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The governor's opportunity

GOVERNOR Faubus' forthright stand against any new laws to legalize gambling in Arkansas beyond horse and dog racing can be credited with helping to set the stage for the passage of House Bill 116.

Predicting the fate of a proposed bill before the last vote is counted is rather precarious, but as this was written (Monday, Feb. 18) House Bill 116, by Murphy of Ashley County, to provide for enforcement of state gambling laws by State Police, seemed sure to pass and go to the Governor's desk.

Governor Faubus has rightly emphasized the importance of the support of the people if law enforcement is to be effective. Now there can be no doubt, from the response of the people across the state and from the action of the state legislators themselves, what the real sentiment of the people is. The volume of mail coming into the State Capitol from all over the state, and the large attendance of people at the public hearing on the Murphy bill last week show in no uncertain terms "which way the wind is blowing" on the gambling issue in Arkansas.

The Governor's signature to this bill will be a stroke for an improved morality in "The Land of Opportunity," and will go far to restoring to the state its true image—an image that has been besmirched by the taking over of Hot Springs by the gambling element.

Some idea of what Arkansas looks like to the rest of the world, as the gamblers continue their operations openly and unabashed, can be seen in special articles in the Chicago *Sun-Times* by a member of the paper's staff, Ray Brennan. We quote from the Arkansas Democrat's report on the article:

"Arkansas desperately needs new industries to create employment, as do many of the states in Dixie.

"And northern industrialists are loath to set up plants in Hot Springs, Little Rock, Fort Smith or other Arkansas cities.

"They don't want to pay wages that ultimately enrich the racketeers. Anyway, employes beset by gambling trouble often are indifferent employes, it has been found."

"Brennan discounted the arguments of some Hot Springs officials who say that only the wealthy tourists, and not local people, gamble.

"He said that he checked the Southern Club in Hot Springs one afternoon and found it loaded with

housewives, some with bags of groceries, who had come for the afternoon bingo game.

"Brennan wrote that the bingo cards ranged from 10 cents to \$2 and that some women played the limit of \$30 for the afternoon. During intermission, he wrote, the women were invited to try their luck on the slot machines.

"When the bingo games were over, he wrote, 'The women picked up their grocery bags and trudged away, some of them stopping at the casino dice, roulette or card tables—in a desperate hope to recoup part of hubby's paycheck.'

"The Chicago paper also noted that serving mixed drinks in the clubs violated Arkansas law.

"It stated that Gov. Faubus had said he will not use state police to close down gambling because they are 'too busy directing traffic.'

"In his article the previous day, Brennan wrote:

"To a visiting reporter from Chicago, Hot Springs is a national phenomenon—the last outpost of illegal, flagrant, organized gambling in America.

"Chicago, with all its reputation for wickedness has had nothing like it for more than 20 years'"

The setting up of a division of the State Police to enforce the gambling laws will require finances beyond the regular budget, but surely the money that is needed can be found for something so vital to the moral fiber of the state. The time has come for us to decide who is going to run the state, the people or the underworld.

Governor Faubus, we are counting on you—
ELM

Binkley Succeeds Stealey

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP) — Olin T. Binkley has been elected president of Southeastern Seminary here succeeding Sydnor L. Stealey.

Dr. Stealey told the seminary trustees he will retire July 31. He had planned to retire last year when he became 65 but trustees asked him to remain another year.

The president-elect has been dean of faculty of Southeastern Seminary since 1958. He has been on the faculty of the school since 1952.

Southeastern Seminary began operating in 1951. Stealey is the only president it has had. Binkley is the first dean of faculty.

Binkley, 54, was born in Harmony, N. C. He attended Wake Forest College, when it was located here. The seminary now uses the campus Wake Forest College (Baptist) vacated in moving to Winston-Salem, N.C.

Legislature in gambling controversy

By LEE DANCE

(Legislative secretary Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas)

HOUSE Bill 116 by Murphy of Ashley County has gotten a real going-over this week. This is the piece of legislation which has become known as the "anti-gambling bill."

After considerable delay in the House Committee on State Agencies, the bill was finally brought before a public hearing at the Capitol Building on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 10 a.m. About 200 ministers and lay leaders across the state of Arkansas appeared before this committee in behalf of the bill. Representative Jim Linder of Phillips County, chairman of this committee, conducted the public hearing.

Representative Schoenfeld of Garland County offered an amendment which would add to the bill the responsibility of the state police to investigate and prosecute liquor law violations. This hearing brought forth only two spokesmen in opposition to the bill; namely, Rep. Schoenfeld and an alleged groceryman from Hot Springs and Garland County. At the close of the hearing at 11:45 a.m. the committee went into executive session and at the suggestion of the chairman the executive session was recessed until 9 a.m. on Thursday.

At the 9 a.m. executive session Rep. Linder, chairman, persuaded the committee to attach an appropriation amendment to the bill. This appeared to be a device to kill the bill when it reached the floor of the House of Representatives. With the amendment it would have been necessary to get 75 votes to pass the bill. Under these conditions, if passed, there was some considerable question about the legislation then having been in accordance with the provisions of the

constitution. Rep. Linder obviously withheld his amendment from the public in an effort to prevent raising public opposition and to get it attached to the bill.

On the same day, however, the House voted down this amendment by Chairman Linder. The bill was then tied up in a legislative procedure referred to as the "morning hour" by Representative Schoenfeld in an attempt to get his amendment incorporated in the bill. Due to the alertness of Representatives Murphy, Hammons, and others this hurdle was overcome in the morning session on Friday, Feb. 15. As it now stands the legislation is likely to be acted on early in the week of February 18.

Wet-dry measure up

Rep. G. D. Smith of Lincoln County introduced House Resolution 20 during the week. This resolution would require all pending "wet-dry" legislation to be studied in light of an official study of the joint committee of the states to study alcoholic beverage laws as revised in 1960. I could find only one copy of this document. This resolution would almost certainly mean that all "wet-dry" bills which have been offered will die in committee.

This study could possibly throw some light on some of our conflicting laws in the area of alcoholic beverage control, but the resolution was introduced at such a late period in the session that its effect can be none other than detrimental to the forces of righteousness. If such resolution was to have been

submitted, it would have been reasonable to have done so earlier in the session and to have made copies of the study available to all members of the House.

House Bill 250 by Hammons of St. Francis County was reported back to the House with a "do not pass" recommendation. This is the bill that is commonly referred to as the "implied consent" law. It would set up requirements for blood-testing of those who were apprehended and suspected of driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

The Cover



So it is sometimes
Up among the Ozark Mountains
Where bright waters spring in
fountains
Lived a maiden, young and
pretty
As a dream;
Just across from Elbow Center
Where the sun's new rays were
sent her
O'er a stream.

Now, there lived in Elbow Center
A young man, a modest renter,
Full of hope and with ambition's
Brilliant gleams.
He could hear her gently singing
Like sweet chiming bells a ringing,
So it seems.

Now the two are held together
By their faith in one another
And by little ones that gather
Round their board.
And the earth to them is heaven
Thro the gifts that God has given.
Praise the Lord!

—W. B. O'Neal

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EP Evangelical Press.

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The news we want

(Editor's Note: Following is an adaptation from an editorial which appeared recently in another Baptist state paper—FLORIDA WITNESS, Dr. W. G. Stracener, editor. It is suggested that each of our readers study this and then file it for future reference.—ELM)

THE addition of an average of more than 2,000 new subscribers each year, plus the continuing changes in both pastoral and lay leadership in the Baptist churches in Arkansas make it necessary to present again information given in editorial comments in other years.

In the interest of better service to our readers and the churches, let us answer here some of the questions more frequently asked about submitting news and pictures for publication in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

We are grateful for the news that is sent to us from individuals, churches, institutions and groups. We want the news of what pastors and churches are doing, of what missionaries are accomplishing, of what our institutions are projecting, which is encouraging and challenging to our readers.

In order that both the quality and the coverage of our news may be improved, and that time may be saved for both you and our staff, we make a few suggestions.

Local news

News of purely local interest is valuable to your local daily or weekly newspaper, but since it has little or no statewide interest or appeal should not be sent to the *Arkansas Baptist*. Every church has its regular schedule of services and meetings, as does every organization within the church and every organization of the association. Most of these meetings are of purely local interest.

Even the annual events which are observed in most of the churches, such as Bible Study Week, Week of Prayer for foreign missions, Youth Week, Christian Home Week, Vacation Bible School, Student Night at Christmas, etc., are of only local interest unless there is something quite unusual in the plans or the results. Normally, such things are not news items for your state Baptist paper.

Statewide news

Quite often something unusual does occur in one of these regularly planned and projected services or programs which does constitute news of state-

wide interest and should be reported to the *Arkansas Baptist*.

For example, to report that "the Alpha Church concluded its Week of Prayer for foreign mission with a generous Lottie Moon Christmas offering and a challenging sermon by Pastor X. Y. Zee would not be news of statewide interest. But if it were reported that "as the Alpha Church concluded its Week of Prayer for foreign mission with a \$3,000 offering, Pastor X. Y. Zee announced his resignation to accept appointment as a missionary to Africa, and Deacon I. J. Kay is giving a new station wagon for the pastor and his wife to use in their missionary service," that would be news of statewide interest and value.

Convention-wide news

There is other news of happenings in Arkansas which has an interest throughout Southern Baptist Convention territory and even beyond.

Events which demonstrate vision or progress or generosity, either of individuals or of church groups, which events do not frequently occur even in the larger territory makes news of Convention-wide significance.

We hope our pastors and churches will be more alert to make effective use of news which will contribute to Kingdom progress, both in their own local papers and in their state denominational paper.

A word about pictures

We want pictures to illustrate the news we publish, pictures of new church and mission buildings, of new pastoriums, of new pastors and education or music workers, of unusual events which have statewide news value.

Sometime ago the *Arkansas Baptist* discontinued the policy of charging for photos used in the paper. All such costs are now borne by the paper.

Many of the pictures sent to us cannot be used because of poor quality. Be sure that the pictures are of news or feature interest and that they are sharp and clear in quality. A close-up of two or three people that tells a story is better by far than a large group who are just posing to have a picture made.

No mats or cuts

Our paper is printed by off-set and we cannot make satisfactory reproductions from mats or cuts. Please send photographs. Photographs can be enlarged or reduced to meet our space requirements. They can be returned when we have finished with them. Be careful if any writing is done on the backs of the pictures that the pictures are not

marked. Better to type the information and paste it on the backs of the photos.

Get it in early

Our printing schedule is such that your news items must be in our office not later than a full week ahead of the issue date of the paper in which you expect them to appear. Ten days ahead is better. Announcements of approaching events are frequently sent to us too late for us possibly to get them in the paper before the events occur. Please observe the above schedule, especially when submitting any item of announcement. The earlier we can have your news and pictures, the better it will be for you, for us and for all our readers.

You ask about:

ATTENDANCE REPORTS—A church's weekly report of Sunday School and Training Union attendances and additions should be mailed promptly on Sunday night or first thing Monday morning. It must be in our office not later than Wednesday morning in order to be used. Almost every week we receive from one to a half-dozen or more reports after the deadline, and we know someone is disappointed over their failure to appear in the paper.

ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS ITEMS—Customary program, business or social meetings of the various organizations in the church, similar to those being held in 1177 other Baptist churches in the state, do not constitute news with state-wide interest and should not be reported to us. If something truly unusual is planned or accomplished, however, it may make a good story for our paper. In such an event, please send the report to the state secretary of the department whose work is involved. For

example: if you are reporting something you consider newsworthy which your Sunday School has done, send the item to Rev. Lawson Hatfield of the Sunday School Department; if it refers to the Woman's Missionary Union, to Miss Nancy Cooper; etc. Each department has responsibility for the material about its work which is published under its department heading each week, and will be glad to do the best it can with items sent in, having to bear in mind always of course the limitations of its own space as well as the possible newsworthiness of any reports or stories submitted. Your cooperation in this will help the *Arkansas Baptist*, the department involved, and the service we may be able to render you.

POETRY—We have a very limited space for poetry. But we are interested in seeing what any of the poets or would-be poets have to offer. We will use what we judge acceptable, as we have space for it. Much that "has a message" and rhymes fails to qualify as poetry, however, and cannot be used.

OBITUARIES AND RESOLUTIONS—Due to space limitations, the *Arkansas Baptist* has to be very selective in the acceptance of obituaries. Only the deaths of persons prominent in Baptist affairs are carried, as a rule.

Resolutions as such are not carried. Each one received is considered from the standpoint of its news value. If a resolution is judged to have news value, a news story is carried about it, usually quoting it in part.

QUESTIONS—We will welcome questions, suggestions and criticisms which can help us to improve our service to you through your own state Baptist paper.

Personally speaking

Still on the nest

PASTOR Terrel Gordon, of Immanuel Church, Fayetteville, passed on to us recently an interesting anecdote involving a four-year-old relative of his.



ERWIN L.

want any dessert, and I don't want to take a nap. I've got to see if that old hen is still on the nest."

Little David, a city dweller, was anything but bored on a visit to the Northwest Arkansas farm of his grandparents. Finishing his noon meal early, one day, he announced as he swallowed the hurried last bite:

"Grandmother, I don't

About the only interest a lot of us country boys had in visiting a hen's nest, back when we were growing up, down on Bunker, was to see if there were two eggs in the nest that we could take over to Shrigg Eggleston's store and swap for a nickel's worth of candy. Or for a sodapop or an icecream cone.

Just think what a dark outlook we face, with so many children growing up today in town and thinking that all the eggs are laid at the supermarket!

To our government's many and varied educational programs—including an exchange of foreign students—we might add one more: an exchange deal that would get the town kiddies out to the country to see where the supermarket eggs come from.

Little David may have had far more insight than appeared on the surface. What the young man may have been wondering was whether or not Modern Technology, with its fancy hatcheries

and brooders that relieve hens of the old ordeal of sitting on eggs to hatch them, might have come up with some machine that would lay eggs.

