems than can be whomped up on a year of "As the World Turns."

Peninnah bore Elkanah's children, but Hannah was barren despite her heartbroken longing for a child. To make matters worse, Peninnah used to "bug" Hannah because of her childless state. The writer says, "Her rival used to provoke her sorely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb."

This went on from year to year, and when it got her down from time to time Hannah "wept and would not eat." Elkanah understood her feelings and tried to comfort her by saying, "Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to

you than ten sons?" Obviously he was not, for she was deeply distressed and again wept bitterly.

A woman who desperately desires children but cannot have them is pitiable in any society, but the situation was even worse in Jewish circles, since the absence of children was considered a curse from God.

Praying

After celebrating a religious feast at Shiloh, Hannah poured out her grief to God, begging him to take pity on her affliction and asking him to give her a son. If her prayer were granted, she would give the boy to the Lord "all the days of his life," she promised. What's more, the boy would be dedicated to follow the strict Nazarite vow.

When Eli, the old priest, saw Hannah moving her lips but making no sound, he assumed that she was drunk and urged her to sober up. She quickly set him straight, however, assuring him that she had not been drinking and explaining that she was pouring out her soul to the Lord, since she was a woman "sore troubled." Eli replied gently, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition..."

This prayer experience apparently brought Hannah peace of mind, for she went her way, ate, and no longer had a sad look.

Blessed

That her petition had found favor with God was soon obvious. Through the natural process of procreation, she conceived and bore a son. She called his name Samuel for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

The boundless joy which she felt is poignantly revealed in Han-

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nah's prayer-song in I Sam. 2:1-10. This is one of the great pieces of Old Testament poetry.

Faithful

Unlike some who make big promises in "high hours" of religious experience and then promptly forget the vows when life gets back to normal, Hannah kept her promise. As soon as Samuel had been weaned, she took him to the house of the Lord in Shiloh, where she "lent him to the Lord as long as he lives." Nor was hers a grudging, complaining commitment of her son to God's service; she also took a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine as sacrifices. She gave her son—and then some!

In a single verse, I Sam. 2:19, a tender story is told of Hannah's continued devotion to her son after she gave him up. "And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice." How she must have looked forward to her annual visit with Samuel!

Perhaps because Hannah had been faithful to her commitment even though it must have hurt terribly to keep her word, God blessed her and gave her three sons and two daughters. There is no further record of Peninnah's taunting Hannah anymore—probably because she was so busy eating crow!

Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." While Samuel was never recorded as having made such a statement, he certainly got a running start toward being an outstanding prophet, priest, and national leader when God chose Hannah to be his mother. This woman helped to chart the course of Israel.

Attendance Report

October 24, 1965

Sunday Training Ch.

School Union Addns.

Church	School	Union	Addns.
Alzheimer First	135	71	
Belne First	88	49	
Berryville Freeman Heights	143	69	4
Bytheville First	613	181	3
Chapel	58	41	
Gosnell	344	101	4
New Liberty	135	57	
Trinity	203	89	
Mt. Zion	134	94	
Camden			
Cullendale First	451	202	12
First	555	169	
Charleston First	188	52	2
Crossett			
First	562	156	2
Mt. Olive	224	100	3
Dumas First	279	76	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	34	24	
Ebenezer	175	85	1
First	856	601	2
Immanuel	487	185	1
Trinity	245	89	4
Foreman First	157	37	2
Greenwood			
First	315	120	2
Jenny Lind	151	99	2
Gurdon Beech St.	175	72	4
Harrison Eagle Heights	277	86	5
Hope First	443	97	
Huntsville Calvary	34	37	
Jacksonville			
First	490	163	3
Bayou Meto	124	84	1
Jasper	62	63	
Little Rock			
Immanuel	1,260	437	8
Rosedale	288	113	2
Woodlawn	126	43	
McGehee First	414	179	1
Chapel	85	48	2
Magnolia Central	656	249	1
Marked Tree First	172	53	1
Monticello Second	251	138	
Murfreesboro First	165	96	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	587	189	17
Southside	45	29	
Calvary	482	109	
Grace	110	53	
Gravel Ridge First	206	93	
Runyan	101	41	1
Sixteenth Street	37	33	1
Sylvan Hills First	340	125	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	222	104	
Second	230	87	
South Side	705	243	3
Tucker	17	17	
Watson Chapel	220	81	
Siloam Springs First	341	171	5
Springdale First	501	157	
Texarkana Beech St.	521	144	
Community	57		
Van Buren			
First	458	192	2
Second	80	45	1
Ward Cocklebur	63	34	
Warren			
First	401	115	3
Southside	101	104	3
Immanuel	268	98	
Westside	83	37	
West Memphis			
Ingram Blvd.	274	133	1

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A Smile or Two

Telephone talk

"WITH all due reverence, my boy, I really think our English custom at the telephone is better than saying 'Hello' as you do in the United States."

"What do you say in England?"
"We say, 'Are you there?' Then, of course, if you are not there, there is no use in going on with the conversation."

Maid service

LADY of the house: "Be careful when you serve the guests tonight, Marie. Don't spill anything."

Marie: "Don't worry, ma'm, I won't open my mouth."

