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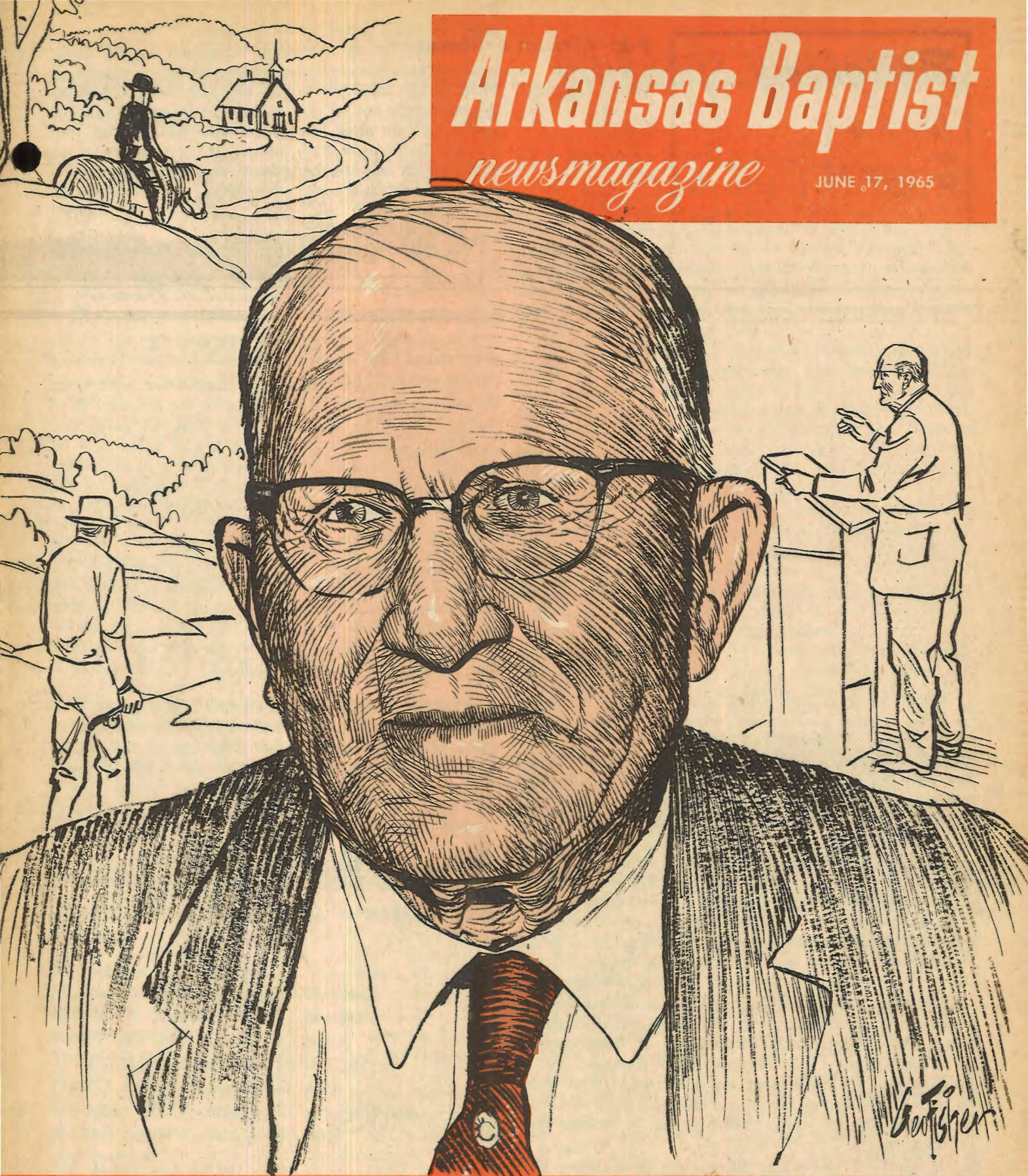
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personally speaking

'Mind if I smoke?'



SOME of these days when a smoker jauntily lights up a fag in close quarters with someone else who is part of a "captive audience" and says, as if he really cared, "Mind if I smoke?" that other someone is going to be one who has never had the Carnegie course on how to win friends and influence people, and he is going to be truthful. "Yes," he will say, "if it makes any difference to you, I do care!"

Then he may actually go on and preach a sermon, on some such text as, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

"I do care whether you smoke," he will say, "because I know now—as you do—from scientific proof provided by medical science, that you are increasing by at least ten-fold your chances of developing lung cancer. I don't like to see anybody commit suicide, even in slow motion."

Or, if the about-to-be-saturated one is not a Christian and is thinking purely of his own likes and dislikes, he might say, perhaps with a sprinkling of strong words, "Yes, my friend, I do care whether you smoke. For I do not want to inhale your fog after you. If you want to smoke and do not care if it eventually kills you, o.k! But please wait till you are in the open, or at least out of my face!"

