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An aerial photograph showing a large flock of sheep being gathered into a narrow, winding path in a field. Several people, likely shepherds, are visible walking alongside the sheep, guiding them. The terrain is dry and hilly, with sparse vegetation. The overall scene is captured in a sepia or aged tone.

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IF MY PEOPLE... PRAY



1963 WEEK of PRAYER for HOME MISSIONS

Annie Armstrong Offering

Goal: \$3,310,000

Former state president dies

REV. Thomas Hurley Jordan, Sr., 72, former president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, died Feb. 9 at his home in the Goodhope community. He was pastor of Antioch Church at Gravel Ridge (Bradley County) at the time of his death.

Mr. Jordan served two terms as president of the convention, after having served several years as vice president and also chairman of the executive board. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College and also served on the boards of the Baptist Hospital and the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children.

He received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Ouachita in 1952. During Mr. Jordan's 54 years in the ministry he served Park Place Church at Hot Springs, Dermott First, Helena First, and Van Buren First. His first pastorate was at Antioch.

Mr. Jordan, a native of Monticello, was educated at Ouachita and Southwestern Seminary.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Idelle McKinney Jordan; two sons, Thomas Hurley Jordan, Jr., of Oklahoma City and Lt. David Nelson Jordan with the Marine Corps at Little Rock; a daughter, Mrs. Catherine Hatton, missionary to Brazil; three brothers, Leslie, Jack and Hunter Jordan, all of Monticello; and a sister, Miss Ethel Jordan of Monticello. (DP)

Morality laws before Assembly

By LEE I. DANCE

(Legislative secretary, Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas)

THE machinery of the Arkansas General Assembly is grinding away and before we realize it the 64th session will have been completed. Much legislation has been enacted already, but that which we are watching carefully is that which pertains to the morality of the people of our state. There is given herewith a resume of several bills that we need to either get passed or have defeated.

Those bills which we need to support are as follows:

HB 49, Galyean of Benton County. This bill would lower the present possession limit of liquor in "dry" territories from one gallon to 1/5 gallon.

HB 116, Murphy of Ashley County. This bill is designed to create a special division of the state police to investigate and prosecute continuing gambling law violations in any area of our state. This is one of the most needed pieces of legislation that has confronted the state legislature in years.

HB 126, Evans of Van Buren County. This would prohibit the advertising of alcoholic beverages by television within the state of Arkansas.

HB 250, Hammons of St. Francis County, provides for blood-testing to determine alcoholic content of vehicle operators apprehended and suspicioned of drunken driving.

HB 303, McKennon of Logan County, prohibits the use of pin-ball machines which may be used for gambling.

The following bills have been introduced which would be detrimental to the welfare of our state:

HB 35, Cottrell of Pulaski County, would prohibit the possession of any alcoholic beverage in any "dry" territory. This bill, if enacted, would force many of the present "dry" territories to become "wet."

HB 216, Nance of Crittenden County, would define the term "intoxicating liquor" to mean any alcoholic beverage containing more than 2.3 percent alcohol by weight.


The enactment of this legislation would permit the sale of 3.2 percent beer in any territory of our state.

HB 254, Nance of Crittenden County, would make it unlawful for any non-resident corporation, associations, or individuals to sell or deliver publications, newspapers, magazines, etc. in Arkansas if such publications refuse to publish any lawful, paid advertisement submitted by any lawful enterprise in Arkansas, providing the publication normally receives paid advertising. This bill would prohibit the distribution of out of state religious and secular publications which do not carry liquor advertising.

HB 310, Howell of Phillips County, provides for the changing of the present local option laws for elections on the sale of alcoholic beverages. This bill is so designed that it would give the "wet" forces the privilege of calling an election in any ward, precinct, township, municipality, or county for the sale of alcoholic beverages. This legislation, if enacted, would in effect provide for the possibility of numerous alcoholic beverage outlets in each of our "dry" counties.

HB 320, Hopson of Desha County, Thompson of Poinsett County, and Schoenfeld of Garland County, would deny to "dry" counties within our state any revenue received from the sale of alcoholic beverages. This legislation, however, does not provide for the "wet" counties having the sole responsibility.

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Invincible incurables

By J. KELLY SIMMONS
Editor, California Southern Baptist

We are invincible incurables.

This may seem a paradoxical statement but please hang on until we can tell our story.

Several years ago my wife became a victim of multiple sclerosis. They said to her, "There is no known cure. It will not kill you but will cripple you."

Since that day I have watched her fight to stay on her feet and remain active. There came the day of the cut chin, then abrasions of the face, a broken leg, a cut over the eye and innumerable bruises—all from falls. Each time I witnessed this intrepid soul as she waited for healing, and then again she was busy. She dreaded only one thing—a wheel chair. The broken leg necessitated the use of one, but even then she kept her house, cooking and using the vacuum from her chair. She has never given up. Though she walks with some difficulty, she walks.

I have served as her leaning support over some of the rougher ground, and often I have jokingly admonished, "Now do not let me fall." Her answer has always been a smile.

What courage she has had, and what an inspiration to all who have witnessed her never ending struggle to walk and work.

I expected fully to be her lifetime leaning post, but recently I have had to begin to lean on her. They said to me one day, "You have cancer. There is no known medical cure. You may live with a fair degree of normalcy for years, but eventually it can take your life."

Have you ever had that said to you? That night I became real human but finally in the dark abyss of physical suffering and mental anguish I cried out for the light—and it came. God revealed some things to me, and then I slept with the sedative of the Holy Spirit coursing body and soul.

The next morning I heard the familiar sliding gait of my courageous companion coming down the hall. Entering my hospital room she said, "Kelly, I am certain you are going home and back to your work. God told me so."

My reply was, "I now join you. We will be invincible incurables."

Who knows but that in our lifetime cures may be found for these two diseases as well as others that baffle medical science? If we prayed as intently for this miracle for all mankind as we pray for the restoration of the health of a single

loved one or friend it would surely happen. Nothing is impossible with God.

Be that as it may in full compliance with God's will we are submissive. One lesson we have learned which transcends all others. That lesson is that no one man knows when his time shall come, and if he is in Christ there should be no dread of death. Many who walk the streets of men today and who are apparently strong and healthy carry within their bodies that which could suddenly erupt into "an incurable malady."

Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain." Edna and I accept this as our philosophy—for it is truth.

Our only real problem has been in the use of the time left for us. We wish above all things to be useful. Somehow we have been assured that though we may be physically handicapped we can serve each other, our fellow man and God.

Grady Cothen, our California leader and one of God's greats, visited my bedside and said, "Kelly, we want you to come home. This has not harmed either your mind or your heart and it is with these that you do your work." What a comfort that has been.

Life now has fuller meaning. We will live until God calls us home, and we will dedicate our fullest capacity to making the most of every allotted moment.

I have, in times past, witnessed much suffering and death and winced under the tragic subsequence. I have been through the chaos of war and ship wreck. I have been victimized by the terrible onslaughts of Satan and sin. Each succeeding trial has strengthened my faith in God, but believe me, never have I seen more clearly His eternal purpose for man as in this immediate struggle.

These maladies that my beloved and I have may be temporarily incurable but they will not conquer us. Real faith in God is unconquerable. In our day men need to learn this truth. If it takes the shadows to teach us, may we walk in the shadows.

What of tomorrow? It is meaningless without God and without eternal purpose. My beloved and I have made a pact to serve today with maximum effort and leave the tomorrows completely in the hands of God. Our prayer is "Give us this day our daily bread."

Could all this be a lesson to our generation? The fears of Communism, socialism, modernism, liberalism and clericalism will fade into the background of hazy memories if we are so fortified with faith and divine purpose. Against such fortification "the gates of hell cannot prevail."

Dedicated to such, men will solve the problems of the broken home, juvenile delinquency, alco-

holism, the narcotics traffic, corrupt politics, and rising crime waves. The answer to these seemingly incurable cancers of society is to believe God implicitly and submit to His will—But use every precious moment with which He has endowed us to serve Him and His creation with maximum usefulness.

Physicians, surgeons and nurses have done their best for us in our dilemma. Their purpose is to make us as comfortable as possible until medical science makes the inevitable breakthrough. We thank God for them and pray for them and their

fellows in research. We believe this therapy can also be applied to our times in our world.

Yes, Edna and I are incurables now—but conquered? No, never! “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”

So mote it be with all suffering humanity.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: *Editor Simmons died Feb. 1. His editorial is reproduced in the hope that some other sufferer may find in it an encouragement and the means of victory as did he.—ELM*

Personally speaking

'Modern translation'

THERE are lots of available Bibles and New Testaments on the market now. The most of them are written by scholars who go back to the original languages — the Greek and the Hebrew.



ERWIN L.

And many of the writers are endeavoring to give us the Scriptures in the everyday language of our times. Wonder what a Bible would read like if, instead, some writer related it to the daily living,

rather than the present-day language. In other words, what would a Bible read like that showed not only what the work is according to the ancient languages, but how the word is translated in the lives of ordinary, 20th Century Christians?

Here are a few examples of what I have in mind: (The italics will constitute the modern translations as found in the lives of so many of us.)

Abstain from all appearance of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:21.)

Don't get caught.

Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets. . . (Mt. 6:2a).

Just tell everybody about it and put it in the papers.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth. . . (Mt. 6:19).

Live it up on your credit cards!