The long arm of Science has reached out to the remote places to change a lot of things even on the farm. Now the farmer has learned how, through a better planned and more nutritious diet for the chickens, and by such practices as leaving the lights turned on in the chicken houses, to improve on the size and quality of eggs, and the volume of output. But, the last time we heard, the eggs were still being laid by natural processes.

Really, it is somewhat reassuring to know that the old hens are still on their nests and that the prospect is they will continue to be, regardless of what Congress or the State Legislature may do.

Erwin L. McDonald

"Shall I marry a younger man?"



"Beyond all else involved in marriage, it is still a relationship of two individuals."

"To be thoroughly married is a rare and precious thing in our time."—Kathleen Nyberg (*The Care and Feeding of Ministers*)

QUESTION: "My boy friend is the greatest. I am very much in love with him. He loves me, too, and wants to marry me, but there is one thing that bothers me. I am nearly two years older than he.

"All the books I read on marriage say that the girl should be younger than the man she marries. Do you think this reverse difference in our ages would make ours a bad risk for married happiness? Should we try to forget each other and look around for other prospective mates?"

ANSWER: The books are right. The ideal situation calls for the man to be the older. Masculine maturity plus feminine dependence assures easier adjustment.

This principle has not changed since A. W. Beaven wrote these statements, years ago. (*The Fine Art of Living Together*)

"Undoubtedly happy homes have been built where a great discrepancy exists between ages, but, by and large, the natural thing is for a man to be some three or four years older than the woman.

"The necessary burden of readjustment is at its lowest when these are the relative ages. The further from this ideal the ages go, the heavier the burden upon the two in their readjustment of personalities."

Now don't rush to conclusions! Hold that "Dear John" letter until we give further consideration to your question.

Age differences are not always determined by birth dates.

Weigh all angles before you decide to try to "forget" this boy friend you consider "the greatest."

Physical types have a bearing upon the effect your ages would have upon your future happiness.

Are you petite? Pretty? Do you look younger than he? Do you "take things as they come"? Have you a cheery disposition? Do you let him do the worrying? Good.

Are you large of stature? The athletic type, rather than softly feminine? Are you by nature extremely independent? Worry-prone? Not so good.

What would be your financial situation? Could you afford good cosmetics, aids to youth and beauty? Smart clothes?

How energetic and resourceful are you? Would you work on the matters of physical attractiveness, mental alertness, spiritual charm? Would you? Right on through the years? Any let-down at these points could be fatal!

Is his the more aggressive personality? Does he make the decisions? Give your orders to the waitress? Spontaneously think of the social niceties? Look after you? And do you love it that way?

Or, do you make suggestions to him, without restraint? Prompt him about the fine points? Could the years slyly crystallize yours into a domineering image? That road is marked *danger*.

What is the basis of your affection for each other? Does your love have depth and character?

What is the comparison of your educational attainments?

Have you serene and confidence in the maturity of his judgment? His capacity for success? His qualifications for fatherhood?

Are you secure in his loyalty?

Or has he flirtatious tendencies? Have you secret fears that you might be displaced in his affection by some glamorous newcomer?

This is no easy test. You asked and I have tried to "level with you."

You must give your own answers, mark your own score, and make your own decision.

Whatever your decision, after your choice is made, spend no time wondering how it would have been if you had decided otherwise.

Smile off unimportant matters. Cultivate immunity to thoughtless comments.

Put your best into making your marriage succeed. Happiness is a by-product.

Two instances do not make a rule, but these real-life cases may interest you.

There are two couples in our family with whom my husband and I have been very close through the years. In each of these marriages, the wife is older than the husband. Each one, however, looks definitely younger than her husband.

Whereas, I am in a similar ratio younger than my husband—but look the older! Seldom does this secondary matter enter into our thoughts.

Were the six of us "polled" by secret ballot, I believe the vote would be: given the power of choice, each of the six would choose the same life-mate he or she chose more than thirty years ago.

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

Rosalind Street

Mrs. J. H. Street

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

Baptist beliefs

MESSIAH

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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"Messiah" is a Hebrew word (*mashiach*) meaning "smeared" or "anointed." As an official title it appears in the Hebrew form only twice in the Old Testament (Dan. 9:25 - 26) and twice in the New Testament (John. 1:14, 4:25). But the idea of "anointing" is abundantly found in the Old Testament.



DR. HOBBS

Anointing with olive oil, sometimes perfumed, was a part of the daily toilet of the Hebrews. However, among the poor it was probably used only on special occasions (Ruth 3:3). During a time of mourning one abstained from this practice (II Sam. 14:2; cf. 1 Sam. 12:20). Anointing a guest with oil was an act of hospitality (Ps. 23:5; cf. Luke 7:46).

In the religious sense anointing applied to both things and persons. Stones might be anointed to constitute altars (Gen. 28:18-20; cf. 31:13). Both the Tabernacle (Ex. 40:9), its altar (Ex. 40:10) and its vessels (Ex. 40:11; Lev. 8:11) were thus consecrated. As "anointed" they were holy unto Jehovah (Lev. 8:10).

Persons set apart for Jehovah's service also were anointed. This practice probably originated in Egypt, and was practiced by the Canaanites prior to the Hebrew invasion. Among the Hebrews this custom applied to priests (Ex. 30:30), kings (I Sam. 10:1; 15:1;

16:12; II Sam. 2:4; note Elijah anointing a pagan king, I Kings 19:15-16), and prophets (I Kings 19:16, only example, but see Isa. 61:1). To anoint one with sacred oil was to impart to the anointed a special endowment of the Spirit of Jehovah (I Sam. 16:13; cf. Isa. 61:1). Hence the sacred regard for the "Lord's anointed" (I Sam. 26:23).

It is understandable, therefore, how the word "Messiah" came to be applied to One who would be sent from Jehovah for divine deliverance (cf. Dan. 9:25-26). He would be Prophet, Priest, and King "anointed" of God by His Spirit (Isa. 61:1; cf. Acts 10:38). Unfortunately, however, the priestly, sacrificial role of the Messiah was lost in the Jewish concept. The role of the prophet survived but dimly (Matt. 16:14). In their worldly, political ambitions the Jews came to look for a political-military Messiah (cf. John 6:15; cf. 6:26, 60ff.) who would deliver them from Roman bondage and set up an earthly kingdom (cf. Luke 24:21; Acts 1:6). This picture abounds in the Jewish writings between the Old and New Testaments. Hence Satan's proposal (Matt. 4:8-10). For this reason "He came unto his own [things], and his own people received him not [did not welcome him]," (John 1:11). But a remnant did receive Him (cf. Luke 2:26).

The Hebrew word "Messiah" is rendered in the Greek language as "Christ" (cf. John 1:41; 4:25).

For pulpit committees

UNDER separate cover we are sending you a complimentary copy of a recently published, sixteen-page booklet entitled, "Guidance For A Baptist Pulpit Committee."

In our estimation this is the best piece of information on the subject, in print, and therefore should be helpful to Pulpit Committees throughout the entire Southern Baptist Convention.

This is printed on a cost basis and is being offered at 35 cents per copy; 3 copies for \$1, postage paid.

Our prayer is that the Lord may use this effort to help alleviate, clarify and eliminate problems surrounding the work of seeking out, securing and calling a pastor. Any help you can give us in this effort will be greatly appreciated.—J.C. Consey, Midway Letter Service, Route 2, Lower Thomaston Road, Macon, Ga.

REPLY: You have a very helpful booklet. I note that its author is Dr. Leslie S. Williams, a former member of the faculty of Ouachita College.

New England Baptists

WE thought perhaps your readers would like to know about a small Southern Baptist group which is meeting in Greenwich, Conn. In return they can help us by telling us about more Baptist families who are living in this area.

Our parent church, The Manhattan Church of New York City is a member of the Southern Baptist Convention. This church is doing a wonderful work and during a cold winter, I can assure you, it is the "warmest place in the entire city." The people have the intense warmth of Christian friendliness and love. Under the leadership of Dr. Paul James, the efforts of this church have resulted in the establishment of mission points and churches in the areas surrounding New York City.

Our group of 32 is meeting in the YMCA as the Greenwich Baptist Fellowship, a mission point. We are thankful for the guidance of Dr. F. N. Pack, a retired Texas preacher. Eager to become a church, we have filed our petition to the Manhattan Church to start the necessary procedures and are looking for property.

We are searching high and low for people in the Stamford-Greenwich part of Connecticut and in the adjoining area near to White Plains, N.Y., who might be interested in meeting with us. There are many Southern Baptists up here who need us almost as badly as we need them. Can you help us find out who they are and where they live? Greenwich Baptist Fellowship, c/o Jack Skelton, P.O. Box 93, Cos Cob, Connecticut.



Center is dedicated

HIGHLIGHTING Homecoming Day festivities at Southern College Feb. 15 was the dedication of the new student center.

Principal speaker was Dr. James F. Eaves, pastor of Union Avenue Church, Memphis. Others participating were Rev. W. H. Heard, First Church, Walnut Ridge; Dr. Tom Logue, state secretary of Baptist Student Unions; Rev. Tommy Hinson, pastor, First Church, West Memphis and president of the board of trustees; Dr. C. Z. Holland, pastor, First Church, Jonesboro, and president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and Dr. H. E. Williams, college president.

An alumni luncheon at noon featured a program by Felix Goodson, assistant to the president of the college.

Homecoming Queen Janet Stanfield of Oran, Mo., received her crown during halftime ceremonies in the Southern College-Flat River Junior College game at Carter Field house. Attending maids were Glenda Sisco, Poplar Bluff, Mo., Glenda Anthony and Darlene Tate, of Oran, and Audrey Brown, Cooter, Mo.

Berea Chapel becomes church

BEREA Chapel became Berea Church, an independent Southern Baptist Church, in an organizational service Jan. 27, with Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the state convention, acting as moderator.

The mission conducted its first service in 1955 in the home of one of the present members, under the sponsorship of the First Church of Little Rock.

The first unit of the educational building has been completed. It is air conditioned and centrally heated. Later a seven-room house and seven acres of ground were purchased adjoining the property. The house is now the pastor's

home. The land will be used for future expansion.

Rev. L. Y. Lewis was the first pastor to serve. Rev. Marvin Boswell, the present pastor, began his ministry at Berea in 1958.

The church, organized with 137 members, voted to seek affiliation with the North Pulaski Association.

Berea Church is located just south of Jacksonville on Highway 161 and Valentine Road.

Trustees elected are Winfred Hammons, treasurer, Mrs. Peggie Jones, financial secretary. C. C. Schneider, Bill Kerr, Cassell Weeks, Fred Boyd, and James Flewellen.

L. J. Cooper retires

L. J. COOPER was honored recently at a church-wide reception upon his retirement as church treasurer of First Church, Harrison, after 33 years.

Mrs. Cooper, who assisted him in the work of the office, shared in the honors.

A plaque was presented by Rev. Roy Hilton, pastor.

The son of a Baptist minister, Mr. Cooper was reared in Paragould but has lived in Harrison since 1929. He was manager of the Ozark division of the Arkansas Power and Light Company until his retirement in 1961.

Osceola church hit

AN explosion and fire heavily damaged the Calvary Church in Osceola Feb. 5.

No one was in the building and there were no injuries.

The fire chief said the explosion apparently was caused by a gas leak touched off by the pilot light of a furnace.

UN workshop slated

BAPTISTS have been invited to attend a United Nations Workshop to be held at First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Feb. 27-28.

Mrs. Earl D. Cotton of Little Rock, chairman, says that leaders in the missions and world peace movements will attend as well as two African women who are in the United States as a team to visit American church groups.

The opening session is set for 2 p.m. Feb. 27. The following day's meetings are at 9:30 a.m. and 12:15 and 3 p.m.

Hall on focus team

DR. Andrew M. Hall, pastor of First Church of Fayetteville, will serve on the Howard College (Birmingham) religious focus team Feb. 18-22. He will have the opening and closing address and will serve as seminar leader and classroom guest.

Other team members include Carl Junkin, editor of the Baptist Student and Bill Wade, quarterback of the professional Chicago Bears.

New Camden pastor



MR. GRIFFIN

DANNY Griffin has assumed his new duties as pastor of Elliott Church, Camden.

Mr. Griffin, the son of a Baptist preacher, was born in Rochester, N.Y., but reared in South Carolina and Florida. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Seminary.

He was minister of youth at Second Church, Hot Springs, Trinity Church, San Antonio, Tex., and Melbourne Heights Church, Louisville. He has served as pastor of First Church, Elisabeth, Ind., since 1961.



DR. FIELDS

Fields visits state

DR. W. C. FIELDS, Southern Baptist Convention public relations secretary, will be in Arkansas three days to present his study of the inner city through his book *The Chains are Strong*. Dr. Fields, a graduate of Louisiana College, with a doctorate from Southern Seminary, has been editor of the *Mississippi Baptist Record*, now edits publications of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, including *The Baptist Program*, and has written the Home Mission Board's adult book for this year's emphasis on World Missions.

Dr. Fields will preach at First Church, Little Rock, Sunday morning, Feb. 24, and Pulaski Heights Sunday night. He will present his study of the inner city in a Pulaski associational meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Calvary Church, Little Rock, Monday, Feb. 25, and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at First Church. From 10 to 12 Tuesday morning, he will be at Pulaski Heights. Visitors will be welcome at all meetings.

Reservations should be made for meals to be served at Calvary and First Church.

Coming revivals

REV. J. Harold Smith, radio evangelist of Dallas, Tex., will lead the services at Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock. Dates are Mar. 3-10. Robert D. Hatzfeld, the church minister of music, will direct music.

REV. W. O. Vaught, Jr., Immanuel Church, Little Rock, pastor, will be evangelist at First Church, Blytheville, Mar. 3-8.

REV. Claude Jenkins of Jackson, Mo., will be evangelist at First Church, Marshall, with services opening Feb. 21. Rev. Klois L. Hargis is pastor.

REV. Wilson Deese, pastor of West Helena Church, will be the preacher at Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, for the revival Mar. 31-Apr. 7. The singer will be James Burleson, director of public relations for Ouachita College.