If you will just stand off, as one from Mars, and observe the smokers in our enlightened society, you will be amazed and at a loss to understand how intelligent adults—men and women alike!—could be addicted to such a nasty, expensive and unhealthy habit. Yet, if you ever expect to be elected to public office, you'll have to have the support of "the smokers and chewers and snuff dip-

pers" or you'll never make the grade.

Wouldn't it be something interesting to see, if, instead of going around sucking on cigarettes, cigars, or pipes, grown men and women would go around sucking the same milk bottles they were on as infants? Well, this would be a far more healthful habit than smoking. And it could be done without adding to the problem of air pollution for any nearby persons who had been weaned and no longer suck even so much as their thumbs, let alone cancer sticks.

"Mind if I smoke?"

You might as well, brother, for I'm already burning up!

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

TIME and space became our enemies last week when we attempted to give full coverage to the Southern Baptist Convention at Dallas. So—this week we bring you more. On page 3 the Editor takes a look at the vote on one term for president, the proposal of a name change for the Convention and the Baptist Fellowship. For the WMU Convention story and other Dallas news turn to page 13.

AND now we have men in our Correspondence Circle! Mrs. Rosalind Street undertook quite a project this year when she instituted a letter-writing friendship group for the lonely. The problem at first was that all the letters were from women. But now, the men are admitting their loneliness too. See page 7.

THE next large Baptist assembly takes place June 25-30 at Miami Beach when the Baptist World Congress meets. Many Arkansas Baptists, planning to attend, will find the answers to their questions about the plans on page 9.

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One-term vote

IN the press of many matters to be covered in reporting on the actions taken at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas week before last, we failed to report that the proposed limiting of the presidential term to one year was defeated by overwhelming vote. Apparently the people had their minds made up. The "previous question" was called for as soon as both sides of the argument had been presented—by Editor E. S. James, of the *Texas Baptist Standard*, who favored the one-year term, and by Dr. H. H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Church, Oklahoma City, and a former president (for two terms) of the Convention, who favored leaving the constitution as it now reads, to allow one who has served a one-year term to be eligible for another term.

Hot Springs gambling

THE sensational and near-unanimous endorsement by the House of the Arkansas Legislature last week of a resolution calling, again, for enforcement of the state's anti-gambling laws, is interesting, indeed. We shall reserve judgment pending the practical results of the resolution.

Name change, again

WHEN a messenger attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas proposed that the matter of changing the name of the convention to something more appropriate than "Southern" be referred to the proper committee and that a report be brought to the 1966 meeting of the convention (in Detroit), Dr. Porter Routh reported that a committee is now working on this. So it appears that a proposed new name or names may be before the convention next year.

It is inevitable that the Southern Baptist Convention, long since national, with work in all fifty states and in the District of Columbia, will some day be re-named. But we may have some difficulty agreeing on what the new name is to be. Dr. H. H. Hobbs, who served this year as chairman of the convention's Resolutions committee, impressed with the multiplicity of resolutions offered, proposed facetiously that we call ourselves "The Resolutin' Baptist Convention."

We should like to re-submit the name we proposed several years ago: Baptist Convention USA.

Baptist Fellowship

ONE of our correspondents, following the vote of the Southern Baptist Convention to join other Baptist bodies of North America, in the North American Baptist Fellowship of Baptist World Alliance, writes: "I'd like to see an editorial on what the Northern Baptist Convention believe and what they endorse since it seems we are to be a part of them."

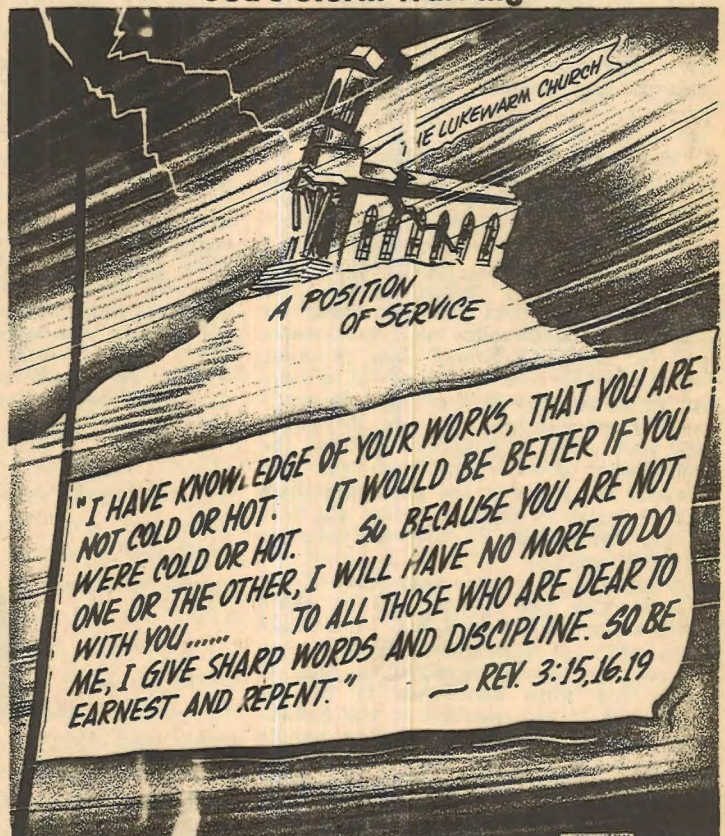
Two corrections, to begin with: There is no longer a "Northern Baptist Convention," that convention having changed its name, in 1950, to "American Baptist Convention." Secondly, our vote to join in the North American Baptist Fellowship does not bring us any closer to being "a part" of any other convention than we have been all along as a member, with many other Baptist conventions, of the Baptist World Alliance.