But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness. . . (Mt. 6:33)

After you've got your nest egg laid by in store and have torn down your hives and built bigger ones.

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. . . (Mt. 7:12).

Treat everybody the way he treats you;

be good to the ones that are good to you.

But thou, when thou fastest. . . (Mt. 6:17)

About the only fasting being done these days is that done by the Metrecal drinkers.

Thou shalt not commit adultery (Mt. 5:27b)

Except on the q. t.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself (Mk. 12:31).

Provided, of course, that he is lovable, well-heeled, highly respected, educated, and the right color.

Erwin L. McDonald

The Cover

The Good Shepherd

EARLY on an April morning, in 1961, strange sounds from the grounds adjacent to my hotel in Jerusalem, Jordan, floated up to my ears. Running to a window to see what was happening, I saw what was to me a rather strange



sight. A shepherd was taking his flock of sheep and a few goats out to pasture. I grabbed my camera and made his picture.

I was reminded by the scene of the words of our Lord:

“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep . . .

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

“My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

“I and my father are one.”—John 10:11, 27-30

What a wonderful thought it is that the Lord Himself is my Shepherd.

Whether you are thousands of miles away from home, as I was that day, or by your own fireside and among your friends and loved ones, it is a great assurance we Christians can claim in Psalm 27:1

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”—ELM



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

'Letters, we get letters ...'



LET'S take a breather from problems this week.

Your kind letters of appreciation for our page grew into a generous collection, in the course of 1962.

Thought you might like to share these bits from three that are typical; and to be assured again that your every communication is deeply appreciated.

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"One week last summer when our *Arkansas Baptist* arrived, I did as I always do—turned immediately to 'Courtship, Marriage and the Home'. It was the one about the mother writing notes to her children.

"Since both of mine are at the age when even a suggestion offered in a sweet tone is often taken as a 'gripe', I thought: Now this note-writing is for me.

"The next morning my two were sitting in the living room.

"I presented my daughter with the following:

"Please clean your room now. Pass this on to your brother. Thanks loads. Mother.

"Without a word she goes into her room and cleans it, then hands me this:

"I see you read 'Courtship, Marriage, and the Home', too. You're welcome!"

"Sometimes you can't win at this game!"

—A Happy Mother

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"It is so nice to get the *Arkansas Baptist* each week," way out here in Texas, and to read about

friends and families we know.

"The 'Courtship, Marriage, and the Home' page makes the whole paper worthwhile.

"My husband has registered for his last year in the Seminary. At last graduation day is in view. It just doesn't seem possible, but we are really anxious for it—even though it is a little frightening, too."

—A Young Pastor's Wife

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"I read 'Courtship, Marriage and the Home' in every issue of the *Arkansas Baptist*.

"I think it is wonderful.

"I especially liked the article entitled, 'Is Dancing Wrong?'. It was the most helpful answer to that question I've ever read."

—A Sincere Teenager

* * *

Then I have loved the stories concerning your children. Like these.

Six-year-old Randy is his little sister's trusted source of knowledge.

One evening recently they were in the midst of an informative session when, evidently, she asked him a tough question.

For he replied:

"I don't know, Sandy. You'll have to ask God that one!"

* * *

The mayor of one of our Arkansas towns was reading his hometown, afternoon paper.

"Mrs. Mayor" was clearing the dishes after the evening meal.

Their daughter, a second-grader, was getting her homework.

Presently the silence was broken with,

"Daddy how do you spell receive?"

"Uh-h-h, let's see. I'm not sure, Honey, whether it is ie, or ei. I'll look it up in the dictionary for you in just a minute."

There was a moment's pause.

Then the same little-girl voice asked:

"Daddy, if you can't spell, how come you're mayor!"

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A five-year-old had gone to spend sometime with his grandmother.

Since his arrival at his grandmother's home, he had been hearing more than usual about how God gives us the sunshine, God sends the rain, He has control over the whole earth.

One morning the little boy waked to see snow falling—a new experience for him.

Hopping out of bed, he ran over to the window and called out:

"Turn it on, God. Turn it on!"

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THE CHILDREN'S SONG

"Land of our Birth, we pledge to thee

Our love and toil in the years to be;

When we are grown and take our place,

As men and women with our race.

"Teach us Delight in simple things,
And Mirth that has no bitter springs;
Forgiveness free of evil done,
And Love to all men 'neath the sun!"

—Rudyard Kipling

Next week we will resume our questions and answers.

Your communications are the main artery to our page's life. Y'all write!

Rosalind Street

Mrs. J. H. Street

[Mail should be addressed to Mrs. Street at No. 3 Fairmont, Little Rock, Ark.]

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.

Missions out West

THE grandeur and beauty of the Great West is not its only appealing factor. People are there who need the gospel. This, the men from our State Baptist Brotherhood learned last summer.

Trinity Church, Benkleman, Nebr., illustrates the needs and problems of the West. About 30 members constitute this church, which was organized, August, 1961. It is in a building program and needs financial aid to complete the work. The Baptist Foundation of Colorado has loaned them \$15,000. They need \$15,000 more to finish the structure.

Those who know the work say Pastor A. F. Kostanowski, formerly engaged in construction work and real estate, will get the most out of the money loaned. He has built three church buildings and remodeled three more before coming to Trinity. The work under his ministry is growing; 19 await baptism, but want baptism in their own baptistry.

Benkleman is located in western Nebraska, population 1500. Seven hundred unchurched residents live within the city limits. It is a county-seat town and serves a surrounding population of 3,500; two thousand of these are unchurched. The principle occupation is farming and related activities.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will make the necessary loan to the church, if a church or churches will underwrite it. —An Arkansas Pastor

Papers available

I HAVE saved all my Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazines. I have now around 75 and if you should have any calls for any of these let me know and I would be glad to pass them on to some one who would like to have them. Thanks—Mrs. Leroy B. Gilchrist, Rt. 4, Box 69, Hot Springs

Bluffton OBC gifts

POSSIBLY, this article has never reached your office. Due to the fact that it was mailed direct to Ouachita College.

It was called to the attention of Bluffton Baptist Church, that the Endowment Campaign was behind in their collections. The Church voted to contribute \$100.00. There was also another \$100.00 contributed by the L.B. Furgerson family, who are members of Bluffton church, and express a deep interest for the welfare of Ouachita College.

Even though our church is small in



When repentance is real

REPENTANCE has its positive as well as its negative aspects. Sadly, we sometimes emphasize the former more than the latter. But, to be sure, conviction of sin, which is the chief negative aspect of repentance, is tremendously important. This was the dominant theme of John the Baptist and his "baptism of repentance." Yet John himself pointed the way to a superior baptism of the Spirit.

However, John was confronted with an embarrassing dilemma when the innocent Jesus requested his baptism. John was troubled because he knew that Jesus could not offer the usual negative "fruits of repentance." Jesus salvaged the situation by placing a positive interpretation on John's baptism of repentance. Quite literally, he said: "It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness in this manner" (Matthew 3:15).

What, then, is this positive aspect of repentance whereby one begins to "fulfill all righteousness"? At the risk of oversimplification, it could be reduced to a word: *commitment*. This, of course, is another name for faith. So, some would argue that commitment is not a part of repentance but rather follows subsequently to it. By ways of analysis, that's one way of stating it. But, in human experience, conviction and commitment are not so easily distinguishable.

The New Testament term which ordinarily is translated "repentance" means "a process of rethinking." Today, we probably would employ the term "reorientation." And that is the very point. Repentance involves a turning from but also a turning to, else it is not distinctively Christian.

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number, there are those who are members, and also graduates of Ouachita, who have the convictions that it is the best College the State has to offer, and they take great pride in the fact that they are Baptist and a graduate of a great christian College such as Ouachita.

I am sending this item, that you may use a part or all of this in your paper, as you wish. — Elmer E. Linton, Box 23, Bluffton

Calling the called

IT is common knowledge that there has been some recent decrease in the number of young people entering full time church related vocations. This would have its first result in the number of such persons entering our colleges and seminaries. Why a fewer number of Baptist young people seem to be offering themselves has many answers. Perhaps one of these should have some attention at this time.

As a pastor, I am one who feels most responsible in that perhaps I have been derelict in my duty. It is possible that I have not been positive enough in

"calling out the called." Or it may be that a good "Follow through" with Intermediates and Young People is not maintained. This seems to be critical because as teenagers most of us receive the Spirit's call. More attention can be given to older teenagers to encourage keeping alive the earlier impressions.

During the month of February, Baptist Education leaders are asking that some emphasis be given in our churches to this area of life commitment. More money can always be used in every Christian endeavor. More importantly, at this period, do we need to see that more men (and women) must come forth if the gospel of Christ is to be heard all over the world.

All persons offering themselves for full time Christian service, in the local churches, as missionaries, or as denominational leaders can receive the most excellent training in Baptist Colleges and Seminaries. These institutions which are ours have no equals for maintaining and extending our kind of life and fellowship. — James F. Brewer, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Helena, and President Southern Seminary Alumni, Arkansas Chapter.

Chaplain at school



CAPTAIN KUESPERT

CAPT. John H. Kuespert, chaplain, is attending the chaplain's career course at U.S. Army Chaplain's School, Ft. Hamilton, Brooklyn, N.Y.

The captain's mother is Mrs. Edith Rowland of Little Rock. His wife, the former Miss Kathleen Springfield of Little Rock, and their children are now at El Paso, Tex.