CLIFTON W. Brannon, Southern Baptist evangelist, returned from a speaking tour around the world to hold revival services at Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, Feb. 17-24. Bill Michael of Lubbock, Tex., is music director

DR. James Smith of Jefferson City, Mo., will be revivalist at First Church, West Memphis, Mar. 3-10. Musician will be LeRoy McClard, secretary of the Music Department, Arkansas State Convention.

FREEMAN Heights Church, Berryville, will be in a revival Apr. 21-28, with Rev. Kenneth M. Hull, pastor of First Church, Gideon, Mo., as evangelist and Herbert (Red) Johnson, Mountain Home, in charge of the music. Rev. H. E. Fowler is pastor of the church.

MARCH 21-31 is the date selected for spring revival of First Church, El Dorado. The pastor, Dr. Don B. Harbuck, will serve as evangelist and George I. Baker, minister of Music, as singer. (CB)

Revival statistics

GOSNELL Church closed its revival with seven saved and four by letter. There were 60 rededications. Rev. John Finn of Hope was evangelist and "Red" Johnson of Mountain Home, song leader. Rev. William Kreis is pastor.

Arkansas in brief

FIRST Church, Marshall, has paid off notes for \$1,600 before the due dates. Its air-conditioning system is paid for and a new parsonage roof has been installed. Envelope and pencil holders are being installed.

SECOND Church, Hot Springs, recently ordained four men to the office of deacon: Charles Fager, James Scully, Eugene Coombe and Virgil Reynolds.

FIRST Church, Lavaca, conducted a church-wide study course Feb. 4-8 with 139 enrolled and an average attendance of 125. Rev. Doyle L. Lumpkin is pastor.

CROSS Roads Church, Liberty Association, is reported to have observed its 103rd anniversary on Jan. 6. Rev. John Burton is pastor.

MISS Lynn Brasfield, youth director of Beech Street Church, Texarkana, has accepted a position as junior and intermediate director of First Church, Oklahoma City.

THE following men were ordained as deacons of Immanuel Church, Newport, Jan. 27: Tommy Mullins, Clifton Smotherman, and Loyd Coleman.

MISS Shirley Jackson, Southern Baptist missionary who had been in the States on furlough, left Feb. 11 for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where she works in the treasurer's office at Southern Baptist Mission headquarters. She may be addressed at Caixa Postal 950-ZC-00, Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara, Brazil. Miss Jackson is a native of Bentonville, Ark.

REV. Fred Garvin of Ft. Worth has accepted a call to McGehee First Church as chapel pastor.



ALTHOUGH January is observed each year as 'Make Your Will Month,' every month is 'Make Your Will Month' for Secretary Ed F. McDonald, Jr., shown here at his desk in Baptist Building, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock, helping two Baptist women to make their wills.



DR. COLEMAN

THE Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine has received a resolution from the Executive Board of the Shelby County Baptist Association, Forest Hill, Tenn., expressing appreciation for the ministry of Dr. L. H. Coleman, who recently came to Arkansas to become pastor of Emmanuel Church, Pine Bluff, after serving for some time as director of the Baptist Student Union at Memphis State University.

The resolution stated in part: "Dr. Coleman had an outstanding ministry in our association. He contributed greatly to the life of our association through his work with the students of Memphis State. He was untiring in his services and regular in attendance at our associational meetings. We shall miss him here in Shelby County, but it is our hope and prayer that he shall be a blessing to your state and association in which he serves in the years to come. May God bless your state paper and Dr. Coleman as he works in your state."

The resolution was signed by C. Thomas Drake, pastor of Forest Hill Church, Forest Hill, Tenn., as clerk of the association.

Trinity Association

By L. D. Eppinette, Missionary
CONGRATULATIONS to Rev. Bobby Joe Barnett, pastor of Maple Grove Church, who recently was married to Miss Mary Alice Pearce of Jonesboro.

Rev. Moran Burge has resigned as pastor of Pleasant Hill Church to teach school at Benton. Billy Walker is conducting a revival at the church now.

Marked Tree Church recently broke ground for its new educational building. Rev. James A. Overton, pastor, hopes for completion by May.

Lebanon Church is adding a number of rooms to their church building. Rev. A. M. Houston is pastor.

Greenfield Church has recently installed new pews in the auditorium. Rev. Curtis Downs is the new pastor.

Ouachita focus week

"CHRIST—My All Above All" is the theme for Religious Focus Week at Ouachita College Feb. 25-Mar. 1.

Leaders from all walks of life will be featured during the week-long program. Services will begin Monday morning and will continue through Friday noon.

Morning services will be held Monday through Friday at 10. Evening meetings will begin with services at 7, followed by seminars at 8:15, Monday through Thursday. All services will be held in Mitchell Hall.

Included on the program are Rev. and Mrs. Russel Duffer of Ardmore Church, Memphis; Rev. James Hill of Central Church, Hot Springs; Dr. L. H. Coleman, Immanuel, Pine Bluff; and Dr. Don Harbuck, First Church, El Dorado.

Laymen to speak during the week are Dr. Don B. Roark, executive vice president of Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Yazoo City, Miss.; Dr. James Sawyer, a dentist from Benton, and his wife; Dr. Daniel Williams, Russellville; Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Bracken, Hot Springs.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Favell, furloughing missionaries from Ghana, are also scheduled to speak.

Coming from Arkansas State Teachers College, where he is the local BSU president, is Gerald Cound. He was recently chosen Arkansas Athlete of the Year by the AAU.

Charles Wright, director of music at Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, will be directing the music at all of the services during the week. Special music during the week will be provided by Ouachita students and the Ouachita College choir.

A faculty tea will be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 in order to give the faculty members a chance to meet the visiting speakers. The team will also be called on to entertain the students at a fellowship later in the week.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Ouachita BSU director, and Sandy Cahoon and Paul Redditt, co-chairmen for the week, are urging Arkadelphia townspeople and Henderson students to join Ouachita in this week of services.

Godfrey to Phoenix

REV. Clyde C. Godfrey, a native of Booneville, has accepted the pastorate of Orangewood Church, Phoenix, Ark.

Mr. Godfrey is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary.

He served nine years with the Air Force as chaplain during World War II and the Korean conflict. He has had pastorates in Arkansas, Missouri, Texas and Washington. The past five years he has been pastor of Mountain View Church, Boise, Ida.

REV. Fritz Goodbar of Little Rock is serving as interim pastor at Levy Church, North Little Rock. (CB)

New superintendent



MR. CHATHAM

NASHVILLE (BP) — James Walton Chatham, Sunday School department associate, Louisiana Convention, on Feb. 18 assumed the position of superintendent of associational organization in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department.

An Oklahoman, Chatham is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex. (B.A.), and Southwestern Seminary, (M.R.E.), Fort Worth.

Chatham taught for one semester at the Seminary Extension Center in Fort Smith, Ark. He was district Sunday School superintendent of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's Sunday School department before going to Louisiana in 1959. He has conducted director-led and associational pastor-led enlargement campaigns and has directed music in local church revivals.

Liberty Association

By Conway H. Sawyers, Missionary
HAROLD Carter, new pastor at Village, is a native Arkansan born at Crossett. He received his college training at Southern College and attended Southwestern Seminary. He has spent his entire pastoral ministry in Arkansas. Before coming to Village, he was pastor at Pickles Gap, Faulkner County Association. Mr. and Mrs. Carter have two children, Charles, who is in the Navy, and Sue, who works in Little Rock.

The Louann Church has called Judson Albritton as pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Albritton have two sons. He was pastor of Harmony Church, Carey Association.

David Ray, pastor of Victory Church on the Wesson Road, El Dorado, has resigned to move to Michigan. He has been pastor of the church since its organization.

Courts Redford rides trains for relaxation

By MRS. JACKIE DURHAM
For BAPTIST PRESS

[Editor's Note: Southern Baptists are looking toward the Annie Armstrong Offering, used to give additional support to home missions. This feature tells of Courts Redford, who directs the Convention's home mission program. This is the third in a series on SBC leaders.]

THE train rumbled noisily down the track from Calhoun, Mo., to the new state of Oklahoma. A five-year-old lad peered out the window, excited, relishing every minute. It was his first train ride.

Samuel Courts Redford was on his way to a new home, the dugout near Granite, Okla., in which his parents, brother and sister would live till a house could be built above it.

His father did carpentry work and farmed the 160 acres he had claimed. However, they soon moved to another farm near Lone Wolf, Okla.

Samuel Courts Redford's strength was arithmetic; his difficulty was in speaking. He could not speak plainly, so spelling and reading were hard.

In spite of this, after his conversion at 12, it was only a few years until he stated his desire to be licensed to preach. The deacon to whom he made known this desire told him years later:

"We wondered how you could preach when you couldn't talk plain." Then, with a smile, he added, "We decided since nobody could understand you, you couldn't do any harm; so we went ahead."

Courts Redford left home for the first time — headed for Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee. His intent: to look for employment; his promise: that his father would pay what he could not earn.

He washed dishes, set out many of the trees which now grace the campus, swept floors, worked in a downtown clothing store and in the college library. In the summers he worked in Sunday School extension, student evangelism, and made surveys for the Oklahoma Baptist Sunday School department.

He graduated with the highest number of honor points in the class — and met his future wife, Ruth Ford, who came from Henrietta, Tex.

Courts and Ruth were married after she completed her work at Shawnee and he received his master's degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia. While at Columbia, he served as student pastor of First Baptist Church.

He served as assistant pastor of First Baptist Church, Shawnee, doing educational work and leading special Junior worship and prayer meeting services. The pastor of the church was



—(BP Photo)

CHILD'S INTEREST—Courts Redford, father of nine, understands a child's interests. Here two girls learn about their part in home missions, under his guiding hand.

J. B. Lawrence, soon to be executive secretary of Missouri Baptists and later executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board for 25 years.

This job was followed by three years as professor of Bible and religious education at OBU. Then a leave of absence from the college allowed Redford to complete another master's degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, where he served as a student teacher.

After seminary, he became stewardship and Brotherhood secretary for Missouri Baptists and served an interim as executive secretary.

In 1930, he began 13 years as president of Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo. "Those years at the college were hard years . . . in many ways,

they were the happiest years of my ministry," says Redford.

Redford, his wife and nine children were settled, happy and secure. The college was on the brink of a period of growth and prosperity, when a packet of home mission materials came from J. B. Lawrence. Redford assumed they had been sent for placement in the library; but shortly, Lawrence visited him. "Would you be my assistant?" he asked.

Redford would direct the student mission program and mission work in the outposts—Alaska, Cuba, Panama and the Canal Zone, and would launch a rural mission program.

It was not an easy decision—but the Redfords moved to Atlanta. When Lawrence retired 10 years later, Redford was chosen to succeed him.

Appointments made by BSSB



MR. EDMUNDS



MR. BRADLEY



MR. STRICKLAND

THREE appointments have been announced by the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville.

J. P. Edmunds, secretary of the board's research and statistics department, has been named Sunday School board representative, a new position in the office of denominational relations. He will assume his duties Mar. 1.

Mr. Edmunds will visit and consult with state, associational and church leaders in new areas where Southern Baptists are expanding.

A Floridian, Mr. Edmunds received his education at Stetson university, DeLand, Fla., serving during the summer months as a field worker with the Florida Baptist convention. Later he was field worker with the Florida convention's Sunday School department; Training Union secretary, Tennessee Convention; and Sunday School-Training Union secretary for Arkansas State Convention.

Martin B. Bradley, research supervisor in the board's research and statistics department, will become secretary of that department Mar. 1, to succeed Mr. Edmunds.

A native of Sedalia, Mo., Mr. Bradley holds a B.S. degree with a major in statistics from the University of Missouri.

W. Alvis Strickland, Broadman Press public relations representative, has assumed the management of the wholesale sales department in the board's publishing division.

Mr. Strickland, a Texan, holds an A.B. degree from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and has attended Vanderbilt University School of Divinity, Nashville, and Southern Seminary, Louisville. He was ordained in 1939.

He is a member of the Baptist Public Relations Association, National Religious Publicity Council and the Public Relations Society, of America.

WMU theme for '63

BIRMINGHAM — "Laborers Together With God" is the theme for the 1963 annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The meeting in Kansas City May 6 marks the 75th anniversary of the Union, according to Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, executive secretary.

The Woman's Missionary Union meeting precedes the yearly session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Claude H. Rhea, dean of the school of church music, New Orleans Seminary, La., will direct the music for the women.

Missionaries at home from their posts in countries around the world will appear on the program. Home missionaries working inside the United States, also will have parts.

At a Tuesday luncheon meeting, May 6, the center of interest will be 75 years of fashions. Woman's Missionary Union leaders of other years will be recognized.

The 75th anniversary historical pageant, using the same title as the women's convention theme, will be held Tuesday evening as a part of the opening session of the SBC.

Tributes will be offered on Monday to three former Woman's Missionary Union presidents—Mrs. W. C. James, deceased; Mrs. W. J. Cox of Memphis, and Mr. George R. Martin, immediate past president, Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., delivers her president's address Monday evening, May 5.

The choir of William Jewell College (Baptist), Liberty, Mo., will provide special music at several occasions.

Southern Baptists in Northeast gaining membership

JANUARY 1963 marked the fifth anniversary of Manhattan Church, which was the first Southern Baptist work in the seven-state area of the Northeast where there are now 21 churches, twelve of which were formerly chapels of Manhattan. In addition to these churches there are 30 missions, some of which will become strong churches.

Also, in this area today there are three associations: New England, Metropolitan New York and Delaware Valley (Greater Philadelphia). In the metropolitan area are nine churches and a dozen mission points, serving under the auspices of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and in affiliation with the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

During these five years Manhattan church has lettered out 1300 people,

more than 960 of whom have been members of chapels which have been constituted as churches. At present the members meet not only in the central work but also in Carteret, N.J.; Greenwich, Conn.; Staten Island, N.Y.; and Queens, L.I.

Services of the Language Chapel are held at the same hour as the regular services of the church and are led by Leobardo Estrada, the speaker on "The Spanish Baptist Hour" (Radio & TV Commission, SBC), who is the Language Groups leader in this area. Student work is being done at West Point and on Manhattan, as well as at other points.