Some try to make a case for American Baptists being quite different from Southern Baptists, but the truth of the matter is that there are no basic theological differences between us. Memberships of individual church members are transferred freely from churches of Southern Baptist Convention to those of American Baptist Convention, and the other way around.

The same writer asks: "Do they (Northern Baptists) belong and endorse the World Council of Churches?"

As stated in Southern Baptist Encyclopedia, vol. 1, page 39, the American Baptist Convention "voted in

God's Storm Warning



1939 to join the World Council of Churches which was then in process of formation." Nine years later, in 1948, the Convention voted approval to the formation of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America, having been one of the founders of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which had been in existence from 1908.

In the American Baptist Convention, as in the Southern Baptist Convention, each church is self-governing.

Gerald L. K. 'Christ'

OUR honest reaction to the much-publicized plans of Gerald L. K. Smith to construct a seven-story monu-

ment of Christ on a mountainside in Eureka Springs: Christ is honored not by statuary, no matter how many stories high, but by human hearts yielded to His will. Christ himself said: "...whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man..." (Matthew 7:24a). And it was Paul's conclusion: "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9b).

Correction:

THE Editor was in error last week as to the nationality of the minister who challenged Baptists to a world crusade. The minister was from Brazil, not Cuba.—ELM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR *the people SPEAK*

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

Croxton anniversary

MY wife and I will be at Monticello over the week-end of June 20th. I will preach for Brother Cheatham at the First Baptist on the morning of the 20th., and then in the afternoon we will observe our fiftieth wedding anniversary, from three to five o'clock in the parlors of the church.

We had thought of having our anniversary celebration either in Jefferson City or Sedalia. Our church membership is with the First Baptist of Jefferson City, and before retirement, I was pastor at the First Church of Sedalia for nearly thirteen years. But, in view of the fact that our daughter will be in Monticello over that week-end for her High School class re-union, we thought it best for all of us to meet in Monticello. For lack of time, it would be difficult for her to go to Monticello and then come to Missouri. Besides, she and Hardy grew up in Monticello and I spent ten years in the pastorate there before going to Sedalia. After all, it is rather appropriate to have the occasion in Monticello.

Of course we realize that most of our friends who can attend will be those from around Monticello, but we thought that many of our friends both in Arkansas and Missouri would be glad to have this word about us. If this is deserving of any mention in the Arkansas Baptist Magazine, you may handle it according to your good judgement.

We appreciate getting the paper from week to week, and it is very kind of you to send it to us. You are doing a

very fine job as editor, and I rejoice in the splendid contribution which you are making not only for Arkansas but for our denomination as a whole.—Thomas W. Croxton, Jefferson City, Mo.

RA Camps

AS the time for RA camps approach, I'd like to put in my two cents for their value. In the years past I have been to both Boy Scout and RA camps. I gained much from both organizations, however, I cannot begin to tell of the fun and spiritual growth I found at RA camp under the direction of "Brudder Seaton."

Hardly did I feel when I was younger that the things that happened at RA camp could mean so much today. I am very grateful to my home church for its help through RA's.

May I take this means to encourage all boys to take advantage of the camp-craft and spiritual instructions which are to be found at camp.—Sincerely, Doug Dickens, Youth Worker, First church, Fordyce.

Authors article

THE June issue of *Baptist Training Union Magazine* carries an article, "Worship Beyond the Windows," by Mrs. Harry C. (Mary Beth) Wigger, who is a member of First Church, Bentonville.



MRS. WIGGER

Mrs. Wigger is Benton County Association- al Training Union director; Young People's worker in the Training Union Department, Arkansas State Convention; and Northwest District Young People's worker. She will be teaching Young People's work for two weeks this summer at Glorietta during the Training Union weeks and one week at Siloam Assembly in Arkansas.

She is the wife of Harry C. Wigger, superintendent of Missions for Benton County Association, Bentonville.



Arkansas Baptist Father of 1965

THE day after Artist George Fisher had finished the portrait of Rev. Walter Blevins O'Neal, for this week's cover, he met the venerable minister, under rather unusual circumstances, in the O'Neal home at Gravel Ridge.