This is the second class of career chaplains to be enrolled at Ft. Hamilton since the school was dedicated in September, 1962, to train future supervisory staff chaplains. The class with an enrollment of 38 began in January and will end May 22.

Captain Kuespert, a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, formerly made his home in Little Rock, where he was ordained by the First Church. He was pastor of Central Church, Mineral Springs, before entering the army chaplaincy in 1956.

His new duty station after graduation will be Hawaii.

The greatest amount ever given by First Church, Batesville, for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering was reported Jan. 27 when the contribution, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union totalled \$4,008.04.

R. A. Hill joins Mission Department

REV. R. A. Hill, pastor of High Street Church, Somerset, Ky., has been employed as an associate in the Department of Missions by the Arkansas Baptist Convention. His work will be primarily with rural churches and mission stations in leading them to enroll in the Church Development Ministry Program.

The churches and missions which receive supplementary aid on pastors' salaries will have first claim on Mr. Hill's services. Under the Church Development Ministry Program, churches will undergo a self-analysis with plans for self development. Each church will take stock of its possibilities, and present facilities and determine what its future opportunities are and what objectives should be set up.

Mr. Hill is a native of Tuckerman, Ark. He was converted after becoming a mature man with a family. He is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary.

For eight years he was associated with the Department of Missions as rural evangelist, before accepting the pastorate in Kentucky. Under his leadership in eight years the church has made great progress in numbers, finances and material assets.

A large educational building has been erected and many steps of progress made. He has served on the Somerset Hospital Board, as moderator of his association and on other important committees.

Mr. Hill will assume his new duties the latter part of February and maintain his residence in Little Rock.

BOB Duffer, native of Memphis and a former student at Ouachita College has been awarded first prize in the Marin County (Calif.) Visitors Bureau photo contest. Mr. Duffer, a student at Golden Gate Seminary, won an all expense paid trip for two to Hawaii.

Arkansas briefs

MEL Mintz, Little Rock song evangelist, was soloist at the Alabama Evangelistic Conference, Jan. 28-29. He also was guest singer at Ridgecrest Church, Montgomery, Ala., Sunday, Jan. 27.

MRS. J. T. Harville, mission worker who is going with her husband soon to Guadalajara, Mexico, was honored recently by the Immanuel Church WMU at Little Rock. The meeting was designated as "Catherine Harville Day."

REV. and Mrs. Earl G. Goatcher, medical missionary appointees to Thailand, spoke recently to the Pulaski County Federation of Business Women's Circles at a quarterly meeting in Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock. The Rev. Mr. Goatcher, native of Formosa, Ark., and former assistant industrial manager for Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, will be administrator for the new Baptist hospital in Bangkla.

CALVARY Church, North Little Rock, reports 62 children enrolled during one month at its new Cradle Roll Department. Mrs. Robert Scott, superintendent, is assisted by nine workers. As a result of this new Sunday School department several young couples have united with the church.

BARBARA Richardson of Little Rock is one of nine students to attain a straight "A" average to make the dean's first list at Clarke Memorial College, Newton, Miss., for the first semester.

S. C. SWINNEY of Jonesboro is serving as interim pastor of First Church, Weiner. Mr. Swinney underwent major surgery several months ago and reports he is now in excellent health.

BOBBY F. Bass and Billy Merrell were ordained as deacons of Beech Street Church, Texarkana, at the morning worship service Jan. 27.

REV. A. F. Wall, pastor at Winslow, Washington-Madison Association, has accepted the call of the Liberty Church at Dutch Mills.

North Maple Pastor



REV. H. W. TAYLOR

THE Rev. Harold William Taylor, former pastor, of Bethel Church, Little Rock, has accepted the call as pastor of North Maple Church, Stuttgart, and is now on the field.

Mr. Taylor holds a B.A. degree from Ouachita College and a B.D. degree from Southwestern Seminary. He has done post graduate studies in chemistry and mathematics at Little Rock University. In October, 1962, he completed a year of clinical education in pastoral care at Arkansas Baptist Hospital under the supervision of Dr. Lon Corley.

Former pastorates include Park Hill Church, Arkadelphia; youth director and associate to Dr. Dale Cowling, Second Church, Little Rock; and Bethel Church.

While in college Mr. Taylor was active in youth work and music.

Mrs. Taylor is the former Miss Carol Love of Little Rock. She is a graduate of Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. They have three children, Laura Lee, 3; Scott, 2; and Joel, 1. The family resides at 209 West Huron, Stuttgart.

Correction

Eagle Mills was inadvertently left off the list of contributors to the Ouachita Endowment Fund mentioned in the Arkansas Baptist Jan. 24. Eagle Mills contributed \$25 to the fund.

Jack Rowe killed

JACK Rowe, 38, a native of Nashville, Ark., and a graduate of Ouachita College, died Jan. 31 in a Tuscaloosa, Ala., hospital following a traffic accident the previous Saturday.



JACK ROWE

Mr. Rowe, assistant professor of music at Howard College in Birmingham, was returning from a music conference in New Orleans when the crash occurred near Tuscaloosa. Also injured in the wreck were Mrs. Rowe, who is now in Caraway Methodist Hospital in Birmingham, and Steve Nelson, also of the music department faculty.

In addition to attending Ouachita, Mr. Rowe was a graduate of Southern Seminary School of Church Music and attended Indiana University. In Birmingham, he lived at 2421 Woodmere Drive.

Well known in Birmingham for his recitals at the Birmingham Art Museum, Mr. Rowe had appeared in concerts, opera and on television and radio. He organized the Howard Male Chorus and

served as director.

He had appeared in the Town and Gown production of "Student Prince," playing one of the lead roles.

Howard College President Leslie S. Wright, said, "The entire college family was shocked and saddened to learn of Mr. Rowe's death. . . His death is a tragic loss to Howard College and to our entire community. As professor of voice and director of the Male Chorus, Mr. Rowe demonstrated his outstanding talents and ability in a multitude of ways. . ."

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

DR. James Luck, chairman of the division of Fine Arts at Ouachita College, will attend the Music Teachers National Association biennial convention in Chicago March 10-13.

FIRST Church, Lavaca, sponsored a banquet for the Juniors and Junior workers of the Sunday School and Training Union Departments recently, with 65 present. The pastor, Rev. Doyle L. Lumpkin, spoke on the theme "When I Grow Up."



DISCUSS CONFERENCE—Rev. Jesse Reed (second from right) and Dr. C. E. Autrey look over the plans for the convention-wide evangelistic conference to be held in Dallas, July 2-4, 1963. Discussing the plans with them are Marvin Keenen (left) and L. C. Lord (right), associational chairmen of evangelism in Arkansas. Billy Graham will be one of the featured speakers at the Conference. (Photo by Home Board.)



NEW CHURCH—Trinity Church at Searcy, dedicated recently, is the first unit of a four unit building planned. The new building seats 100 in a temporary auditorium and has nine class rooms and complete kitchen. Rev. David M. Stevens is pastor.

Concord Association

By Werdna McWilliams, Secretary

Thomas Dove, who has been pastoring the Palestine Church, East of Greenwood, during the past 18 months, has accepted the pastorate of the Rye Hill Church, south of Ft. Smith. Dove succeeds J. A. Baswell, who resigned several weeks ago to accept First Church, Mansfield.

Mr. Dove is a graduate of Ouachita College and holds a master's degree from the University of Arkansas.

Before the Palestine Church he served the Bethel and Carterville Churches in Missouri, the Fruitdale Church in Dallas, Tex., and Dallas Avenue and Westmoreland Drive Churches in Mena. He served Second Church, Arkadelphia, for nearly four years.

The Doves have two children, Second Lt. Tommie Dove stationed on Okinawa and Joanie, age 10.

Southside Mission in Booneville, E. G. Waddell pastor, recently held a note burning service with Jay W. C. Moore as the morning speaker.

The mission was started nine years ago in a dwelling by Rev. C. C. Roberts, missionary, and First Church, Booneville. The Sunday School attendance has increased from around 17 to 117 and the property has increased from an estimated \$5,000 to around \$50,000.

Plans are being made to organize

the mission into a church sometime in May. Norman Lerch is the pastor of First Church, Booneville.

David Land, pastor of First, Barling, observed his first anniversary on a recent Sunday by receiving 11 by letter and 1 by baptism, making a total of 100 additions to the church during the year. On this Sunday the offering was nearly \$600.00.

During the year a new, ultra modern auditorium was entered and the old auditorium was made into modern nurseries and departments and rooms for other age groups. The church is now equipped to care for around 300 in Sunday School.

Eastside Church, Ft. Smith, has received 71 into its membership during the first eleven months of the pastorate of Johnny Green.

A recent revival in the church was conducted by Angel Martinez, evangelist, and Kenneth Williams, Temple pastor, as singer.

Bruce McNeil, Jr., was the recipient recently of the Distinguished Service Award from the Ft. Smith Junior Chamber of Commerce. The award is made each year to the Ft. Smith man between 21 and 35 years of age who is considered to have made the greatest contribution to the city, his business, his church and his family.

Young McNeil is connected with his uncle, Troy McNeil, in the loan and insurance business.

He serves as a deacon and as the treasurer of the Oak Cliff

Mrs. Moore dies

MRS. Evie Simpson Moore, aged 68, of 312 West Eighteenth Street, North Little Rock, wife of U. E.