The dispersal of population in the last 20 years has put Southern Baptists everywhere. It is estimated there are a million and a half of our people in so-called "northern states" and the penetration of

our work into the Northeast has made possible the recent announcement that Southern Baptists have work in every state.

New work usually begins with dedicated Southern Baptists. Others living in the area are reached when the church becomes established in a location with pastoral leadership and an aggressive program.

The facilities at 311 W. 57 are leased and we look hopefully to the erection of a large office building in this neighborhood with lower floors for a 1000-seat auditorium, classrooms, recreational facilities and offices. May Southern Baptists make their witness felt with increasing effectiveness in this world capital and center of American financial commerce, culture and education—Manhattan Church Reporter.

Headliners to speak on family life

NASHVILLE—Three outstanding authorities on marriage and family problems will lead "theme assemblies" during the Southern Baptist Conference on Family Life here Feb. 25-Mar. 1.

Sponsored by the family life department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, the sessions will be held at the First Baptist Church and at the new Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee building.

Christian Family." Dr. Mace is president-elect of the National Council on Family Relations. He is author of ten books on marriage and the family. The most recent, "Marriage: East and West," is based on extensive study he and Mrs. Mace made of family life in the Orient.

The conference is the first on family life conducted by Southern Baptists. It is expected to draw 1,000 specially selected participants.

Dr. Joe W. Burton, secretary of the sponsoring department, said that the purpose of the conference is twofold: to bring about better understanding of the present problems which confront us in the area of marriage and family life, and to secure the involvement of responsible representative Southern Baptists in a united effort to solve these problems.

FURMAN University's \$2,000,000 development campaign has opened with the announcement that Furman's faculty, administration, and staff, with a total gift of \$32,206.23, have made a 100 percent contribution to the campaign. This represents a contribution from every member of Furman's administration, faculty, administrative personnel staff, and dining hall and maintenance staffs, according to Dr. John L. Plyler, president of Furman, Baptist senior college of Greenville, S.C.

ANY Baptist ministerial student interested in a scholarship to attend a Southern Baptist College or seminary should write to the First Baptist Church, Nevada, Mo., for an application form.

For the sixth year, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Richardson of Nevada, Mo., are providing scholarships through their church. These scholarships are for \$500 each. Six of them are available for the 1963-64 school year.

The basic considerations are as follows: 1) Commitment to the Christian ministry; 2) Membership in a Southern Baptist church or, in case of a Negro, membership in a cooperating church of an acceptable Negro Baptist convention; 3) Attendance of a Southern Baptist college or seminary or, again in the case of a Negro, attendance of a school mutually acceptable to him and the church scholarship committee; (4) Personal need; 5) Approval by the scholarship committee of the First Baptist Church, Nevada, Mo.

The final date for receiving applications for the 1963-64 scholarships is February 28, 1963. The awardees will be notified by May 1.

Although the scholarships are designed primarily for students preparing for the Gospel Ministry, consideration is given to worthy and qualified students who may be preparing for other full-time church related vocations such as mission service, the ministry of music or the ministry of religious education.

Arkansans on program

SIX Arkansans have program assignments for the Family Life Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention, in Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 25-March 1: Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita College; Mrs. A. C. Kolb, church leader of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock; Dr. T. K. Rucker, Little Rock, field representative of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Mrs. J. H. Street, Little Rock, editor of the woman's page in the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine; Editor Erwin L. McDonald of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine; and Mrs. Roy E. Snider, Camden.

Dr. Phelps will serve as chairman of sessions on "Preparation for Christian Marriage." Mrs. Street will lead discussions on "Absentee Parents," in the divisional study of "Helping Families with Special Problems." Mrs. Kolb and Dr. McDonald will serve as resource persons—Mrs. Kolb, on "Relationships within the Family," and Dr. McDonald, on "Essentials of a Christian Home," both of these under the divisional study of "Christian Family Life."

Mrs. Snider will serve as a reactor panelist on "The Home in a Child's Life."

Many others from Arkansas will attend the conference, traveling by special bus which will leave the Baptist Building, Little Rock, for Nashville at 6 a.m., Feb. 25.

'Dear James' letters flood paper

DALLAS—A Baptist editor here has an almost unprecedented problem—too much readership response to his weekly paper.

E. S. James, editor of the Baptist Standard, has been deluged with so many "Letters to the Editor" that he has been forced to change the paper's letter publication policy.

James estimates he receives more than 5,000 letters a year, an average of nearly 100 a week.

The flood of letters has prompted the editor to stop his eight-year practice of answering in some way every piece of mail that crosses his desk.

Under the paper's new policy, only correspondence addressed to the "Letters to the Editor Department" will be considered for publication. The best will be published, the others will be destroyed. Regular correspondence will, of course, be answered through the mail.

From the huge volume of letters the Standard received, only about 600 a year can be published. The editor answers nearly every subject in the full page devoted weekly to letters.

Spot readership surveys have revealed that the "letters page" is perhaps the best read feature of the weekly 370,000-circulation news-magazine published by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

James says the letters cover every conceivable subject, including such controversial matters as the race question, politics, the United Nations, separation of church and state, and theology.

"Some of them are mighty cantankerous," he said, "but I don't reject a letter for publication just because I don't agree with the writer."

On the contrary, the editor seems to delight his readers with clever, sometimes cutting replies to letters that he disagrees with—and that's probably the main reason the "letters page" is so well read.

James said the U. S. Government has helped solve his "too much mail" problem a little by raising the postage stamp price to a nickle. The volume of mail has decreased some since the postage increase, he explained.

After that statement, it's possible some joker might write a "letter to the editor" claiming that such government aid (cutting down the paper's mail volume) violates the historic Baptist position on church-state separation.

Dr. Paul Popenoe will lead an assembly on "Special Problems in Family Life."

Dr. Evelyn Mills Duvall, world-renowned lecturer and writer of a number of books on marriage and the family, will serve as consultant to work groups on the theme "Preparation for Christian Marriage." Dr. Duvall is author of "Facts of Life and Love," "In-Laws: Pro and Con," "Art of Dating," "Being Married," "Family Development" and "When You Marry."

Dr. David Mace, chairman of the International Commission on Marriage Guidance, will lead an assembly on "The

State churches in pilot project



MR. NEWTON



DR. THOMASON

FOUR ARKANSAS Baptist churches will participate in the Sunday School Board's pilot project in long-range planning this year. The program will be under the supervision of the Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board.

The long-range planning project calls for a seven to ten months intensive survey and analysis of the church and community by a church-elected long-range planning committee. There will also be the assistance of an outside consultant. Every phase of the life of the church will be studied.

The final result of the intensive evaluation and planning will be the presentation of a ten year program for the church with definite objectives for each year. Churches will be encouraged to extend the program twelve months each year so that plans for a ten year span will be always before them.

Southern Baptist Church administration leaders indicate that there is a feeling of acute need on the part of many churches to take a more careful look at their ministry to their present and their future members. It is felt that the long-range planning program now being tested will give invaluable assistance to churches with this motivation. The program was tested in four Southern Baptist Churches last year and will be tested in possibly a total of 20 churches in Arkansas, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee and Texas in 1963.

The following Arkansas churches have been selected by the Church Administration Department to conduct these pilot projects in 1963: Second Church, Little Rock, Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor; First Church, McGehee, Rev. Mason Craig, pastor; First Church, Booneville, Rev. Norman Lerch, pastor; Philadelphia Church near Jonesboro, Rev. Gerald Jackson, pastor. These churches range in size from 2,810 to 330 members.

L. J. Newton, Jr., church administration consultant of the Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board will direct the work in the four churches. Dr. W. O. Thomason, assistant director, educational division of the Sunday School Board will be the consultant for Second Church.

Rev. Ben Hanie, pastor at Ozark, will be the consultant at Booneville; Frank Baker, Minister of Education at First Church, Pine Bluff, will be the consultant at McGehee; Charles Gwaltney, Minister of Education at Central Church, Jonesboro, will be the consultant at Philadelphia Church. Each of the consultants named above together with J. T. Elliff, Religious Education Director for Arkansas Baptists, were recently given a week of training at Nashville on the process of the long-range planning program.

Reports from the four churches indicate enthusiastic response on the part of the leadership and the members for the project. The consultants have already begun their work with the long-range planning committees. The full program will likely be under way in each of the churches by Mar. 1.—J. T. Elliff, Director Religious Education Division.

Missions-Evangelism

"It works"

SEVERAL months ago I challenged 196 pastors in our state to try the "Cultivative Commitment Witnessing" program. The First Church of McGehee, Rev. Mason Craig, pastor, accepted the challenge. I asked him to give a testimony on the results of the campaign at our recent Evangelism Conference. Here are the figures:



MR. REED

Eighty people committed themselves to witness; 143 committed themselves to daily prayer; decisions in 1962, 79; decisions during the campaign, 30; baptisms almost doubled as a result of the three months program: additions for baptism 1959, 28; addition for baptism 1960, 22; additions for baptisms 1961, 24; additions for baptisms 1962, 42. This was accomplished with only one revival during the year. At the close of the church year, the first week in October, they had what would have normally been their second revival. There were 21 decisions with 15 for baptisms.

The Cultivative Witnessing Program is designed to visit for three months those people not ordinarily in contact with a church. These are the people who are not enrolled in Sunday School or are not church members etc. It is visitation evangelism. A good time to do this is before a revival. Two groups of people are greatly helped—the ones visited and the ones doing the visiting. From this group of people who do the visiting should come a few personal soul winners. Some people should also be saved. Either one of these is worth the three months visitation program.

If you are interested in this program contact me and ask for material on "Cultivative Commitment Witnessing".

Roy Roberts, a layman who spoke at our Evangelism Conference Program related this incident to me. I was eating in his home before I was to speak to the annual association that night which was meeting in his church. He said, "Brother Jesse, I can't hear you tonight. There is a lost man in the hospital I need to try to win to the Lord." Then he told me of a man like that once before. He was impressed to go talk with him about Christ but he didn't go. The man died without Christ. He said, "That has haunted me ever since."

Will someone go to Hell because you or I refused to go? More people are lost because you and I don't go than for any other reason.

How long since you have won a soul? —Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

Summer volunteer camp

At the close of the last RA Camp this summer the present RA campground will be turned over to the Department of Race Relations. Beginning in 1964 the RA's will move to the new campground being developed on Highway No. 9.



DR. HART

The Race Relation Department is most grateful to the Executive Board and Convention for the gift of this camp site near Ferndale. In order to make the necessary repairs on this property a college student work camp is being promoted jointly by the Baptist Student Union Department and the Race Relation Department. Already Brother and Mrs. Neil Jackson have volunteered to live on the grounds and supervise the student group. (BSU Director, Ark. Tech.)

The plan is to begin the work camp July 22 and continue for four weeks. Students can volunteer to work without pay for the full four weeks or for a shorter period. We believe many students will respond to this challenge. A place to live and meals will be furnished by the Race Relations Department.

MATERIAL NEEDED

It is hoped that adults will match the sacrificial spirit of these students with gifts of materials—lumber, paint, roofing, screen wire, cement, nails, etc., will be needed. We will, also, need a used pick-up truck. Already an unsolicited contribution of \$25 to be used for this purpose, has been received from Ralph Pyron of Hot Springs. It will probably take \$3,000 in materials to put this camp in shape to take care of from 100 to 120 people.

This camp will be used for four weeks each summer for Negro Baptist children and another four to six weeks for General Assembly program for all age groups and all church organizations.—Clyde Hart, Director Race Relations Dept.

Sunday School

Five or ten?

OFTEN the question comes to Vacation Bible School workers concerning the length of the school. Should we plan and conduct a five-day or a ten-day school?



MR. HATFIELD

Advocates of five-day schools are often the overworked and undertrained workers in the schools. It is never, almost never, the pupils who want only a week - long school.

If a church does train its Vacation Bible School workers, a five-day school will have many problems.

Youth Convention — April 12

- 1. PLACE—FIRST Baptist Church, Little Rock.
2. Hours—9:55 A.M.-7:30 P.M.
3. Speaker—Dr. Chester Swor.
4. For whom? Limited to members of Training Union.
5. Sponsors—One adult must attend for every 10 Intermediates or young people.
6. Wanted: Names of 125 Intermediates who will be on program.
7. Some churches bring only those who are faithful in attendance and work.
8. Theme of Convention: "Christ in My Career."—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

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Workers who appear a few days, for a few hours and are almost completely unprepared will quickly favor a short school.

However, trained faculty members can and will gladly carry a full ten-day school, three hours daily.

Think of the waste of the five-day school.

It takes almost as much money to buy books and materials for a five-day school as for a ten-day school. It takes as much training, if the proper training is done, for a five-day school as a ten-day school.

Think of the evangelistic opportunities of the school.

In five-day schools the average number of pupils won to Christ is 1.48.

In a ten-day school the average number is 3.31. It is a waste of evangelistic opportunities to have "half a school."

Dear pastors and Vacation Bible School workers, take an early start, do the recommended training. Really prepare. Trained and prepared faculties enjoy the school as much or more than the pupils.

Five or ten? Always make it ten.—Lawson Hatfield, Secretary, Sunday School Department

YWA Houseparty guests



MISS OATES

MISS Jaxie Short, Chairman of the Religious Department, Pooi To Girls' School and teacher in the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary, and Miss Alma Oates, native of Memphis and director of YWA in Brazil, are two of the outstanding speakers to be presented at the Houseparty for college and career girls at Ouachita College, March 1-3. Miss Short's most recent contribution to YWA work in the states was her book, *Fragrant Harbor*, recommended for study by young people during last fall.

Another who will be featured on the program is Mrs. Billie Davis, missionary in Latin America and the famous "Hobo Kid" whose life-story is told in film entitled *A Desk for Billie* and produced by the National Education Association.

Members of Young Woman's Auxiliaries on college campuses and schools of nursing and career groups in local churches are alerted to be present. Detailed information has been sent all YWA leadership and will be furnished any who request same from Miss Mary Hutson, 310 Baptist Bldg., Little Rock, to whom reservations accompanied by \$2 per person should also be sent.