Since the Father's Day cover feature on Mr. O'Neal was to come as a surprise to him, the sketch had been done by Mr. Fisher from photographs which we had assembled quietly, with the help of members of the O'Neal family.

As president of the Rackensack Society (a folk lore organization), Fisher was asked by Dr. John Q. Wolfe, of the faculty of Southwestern University, Memphis, to go to the home of a certain old-timer in this section and record some folk music. The music wanted in particular was a song about the White River.

You have guessed it. When the artist got to the home of the folk singer, the singer turned out to be none other than our cover man! Reports Fisher: "I almost fainted."

The artist not only recorded Mr. O'Neal's singing of several folk songs, but also taped some of his tall Arkansas tales. And he got away without ever giving any hint as to the cover portrait!

Mr. O'Neal, who is the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* preacher-poet, has been chosen by the newsmagazine editor and staff as Arkansas Baptist Father of the year for 1965.

Four score and one year 'old as of last May 24, Brother O'Neal is still active as a gardener, preacher, poet, writer who still gets a thrill out of fishing and hunting. For many years now he has been a regular frequenter of Arkansas deer woods, when the deer seasons are in.

He was born at O'Neal, Independence County, a community named for his great grandfather, Bige O'Neal. He was a son of Moses and Mary Elizabeth Wright O'Neal.

Preacher O'Neal received his early education in one-room schools, going on to attend Moun-

The Cover



W. B. O'NEAL

tain View Academy and Cave City Academy before enrolling at Ouachita College. In two different periods at Ouachita he accumulated a total of 87½ semester hours.

Converted at 19, he felt the call to preach, not long afterwards, and he preached his first sermon at the age of 23. A year later, on March 3, 1910, he married Stella Meers, a native of IZARD County. They have had five children, four of whom still are living: Mary O'Neal McCammon and Iris O'Neal Bowen, both of North Little Rock, and Dr. Walter H. O'Neal and Robert M. O'Neal, of Little Rock.

For many years Mr. O'Neal served as preacher-school teacher. He has pastored a number of churches, has done much evangelistic work among rural churches and also served for several years as an associational missionary.

He has been retired since 1949 but has remained active in church work and in supply preaching. He and Mrs. O'Neal are currently members of the Gravel Ridge, First Church, in the community where they now live, and he teaches a class of junior boys.

A prolific writer, both of prose and poetry, he is now working on a collection of his early and more recent experiences which he hopes to see published in book form.

In excellent health, his "ticker"

has forced him to slow down some, however, at the insistence of his physician son. But he will be delighted to stop whatever he is doing, when you go to see him, and settle down for a good visit with you.

Revival news

FIRST Church, Dumas, Aug. 22-28; Garrett Graham, Little Rock, evangelist; Mason Bondurant, pastor.

FIRST Church, Marked Tree, Aug. 1-8; Dillard Miller, pastor, First Church, Mena, evangelist; Jack Ballard, Trumann, singer; James A. Overton, pastor.

SOUTH Side Church, Booneville, May 23-30; Hugh Horne, pastor, Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, evangelist; 3 by letter; 4 by baptism; 25 rededications; E. G. Waddell, pastor.

SECOND Church, Hot Springs, county-wide youth revival, July 4; Dr. Chester Swor, evangelist; Walter Yeldell, pastor.

FIRST Church, Rogers, Aug. 8-15; Jerry Hopkins, evangelist; Dean E. Newberry Jr., pastor.

FIRST Church, Des Arc; 11 by profession of faith; 4 by letter; Larry D. Taylor, San Antonio, Tex., evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Short Sr., music directors; Ernest Banton, pastor.

Chaplain graduate

CHAPLAIN (Major) Ivin N. Marks, a native of Arkansas was one of 39 students to be graduated from the U. S. Army Chaplain School, Fort Hamilton, N. Y., May 27.



MAJOR MARKS

Chaplain Marks, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Marks, of Route 2, Camden, entered the U. S. Army Chaplaincy in January, 1959. Prior to attending the school, he was a chaplain in the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N. C. He is also a qualified parachutist.

After graduating from high school, Chaplain Marks entered the U. S. Navy as an enlisted man and served in the South Pacific during World War II. He is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary.

Chaplain Marks, his wife Glenna, and their two children have departed for a new assignment in Germany.

Business meetings— spiritual experiences

DID you ever think of church business meetings as spiritual experiences? Too few are, but why not?

Great effort is being put forth by religious leaders today to help us better understand worship. Stress is placed on its many sidedness. It is more than music and devotional inspiration. The matter of service, of work, enters in.