MRS. MOORE

Moore, a former mayor of North Little Rock, died Tuesday at a Little Rock hospital. She was born at Vilonia (Faulkner County) and had lived at North Little Rock 44 years. She was a member of the Central Baptist

Church and the Fidelas Bible Class. She and Mr. Moore recently observed their golden wedding anniversary.

Other survivors include a son, Cyrus Moore of North Little Rock; two brothers, Jesse Simpson of Little Rock and T. J. Simpson of Phoenix, Ari.; five sisters, Mrs. E. B. Weed of Phoenix, Mrs. P. A. Brown of Turlock, Cal., Mrs. J. B. Evatt of Conway and Mrs. A. A. DeBoard and Mrs. C. E. Gray, both of Vilonia.

Church. Murl Walker is the pastor of this church.

Three Group Training Schools for Sunday School Workers were conducted in the association during the first week in February. Teachers were provided in each school for each age group.

The schools were held in Grand Avenue with Dr. Andrew Setliffe as dean; First, Greenwood, with Elton Pennington acting as dean; and First, Paris, with Norman Lerch serving as dean.

Lawson Hatfield and Mrs. Mary Humphrey from the Sunday School Department in Little Rock served in the Paris and Greenwood schools respectively.

Mrs. Maxie Moore taught a large group of Juniors in First, Ft. Smith, during their Bible Study week in February.



MR. SHAMBURGER

Shamburger graduates

THE Arkansas Baptist News-magazine has just learned that Rev. William Joseph (Bill) Shamburger, Little Rock, was among those receiving B.D. degrees at the mid-term graduation exercises at Southwestern Seminary recently.

Mr. Shamburger, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shamburger of Little Rock, received his B.A. degree from Ouachita College and served four years in the U. S. Navy before going on to complete his seminary training. He is a volunteer for foreign mission service and Mrs. Shamburger, the former Miss Jean Lawhorn, of Paragould, hopes to begin language study next May in preparation for mission service in South America.

The Shamburgers have two sons, Scott, 5, and Steve, 4.

Miss. County Association

By John D. Gearing, Missionary

NOTICES have been dispatched by the association to each Mississippi county state representative and senator urging a strong stand against legalized gambling and the expected referendum permitting districts to vote on sale of liquors even though the county may be "dry".

Brown's Chapel has two new Sunday School rooms and a kitchen and is debt free.

Lester Thompson was evangelist at the recent New Harmon revival. Since the revival has ended,



THE NEW LIBRARY at Cullendale First Church, Camden, was dedicated Jan. 27 at a service led by the pastor, Rev. Robert A. Parker. A denominationally approved library worker, Mrs. Margaret Jane Boyer, from Midwestern Seminary library staff, set up the library. Seen at the dedication are (left to right) James Williamson, Winfred Key and Grady Dixon, all members of the library committee, and Mrs. Buddy Hooper, Mrs. Durwood McCullough, Mrs. James Wolfe, librarian and Mrs. Hamp Barnett, all staff members.

two have been saved and are awaiting baptism.

Charles Todd conducted the revival at Blackwater.

Evangelists to hold revivals this month include Bill Lewis at Carson Lake, Lester Thompson at Clear Lake, W. O. Vaught, Jr., at Blytheville First and Jimmy Lee Stevens, pastor, at Luxora.

REV. Ralph Davis, training union director, recently held a week's study series at Second Church, El Dorado, covering the fundamentals of faith. Subjects included the fundamentals of God, the nature of man, eternal security of the believer, the person of Christ, the person and word of the Holy Spirit.

Hope Ass'n

By M. T. McGregor
Superintendent

SPRINGHILL Church has called Rev. Hubert White of Nash, Tex., as pastor. He was ordained Jan. 27 by First Church, Nash.

DR. L. E. Holt is serving as interim pastor at Hickory Street Church, Texarkana.

Coming revivals

REV. John Finn, pastor of Calvary church, Hope, will be the speaker at revival services Apr. 1-7 at First Church, Nashville. Miss Camille Bishop will be the singer. (CB)

Religious art contest announced

A \$250 FIRST prize will be awarded the winner of the first annual religious art exhibition to be held in conjunction with the Arkansas State Festival of Arts May 5-17.

The paintings must be "original art which is a sincere expression of man's religious faith." They will be displayed at Pulaski Federal Savings Building, one of the contest's sponsors. Other sponsors are the festival council and Arkansas Bible Telecourses, which is offering the first prize. Other cash awards will be made, including a popular vote prize.

The paintings may be any style, medium or technique, but must be framed and ready for exhibition. A width and height limit of five feet per entry will be imposed.

Only residents of Arkansas are allowed to compete and only one painting may be entered by each artist. Deadline for delivery of entries is April 26. Application blanks will be printed in the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine at an early date.

All entries will be displayed. A panel of qualified out-of-state judges will select the winners.

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By the BAPTIST PRESS

Two Baptist leaders die

TWO well known Southern Baptist leaders — a state editor and a state executive secretary — died Feb. 1.

The editor, J. Kelly Simmons, 58, of the *California Southern Baptist*, died in Fresno, Calif., following a long illness of cancer. The state secretary was Douglas M. Branch, of the North Carolina State Convention, who was killed instantly in a car-truck crash near Ahoskie, N.C.

Dr. Branch had spoken earlier in the day at Chowan College (Baptist) at Murfreesboro, N.C., and was on his way to hunt turkeys in the northeast part of the state, when the accident occurred. The Branch car crashed into a truck which stalled in its path. Dr. Branch died instantly of a broken neck.

He had been secretary of the North Carolina convention since 1959, having succeeded M. A. Huggins, retired. He was pastor of First Church, Rocky Mount, N.C., at the time of his election to the secretaryship.

Survivors include Mrs. Branch, the former Miss Jessie Walker; three children: Minnie Frances, now Mrs. Ben Sutton, whose husband is business manager of Chowan College; Jessica, 18, a student at Meredith College, (Baptist), Raleigh; and Douglas, Jr., 11.

Editor Simmons had been with the California paper for nearly two years. He had previously served as editor of two other state papers, the *Baptist Beacon*, of Arizona, and the *Rocky Mountain Baptist*, of the Colorado Convention.

He was an Army chaplain who received the Bronze Star for valor in action as he participated in the D-Day invasion of Normandy in World War II and he held the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Chaplains Corps, in the Army Reserve, at the time of his death.

Doctors had told Mr. Simmons several months ago that he had incurable cancer. After hearing the verdict, he wrote for his paper:

"Life now has fuller meaning. We will live till God calls us home, and we will dedicate our fullest capacity to making the most of every allotted moment."

He is survived by Mrs. Simmons, his second wife; and three daughters and a son by his first wife, all of whom live in Texas.

Masons give to Baylor

BAYLOR University's J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State recently received a check for \$5,000 from the southern jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masonry.

In a letter to Baylor professor Dr. James Wood, director of the church-state studies, Luther A. Smith, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Scottish Rite Masons, said "This is another contribution to further the cause of education in the area of church-state separation to which Baylor University is making such a fine contribution."—Baylor News Release

Lesch heads PR group

WASHINGTON (BP)—Gomer R. Lesch, director, office of denominational relations, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, is the new president of the Baptist Public Relations Association. He was elected at the ninth annual workshop here. He succeeds John E. Roberts, editor of *Charity and Children*, North Carolina.

Other officers are John Earl Seelig, assistant to the president, Southwestern Seminary, program vice president; Grady Sparkman, promotion secretary of Louisiana Baptist Convention membership vice president; and Harry Koontz, public relations director of California Baptist College, secretary-treasurer.

The next annual Baptist public relations workshop will be at Ft. Worth, Texas, Jan. 22-24, 1964.

Fuzzy picture caused if outdated

WASHINGTON (BP)—Baptists must apply their principles to modern life to give other people a clear picture of the denomination.

In the viewer of general public opinion, Southern Baptists now give a split image on the race issue. This mars the image Baptists from America have on the mission fields abroad.

On church-state issues, non-Baptists sometimes see Baptists as selfish. Baptists appear narrow-minded, unconcerned about the improvement of mankind.

These comments came from a three-member panel at the annual Baptist Public Relations Association workshop here.

Erwin L. McDonald, Little Rock, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, said, "Being a Baptist doesn't seem to make much difference in race relations. The Southern Baptist image at best is a split image.

"It is split between the resolution adopted at the 1954 Southern Baptist Convention and the practice of Southern Baptists" in their daily life. (The 1954 SBC adopted a resolution supporting the United States Supreme Court decision of school desegregation.)

I. N. Patterson, SBC missionary to Nigeria, added:

"The thing that has done most to mar or hurt our image on the mission field is the racial issue in the South."

He cited three instances in which African Baptists, studying in the United States, were subjected to "indignities" while traveling in Southern states.

"In spite of these adverse circumstances in our own homeland, the Baptist image has been a growing one," Patterson went on.

W. Barry Garrett of Washington, touching the church-state issue observed:

A high person—unnamed—in government office with experience

FMB asks prayer for Japan crusade

THE Foreign Mission Board recently passed a resolution calling upon all Southern Baptists to join in prayer for the Japan Baptist New Life Movement, a nationwide evangelistic campaign sponsored by the Japan Baptist Convention, with meetings to be conducted from March 30 to May 5. This call to prayer was made at the request of the Japan Baptist Convention.