SECOND GA CONVENTION SCHEDULED

By popular demand a second GA Convention will be held in Memphis, June 20-22, at which there will be identical program outline, in so far as possible, with one June 18-20. Advance registration for the one convention scheduled for June 18-20 far exceeded auditorium and hotel accommodations necessitating the second meeting.

Hotels and motels are now accepting reservations direct for the second convention. Any requests for hotel or motel reservations which have not been confirmed will be acknowledged and opportunity given for choice of accommodation.



MISS SHORT

Commuters, any who attend the convention, but do not stay in Memphis, are requested to attend the second convocation.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. on the opening day of each convention (Tuesday and Thursday) at Ellis Auditorium, Claridge and Peabody Hotels. The fee is \$1 per person and admittance will be by registration card.

One chartered bus, with hotel reservation assured for passengers, will be provided by the State WMU. Contact Miss Betty Hovis, State GA Director, 310 Baptist Bldg., Little Rock, for reservations on bus and other details of conventions. —Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

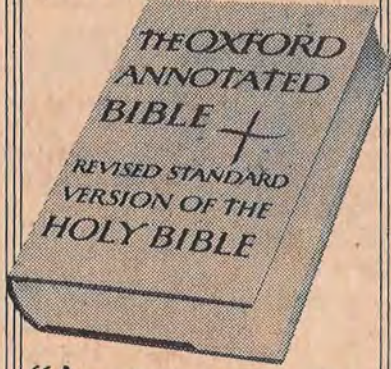
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Ridgecrest music week

WE WOULD like to share with you information concerning the Ridgecrest Conference (June 27-July 3, 1963) as plans are finalized.



MR. McCLARD
Soprano — Virginia Babikin, formerly a minister of music in River Oaks Church, Houston, Tex.; now singing professionally in concert, oratorio, and opera; resident of New York City; first time for Miss Babikin to be on Ridgecrest faculty.

Alto—Cecelia Ward, home in Alexandria, La.; member of Calvary Church; singing professionally in concert, oratorio, and opera.

Tenor—Claude Rhea, Dean, School of Church Music, New Orleans Seminary. Well known as soloist, concert, oratorio; and recording artist.

Bass—James Barry, Minister of Music, Myers Park Church, Charlotte, N.C. Well known as a soloist, concert, oratorio, and recording artist.

Bass—Joe Long, Music Faculty, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. Has appeared extensively as a soloist and in oratorio presentations. First time for Mr. Long to be on Ridgecrest faculty.

Accompanist—Clifford Tucker, Music Faculty, School of Church Music, New Orleans Seminary.

Elwyn Raymer, Minister of Music, First Church, Arkadelphia, is making arrangements for the Arkansas group to stay together in the Holston cottage. We will eat our meals together but have private two- and four-bed bedrooms. If you are interested in staying in the Holston cottage with the Arkansas group, please write Mr. Raymer.

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The Bookshelf

What Is a Christian?, A. Leonard Griffith, with foreword by Leslie D. Weatherhead, Abingdon, 1962, \$3

"A Christian is someone who responds to the call of Christ," says the author. "Where Christ is, there is Christianity, and the Christian is a person who tries to be a follower of Jesus Christ."

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Apostle Extraordinary, a Modern Portrait of Apostle Paul, by Reginald E. O. White, Eerdmans, 1962, \$3.50

Although one of many books written about Paul, this book takes into account the latest special studies in the New Testament and concerns itself chiefly with the mind and character and message of Paul, rather than with the details of his life. Dr. White "combines a scholar's knowledge of the Scriptures with a Christian's devotion to them" as he sheds strong and clear light upon the life of Christian discipleship.

I Believe in the American Way, by James H. Jauncey, Zondervan, 1962, \$1.95

The author, pastor of First Christian Church, El Paso, Tex., has a varied background of experience in science, engineering, psychology, education, religion, and journalism. The oldest of 15 children, he was reared under pioneer conditions in the Australian Bush and was educated by means of competitive scholarship. He has been a naturalized citizen of the United States since 1954. His book was written out of a deep, heartfelt love for his adopted country.

The Maze of Mormonism, by Walter R. Martin, Zondervan, 1962, \$2.95

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The Epistles of James, John and Jude, by Russell Bradley Jones, Baker, 1961, \$2.50

The purpose of Dr. Jones, well known Baptist preacher and educator, is "to

Brotherhood

Brotherhood Convention

THE State Brotherhood Convention will be held on March 4-5, 1963, at the First Church in North Little Rock. Monroe Drye, from Mena, is the State Brotherhood Convention president and will preside at each session.



MR. SEATON

One of the principal speakers on the convention program will be Rev. C. Z. Holland, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and pastor of First Church, Jonesboro. There will be other outstanding Christian men on the program.

All Christian men in Baptist churches of the state are urged to attend the convention. Certainly every Brotherhood officer and every Royal Ambassador counselor and assistant counselor should attend every session possible. Remember the date, March 4-5, and the place is First Church, North Little Rock.

Royal Ambassador Congress

The State Royal Ambassador Congress is to be held on May 3-4, 1963, at the Gaines Street Church in Little Rock.

An interesting program is being planned for the congress. Every phase of Royal Ambassador work will be presented during the three sessions. In addition there will be inspirational and mission messages, good music, and Christian fellowship. Each counselor and pastor should endeavor to have a large group of boys attend this congress. More information will be mailed later.

Royal Ambassador Camps

We are still in the winter months; however, camp time will soon be here. It is not too early to begin making plans for Royal Ambassador Camps. Counselors should remind the boys in his chapter of these dates: June 10-14, Ambassador Camp; June 17-21, Crusader Camp; June 24-28, Pioneer Camp; July 8-12, Crusader Camp; and July 15-19 Pioneer Camp.

—C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary

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Missions-Evangelism

Michigan Baptists

IT WAS my privilege recently to speak three times at the Michigan Evangelism Conference meeting in Pontiac. I would like to use about a page of this Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine to tell about the Arkansas men who are now serving Michigan Churches and all doing an excellent job. I recall seeing 12 men whom I have known in Arkansas. They are building great churches fervently evangelistic and doctrinally sound.



DR. CALDWELL

It had been ten years since I had visited the Michigan Baptists. The growth in their membership and in their building facilities are phenomenal. A layman from a church where I preached in a revival 10 years ago, in an auditorium that seated 110, said the Sunday School is now averaging 350. A story on Michigan Baptists and especially a report on the Arkansas men and their churches should be given soon.

MT. ZION SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS

LAST WEEK I was one of 28 participants in Schools of Missions in Mt. Zion Association. Thorough preparation had been made by missionary Carl Bunch and the pastors. Pre-enrollment for the mission study classes helped to start all the schools off with good attendance. Two fellowship meetings with pastors and missionaries was a time of information and inspiration.

One thing that impressed me as I visited in six churches was the part State Missions had had in years past. My host church, Bono was organized through the services of M. E. Wiles, State Missionary and Associational Missionary. Financial help was given in their beginning days. They are now a very progressive group.

Egypt church has received pastoral supplement in years past during some discouraging days.

Wood Springs is a new church and a new building. Financial aid was given on the building. We predict good growth in this church.

Strawfloor was also aided financially when it was started a few years ago. I was amazed at the educational space which has been added and to learn of additional plans for expansion.

All these churches are self-supporting and showing steady growth.—C. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions

Southern Baptist Convention-Wide Evangelistic Conference

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Bible reading can be thrilling

BY BERNES K. SELPH

I finished reading the New Testament, Oct. 19 and found it most refreshing. The method I followed is simple enough for anyone to use. It is stimulating enough for anyone to enjoy. It is satisfying enough for me to share.

Last Jan. 12, I decided to read my New Testament with a view to helping me understand it better and making it more meaningful. With a pencil in my hand and a sheet of paper before me, I picked up my Bible, turned to the book of Matthew and read the first chapter.

I laid the book down and wrote a synopsis of the chapter on the upper third of the sheet of paper. On the remaining part I simply wrote out my observations and thoughts. I made applications on the basis of my understanding. I closed with a thought for the day based on my reading. I made myself write a page but limited myself to a page. I only read one chapter daily.

Day by day since then (with the exception of vacation time) I have followed this procedure, usually early in the morning. Without any other helps I studied the scriptures. It was most rewarding.

The discipline of writing a synopsis helped me to remember what I read. Now and then I have reviewed what I have written. Making observations and applications kept me alert. Dating my pages reminded me of any day I might miss and induced regularity. The reading furnished sermonic material. Jotting down ideas for further study sharpened my appetite for more detailed work later. I gained many ideas about which I want more information.

Admitting my ignorance of passages has been a healthy experience. I found I must pray, compare scripture with scripture, and look elsewhere for help in interpreting these. No doubt the next reading will clear up some of these problems.

If Bible study has lost its savor, you have a new experience waiting you in the simple procedure I've outlined.



Gleanings from the Greek New Testament

by V. Wayne Barton

Genuine repentance

REPENTANCE is basically intellectual. This may not accord with our theological preconceptions and our evangelistic practices. But it certainly does accord with the Greek New Testament.

The verb in the New Testament normally translated "to repent" is *metanoiein*. Like *repent*, the English equivalent, its basic meaning is "to rethink." Hence, its emphasis on the intellectual processes is obvious. This is not to say that the emotional faculties are not at all involved in repentance. As a matter of fact, they are and ought to be. But the rational faculties should be supremely involved, else the experience is counterfeit and not really repentance.

Therefore what we commonly call repentance may not be repentance after all. Maybe our call to repentance is sometimes so saturated with emotion that the rational faculties of the candidate for repentance are not sufficiently exercised. Hence, the result may be a kind of "repentance" that isn't really repentance. It lasts maybe three weeks, dissipates for forty-nine weeks, only to be reactivated next summer during the annual revival.

What is wrong? The wrong could lie with the well-meaning and sincere preacher of repentance. His very enthusiasm for his task may elicit a show of repentance that is irrational and therefore not real.

Middle of the Road

MARRIAGE

By J. I. Cossey

THERE are three interesting statements about marriage in the Bible: "Marriage is honorable";



MR. COSSEY

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh"; "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

No one should think of getting married until he can approach the marriage altar seriously. In my pastoral experience, I have performed the marriage ceremony of many couples. Most of the couples have made good in their marriages. However, many very amusing things have happened during some of my ceremonies.

Early one Sunday just before I was leaving for Sunday School, a couple came to get married. They were standing in the center of the living room at the parsonage. The young man was very tall. When I told him to join hands with his bride, he held high his right hand, reaching almost to the ceiling. By the time I got him to lower his hand, all the witnesses had to leave the room to laugh.

A couple in Fort Worth, Texas, had had a long courtship. Their home was ready for them, with nothing left to do but have the ceremony and move in. In the ceremony, I asked the young man if he would take the young lady to be his lawful and wedded wife. He said, "Parson, that is exactly what I am here for."

It occurred to me that the young man was right, so I took that statement out of my ceremony and never have asked another bridegroom that foolish question.

In my Searcy pastorate, an elderly couple came to my study at the church to get married. When

I was about half through the ceremony, the old gentleman stopped me and said, "Parson, I am not a-hearing of you." I moved back an inch or two, elevated my chest and opened up. When I had finished, not only the couple had heard me, but also the people across the street.

Some years ago, a preacher friend of mine was always talking about certain people being his kinsfolk by marriage. Finally, I told him that I did not have any kinsfolk except by marriage.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

(Author of the book, "Sir, I Have A Problem," at your Baptist Book Store.)

'Illegitimate children'

QUESTION: Will you explain Deuteronomy 23:2 to me. Does it mean that illegitimate children cannot go to heaven?

This doesn't seem fair, if this is what it means.

ANSWER: There are no such things as illegitimate children. There are illegitimate parents, people who bear children without the permanent commitment of marriage.

This is unfortunate and often devastating emotionally, especially to the mother.

The passage in Deuteronomy has nothing to do with heaven. It applies to the standing of the child, born out of wedlock, in the Jewish congregation or synagogue. That era has past and has no application to Christian practices.

To blame a person because he was born out of wedlock or to gossip about him is the grossest of injustices, and thoroughly un-Christian.

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

The Conversion Experience

By H. O. BENNETT, Texarkana, Route 6

SEVERAL years after my conversion, I had an experience in physical life that is a very close parallel to the spiritual experience all people have in becoming a child of God.

I went squirrel hunting with two fellows in the big woods of Red River bottom. The timber was virgin, tall and thick. The underbrush consisted of palmettos and switch cane.

We went in before dawn; and as dawn began to show we separated, each to his own course. Soon after the sun was up, I came upon a huge, wild pecan tree, to which other growth had given way, so that it stood in a small opening. I shot a squirrel, and, of course, the other squirrels hid, and lay quiet for a while; then when they stirred, I shot another.

After this operation had been repeated a few times, I heard a squirrel barking out in the woods. I left my dead squirrels at the base of the pecan, went out and shot this one down.

Knowing that they are hard to kill instantly dead, I rushed out, hunted around, following fancied rustlings in the leaves, probably turned around several times in the process, but to no avail. I gave up and decided to go back to the big pecan tree.

As you probably have guessed, I failed to find the tree I sought.

My sense of direction was out of kilter; and soon the conviction that I was lost set upon me. I was woefully depressed, alarmed and anxious.

I lost interest in hunting squirrels. I had no further interest in finding those which I had left at the pecan tree. I wanted out of that lost condition more than I wanted anything else. That was my only thought and concern and I couldn't have been interested in anything else until I was safely out.

An important, significant point that I would have you note is that I was just as deep in the big woods, just as much alone, just as far from home before I was convinced that I was lost as after; but I was satisfied. Just as I was satisfied when I was living my life solely for the pleasures of sin, but when that lost conviction came, worldly pleasures held no further allurements.

Thanks be unto God, He didn't leave me satisfied in the big woods of sin and condemnation, but he came to me, an awkward, ugly, ignorant, deluded, conceited self-sufficient country boy, convicted me of my lost condition, impelled me by His power to surrender in simple faith and trust in Him for my eternal well being, my eternal destiny. By His grace I was saved for eternity.