If the work of our churches is one form of worship, then should not the planning of this work be a worshipful experience? If missions, and music, and buildings, and budgets, and expansion programs are to result in salvation

A SHOWMAN is one who is skilled in attractively presenting a product or a cause to the public. A churchhouse is a showhouse where the gospel is presented in a most attractive way. The pastor may make himself the greatest showman in the world because he has the greatest product, the gospel, to present and visualize to the people. This gospel product is needed by every person in the world. The idea of showmanship falls flat unless you have an enduring product to exhibit. The gospel is that enduring product and it will never let you down.

Billy Sunday was one of the greatest showmen America ever produced and his arena was the pulpit. He did just about everything that he could think up to get attention, not for the sake of attention, but for the sake of attractively presenting the gospel story. Once he had attention, he preached the truth and kept the spotlight on sin, which he hated.

Dr. George W. Truett was our greatest Baptist showman. He preached at every session of the Southern Baptist Convention for a number of years. People would go to hear him even if he preached a sermon that they had heard

and inspiration and faith and love to God and service, are not these an expression of worship? If so, then why not make the planning of these things a worshipful experience?

That business meetings aren't spiritual experiences is too painfully so. How many such meetings have proved to be blighting experiences to faith and fellowship. How many have crippled the spiritual life of a church and left in their wake crushed hopes and bitter experiences. Why?

Too often prejudices, personalities, personal wishes, preconceived ideas, and jockeying for position have been guiding principles in business meetings. Sometimes revenge seems to enter in. These afford opportunities to strike back. Members hesitate to take part in such fiascoes. The church is crippled for lack of proper leadership under such conditions.

Middle of the Road

Showmanship

BY J. I. COSSEY

many times before. We did not go so much to hear what he said, but to come under his power. One morning he was to preach in the chapel of Southwestern Seminary. Dr. J. B. Gambrell came on to the stage about 20 minutes before Dr. Truett arrived. Dr. Gambrell soon began to wipe tears from his eyes. During that 20 minutes the chapel was filled with a waiting audience. The power of the Holy Spirit filled the house. Dr. Truett's showmanship was the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit. The exhibition of the heaven-sent power was the product presented in all the Truett meetings.

Arthur Flake was the greatest Sunday school man I ever knew. In the administration of the Sunday

Men forget the work of the Lord and think that this is their part. They are like Rev. John Price of another state in another day. For a number of years he had been a leader in mission work and as a pastor. But he was described as "a man of unpleasant temper." He was harsh in expression. His zeal "on all occasions took too much of the nature of the party spirit." Such conduct destroys the good one would do.

Many good men have been vulnerable to Satan's devices in business meetings. And what could have been a deeply satisfying, Christ honoring, faith strengthening experiences turned into little more than rabble-rousing. Shame!

The scripture enjoins us to "let everything be done decently and in order." This would apply to business meetings and would be conducive to worshipful experiences.

school, he was a showman of unusual ability. I owe more to Arthur Flake than any other individual for my limited success in the Lord's work. His showmanship was exhibited in the following Flake formula: First, locate the prospects; second, enlarge the organization; third, provide adequate space; fourth, train the workers; and fifth, visit the prospects.

Uncle Monroe McGee, a product of Damascus, Ark., believed every word in the Bible and preached it tenderly. His wife taught him to read after he was called to preach. He knew no grammar, nor ever owned a dictionary or commentary. He was dedicated to his Bible (which had no concordance or other helps), to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and to the country people whom he served. His showmanship was his dedication to his call to the ministry. He preached just what he felt God had given him and did it each time after much study and prayer. His dedicated showmanship in preaching the simple gospel still lives in the area in which he gave his life. The Baptist people owe much to Uncle Monroe and his tribe of faithful men of God in the last generation.

Men joining Circle



CONTINUING responses and reactions to the Correspondence Circle bring anticipation of each mail delivery.

Men are beginning to join in the venture in larger numbers — to such an extent, in fact, that now I find myself concerned that young women in similar age brackets and of like backgrounds of culture and outlook on life come into the ring.

I am steadfastly determined to stay out of the field of “match-making;” but I am quite ready to become involved in efforts to help those who are seeking in good faith to build worthy, Christian friendships that will supply renewed interests and cheerful living where loneliness has been.

Without revealing any identities, this sharing of bits from communications that have come within the last few days will give readers a better insight into the feelings of those who write.

Here is a good example:

“The reason I take time to write deals with the ‘Correspondence Circle.’ Surely some good Christian woman would like to read of my exploits thru life in my haphazard sort of way.

“I am a lay-preacher of Baptist heritage and belief. . .

“If you will send me the addresses of eligible correspondents I will greatly appreciate it. . .

“The past few years I have really enjoyed keeping up with your ‘corner’ in the *Arkansas Baptist*. Your writings surely must be an inspiration to many people as they have been to me.

“Thank you again for your wonderful work. . .”

One man, 52 years of age, writes:

“I am a single man. I never was married, mostly due to a big portion of the responsibility of supporting our large family during my younger life, along with being just plain timid and shy. . . .

“I am truly grateful for this wonderful opportunity that you have made available for lonely Christian hearts.