This is true

STOPPING by the drugstore one morning to have a prescription filled, I found a little stenographer I know leisurely enjoying a Coke. "You're going to be late for work," I warned.

"Uh-huh," she admitted unconcernedly. At my look of surprise, she explained: "If a girl gets to work on time every morning, first thing you know they'll expect it!"

Gallant

HE (at the movies); Can you see all right?

She: Yes.

He: Is there a draft on you?

She: No

He: Is your seat comfortable?

She: Yes.

He: Will you trade seats with me?

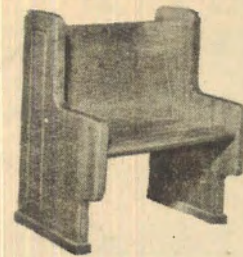
Jack Benny, female version

MRS. No. 1: That's a very lovely coat you're wearing, Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. No. 2: Oh, thank you. My husband gave it to me for my thirty-fifth birthday.

Mrs. No. 1: It certainly wears well, doesn't it?

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Ever Eve

MALE logic: "O. K. I admit I'm wrong. What else can I say?"

Female logic: "Just admit that I'm right."

FATHER: Suppose I should be taken away suddenly, what would become of you, my boy?

Son: I'd stay here. The question is, what would become of you?

Religious News Digest

By Evangelical Press

VATICAN II has so far "failed to offer the theological platform necessary for Christian unity" and hence any talk of a reunification of the Churches is premature, according to one of Italy's leading Protestant leaders. Interviewed at Rome, Pastor Paolo Ricca of the Federal Council of Evangelical Churches said the main achievement of the Council has been to "lay a psychological doctrinal foundation capable of bringing the Catholic Church closer to dialogue and possibly collaboration later on."

IN the view of life offered by a disquieting number of television's situation comedies, deception is the way to get a good grade, improve your job situation, get your way with your family and, in general, outwit the authority figures of this world. This is the conclusion offered by a five-month study of TV programs conducted by Dr. Glenn E. Reddick, chairman of the creative arts division of North Central College, Naperville, Ill. He reported his findings in the *Christian Century* published here.

Dr. Reddick estimated that "25 per cent of the situations presented involve deception as a major or minor part of the plot." As a result, Dr. Reddick fears, "the incautious viewer may very well conclude that deception has no evil consequences or at any rate none that cannot easily be overcome."

ERNEST Stanley Jones, 49-year-old Jehovah's Witnesses missionary, arrived in Hong Kong Oct. 17 after serving seven years in a Red Chinese prison on spy charges. Jones said he was not allowed to read his Bible but

In the world of religion

.... POPE Paul VI, on his historic 14-hour visit to the United States, received a standing ovation before and after his 32-minute United Nations' speech. His emphasis was on disarmament as the primary means to peace. "One cannot love," he said, "while holding offensive arms." Police estimated that from the time of his arrival at Kennedy Airport the morning of October 4, four million persons saw the first Pope to visit the Western Hemisphere. Peace was also the theme of a 50-minute private session between the 68-year-old Pontiff and President Johnson at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. That night, at Yankee Stadium, 90,000 attended as the Pope celebrated Mass.

.... More than 250,000 Korean boys and girls attended Vacation Bible schools sponsored by Seventh-day Adventists this summer. One church enrolled more than 40,000 youngsters. As a follow-up to the programs, the Korean church group has organized a total of 121 branch Sabbath schools where the children can learn about the Bible through special classes.

.... All the resources religion can offer are proving to be valuable teaching tools in the education and training of mentally handicapped children at a unique school beginning its seventh year in New York City. At Maimonides Institute, the only school of its kind under Jewish auspices in the United States, religion is the polarizing force around which the entire school program, both academic and vocational, is built.—The Survey Bulletin

declared the experience "only strengthened my faith in God." Five of the years were spent in solitary confinement.

THE Second Congress of Protestant Churches in Madrid issued a statement expressing pessimism over the development of a "more tolerant" attitude toward non-Catholic Churches in Spain despite the ecumenical movement and the Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Liberty.

Judging from the "nature of statements on religious liberty made by Spanish bishops" at the Council's current session, the Congress said, "it regrets that it cannot foresee the issuance of a corresponding declaration on religious liberty in Spain, such as natural law and human dignity demand and the Vatican's declaration appears to recognize."

A PUBLIC burning of "dirty" literature by a group of Christian Endeavor movement members in Duesseldorf produced several protests from Protestant organizations. About 30 young people gathered on the banks of the Rhine River and made a bonfire of books and magazines they considered offensive.

Those objecting to the book-burning pointed out that not only were pin-up magazines and cheap novels thrown into the flames but such well-known, if controversial

works, as Nabokov's "Lolita," "The Tin Drum" by Guenter Grass and books by Francois Sagan and Albert Camus also were destroyed.

"FREEDOM" and "unity" were cited here at the third All-Africa Lutheran Conference as the key words for African Churches in both religious and secular realms.

Bishop Josiah Kibira of Bukoba, Tanganyika, in the conference keynote address, declared that African Churches have not yet achieved "theological freedom" and would not attain "real freedom of mind" as long as they remain dependent upon Western Churches.

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