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The example of Paul

BY CLIFFORD PALMER
Pastor, Grand Avenue Church
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(Digest of an address given at the Evangelical Conference in Little Rock Jan. 28)

THE most glorious exponent of the Gospel ministry that this world has ever seen was the Apostle Paul. He is the highest product of Christianity; he is the greatest single personal credential that Christ's Gospel has ever produced. Long before Wesley said, "The world is my parish," Paul had made the world his parish.

The greatest man that ever sailed the Mediterranean Sea was not Pericles, nor Alexander, nor Hannibal, nor Caesar, but the plain preacher, Paul. He did the most gigantic missionary work that the ages have ever known when he became Christ's preacher; from that hour he gladly faced innumerable difficulties and braved untold hardships and suffering, all because of his devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ.

In this day of waning evangelism, when the Devil and the demons of hell are laughing at a powerless pulpit, we preachers, above all others, need to study again this marvelous man.

"The Gospel," "Christ Jesus the Lord." Isn't this what we are called to do, preach the Gospel? This is the message that turned that early world upside down and this message is still the dynamite of God to all that believe.

If this assembly of preachers would return home and major on preaching Christ, the plummeting mercury in the thermometer of baptisms in Arkansas would rise to an all-time high. . . .

We must preach Christ, else our churches will be lighthouses without water, barren fig trees, sleeping watchmen, silent trumpets, dumb witnesses, messengers without tidings, a comfort to infidels, a hotbed of formalism, a joy to the devil, an offense to God.

Listen to Paul: "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." Again, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world."

My preacher brother, these words must thunder from our pulpits again. Our people must rise to a new height in living.

I submit to you that there should be a glaring contrast between the Christian and the worldling. We should be a distinct people in the midst of this world . . . there should be no more difficulty in detecting the Christian from the worldling than in discovering a sheep from a goat, or a lamb from a wolf.

And I am convinced that adding another staff member, grading the Sunday School, or even training our people to give their Training Union parts instead of reading them, or lifting their level of music appreciation will not solve this problem.

The pulpits of our churches must be aflame with men characterized by their conduct calling the saints to holy living or else we shall continue to be in the words of Lee "drifting sepulchres manned by frozen crews."

There was a time when Christians were despised, but at least they were respected, while today we are neither despised nor respected but rather tolerated and laughed at.

I agree with these words found in Joseph's last sermon, "The City Temple:" "As long as the church of God is one of many institutions, she will have her little day. She will die, and that will be all; but just as soon as she gets the spirit of Jesus Christ, until the world thinks she has gone stark mad, then we shall be on the highroad to capturing this planet for Jesus Christ."

We preach that we believe in a regenerated church membership while others do not. Then why don't we live vastly different from those who hold no such kindred doctrine?

We must learn anew that:

The world is not the Christian's playground; it is his preaching ground.

The world is not the Christian's ballroom; it is his prayer room.

The world is not the Christian's game arena; it is his battle arena. . . .

Someone has said, "If there was a bell suspended in the skies and every time a soul went to hell the clapper would strike the bell, there would be an unceasing tolling of the bells." Oh: men of God, we should be awakened at night by the ringing of the bell.

We must have compassion, we must suffer with the lost. What is compassion?

It is the cry of Moses, "Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written."

It is the cry of Jesus, "Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the proph-

ets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not."

It is the cry of Paul, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved."

It is the cry of John Knox, "Give me Scotland or I die!"

It is the cry of John Wesley, "The world is my parish."

It is the cry of Billy Sunday, "Make me a giant for God."

It is the sob of a mother weeping over a lost son.

It is the pleading of a preacher, "Give your heart to Jesus."

There was no radio or newspaper to tell the world about the death of Paul, the man mastered by a message, characterized by his conduct, blessed with a burning heart. Few people knew when he left. But it must have been a great sight for those who watched him take off for eternity. Like an eagle straining at its cords, crying to be free, so Paul's spirit was straining to be free from his worn and scarred body.

Now he is free! He is out of earthly body so filled with pain and weariness. He is soaring through space and time; the heights are moving aside to let his great spirit go through to Christ with whom he has wanted to be so long. Now he is home!

Listen to the chant of the redeemed and the choir of heaven, "Paul, the missionary, Paul the fervent evangelist, Paul the pastor, has come home, to rest from his labors."

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Religious training plays vital role

TRAINING preachers and religious workers for Arkansas, and for the world, is important business at Ouachita Baptist College; but every student who graduates from the school also studies the Bible. Courses in Old Testament and New Testament survey are requirements for graduation.

For the first time in its history, the Division of Religion and Philosophy at Ouachita is now adequately housed in its own building. Students of the two departments, Religion and Philosophy, are trained and educated in the beautiful new J. E. Berry Bible Building, which was completed last spring on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Air-conditioned for year-round comfort, the \$250,000 structure consists of classrooms, faculty offices, and the J. E. Berry Chapel. Facilities include the chapel baptistry which has been used effectively in the Pastoral Duties class for demonstrating the correct way to perform the ordinance of baptism. Multi-sensory aids include a tape recorder, slide projector, 35 mm. movie projector, an opaque projector, records, and tapes. Recorded sermons of noted preachers such as George W. Truitt are included in the collection.

A religious library is now being set in operation with plans for additional equipment, especially in the audio line for the Sermon Preparation classes. The library, which is housed in the Bible Building, is a reading and study room of religious books. None of the books will be checked out. Duplicate copies of religious books in the Riley Library will be moved and kept in the religious library for handy reference. Dr. Vester Wolber, chairman of the division, hopes that additional books will be contributed by interested individuals.

Seven faculty members in the Department of Religion are under the leadership of the chairman, Dr.

Wolber. Included are Professors George T. Blackmon, Raymond A. Coppenger, Carl E. Goodson, Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., and Cecil C. Sutley; and Associate Professor Wayne H. Peterson. All hold earned doctorates except Peterson, who is nearing completion of his at Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

Courses in this department are designed for all students who wish to increase their understanding of the Bible and its significance in society, and for students who want to prepare for careers in church and church-related vocations. Courses in Bible interpretation, ministerial problems, church history, and religious education are offered.

Two core patterns have been set up for religion majors: ministry and religious education. Girls who are mission volunteers usually take the religious education pattern or combine it with music.

The newly incorporated graduate program has been encouraging with its steady increase in students. In addition to resident students, several pastors commute to Ouachita one or two days a week to further their training.

"Our faculty is our strongest asset," says Dr. Wolber. "We have four full-time professors with their doctor's degree from Baptist seminaries or graduate schools of religion, and two graduate fellows are teaching one class. Dr. Blackmon pastors a church in Arkadelphia, and the other faculty members supply on weekends, for revivals, study courses, or any other special engagements."

More than half of the ministerial students at Ouachita at any given time are pastoring churches full-or part-time. All ministerial students have opportunities to gain pastoral experience at one time or another during their studies.

A number of outstanding minis-

ters throughout the Southern Baptist Convention were graduated from Ouachita. Among these is Dr. James Landes, who was recently named president of Hardin-Simmons University after a remarkable tenure as pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Several seminary professors are also among the Ouachita alumni; and denominational workers include such men as Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of Arkansas Baptists, and Dr. L. T. Daniel of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Department of Philosophy is led by Dr. Coppenger, who is assisted by Associate Professor Betty Jo Raspberry.

Philosophy was offered as one of the basic courses when Ouachita was begun in 1886. A great deal of stress was placed on the subject then, but in the next 50 years, the department lost its former emphasis. The philosophy offerings in curriculum were moved from department to department and in some years, none was even taught. In the almost nine years that Dr. Coppenger has served as chairman, the department has been built up to offer 35 hours of study now.

Philosophy deals with the principles underlying all knowledge and serves to integrate man's ideas into a coherent and whole pattern. Because it is the study of ideas, philosophy aids college students with any ideas in any field.

"Philosophy is simply the rational approach to all of reality," declares Dr. Coppenger.

With dedicated Christian teachers, Ouachita students are assured that this approach will be from a Christian standpoint.

In fact, with 98 majors in religion and 120 planning to go into religious work, religious training is filling a vital and important role at Ouachita.

Questions and answers about Ouachita College

THE following questions are frequently asked representatives of Ouachita as they visit high schools and churches over the state. If more detailed answers are wanted or if there are other questions to which an answer is desired, please pass the request on to Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., President, Arkadelphia, Ark.

Q. What does it cost to go to Ouachita? Will prices be raised this next year?

A. No, prices will be the same next year as at present. No future increase in charges is currently contemplated, for every effort is being made to keep the cost within the reach of the average Baptist boy and girl in Arkansas. Tuition is \$175.00 per semester, fees are \$50.00 per semester. Thus, tuition and fees for a full school year total \$450.00—lowest of any private, accredited, four-year, coeducational college in the country.

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Q. Doesn't it cost a great deal more to go to Ouachita than to a state school in Arkansas?

A. Not so much more as many think. The state schools are proposing to charge \$90.00 tuition per student next year compared to the \$175.00 at Ouachita. Room and board are generally higher at state schools, and fees are approximately the same. We have had a number of parents tell us that the cost of a year of schooling for their son or daughter at the University of Arkansas was **more** than a year's cost at Ouachita. Students and parents should not be misled by looking at the tuition cost alone; the full cost should be figured, since the full cost will have to be paid.

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Q. Must the full bill be paid in cash at Ouachita?

A. A down payment of \$100 at the beginning of a semester is required, with the balance in monthly installments.

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Q. Can a student work part of his way through school? What other financial helps are available?

A. A student can earn approximately one-third of his total bill while working on campus and going to school. A large part of the students work at some job—in the cafeteria, in the library, in faculty offices, in dormitories, in the book store, or on the campus crew. Every student who needs a job to go to school is given one. In addition, there are a number of scholarships and loan funds available. Ouachita also participates in the National Defense Loan Program, under which students do not have to repay their loans until after graduation.

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Q. Is Ouachita accredited? Are credits here worth as much as those earned at state schools?

A. Since 1953 Ouachita has been a fully accredited member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the highest accrediting

agency from which any school in this area can receive recognition. In 1962 the graduate program was also given North Central accreditation. The music department is a fully accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music, the teacher education program is accredited by the National Commission for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, and the home economics department is vocationally accredited. Credits earned at Ouachita are just as good as those earned anywhere else in the country.

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Q. Does anyone go to Ouachita to study for anything except the ministry or to be a missionary?

A. While Ouachita has trained a number of highly successful ministers and is proud of her role in preparing people for church-related vocations, only one student in seven at present is preparing for this kind of work. This means that six out of seven are preparing for careers in teaching, medicine, dentistry, law, chemistry, business, journalism, music, etc. In fact, there are some 26 departments in which a student may concentrate his studies. The largest group on campus is made up of those planning to be teachers—some 400 last year when a check of vocational objectives was made.

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Q. If I attend a church school such as Ouachita, will I have an equal chance with graduates of large, tax-supported schools when I start to look for a job?

A. Of the people in "Who's Who in America" who attended college, some 70 percent went to small, private colleges such as Ouachita. Since this is a much bigger percentage than the total enrollment in private schools, it means that one's statistical chance of success is much greater if he attends a school like Ouachita. Graduates of this school have no difficulty in getting a job, for employers are on the lookout for people with professional training and unquestioned character.

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Q. What does Ouachita have to offer that I could not get anywhere else I might go to college?

A. Because her faculty members are Christians and because the whole program of the school is centered around Christian principles, Ouachita offers a student the same technical knowledge he can get elsewhere **plus** the priceless advantage of a Christian atmosphere and teachers who have a Christian concern in their students. Personal attention of faculty members to the total needs of students is not just a catchword at Ouachita; it is a fact.

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Q. What sort of extra-curricular activities does Ouachita have?

A. Ouachita has an intercollegiate athletic program consisting of football, basketball, track, baseball, tennis, bowling, and riflery. There are also

Ouachita BSU carries out useful functions on campus, in state

SERVING as a campus training ground for religion majors, ministerial students, and all other Baptist collegians is the Baptist Student Union, which offers places of leadership and service on the campus as well as to mission points around the world.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson serves as director of the Ouachita BSU; and Johnny Williamson, junior math major from Waldo, is president for the 1962-63 term.

Some of the objectives of the BSU are (1) to relate the individual student to his church and denomination during college, (2) to promote spiritual and moral growth of the individual student through a campus program that complements the church, (3) to present a Christian witness to the campus and community, and (4) to develop balanced Christian personalities.

Three unit organizations of the BSU are the Christian Commission Union, YWA, and the Ministerial Alliance. Each of these has its own separate programs and officers.

Three mission points served by the Ouachita BSU are the Veteran's Hospital in North Little Rock, the Rehabilitation Center in Hot Springs where once-a-month programs are presented, and the Pleasant Hill church in Arkadelphia, where a weekly Bible School has been held for the past 30 years.



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number of intramural teams to which any student can belong, and there is also an intercollegiate girls' basketball team. There are a number of social clubs for both boys and girls, and there are many interesting group organizations. The Student Senate and the BSU sponsor several school-wide events during the year, and students may work in such widely different projects as float-building for homecoming, the talent show for Tiger Day, or program-planning for Religious Focus Week.

Q. Is space still available for next year?

A. Yes, but reservations should be made as quickly as possible since a total enrollment of about 1,200 in all the school's facilities will accommodate. Address "Registrar" for application for admission.

Q. When would be a good time for me to visit the campus?

A. Any day of the school week and until noon on Saturday is satisfactory, but Tiger Day on Friday, March 22, is a day especially set aside for high school students to visit the campus. There will be some 1,000 other students at Ouachita on that day, and a free meal will be served at noon after a variety show in Mitchell Hall that morning. The afternoon program will include crowning a Tiger Day queen and watching an athletic contest. Classrooms and laboratories will be open to visitors. The College will pay mileage for a carload of students on this day. Everyone is invited to see for himself why Ouachita prides herself in being "queen of the college world."