“I think one big reason that you are not getting many letters from single men is because men don’t read the *Baptist Magazine* as much as women do. . . .”

One young man enclosed a photograph of himself, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope for its return. He now has his picture back in his possession and I have his letter, from which these are quotes:

“I have read your page in the state paper with much interest. You bring out many helpful examples, if we would but use them. . .

“I like your idea of Correspondence Circle. Hope there are a lot of members between thirty and forty. . . .”

Today’s mail brought another widow into the circle. She says: “I am just a lonely widow who has lost her husband and her son. I surely would love to have some pen-pals to help me to recover from my grief. . . .”

“I am almost 60 and would appreciate the privilege of corresponding with someone about my age. . . .”

One man writes in angry, bitter tone a sharp complaint because he has had no reply to his letters to one woman whose name is listed in the Correspondence Circle.

I must remind him that there is no obligation on the part of anyone to reply to any communication he or she chooses not to answer. Furthermore, a letter can be very revealing of one’s education or lack of education, refinement or complete lack of culture, gracious Christian attitudes or jarring lack of good manners. A woman (or a man) would be very unwise to enter into correspondence with one whose letters revealed a personality with whom that one could find no basis for congeniality.

This 55 year-old man’s letter, containing a very good description of his appearance, listing as his favorite sports fishing and hunting, and his pastime as singing or reading gospel songs, concludes with this revealing sentence: “I myself am lonely”.

He would do well to remember that sometimes living alone and being a victim of loneliness takes a heavy toll of one’s disposition, personality — even character. One must be careful to see that the tendency to judge other people quickly and harshly, to be severely critical does not crowd out and replace kindness, considerateness, thoughtfulness and forbearance. Perhaps it should be a good exercise for him to add to his reading and singing of gospel songs a daily, thoughtful reading of the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians. It would be a splendid investment of time for every Christian to memorize and absorb the spirit of this beautiful passage.

Only this week, a charming young woman, in the course of an interview with me, made a comparison of two young men we both know. One has a limited education; the other is a graduate student. Of the latter she said, “He is very hard to get along with”; of the first, “He is so considerate, so pleasant to be with.”

Until next week, happy correspondence!

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Predestinated according to God's purpose

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"IN whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" (Eph. 1:11).

DOES "predestinated" mean that only certain people are marked out for salvation? And contrariwise that all others are destined to be lost?

The word "predestinated" may be rendered "foreordained" (cf. also 1:5). It means to define or to decide beforehand. It is a verb meaning to mark out the boundaries beforehand, something like fencing in a pasture. In other words God ("of him") has marked out beforehand the boundaries "after the counsel of his own will." And what are these boundaries? They are seen in the words "in whom." These words refer back to "in Christ" in verse 10.

Furthermore, this phrase relates back to verse 4. "According as he hath chosen [elected] us *in him* (Christ) before the foundation of the world" (cf. also v. 6, "in the beloved"). In this connection note also verse 5, "having predestinated [marked out the boundaries beforehand] us unto the adoption of children of [through] Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will."

Now the key to all of this is found in the words "in him" (v. 4), "by Jesus Christ" (v. 5), "in the beloved" (v. 6), "in whom" (v. 7), "in Christ" (v. 10), "in whom" (v. 11), and "in Christ" (v. 12). In other words, before the foundation of the world God in His sovereign will marked out beforehand the boundaries of salvation. They are "in him" or *in Christ*. All who are *in Christ* shall be saved. Thus this does not mean that arbitrarily God has chosen some to be saved and others to be lost. God arbitrarily has set the boundaries. — "in him." All who are inside the boundaries shall be saved. All out-

side the boundaries shall be lost. But man in his free will chooses to be "in him" or chooses not to be "in him."

It may be argued that God knows beforehand who will be saved and who will be lost. True. For God is all-wise. But foreknowledge of an event does not mean that God wills it or causes it. God wills that all men shall be saved. He has provided salvation "through Jesus Christ." And He chooses to save only those who are *in Christ*, by whom salvation is made possible.

In the last analysis, however, whether or not a man is *in Christ* is the decision of his own free will. Man is free to choose, but he is responsible for his choices.

News about missionaries

DR. and Mrs. R. Keith Parks, Southern Baptist missionaries who have been in the States for nearly two years, hope to return to Indonesia in July. They began furlough in July, 1963, and Dr. Parks served as a missionary personnel associate with the personnel department of the Foreign Mission Board for the next five months. Then (going on leave of absence) he became an associate secretary in the personnel department, with responsibility for working with missionary candidates in the western United States. He recently terminated this responsibility. He and Mrs. Parks may now be addressed at 2101 Swenson, Abilene, Tex. Born in Memphis, Tex., he lived in Texas and Arkansas during boyhood; she is the former Helen Jean Bond, of Abilene.

ONE of the most interesting publications we have seen lately is a pocket edition of *Baptist Hymnal*, published by Convention Press, Nashville.