Plans for the campaign include participation by Evangelist Billy Graham and a large number of Baptist pastors, music leaders, and laymen from the United States. The Foreign Mission Board has offered encouragement and assistance to Japan Baptists in their plans for this special effort from the time those plans first began to develop about three years ago. More recently, Japan Baptists have also had the assistance of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, which offered to help arrange for participants from the United States.



JAPANESE PRAYER LIST—H. H. Hobbs (center), president of the Southern Baptist Convention, studies the prayer lists of two leaders in the Japanese New Life Movement, Suetō Kitahara (left), and Nobuo Watanabe. Later he designated Wednesday night, March 27, as the time for all Southern Baptists to climax their prayer program for the success of the evangelistic crusade in Japan.

—(BP Photo)

in the legislative and executive branches, gave him "a long list of images that Baptists have among people in public life." They are:

1. That Baptists are out-of-date on today's great social concerns.
2. That Baptists are narrow-minded and don't see themselves and their message in the broad context to the total national life.
3. That Baptists are powerful politically. Southern politicians may have "little sympathy with the views of Baptists, but they are strongly influenced by these views because Baptists . . . vote for people who follow their lines."
4. That Baptists are uncooperative with other groups.
5. That Baptists are always "against" rather than "in favor of." They object to things, but seldom offer their own solutions.
6. That Baptists take no initiative in the problems of the day.
7. That Baptists fail to explain their beliefs and the basis for them.

Garrett is associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here. He said the committee helps Baptists speak constructively. "I would hope that our concern for religious liberty be expressed in positive and constructive terms rather than in sectarian and bigoted actions."

A man who has served on the staff of Congressional committees also spoke to the group. He said Roman Catholics are the most effective pleaders on Capitol Hill.

He based this on three grounds: (1) the Catholics do the best planning ahead on bills they support, (2) they speak with one voice and do not disagree among themselves on the action they want, and (3) they present their cause as being in the public interest and state why the Catholics favor certain action.

He warned that table-pounding—showing too intense emotional interest—has often ruined a religious group's appeal at a Congressional hearing. It turns the committee against the cause this group supports.

Governor names Grant

RALEIGH, N. C. — J. Marse Grant, editor of the *Biblical Recorder* here, has been named to the North Carolina Good Neighbor Council by Gov. Terry Sanford.

The governor's office said the biracial council would consist of 24 "outstanding citizens of the State." Only 13 were named in the first statement, but others will be added.

The council will have a two-fold mission: (1) to encourage employment of qualified people without regard to race, and (2) to urge youth to become better trained and qualified for employment.

Mrs. J. E. Dillard dies

MRS. J. E. Dillard died January 9 in Evanston, Ill., and was buried in Danville, Va. She was living with a daughter in Evanston, Mrs. Wheeler Tracy, when she died. Mrs. Dillard was widow of the late J. E. Dillard, first director of promotion for the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptist financial plan. Dr. Dillard died in 1953. (BP)

The Bookshelf Baptist beliefs

Portrait of Karl Barth, by Georges Casalis, Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1963, \$3.50

The author, an eminent French writer and teacher of theology, presents here the highlights of Barth's extensive writing. In vivid and concise words, the book traces the development of Barth's profound teachings from his youth and early ministry in Switzerland through the encounter with the Nazi regime in pre-war Germany—and his struggle to lead the Confessing Church to repudiate Nazi doctrine—to his prophetic role during World War II and rise in recent years to world-wide eminence.

Peloubet's Select Notes, 1963, Edited by Wilbur M. Smith, W. A. Wilde Co., 1962, \$2.95

Peloubet's is designed to be a teaching aid for all denominations. Its editor is recognized as one of the leading authorities on religious books in America. The lessons are complete with introductory suggestions for the teacher and the setting of the scripture is assigned. Included is a plan for each lesson and a full exposition with quotations from many authors in addition to the editor's own comments. Illustrations are from life and literature.

Evangelistic Messages, by Oliver B. Greene, Baker, 1962, \$2.50

Presented here are six sermons from the director of the Gospel Hour, at Greenville, S.C. The sermon topics are: The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached, Seven Voices around the Cross, Was Jesus Ever Frightened?, Who Killed Jesus?, The Greatest Word Ever Spoken, and Three Men Who Witnessed and Walked away from Calvary.

A Guide to Biblical Preaching, by Chalmer E. Faw, Broadman Press, 1962, \$3.50

Dr. Faw has been professor of biblical studies at Bethany Biblical Seminary, Chicago, since 1945. For five years prior to this, he was missionary to Nigeria for his denomination, the Church of the Brethren.

The author shows how to find basic units of biblical revelation which are called germ ideas or sermon-starters. With full outlines, he shows how these germ ideas can be developed into the complete sermon. The suggestions range from sermons on the whole Bible to messages on "Bible atoms," clauses, phrases, and words.

Daily Christian Living, by William S. Deal, Baker, 1962, \$1

The scripture verses here, one for each day of the year, were suggested by young people from three Christian colleges in America and represent all of the 66 books of the Bible. Each verse is

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

President, Southern Baptist Convention

First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RELIGIOUS liberty is the mother of all true liberty. It is based upon the dignity of each individual made in the "image of God" (Gen. 1:27) and his competency to stand before God without the mediation of earthly priest or king (I Tim. 2:1-6). It is not a privilege granted by man, but a right given of God. It recognizes the supreme worth of each individual soul (Matt. 16:26). And it demands that each man shall be free to worship God according to the dictates of his own heart. Religious freedom is more than freedom from outward coercion. It is freedom for inward determination. Religion must be free to practice and propagate its beliefs. And men must be free to receive or reject them. God made man free, but He also made him responsible for his choices. But the choices must be his own.

Religious liberty in the Christian sense involves the absolute Lordship of Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:9, "confess... Jesus is Lord"). True liberty is found only in Him (John 8:36; cf. Rom. 8:1f.). It is exercised under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:5f.; II Cor. 3:17). And this Lord-

followed by a brief comment and application to everyday life.

The Children's Hymnbook, compiled and edited by Wilma Vander Baan and Albertha Bratt and illustrated by Armand Merizon, Eerdmans, 1962.

The preface states that this collection of hymns for children has been taken from "a body of distinguished devotional songs that can be used for reverent worship and also for developing in the singer a sensitivity to truth and a taste for good music."

The Children's Hymnbook is a successor to Let Youth Praise Him, which served as a hymnal for several years for primary and intermediate grades.

ship supersedes all other authority (Acts 4:19f.; 5:29).

Religious liberty does not mean license (Gal. 5:13; II Pet. 2:19ff.). For liberty involves responsibility. "Freedom" without responsibility is not freedom but anarchy. Religious liberty demands inner and personal controls (Rom. 6:6-18).

The doctrine of religious liberty does not stem from any legal document of a political state. It is rooted in the teachings of the Bible. And if the Bible be forsaken or relegated to a place of non-importance religious liberty will not long endure. A free state does not create religious freedom. But religious freedom alone can make a state truly free.

Baptists are not the only champions of religious freedom. But history records them among the forefront of the struggle for religious freedom. The only one of the original American thirteen colonies to guarantee absolute religious freedom was Rhode Island, founded by a Baptist (Dawson). Eternal vigilance is the price of all freedom!

The preacher poet

The chicken in us

Tho to no one we'd confide it,
Rather we would strive to hide it,
There's a little bit of chicken
In most everyone and me.

Like a chicken scrambling, scuffling,
For a bounty, as of food
And a rousing feather ruffling
When we're in a pouting mood,

Then a pick and peck at others
Just to show 'em who is who,
There's your foolish banty rooster
With his, "Cockadoodledo."

—W. B. O'Neal

Shubal Stearns

GOD greatly extended the ministry of Baptists when he converted Shubal Stearns.



DR. SELPH

Born 1706, and a native of Boston, Mass., he came under the preaching of George Whitfield. After his conversion he joined the Congregationalists.

During the next six years he studied his Bible and became convinced that infant baptism was wrong. He was immersed by Wait Palmer at Tolland, Conn., May '20, 1751, and joined the Baptist church.

He labored in this field three years but longed to carry the gospel elsewhere, and selected Virginia as his new home.

Disappointed with the results of his efforts on the new field, he moved to North Carolina with a company of eight families. There he found a people destitute of religious privileges ready to listen to his earnest proclamation of truth. With 15 others he organized the Sandy Creek Baptist church. They built a church house shortly after arriving in November, 1755. This church in a few years numbered 606 members. Stearns served as pastor. Daniel Marshall, his brother-in-law, and Joseph Breed assisted him in his duties.

Stearns had little education but

A Song of Trust

The skies won't always be gloomy,
The sun will sometime come through.
Above the storm and the tempest
Are the heavens of deepest blue.

Then trust, sad heart, and look upward,
Beyond earth's turmoil and din
Is the land of peace where sorrows cease
For all who are trusting in Him. — Lydia Albersen Payen, Stuttgart

read extensively. He was described as a "marvellous preacher for moving the emotions and melting his audiences to tears." He was small of stature but forceful in personality. Most exciting stories were told about the piercing gleam of his eye.

He brought with him into the Baptist life some of the eccentricities of manners that characterized the New Light movement. Trembling, weeping, screaming, and catalepsy commonly followed his highly emotional exhortations.