Volunteers Cite Willingness as Important

Weather Delays Orientation Until January 30



These volunteer ladies have accumulated several thousand hours of service and received awards for it at the Auxillary meeting February 14. From left are: Mrs. Harry Bowman, 500 hours; Mrs. J. W. Trieschman, 1,000 hours; Mrs. A. C. Kolb, 2,000 hours; Mrs. Henry Thomas, 500 hours; Mrs. Bertha Cotton, 500 hours; and Mrs. L. L. Stewart, 500 hours.

A prospective Arkansas Baptist Hospital volunteer called Mrs. Helen Reynolds, volunteer director, to offer her services but added:

"I'm not qualified to do anything."

"But do you really want to do volunteer work?" asked Mrs. Reynolds. When the woman assured her that she did, Mrs. Reynolds started the wheels turning to enroll her as a volunteer.

Several oldtimers in the volunteer service reminisced about their work here and all agreed that willingness was the most important thing. No amount of training could have anticipated all the situations they had encountered and actually no formal training was needed.

"It's much easier now than at first," said Mrs. A. C. Kolb who just rounded out 2,000 hours of service. Mrs. Kolb was in the first group of volunteers ever to serve here.

No Precedent There

Volunteers then had no precedent to guide them and had to learn even more from experience than do those starting now, Mrs. Kolb pointed out.

"I was at a loss to know what to say when I first started visiting patients," said Mrs. Kolb, who works as a hostess. "But now I have my little spiel all worked out so that it goes easily."

Mrs. Kolb said that her volunteer work had filled a real need in her life after her husband died and that she had found deep satisfaction in the service which she was able to give.

Work is Satisfying

Mrs. Harry Bowman, a 500-hour pin recipient, confirmed Mrs. Kolb's assertion that volunteer work brought personal satisfaction.

"It gives me a lift to feel like I'm helping someone," said Mrs. Bowman, who works on x-ray. "I have made many friends at the hospital that I would not have known otherwise and these have meant a great deal to me."

Mrs. J. W. Trieschman, who just completed 1,000 hours of service, said that she had received a liberal education on the information desk.

Human Relations

"The questions people ask over the telephone and at the desk are both pathetic and humorous," said Mrs. Trieschman. "It has been an interesting study in human relations for me."

Mrs. L. L. Stewart, who also completed 500 hours, said that she "can't wait" for Wednesdays and her day as fifth floor hostess. She has enjoyed learning how to work with patients and their families. Mrs. Henry Thomas, also a 500-hour volunteer, said her work has been "wonderful and I've

Icy streets delayed the orientation of 38 new volunteers by the Arkansas Baptist Hospital Auxiliary January 23 but the rescheduled activities finally took place on January 30. The group was one of the largest ever to take the Auxiliary's orientation program.

The new volunteers include. Mrs. R. F. Boland of 7904 Leawood Blvd.; Mrs. Marie Brown of 7310 West Markham; Mrs. J. T. Browning of 2316 North Garfield; Mrs. Robert Byrns of 32 Woodcliffe Circle; Mrs. G. T. Casey of 1109 Denison; Mrs. Rex A. Cathy of 115 Meadowpark, North Little Rock; Mrs. A. B. Cobb of 14 Sunset Drive; Mrs. Paul Cook of 1817 South Harrison; Mrs. Nettie Fewell of 1201 Division, North Little Rock; Mrs. R. E. Gunter of 202 Greencrest Drive; Mrs. William I. Hastings of 3302 West 10th Street; Mrs. Fern January of 801 North; Mrs. Ben Johns of 807 Ridgecrest Drive;

Mrs. D. S. Kennedy of 5712 "C" Street; Miss Nanda Kinsel of 1013 David O. Dodd Road; Mrs. John Kooistra, Jr., of 7011 Shamrock Drive; Mrs. A. J. Linder of No. 2 Wingate Drive; Mrs. C. C. Mounce of 1515 College Street; Mrs. B. F. Mouser of 12 Trent Drive; Mrs. E. B. North of 7201 Kingwood Road; Mrs. W. W. Pennington of 7101 Marguerite Lane; Mrs. Louise Pinchback of 2109 South Cedar; Mrs. Tishie Privitt of 1414 West 16th Street, North Little Rock; Mrs. H. H. Sims of 1924 Parkway Drive, North Little Rock; Mrs. A. F. Taylor of 2705 Battery; Mrs. J. H. Trichell of 2801 Fair Park; Mrs. James R. Wheeler of 909 Midland; Mrs. H. R. Wilbourn, Jr., 5213 Evergreen; and Mrs. R. R. Winkler of 3117 West Seventh Street.

PLANS MHA PROGRAM

Administrator J. A. Gilbreath is program chairman for the Midwest Hospital Association meeting which will be held in Kansas City, Kan., April 24-26.

Also attending from ABH will be Terry Lynn, Sid Coryell, Earl Eddins, Mrs. Mildred Armour and Norman Roberts.

enjoyed every minute of it." These women were honored at the Auxiliary meeting February 14. Also receiving a 2,000-hour award was Mrs. Elton Cook, who works on the information desk.

ABH Plans Summer Course for Ministers



Chaplain Don Corley, seated, goes over the plans for the summer training for ministers with Associate Chaplain Jerry Hassell.

Six ministers will get a chance to take a course in clinical pastoral education at Arkansas Baptist Hospital this summer.

Dr. Don Corley, who heads the department of pastoral care, said the six-week session, to begin July 15, would be open to only that many ministers and that applications were being accepted now.

The course is designed for ministers who did not get clinical training as part of their seminary education. Dr. Corley said that most seminaries have added such training only in recent years.

Its four-fold purpose, according to Dr. Corley, is to help the minister understand human experience through stressful interpersonal relations; develop capability in pastoral relationships; work with other professional groups and develop a guideline for individual study.

He said that seminary credit could be arranged and that the course was approved by the Southern Baptist Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. A complete brochure on the contents of the course is available by writing the Department of Pastoral Care.

TV DEVOTIONALS

Rev. Jerre Hassell conducted the morning devotionals at 7:25 each day the week of January 21 over KARK-TV. Rev. Hassell is associate chaplain for the Hospital.

BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Don Corley conducted the January Bible study for students during their noon chapel. The book of Matthew was used during the study.

Student Body, BSU Elect Officers

Lolly Prather was elected president of the ABH Student Association over two other candidates in an election held January 30. Others in the race were Margaret Arnold and Susan Odom. Miss Prather will be installed February.

Rosemary Watkins will head the BSU for the coming year. Both Student Association and BSU officers were announced at a student hour January 31.

Other Student Association officers are: Ann Pitts, vice president; Marian Tull, recording secretary; Jean Garlington, corresponding secretary; Doris Barker, treasurer; Sharron Pearrow, reporter; Carol Giffin, historian; Chucky Hotaling, social chairman; and Pat Blankenship, housing chairman. Miss Edith Kincheloe, Mrs. Deronda Tucker and Mrs. J. C. Fuller are sponsors.

Other BSU officers are: Carol Cummings, vice president; Mary Lee Hart, enlistment chairman; Ruth Ann Havens, devotional chairman; Faye Vaughn, secretary; Betty McHenry, publicity chairman; Nola Caudle, missions chairman; Bernice Davis, music chairman; Doretha Nutter, reporter; and Connie Selvidge, Student Center chairman.

WORKSHOP FOR WIVES

A workshop for pastors' wives will be held in August, Dr. Don Corley has announced. This in lieu of the annual pastors' workshop which has been held in January of previous years.

HISTORY OF CHAPLAINCY

A booklet on the history of the chaplain's department is being prepared by the Pastoral Care Department.

Student Union to Open Soon



This new sign is in front of the large frame building on Wolfe Street, which is now the new Student Union Building, to be used for social, recreational and religious purposes. The chapel is being completed and will be dedicated in a four-day series of services later this month.

New Technician Class Likes Number 11

The new class of technician nurses may decide that 11 is their lucky number: they have 11 members and they are the 11th class to begin technician training since the first class began in May of 1957.

Since that first class, 76 technician nurses have graduated from Baptist Hospital and nearly all are working. Mrs. Thelma Hill, supervisor of the program, said, "They hold down a variety of nursing jobs in doctors' offices, emergency rooms, surgery, labor and delivery and on medical and surgical floors."

In 1962 a new course was added—psychiatric work—and a graduate is already employed on that service. About 30 of the graduates work at Baptist and the rest are scattered all the way to California.

Only LPN's Eligible

All the women who enter the course are already licensed practical nurses which means they have had a year's training previously. In the six months of technician nurses' training, they learn to handle all types of medications except intravenous feedings. They study dosage, methods of giving, reactions, toxic effects and what to look for in administering medications. In addition, they learn nursing techniques in specialized areas.

Purpose of the program is to furnish women qualified to do bedside nursing under the supervision of registered nurses because of the severe shortage of R.N.'s themselves.

Technician Nurses' Class

This first class of 1963 includes:

Mrs. Melva Vaughn of Benton who formerly took her LPN training at Helena and worked for two years at Saline Memorial Hospital. She heard about the course through technician nurses who now work at Benton.

Mrs. Lucille Lewallen, also Benton and who also worked at Saline Memorial Hospital. She trained at the Little Rock Practical Nurses School.

Pauline Thompson of Little Rock who worked at the Missouri Pacific Hospital and did private duty. She trained at the Little Rock School.

Elois Wilson who took her training at the Little Rock Practical Nurses School and who worked six months as an LPN at ABH.

Helene Anderson of North Little Rock who attended the same school and who spent three months at ABH before leaving to take care of her mother who is an invalid. She had originally planned to enter the technician course before her mother's illness but delayed for two and a half years.

Elise Hicks of Little Rock who worked a year at ABH after taking her LPN training at the Little Rock School.

Betty Kirtley of Hot Springs who finished the Hot Springs Practical Nurses School, doing part of her training at St. Josephs Hospital. She graduated in September and knew about this course through her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Ann Kirtley who finished in the second class.

Mary Ives of Little Rock who finished the school here in Little Rock

and worked at Forrest City Memorial Hospital shortly before coming to ABH for three years as an LPN.

Juanita Tesney of Hot Springs who trained at the Hot Springs School and St. Josephs Hospital. She also finished in September.

Mildred Boykin of North Little Rock who trained in Little Rock and worked 14 months at ABH as a practical nurse.

Gladys Neal of Little Rock who did private duty and worked at the Medical Center after finishing the Little Rock School.

Article on Betty Fowler Cites Auxiliary Work



TV interviewer Betty Fowler got together some of her Channel 4 cohorts for a takeoff skit on the life of a hospital volunteer on Little Rock Today.

An article about Betty Fowler which appeared in the February issue of TV Mirror cited her membership on the publicity committee for the Baptist Hospital Auxiliary.

Betty, who is woman's director of KARK-TV, has long been a friend of Baptist Hospital. To help in attracting women to the orientation program, Betty put on the humorous skit on what a volunteer should not do on her noon-time show January 16. She used Bud Campbell, Les Bolton and Bob Buice as "patients." She had previously helped out with the skit on an Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association program last year. Appearing on the program with Betty were Mrs. A. C. Kolb, Mrs. Bowman and L. L. Stewart, the husband of a volunteer.

ACP FELLOWS

Dr. Wilburn M. Hamilton and Dr. S. William Ross have been made fellows with the American College of Physicians, it was announced last month. Both Dr. Hamilton and Dr. Ross are internists and are members of the ABH Medical Staff.



Technician nurses spend their class time learning about hospital equipment and procedures. Here Oxygen Therapist Durrell Stevens demonstrates the use of the Bennett positive pressure machine. From left are: Elois Wilson, Juanita Tesney, Mildred Boykin, Pauline Thompson, Helen Anderson, Gladys Neal, Mary Ives, Betty Kirkley, Elise Hicks, Instructor Thelma Hill, Lucille Lewallen, and Melva Vaughn.

The Carpenter Woodpecker

By THELMA C. CARTER



WASHINGTON — SECOND PRESIDENT?

BY JAN KING

IS JOHN F. Kennedy the thirty-fifth or thirty-sixth President of the United States? The official records say he is President No. 35. Yet some claim this arithmetic is bad because we have forgotten who America's first chief executive really was.

Particularly in Maryland are those who doubt that George Washington was really our first President. This is especially true among citizens of Swedish descent.

Many of these Americans maintain that our first President was a countryman of theirs named John Hanson. In fact, the Vasa Order, an organization of Swedish-Americans, has dedicated a monument to Hanson in Frederick County, Maryland.

Hanson lived in Maryland and died there shortly after retiring from the most responsible position in the new government. Hanson had been born into a Swedish family in Maryland in 1721. He was one of a family of ten. He spent his boyhood years in an atmosphere of growing political unrest, for even then the colonies were whispering revolt against England. Some firebrands were even urging an immediate break with the mother country.

Living in this atmosphere, it was but natural that young Hanson took to politics, according to Maryland Senator John M. Butler. The senator is a supporter of the claim that Hanson was the first President of the United States.

Hanson was first elected to the Maryland House of Delegates, or Colonial Congress. There he won re-election

again and again. In 1774, with the Revolution about to break out, Hanson presided over a meeting in which Frederick County resolved to help Massachusetts. The northern colony was then under virtual enemy occupation by redcoats.

In 1775, when the "shot heard round the world" echoed down from Massachusetts, Hanson promptly raised two companies of volunteers and marched them north to resist the British. He also organized minuteman patrols to guard Maryland. In Frederick itself, he built a gun factory and troop barracks to strengthen the colonial cause when full-scale revolt erupted.

His efforts moved from the local to the national level in 1779 when he was first elected to the brand-new Continental Congress. In February, 1781, he took office for the second term. That November delegates from the thirteen colonies unanimously elected Hanson president of the Continental Congress.

Hanson was then in his fifties. He was too old perhaps to shoulder a musket but not too old to fight for a centralized, independent government for all the colonies.

With the war for independence still raging, the general population had no opportunity to vote for a national leader. Since Hanson was the first president of the Congress to be elected to that post for a definite term, he has often been called the first President of the United States. Actually, he was the first presiding officer of the colonies' legislative body.

Supporters of Hanson say he was the

IF YOU have tried drawing a circle on paper without a pattern, you know it isn't easy to do. Unbelievable as it may seem, woodpeckers are able to dot out with their stout beaks the rounded entrance to their tree trunk homes.