The only difference between this and the regular edition is the size. The smaller sized printing is quite legible to those of average eyesight.

This may well start a new practice of each one taking not only his Bible but his hymnal with him when he goes to church.

The Exposition of the Gospel of Matthew, by Herschel H. Hobbs, Baker, 1965, \$6.95

This 422-page commentary by Dr. Hobbs, the Baptist Hour preacher and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the first volume in a projected new series of Exposition of the New Testament. Rich in preaching values for the minister, this book abounds in suggestions and material for scores of sermons. It will be a valuable addition to the library of any student of the Bible. Every text and every passage in Matthew is carefully expounded and explicated.

There Was a Man, compiled by Carl Philip Anderson, Fleming H. Revell, 1965, \$2.50

This is the story of Dr. Paul Carlson and why he stayed in the Congo, finally paying with his life. Found here are the collected words of his wife, a brother, and friends and colleagues, all coming into focus to give a picture of this vital and vibrant man. He is seen here in his varied roles as husband and father and brother; doctor and co-worker; student and friend; churchman, witness, and martyr.

Christ's Word to this Age, by J. Harold Gwynne, Erdmans, 1965, \$3

This is a series of New Testament devotional studies based upon the metaphors used by Jesus in his teachings. Included are such examples as "The Salt of the Earth," "The Light of the World," "Fishers of Men," and "Ye are the Branches." Consideration is also given to a number of the dual-metaphors found in the Gospel: "The Two Masters," "The Two Treasures," "The Two Gates."

Public Speaking Without Pain, by Maurice Forley, McKay, 1965, \$3.95

The author is executive director of Toastmasters International, an organization which in the past 40 years has "launched more than half a million successful speakers." He writes here upon such topics of concern to public speakers as: How to Control Tension; How to Select a Subject; How to Organize and Write Speeches for All Occasions; How to Deliver a Talk Effectively, with Tips on Voice Control and Stage Presence; How to Handle a Question Period; How To Preside at a Meeting; and How To Find an Audience, including a special device on Working With Service Clubs.

Two new paperbacks from Erdmans are: *Roman Catholicism Today*, by H. M. Carson, \$1.45; and *The Person and Place of Jesus Christ*, by P. T. Forsyth.

Answering your questions about Baptist World Alliance

HERE are the most frequently asked questions about the Baptist World Congress, meeting in Miami Beach, June 25-30:

WHEN DOES THE CONGRESS OPEN AND CLOSE?

President Joao F. Soren will call the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Friday, June 25. The Congress will adjourn at 12 noon, Wednesday, June 30.

WHERE WILL THE MEETINGS BE HELD?

Morning sessions will meet in the Miami Beach Convention Hall. Sectional meetings in the afternoons will meet in the Convention Hall, the Miami Beach Auditorium, and selected hotel auditoriums in Miami Beach. Four evening sessions will be held in the Orange Bowl in Miami.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING A DELEGATE?

Any member of a Baptist church which is affiliated with one of the 82 National Baptist bodies hold-

ing membership in the Alliance is eligible to register.

HOW MANY DELEGATES CAN COME FROM A SINGLE CHURCH?

There is no limit on the number of persons from any one church. The primary purposes of a Baptist World Congress are worship, study and fellowship.

IS IT NECESSARY TO REGISTER?

Yes. Admission to the Congress will be by registration badge.

WHEN SHOULD I REGISTER?

Now.

WHY SHOULD I REGISTER NOW?

By registering now, you will help the committee in Miami Beach which needs to know how many people are coming. Secondly, your registration fee will help pay the cost of the Congress.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Registration cards may be secured by writing your denominational headquarters or the BWA

Registration Office, 1452 N. W. 36th St., Miami, Fla., USA.

HOW DO I SECURE A HOTEL ROOM?

The housing committee has reserved thousands of hotel and motel rooms in Miami Beach and Miami at reasonable rates for registered delegates. If a housing application form does not come with your registration card, write to Baptist World Alliance Housing, P. O. Box 1511, Miami Beach 39, Fla., USA.

At Air Force Academy

THE United States Air Force has assigned Chaplain William F. Montgomery, a former Arkansas



CHAPLAIN MONTGOMERY

Baptist pastor, to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Col. He will report for duty there on the first of July. He will be preaching to, counselling,

and working with, the approximately 2,800 cadets enrolled in the academy.

Chaplain Montgomery is from Donaldson. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Seminary. Prior to becoming a chaplain in 1952 he was pastor of First Church, Heber Springs.

Mrs. Montgomery was formerly Miss Mary Ellen Harvill, Humphrey. The Montgomerys have two children, Carolyn, 16, and William F. Jr., 14.