The zeal of Sandy Creek church and its ministry caught the imagination of the surrounding territory. In its first 17 years of work it pushed southward as far as Georgia, eastward to the Chesapeake Bay, westward to the mountains, and northward to the Potomac River. It had become mother, grandmother, and great grandmother to 42 churches from which sprung 125 ministers.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Marriage Annulled

QUESTION: A friend of mine has fallen in love with a fine Christian young man of her same faith.



DR. HUDSON

Five years ago before he became a Christian he married a young girl. Her parents had the marriage annulled because she was not of age. At that time he was not a Christian and led a pretty

reckless life.

Would a marriage to him be scripturally permissible? Or is an annulment the same as divorce?

ANSWER: It is easy to be technical about such cases and consider the legal aspect the important one. Actually the case you present is not dealt with specifically in the Scriptures. So far as I know annulment was not practiced then. In a manner of speaking annulment is equivalent to divorce.

The problem here is whether we have a God who would doom a man to single despair because he foolishly married a young girl without her parents' consent, and this before he became a Christian. I cannot imagine even the most dogmatic literalist taking such a position. To attribute such a sentiment to the Bible should be resented by every true Christian. This would make our God to appear unreasonable, unjust, and beyond the respect of thinking people.

Tell your friend to decide this marriage choice on the basis of the present, not the past. If her boy friend is truly converted, has come to himself, and really cares for her, she should not be hesitating on the basis of differences of opinion about the interpretation of Scripture. Each Christian must interpret the Bible for himself. In this case there is not a particular passage to interpret. In all cases the letter of the law must be interpreted in the atmosphere of the spirit of the law.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

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Date changed for music festival



MR. MCGRAW

THE ANNUAL State Youth Music Festival has been changed to May 4 due to the conflict with the public school state band and choral festivals.

Bill McGraw, minister of music, First Church, Fort Smith, will serve as the director of this festival, which will be held at First Church, Little Rock.

The festival is open to all Baptist churches in Arkansas. Each church may enter any of the divisions: solo, duet, trio, quartet, sextet, ensemble, or choir. All groups smaller than ensemble and choir will adjudicate from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The outstanding representative from each of the small groups will sing again as a part of the festival concert program.

The schedule for the festival is: 8 a.m. Adjudication of small groups; 9:30 registration and assignment of choirs; 9:55 introductions; 10 combined choir rehearsal; 11 parade of choirs and adjudication; 12 lunch; 2 combined rehearsal; 2:30 parade of choirs and

adjudication; 3 festival program; 3:30 adjourn.

This year we will adjudicate in two groups: choirs from churches with under 500 enrolled in Sunday School in one section, and choirs from churches with over 500 enrolled in Sunday School in another section. We are not doing this so much to differentiate between the size of churches, but rather to expedite the adjudication of so many choirs and ensembles. We are expecting between 1300 and 1500 young people to participate in the festival.

We do hope that this change of date will not inconvenience you or your choir. We feel that the change is best for the majority of the churches.—LeRoy McClard, Secretary

Brotherhood

Wanted: 200 men!

THE ANNUAL State Brotherhood Convention will meet on Monday and Tuesday, Mar. 4 and 5, at the First Church of North Little Rock.



MR. TULL

Many attractive features have been woven into the Convention program—features which will prove interesting, informative, and inspirational to those who attend.

The Convention will be held in three sessions: Monday afternoon, from 3 to 5; Monday evening, 7 to 9:10; and Tuesday morning 9 to 11.

Among the Convention personalities will be Rev. Marvin Jones, pastor of Gaines Street Church in Little Rock; Rev. Horace C. Kennedy, pastor of Egan Park Baptist Church in McCook, Nebr.; Dr. C. Z. Holland, pastor of First Church, Jonesboro, and president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Rev. Hugh Cantrell, pastor of the First Church of Stephens; Rev. J. T. Elliff, secretary of the Religious Education Division of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; along with a host of leading laymen from over the state.

Among the Convention features will be a congregational seminar at each session. The first seminar will be on stewardship ("Highlights and Sidelights"); the second on the priesthood of the believer ("Looking Both Ways"); and the third on Christian witnessing ("Telling the Story"). These seminars are designed for audience participation under the leadership of well qualified men.

The general theme of the Convention is "Follow On." In developing this theme, each session has been given its own theme, as follows: Monday afternoon, "Follow Me"; Monday evening, "Follow in Obedience"; and Tuesday morning, "Follow in Love."

Begin making your plans to attend your State Brotherhood Convention. Begin now to talk up the Convention among the men of your church and area. Begin your work to bring a car-load of men (or more) from your church.

Note: If your work will not permit you to attend all of the sessions, come to the Monday evening session—but come!

We need two hundred men: you and 199 others! — Nelson Tull

Foundation

Where is my money needed?

PERHAPS the easiest way to answer that question is with one word; EVERYWHERE. None of our agencies or institutions have more than they need. Each year the Executive Board hears pleas for increases in allocations from the Cooperative Program funds. It is always needed in the budget of the Cooperative Program. However there are some who like to designate their money to be used for specific causes.

Some of the most often remembered causes are Missions (Foreign, Home and State) and colleges (Ouachita and Southern). Some have remembered the Children's Home at Monticello. These are worthy and need every dollar they can receive. Other items can be listed, but here are three that might suggest

an item for you to remember with an outright gift or with a bequest in your will.

Music scholarships for people who intend to use their talents in the Master's service are greatly in demand. Most of them are now being provided by the schools general funds.

Young ladies who would like to take nurses training present another need. Often they are qualified but need financial assistance. It costs them near \$200.00 a year for this training. Some fine Baptist girls could train in this phase of service if scholarships were available.

The Baptist Student Union is one of our agencies with increasing needs. Personnel is a large budget item, along with their building needs. Recently a former student started a fund to help in this work, and it is hoped that others will add to the trust.

These are just a few of the places where your money is needed. We will be happy to help you do what God wants done. Write or call for further information: Arkansas Baptist Foundation, 401 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas — Ed. F. McDonald, Jr., Executive Secretary.



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What's New?

THIS IS the sixth in a series of articles on "What's New in Training Union." Dr. W. L. Howse's book is brand new and will be off the press and in the Baptist Book Store some time this spring.



MR. DAVIS

"The Church Organized and Functioning," by Dr. Howse, will contain the tasks of all organizations of Baptist work. In his book he has chapters on the task of the Training Union, the task of the Sunday School, the

task of the WMU, the task of the Brotherhood, the task of the Music Ministry, etc. Each organization has agreed to the task as set forth in the book and these tasks have been adopted by the Executive Committee of the Executive Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

These tasks will be presented for adoption to the Southern Baptist Convention and no agency will be allowed to go beyond its task or scope. This will prevent duplication of work.

This new book will be one of the required study course books in the survey course required for completion of the first diploma. Every Baptist worker will need to study this book as soon as it gets off the press.—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Missions-Evangelism

Associational Missions

A NEW day is dawning in associational missions. A conference for associational missionaries and state mission secretaries at Gulfshore Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss., Feb. 11-15 will probably be the most significant meeting ever held in regard to associational missions. It is a "once-in-a-lifetime" type conference which will add great strength to the work of the associations our churches, and our entire Convention and its agencies.



DR. CALDWELL

The majority of our Arkansas missionaries are attending this meeting. Every phase of associational activity and the missionaries' responsibilities are scheduled to be studied and analyzed. We predict that the conference will result in the production of a book on the work of an association.

In many quarters pastors, laymen and denominational workers are raising questions about a real associational program of work and its relation to all agencies. Some questions usually raised have to do with meetings, budgets, organizational program, new missions and churches,

yearly objectives and goals, the missionaries' duties and relationship to churches, etc.

It is part of wisdom to face up to these questions. Does the association have a mission program? What is it? Is the program worthy of greater support? Are the churches profiting by the associational program? Is the missionary's work a real asset, fully justifying such an

office? How can his work be made more effective?

Why not face these issues in your association? Don't just gripe and growl. Get together for prayer and planning. Set up some definite objectives and have an understanding and then work together. Who takes the lead? The moderator, missionary and missions committee.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions



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church will claim first place soon advanced Standard School.

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of the churches which have at- this highest honor in Sunday recognition in recent years include West Church Batesville; Walnut Jonesboro; First, Lepanto. Are hers?

more that several churches are toward Advanced Standard rec- for this year. They include West, Batesville; First, Warren; endale First, Camden. Are there

will be next as a standard school?

will be first as an advanced school?—Lawson Hatfield

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or the care of alcoholics and ntally ill resulting from the alcoholic beverages.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR SEN- AND REPRESENTATIVE TO EXPRESS YOUR S ON THESE BILLS. NEED TO KNOW WHAT WANT SO THEY CAN YOUR NEEDS WHEN VOTE.

Colleges asked to move

DALLAS (BP)—Decatur Bay- tist College in Decatur, Tex., the world's oldest junior college, has been invited to move to Dallas to form the nucleus of the proyosed Dallas Baptist University.

The invitation was extended by the board of trustees for Dallas Baptist University and the Execu- tive Board of the Dallas Baytist Association.

Decatur trustees are expected to meet Feb. 14 to consider the in- vitation and to appoint committee members to study the possibility of relocating.

The two-year junior college, founded in 1898, is now located 61 miles northwest of Dallas. Fall enrollment last year was about 210 students.

If the Decatur trustees approve the move, the proposal will come before the Christian Education Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the 192-mem- ber Texas Baptist Executive Board, and the annual state con- vention for final approval.