Woodpeckers are known as the most skilled carpenters of the bird world. The doorways of woodpeckers' cavity homes are almost perfect circles. Some of the doorways are only an inch and a half across. Some are four to five inches in diameter.

The size of the rounded doorway depends on the size of the particular woodpecker family which will occupy it. Some woodpeckers are the size of robins. Others are smaller, almost the size of sparrows. Hundreds of different kinds of woodpeckers are found in many countries and islands of our world. They differ in size, coloring, and habits.

Woodpeckers cling to tree trunks and limbs with their stout toes. They brace themselves with their stiff tail feathers pressed against the wood. The birds stay in this upright position as they hammer away for hours at a time.

A week or ten days is usually spent by a woodpecker couple in hammering and chiseling out a hidden home. How the chips of bark and wood fly as the birds hammer in tattoo fashion at the rounded hole in the tree trunk. When completed, the small opening runs straight for a few inches. Then it curves downward into a pear-shaped chamber large enough for the family.

recognized and proclaimed head of our government when Cornwallis surrendered his sword to Washington at Yorktown. They say Hanson's wife, Jane Contee Hanson, also was recognized as the first lady of the land. They point out a building still standing in Philadelphia which was furnished by Congress for occupancy by Hanson while serving his country.

These supporters claim that March 11, 1781, the date of the adoption of the Articles of Confederation, fixes the date of the real beginning of the United States. Because Hanson's selection as president followed this date, they say he was the first chief executive. The executive office of President with definitely outlined powers came into being only upon the framing of the Constitution in 1787.

Hanson was responsible for the first official American communication using the constitutionally authorized title, "President of the United States in Congress Assembled." This was the term used during the period of the Confederation. His message was to the French king Louis XVI shortly after he took office.

The Christian's confession

BY DR. DON B. HARBUCK

Pastor, First Church, El Dorado

February 24, 1963

Mark 8: 27-38



DR. HARBUCK

THE confession that Jesus is the Christ stands at the center of the gospel of Mark. In the life of every disciple it also occupies a central place. Here Christianity makes its stand. This declaration defines the basic minimum of any Christian confession. What does it signify? That Jesus of Nazareth, a truly human personality, is the one absolutely unique figure of history because he is the Son of God anointed and set apart by God to redeem men by the methods of truth and love.

This was not the disciples' original conception, however, judging from Jesus' remarks. Obviously elated by Peter's response, Jesus still had reservations about the disciples' understanding of his messiahship. Being apprehensive explains his reluctance to have the "messianic secret" spread abroad. Jewish notions at this point were honeycombed with false conceptions. So thoroughly saturated with materialistic and political overtones were their messianic ideas that Jesus almost despaired of using the term and never did so without explanation.

Today, even as then, the creedal and confessional words of Christians may be misleading. Wrong meanings may be wedded to right formulas. But remember that Jesus accepted these followers even though their theology was unacceptable. Herein is the essence of grace: being accepted despite our unacceptability, both morally and intellectually. The disposition of faith and commitment leads to our acceptance by God, despite the deficiency of our ideals and our ideas.

Suffering love denied

Like Simon Peter, our first spokesman, many disciples have resisted the way of the cross on two fronts. Suffering love is denied both as the ultimate character of God and the ultimate wisdom for men. Some branches of the Christian church have refused to believe that God himself actually suffers. Those who claim that God is love and that what happened on Calvary was the historical expression of the great suffering heart

of God are declared, by this interpretation, to be heretics. Such attitudes disclose the small progress that has been made in Christian thought since the days of Simon Peter. The majority of us still do not believe that love has ultimate significance when applied to God. We do not hold that love is stronger than death. We think that many times love fails and that God will finally have to adopt the world's methods—expediency, compromise, and manipulation—to conquer His enemies. The disciples' failure to understand that Jesus must die puzzled me as a Junior boy. Now I realize that their difficulty was not in understanding what Jesus said but in accepting what he said as their belief. Do we have the courage to apply the same principles of love in operating our churches? Are we being truly orthodox when we refuse to go up to our Jerusalems simply because going will result in persecution and sacrifice? Can we promote the cause of truth by the principles of "play it safe?" Can we advance the kingdom of love by faring sumptuously every day, indifferent to minority groups and races who languish at our gate full of sores?

Even if the principles of God's sovereignty are truly understood and accepted, there yet remains the danger that the disciple may bypass his obligations. To substitute the thing felt for the thing done, to have what is believed stand for what should be performed will always be the primary temptation of the orthodox community. What then is the disciples' discipline? As commonly interpreted, the Christian credo of self-denial has acquired a morbid, even pathological character. The ordinary notion of self-denial makes religious experience a dreary and deadening ordeal. People only succumb to this policy when bludgeoned by guilt and ridden by fear. This interpretation must not be allowed to stand. The rigid requirements of discipleship need to be rescued from the limbo of negativism and suppression.

Quest for self-fulfillment

First, we must acknowledge that everyone is involved in the inevitable quest for self-fulfillment. Selfishness, in the sense of trying to secure the best for ourselves, is not wrong. Jesus appealed to this motive by showing the futility

of gaining everything in the world at the cost of one's own life.

If every person is seeking to fulfill himself (and no one has a choice about that matter), the only area of choice remaining is the path to be followed in reaching the goal. The Christian way is simply one of many possible ways competing for the loyalties of men. Christians believe that it is the only way that can satisfy human need: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they (only) shall be filled."

The philosophy of losing one's life in order to save it, while it may have had in immediate view a time of persecution, contains the genius of the Christian way for every circumstance. Jesus did not counsel mutilation, masochism, or suicide. "To lose one's life" means the investment of life in the larger circle of God's kingdom. Indeed, life must be "lost" to the deadening routine of the egocentric orbit (which is self-destructive) under the guise of being self-filling) if it is to be saved. In every growth process, something must be lost before anything new can be gained. We must lose our infant speech before we can talk maturely. We must put away childish things before we can live in an adult world. The same idea obtains where self-denial and taking up one's cross are the issues. The multitude of "false selves" which tyrannize life must be denied in order to affirm the true self. Choosing the cross underscores the necessity of deciding. To be Christian means to decide. The cross is not forced upon us. Even as Jesus set his face steadfastly toward Jerusalem, Christians have a parallel obligation to declare their purpose and to set their course according to the principles of God's love and truth.

Two facts remain: (1) Jesus the Christ is the only way, the only truth, the only life. (2) Everyone is free to choose or to reject him. But no one is free to change these two facts. This is the Christian's confession.

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A Smile or Two

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No trouble a-tall

A FEW mornings ago Mrs. Emery and I found the butane tank empty.

We walked a short distance to a neighbor's to eat breakfast with them. They were just sitting down for breakfast.

I apologized for giving them trouble just at that time.

The neighbor lovingly said, "It's no trouble as I always cook enough for the dogs."—J. P. Emery, Story.

Tickets for church

ONE of the jokes in Jan. 10, 1963, issue reminded me of a recent incident in our family. We were trying our three-year-old son, Jim, in the morning worship service for the first time. I had given him a quarter for the collection plate to help keep him quiet for awhile. He proudly dropped his offering in when the plate was passed, then looked questionably at the usher and turned to me assuredly, saying, "We'll get our tickets in a minute, Mommy."—Mrs. Jack Henderson, Conway.

Reduced for clearance

"Fore!" shouted the golfer, ready to play.

But the woman on the course paid no attention.

"Fore!" he repeated a bit louder.

"Try her with three ninety-eight," suggested his partner, "and watch her move."

Americans—at last

A refugee couple arrived in the U.S. After much red tape and years of study they were finally made citizens. The husband rushed into the kitchen with the long-awaited news. "Anna! Anna!" he shouted. "At last, we're Americans."

"Fine," replied his wife. "Now you do the dishes."

Pounding of little feet

The mother was traveling with her two small, active youngsters and another woman was sitting near her on the train.

"I'd give ten years of my life to have a couple of fine youngsters like that," she commented.

"And that," replied the mother, "is about what they cost!"

No middle initial?

Teacher: "Who discovered America?"
Student: "Ohio."

Teacher: "Ohio—goodness no! America was discovered by Columbus."

Student: "I know. I just forgot his first name."

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Very personal columns

A big-city fellow was revisiting his old home town, a very small place, and talking to the editor of the country weekly. "How is it you can sell papers in this place where everybody knows what everybody else is doing?" he asked.

The editor grinned and replied: "They all know what everybody is doing all right . . . they just buy the paper to find out who's been caught at it!"

The professor's back

PROFESSOR: Er—My dear, what's the meaning of this vase of flowers on the table today?

WIFE: Meaning? Why, today is your wedding anniversary.

PROFESSOR: Indeed! Well, well, do let me know when yours is so I may do the same for you.

Unlisted number

An executive who was swamped with work called the office switchboard operator. "Look, Miss Jones," he said, "don't put through any calls to me this morning. I'll be incommunicado."

"Well, all right," the girl replied, doubtfully. "But in case anything very important comes up, hadn't you better let me have your phone number there?"

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Any other suggestion BESIDES 'count your blessings'?"



Religions in Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — A survey of religious affiliations of the members of the 88th Congress shows that Methodists have the largest group.

There are 102 Methodists. Roman Catholics are second with 99.

Methodists also are most numerous in the Senate, claiming 24 of the 100 members.

Roman Catholics outnumber any other single religious body in the House of Representatives, with 88. But there are only 11 Catholic senators this session. The Methodists rank second in the House, with 78 members.

Interestingly, there are four minister's sons in the Senate this year—and all are children of Methodist ministers. The solons who came from parsonage families include Sens. B. Everett Jordan (Dem.-N.C.), John Tower (Rep.-Texas), James B. Pearson (Rep.-Kan.), and George McGovern (Dem.-S.D.). Sen. McGovern succeeds the late Sen. Francis Case (Rep.-S.D.) who also was the son of a Methodist clergyman.

Sen. Tower's father is still living. Sen. Pearson, whose father served a number of Methodist congregations in Virginia, became a Presbyterian after settling in Kansas City, Kan., to practice law. His wife is the granddaughter of a prominent Presbyterian clergyman in Missouri.

Presbyterians are numerous in Congress this year, with 71 members serving in the House and 11 in the Senate. Episcopalians have 15 Senators and 49 members in the House.

There are 13 Baptists in the Senate and 50 in the House. The United Church of Christ has 20 members in the House and six in the Senate. Lutherans have 15 members in the House, but only two in the Senate.

Unitarians show up well among the smaller denominations with six senators and four representatives. The Disciples of Christ have 11 members in the House and one in the Senate.

The Mormons have four members in the House and three in the Senate. In addition to the Utah delegation, which is solidly Mormon, Mormons hold seats from Arizona, Nevada and Idaho. The state of Michigan recently inaugurated a Mormon governor, George Romney.

The independent Churches of Christ have four members in the House.

Among smaller church bodies which have membership in Congress are the

Reformed Church in America, Evangelical Free Church, Cumberland Presbyterian, Apostolic Christian, Seventh Day Baptist, Evangelical United Brethren, Christian Science, Schwenkfelder, the Society of Friends, and Universalist.

Congress lost its only Hindu member when Rep. D. S. Saund (Dem.-Calif.), who campaigned from a sickbed, was defeated for re-election. He belonged to the Sikh sect.

Only two members of Congress failed to list any religious affiliation or preference. Seventeen members of the House and two in the Senate indicated that they are "Protestant" without listing a specific denominational affiliation.

While not all members of Congress are faithful in attending the churches of their preference, indications are that they have closer affiliation with organized religion and probably are seen at church or synagogue much more frequently than any group of more than 500 men and women drawn at random from the U.S. population.

Lord's Prayer in school

ATLANTA, Ga. (EP)—Recitation of the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of each school day would be required in every Georgia public school under a bill offered here in the House of Representatives.

Rep. Render Hill of Meriwether, author of the bill, acknowledged that he is proposing it in part as a challenge to the U.S. Supreme Court's Regents Prayer decision.

He said no one appeared to know "exactly what the Court had in mind in the case involving the public schools of New York State."

The Hill Bill would amend a law on public school curriculum to say that "immediately upon the beginning of each school day, the first order of business shall be a group recitation of the Lord's Prayer."

Reading of the Bible already is required in Georgia public schools. Pupils may be excused from participating upon written request of parents or guardians.

Minnesota growth

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP)—Church membership in Minnesota is growing faster than the state's population growth, according to the Minnesota Council of Churches.

This is in contrast to the situation nationally where, according to a recent report, church membership has fallen slightly behind the rate of population growth.

Minnesota church membership in 1960 and 1961 increased 3.1 percent over the total for 1958 and 1959, the state council said.

It quoted the U.S. census bureau as estimating Minnesota's population gain during the same period as 1.8 percent.

Governors' religions

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — A survey of the religious affiliations of state and incoming heads of states reveals that Methodists with eleven, and Roman Catholics with nine can claim the most governors in the U.S. in 1963.

Baptists can claim eight governors, and Episcopalians and Presbyterians seven each.

Three governors are members of the United Church of Christ (two of whom list their affiliations as "Congregational"), two are Mormons and one is a member of the Disciples of Christ.

Rhode Island, the only state in the union which shows Catholics to be in the majority, has an Episcopalian as governor—and he defeated a Catholic in the election.

The governors of the nation's newest states, Hawaii and Alaska, are Catholics.

New Crozer head

CROZER Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa., will inaugurate its sixth president, Dr. Ronald V. Wells, on March 26.

Established in 1867, Crozer Seminary has a 40-acre campus, an interdenominational student body and a substantial endowment. It is fully accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools and has helped to educate over 2,000 ministers, missionaries, and others engaged in Christian vocations. The Seminary is one of nine American Baptist theological schools.

Japanese leader dies

TOKYO—Dr. Shiro Hirano, outstanding Japanese Baptist layman and lay preacher, died Jan. 24 of a heart attack. A doctor of pharmacology, Dr. Hirano was a chemist for a drug concern in Tokyo at the time of his death. Previously he taught in the International Christian University, Tokyo. An authority on hormones and visceral chemistry he was author of technical books.

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