Members of Decatur College's faculty, administration, and staff who choose to relocate in Dallas will become the nucleus of the Dal- las Baptist University, if the propo- sal is approved.

Brewery construction

FORT WORTH (BP) — Con- struction has begun on a \$10 mil- lion brewery here which is located "within smelling distance of Southwestern Seminary."

The three-story brewery, to be operated by Carling Brewery Co., will produce about 300,000 barrels of beer and ale annually. The bev- erages will be distributed in Tex- as, Oklahoma, and Colorado.

Opposition to the brewery is still running high, especially among Baptist people who live in the area, said Cal Guy, opposition leader and professor of missions at Southwestern Seminary.

An appeal to the state Supreme Court has been filed asking for a ruling that would allow a local op- tion liquor election in the precinct, but the high court has not yet elected to review the case.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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The Bow and Arrow

By THELMA C. CARTER



VALENTINE FOR VICKI

By AGNES MCPHARO

Neil looked up as his sister came into the room. Karen was usually smiling, but now Neil saw her eyes were filled with tears.

"What's the matter?" he asked.

"Vicki can't come to our valentine party," Karen answered, trying hard not to cry. "The doctor says she has to stay in bed for another week at least."

Neil shook his head in sympathy. "Too bad. It won't be much fun for you if your best friend can't come."

"It will be even less fun for Vicki," said Karen. "She was really counting on being here. Oh, Neil, we just must do something for her."

"Well, maybe we can," said Neil. "Then she won't feel quite so left out."

"You always have good ideas," Karen settled down beside him, ready to hear his suggestions. "Think hard."

"You and I can take our valentines over to her before the party."

"We would do that anyway," Karen objected. "I want it to be something special."

Neil didn't speak for several minutes. Suddenly, he let out an exclamation. Karen's eyes began to sparkle as he told her his idea.

"Oh, that will be fun, Neil!"

That evening Karen called Vicki's mother to tell her about their plan. Then Neil called everyone who was invited to the party.

"Bring a pretty valentine for Vicki," he told them. "Be sure to come early. It's a surprise."

For the next few days, Neil and Karen were busy. They searched the woods nearby. They sanded and hammered and painted. At last the day of the party arrived. Each guest brought a valen-

entine. Each one was eager to know about the surprise for Vicki.

When everyone had arrived, Neil told them his plan. Then he brought out what he and Karen had made. What excitement and laughter there was! The boys and girls worked quickly to finish the surprise they were taking to their friend.

Propped up in bed, Vicki greeted them happily as they all trooped into her room. Neil set a large package beside her.

"What a queer, lumpy bundle!" she said. "What can it be?"

Excitedly, Vicki pulled off the tissue paper wrappings. Inside was a gnarled branch painted silver. It was fastened to a block of wood so that it stood upright. From every twig hung a valentine and in between were bright-colored paper flowers and leaves.

"It's a valentine tree," cried Vicki, clapping her hands.

She looked at the valentines one by one. Then Neil started some quiet games in which Vicki could join.

After several games, Neil and Karen helped Vicki's mother carry in the refreshments they had brought. They had ice cream with a red heart in each slice and a cake decorated with pink roses.

All too soon it was time to go home.

"This was the most fun ever," exclaimed Vicki, as the others were leaving. "Thank you, everybody, for bringing the party to me."

"It was all Neil's idea," Karen told her, smiling.

"But you were the one who started it, Karen," Neil grinned. "Remember? You wanted a special valentine for Vicki."

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LOOK at the bright, shining bows and arrows of today. It is difficult to imagine they began as crudely cut branches of trees and river reeds bent to shape. Although they had a certain amount of spring, they were not always dependable in times of war and hunting.

Bows and arrows, still in good condition, have been found upon the floors of ancient caves and tombs all over the world. In the Holy Land, bows and arrows thousands of years old have been found.

Bows and arrows are mentioned many times in the Bible. Young boys in Bible times were trained early in archery. Kings, their sons, and soldiers, as well as members of the kings' courts, were trained to be skilled in the use of the bow and arrow.

Some of the ancient bows were so large and heavy that the feet had to be used to bend the bows. The arrows were sharp, slender, barbed, and deadly.

Some arrows were made with the tips or heads lashed with bits of leaves, leather, fur, stone, shell, and metal. These were to steady the arrow in flight. Some arrow tips were used to start fires.

An ancient custom in some countries was the use of arrows in making important decisions. This was done by shooting one or more arrows into the air and watching where the arrows fell.

In ancient times bows and arrows came to be made of strong, tough hardwoods and metals. Ash, hickory, and the yews were favorite woods. This is true today.

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A valentine

By SOLVEIG P. RUSSELL

A valentine is pretty;
A valentine is gay;
It tells someone you love him
In a special way.

A valentine is pretty;
A valentine is fun;
It is a little note of love
For a special one.



IS YOUR RELIGION REAL?

BY DR. DON B. HARBUCK

Pastor, First Church, El Dorado

February 17, 1963

Mark 7:1-13

A MOST disturbing question serves as title for this week's lesson: "Is Your Religion Real?" This searching inquiry



DR. HARBUCK

offers at once a brilliant summation of the lesson's scriptural text and a direct application of probing truth to our personal lives. Simply to be religious is not enough. Religion may be good or bad; it may be helpful or hurtful, real or unreal. History provides abundant documentation for both its goodness and badness. The scriptures outlined for study this week provide some vital criteria for judging between desirable and undesirable religion.

GOD'S REAL PURPOSE

The implication of Jesus' attack upon Jewish tradition invalidates any religion that makes human needs secondary. Even worship becomes vain unless it helps people to live decently and honorably. God's intentions expressed through His commandments drive toward the establishment of a human community in which people can mature into strong personalities under the sovereignty of God's love and truth. The inevitable creedal and institutional forms developed by religion become barriers to God's real purpose when they no longer help people to live, but begin to demand from their devotees a blind and fanatical allegiance. "Jesus came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many," but the Christian church, like the Jewish religion, has embarrassingly done an about face, refusing to emulate Jesus' example. Our institutions, our doctrines, our traditions, and our programs must be "ministered to" by the mechanism of every conceivable propaganda technique and political stratagem. Jesus lived among men as a servant. He regarded himself as expendable. He became obedient to a "cross" death. Even the wisdom of the ages has usually concluded that his life was the most real thing the world has ever known.

LIGHT TO ALL

Being "real" himself, Jesus came to deliver people from every form of unreality, including unreal religion. When the church settles down alongside all of the other "things" in life, (schools, businesses, bowling alleys, court houses, and coffee shops), then and there religion is made unreal. The "spiritual" is not one part of life; it is the condition of all life that is human. Religion cannot accept the "one part" verdict either. Like salt, it must flavor all of life; like the candle, it must give light to all that are in the house. According to Jesus, religion, piously guarding its purity in a monastery or scornfully surveying the struggle of life from the safety of a balcony, is the worst of evils. It is unreal religion.

MAJORS ON MINORS

Religion is unreal that does not foster the development of mature and responsible personalities. The pattern of such religion is not difficult to sketch. Always it is preoccupied with the peripheral. It majors on minors. It magnifies the trivial to the exclusion of the essential. It degenerates from the great ethical imperatives of the Old Testament to prating Pharisees urging people to wash their hands. In a recent article Harry Golden reports that thousands of Jews during the war years grew disenchanted with their historic religion because many of their rabbis gave more attention to ceremonial perfection and a rigid discipline of details than they did to pressing human needs. Jesus' indictment still stands. Nothing is more pitiful than the religious people tyrannized by the trivial.

Unreality in religion is usually accompanied by an absorbing attachment to the verbal. Fidelity to traditional formulations, conformity to creedal clichés emerge as characteristics of this religious trend. An elaborate system of catch words, oaths, and verbalisms had grown up in Judaism. Ostensibly, the Jews knew all of the right answers, but still they were not right. "This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." The Christian church has sinned no less grievous-

ly than did the Jews at this point. Remember the thousands of "heretics" that have perished at the hands of Christians because they failed to use the right words. During the Reformation, the Calvinists burned Servetus because of a "misplaced modifier." The man who fired the fagots declared that Servetus would have been saved had he prayed "Oh Jesus, eternal Son of our Father" instead of "Oh Jesus, son of our eternal Father." In a lighter vein is Walter Rauchenbusch's story of the Quaker dairyman who was forced to wear a dunce's cap for several weeks because he had been caught diluting his milk. Growing increasingly irate under the chidings of his fellow Quakers, the dishonest dairyman finally exploded in anger and consigned one of his tormentors to hell in a non-theological manner. Upon reaching the ears of the church officials, this action led to his being dismissed from the fellowship. Note well, he was disciplined by the church not for unethical business practices, but for using the wrong words. Unfortunately, in some religious circles words continue to be more important than deeds. Many religious crises could be averted if people would remember where Jesus stood on this issue.

UNETHICAL PRACTICE

Unreal religion finally degenerates into unethical practice. Human rights are often denied in order to preserve religious traditions. In this scheme of reasoning the tradition possesses supreme value. For many of the contemporary Jews the sanctity of the "Corban" oath exceeded the sanctity of family relationships. This situation appears less that farfetched when we consider how many preachers have refused to defend the rights of Negroes and other minority groups in order to avoid a threat to their personal security or to denominational stability. On the other side of the coin lies the tragedy of churches who have "fired" their preachers because they have declared the suppression of the Negro race to be both inhuman and unchristian. Jewish casuistry appears almost trivial in comparison with our massive racial prejudice and the sickening rationalizations by which we have sought to justify it. Hardly less reprehensible is the disgraceful manner in which we have mishandled the scholars who have tried to tell us the truth about our traditions. Anyone who has difficulty understanding the intensity of Jewish hatred for Jesus because he challenged their traditions should make a careful study of the fanatical fury which has lashed our seminaries in recent years.

How does real and vital religion atrophy into the narrow particularism that Jesus confronted in the Jewish religion of his day? At least two reasons may be observed. First of all, there was the tendency to set premature limits on what God would say and do. The

A Smile or Two

Back to nature

WHEN the young man called on his sweetheart she demanded, "Who was that lady I saw you with at the sidewalk cafe last night?"

"That was no sidewalk cafe," protested the young man. "She was my landlady and that was my furniture."

Equally vulnerable

A SMALL contractor and partner closed their office and went to the movies. While there, one nudged the other and gasped, "Gosh, Joe, we forgot to lock the safe."

"What's the difference?" asked the other. "We're both here, aren't we?"

Bulls-eye

WHEN the owner of a timber tract sent out to camp a crew of fifty men with three women to cook for them, he said to the camp boss:

"Don't write me long reports about what you are doing. Instead of multiplying words, just give me a few figures each week and I can tell how you are getting along."

The next week he received this note: "2 per cent of the men have married 33 and one-third of the women."

It's in the Army now

A HIGH-RANKING military officer on duty with the Central Intelligence Agency was checking out a brand-new electronic computer which the manufacturer had said was capable of answering any question.

Sure enough, no matter how difficult the problem put to it the electronic machine came up with the answer.

Impressed, the officer wrote out the big question on a piece of paper—"What about World War III?"—and fed it into the computer.

Gears turned, lights blinked, bells rang, and out popped the answer: "Yes."

The officer scratched his head, and then wrote out: "Yes what?"

Again the gears turned, the lights blinked and bells rang. Out came the tape, and written on it was "Yes, sir."

Typographical error

A MOTORIST, picked up unconscious after a crash, was carried to a nearby filling station. Opening his eyes, he began to struggle desperately to get away. Later he explained that the first thing he saw was the "Shell" sign, and someone was standing in front of the S.

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Key to listings: (BB) Baptist Beliefs; (BL) Beacon Lights of Baptist History; (CC) Counselor's Corner; (GMH) Courtship, Marriage and the Home; (E) Editorial; (GL) Gleanings from Greek New Testament; (PS) Personally Speaking; (SS) Sunday School lesson.

No comparison

THE divorce court judge turned to the husband: "I am told you pay more attention to your dog than to your wife. Is that true?"

"Sure is," he answered. "My dog comes when I whistle; keeps my feet warm at night, and grows his own fur coat."

Indignant

THE head of a business, who was having trouble with one of his departments, called in his executives for a lecture:

"Look," he said. "You guys have got to get on the ball. That's all there is to it. If we have any bottlenecks around here, I want you to get rid of them, and get rid of them immediately. Now, who has any suggestions?" From the rear of the conference room a junior executive piped up. "Sir," he said, "I've had some experience with bottles, and from that experience I can tell you, the necks are always at the top!"

Tactful

"YOU pay a small deposit," said the salesman, "and then make no more payments for six months."

"Who told you about us?" demanded the lady of the house.

Jewish people came to feel that God's word in the law and prophets was the final word. It is a perpetual human tendency to make the latest word we have heard the last word. Once we have a brilliant revelation from God we tend to shutter the windows against further light and enjoy what we already know. We are not open to more truth and new growth. Not only is the mind closed against the fuller disclosure of God's will, it sets about immediately to defend that which it has already received as the final and permanent expression of God's truth. There arose in Judaism an elaborate "hedge" about the law. Eventually this protecting hedge blinded the leaders to the law's true intention and finally supplanted the law entirely in the priorities of the people. To develop in this direction seems to be the inevitable tendency of all religious groups. Submitting ourselves and our institutions continually to rational and spiritual criticism under the direction of God's Word and Spirit offers the only hope of deliverance from this perishing process. Thus only can we experience real religion.

Attendance Report

February 3, 1963

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alma, Kibler	134	95	
Alpena, First	71	43	
Osage Mission	27	21	
Berryville, Freeman Hts.	169	79	
Camden			
Buena Vista Ch.	47	38	
Cullendale, First	457	200	
First	529	205	
Dumas, First	291	90	
El Dorado, E. Main	271	131	
Forrest City, First	562	190	
Midway	38	41	
Ft. Smith			
East Side	92	70	3
First	1041	322	5
Missions	508	216	
Grand Ave.	710	288	5
Mission	19		
Towson Ave.	207	114	7
Harrison, Eagle Hts.	250	102	
Huntsville,	76	35	8
Kingston	20	21	
Combs	17	20	
Jacksonville			
Berea	100	64	
First	588	204	3
Maishall Road	110	53	1
Jonesboro			
Central	477	208	1
Nettleton	219	100	
Lavaca	226	158	
Little Rock			
First	1049	424	3
White Rock	26	14	
Immanuel	1260	448	4
Forest Tower	42	23	
Kerr	39	21	
Rosedale	224	109	7
McGehee First	382	179	
Chapel	36	24	
Marked Tree	155	66	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	799	246	3
Camp Robinson	47	23	
Southside	30	20	
Calvary	480	143	
First, Gravel Ridge	140	98	3
Highway	218	93	
Levy	493	219	
Sylvan Hills First	265	116	3
Smackover, First	288	138	
Mission	16	13	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	176	84	
Van Horn First	436	177	2
Windsorport	54	42	



Reds still religious

MOSCOW (EP)—An article in *Science and Religion*, an atheistic monthly here, complained that the spread of atheism throughout Russia is having difficulties.

Generally, atheism is making "some progress" the article said, but religious groups are gaining. "In fact, in whole republics, where in comparison with the situation before the revolution, the number of various religious sects has actually increased."

Offering an "explanation," the article claimed that under the Czar of Russia before the Communist revolution "non-Orthodox sects were persecuted, while the Soviet constitution gives freedom to all."

Facts of interest

. . . The first direct communication between the United States and South America using the newest communications satellite, "Relay," took place Jan. 17. Early Thursday morning, a radio program, featuring comments by Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Hermes Lima, foreign minister of Brazil, was beamed from Nutley, N.J., via the space satellite, to a mobile receiving station outside Rio de Janeiro. News dispatches and photographs from Associated Press and United Press International were included in the 20-minute experiment.

. . . Vice-admiral Hyman G. Rickover has said that schooling in the United States lags behind that of Russia. A comprehensive study of the Russian elementary-school system shows that by the fourth grade every child has been exposed to a vocabulary of 10,000 words, whereas children in the United States are limited deliberately to 1,500 words. Russian elementary pupils go to classes six days a week for ten months, compared with our five-day week for nine months (less usually three weeks for vacations).

. . . George M. Fister, M.D., president of the American Medical Association gives the following facts about the progress of medicine in this nation: Four and one-half million Americans are alive today who would be dead if the mortality rate of 25 years ago still prevailed. For the first time in our history, life expectancy for Americans has exceeded the biblical three score and ten years; it now stands at 70.2 years. Eighty per cent of the drugs commonly prescribed today were unknown just ten years ago. The United States has made more important drug discoveries in the last two decades than all the rest of the world combined, or seven times as many as the next leading country.

Wrong address?

ATLANTA (EP)—Miss Shelba Macon of Pooler, Ga., was a legal secretary in Savannah, Ga. For three weeks a wrongly-addressed copy of the *Christian Index*, Georgia Baptist newspaper, came to her office.

The first two copies she did not read; the third one she did. One of the first articles to catch her eye told of the need for tentmakers, Baptist lay people who hold secular jobs while voluntarily doing mission work in pioneer Baptist areas.

For a time before reading the paper Miss Macon had felt a tug toward Christian service of some type. Now, as she read of this need, she decided to contact the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for details.

Today she is office secretary in Portland of the Oregon-Washington Baptist Woman's Missionary Union and student department. She works in a small Baptist church in Portland.

P.S. Editor John J. Hurt of the *Christian Index* here has corrected the mistake.

A wrong address.
Or was it?

Mercy killing rapped

BERLIN (EP)—A statement implicitly condemning "mercy killing" in the cases of deformed babies caused by the drug Thalidomide was issued here by the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID).

The council declared that Christ's injunction regarding the "least of these" forbids any discrimination against even the "weakest and most miserable" human creatures.

"The church must witness to the world in word and deed the inviolability of all human life as laid down in the Fifth Commandment," the statement said. It declared that "the physician's task is to heal and preserve but not destroy life."

Donate to Graham

BERLIN (EP) — Collections taken in Germany during the Universal Week of Prayer sponsored by the World's Evangelical Alliance, traditionally held during the first week in January, were earmarked to finance the crusade U. S. Evangelist Billy Graham is scheduled to conduct in German cities next summer.

A central committee for the metropolitan campaigns has been set up by the Alliance. Serving as general secretary is the Rev. Peter Schneider of Berlin, who acted as interpreter for Dr. Graham when he conducted rallies at Essen, Hamburg and Berlin in 1960. Mr. Schneider is secretary of the German YMCA.

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