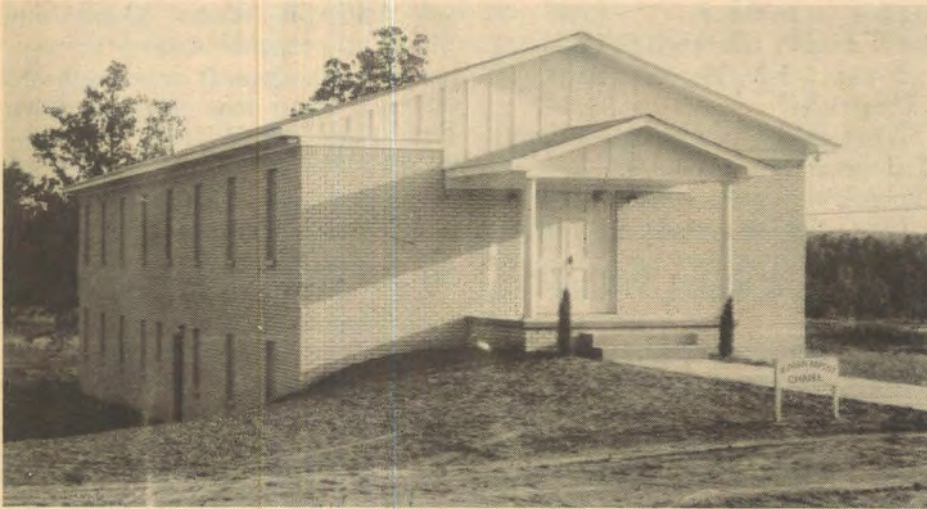
Chaplain Montgomery is the first Baptist chaplain to be assigned to the Air Force Academy Chapel.



THE OLDEST ANNUITANTS WERE HONORED by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board at a special luncheon during the Southern Baptist Convention. R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board, pins a corsage on the dress of Miss Ruth Randall, retired foreign missionary now living in Fayetteville, who at 80 was the oldest woman annuitant present. Looking on is C. H. Riddle of Edgewood, Tex., 91-year-old former pastor who attended the Southern Baptist Convention when it met last in Dallas in 1894.

DANIEL G. Bagby, son of Rev. and Mrs. Albert I. Bagby, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, married Miss Janet Glee Pitman on June 12 in First Church, Van, Tex. His parents, now on furlough, may be addressed at 2508 Ava Marie Drive, Gadsden, Ala. Albert Bagby, son of pioneer Southern Baptist missionaries, was born in Brazil; Mrs. Bagby is the former Thelma Frith, of North Little Rock.

Runyan Chapel dedication



DEDICATION services for the new building of Runyan Chapel, North Little Rock were held May 30.

The pastor, Rev. Elmer Madison, was in charge. The dedicatory message was brought by Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas State Convention. Also assisting in the services were Dr. John Caylor, associate pastor, First Church, Little Rock; Rev. Roy Bunch, pastor, Levy Church, North Little Rock, and moderator of North Pulaski Association, and Rev. Jack Livingston, pastor of First Church, Gravel Ridge, sponsor of the project.

Runyan Chapel was organized in September, 1963, as a mission

of First Church, Gravel Ridge.

The new building is located on three lots purchased and donated by the association. Two other sites have been purchased by the association for future churches. They are Indian Hills and Lakewood.

The building houses an auditorium, church office, pastor's study and classroom in the upper floor. The lower floor contains a kitchen, fellowship hall, classrooms, nursery, and rest-rooms. The brick building is centrally heated with provision for future air-conditioning.

Bob Morgan is chairman of the missions committee which acted as building committee.



THE new pastorium of Monroe Church was dedicated May 16. Rev. D. Hoyle Haire, pastor of First Church, Marianna, preached the dedication sermon at the church. The prayer of dedication was led by the pastor, Everett Denton, at the new three-bedroom home.

Musicians organize

MINISTERS of Education and Music of Pulaski County Association met May 28 at Immanuel Church to organize and make plans to become an active organization in September.

Rev. R. V. Haygood, associational missionary, led the meeting. Officers elected were: president, Mrs. Robert Pilcher, minister of music, Forest Highlands Church; program chairman, Bill Turman, minister of music and education, Markham Street Church; secretary, Amon Baker, minister of music, Immanuel Church.

The name selected was Pulaski Religious and Education Music Association. The meeting closed with a message by Rev. J. T. Elliff.

Caylor in new post

JOHN Caylor Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. John Caylor, Little Rock, has been elected to the position



MR. CAYLOR

of student counselor and Baptist student secretary of West Georgia State College, Carrollton.

A graduate of Louisiana College and Texas Christian University, he attended Southern Seminary, University of Chicago, and Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, where he was awarded the B.D. degree. He was a graduate student in Louisiana State University when he began eleven years of pastorates in Blue Ridge and Lithonia, Ga.

Lesson writer

NASHVILLE — Tal Bonham, pastor of South Side Church, Pine Bluff, is among 24 persons chosen to write Southern Baptist Sunday School lessons for the 1967 Uniform Series.

"Messages from the Prophets (Amos, Micah, Hosea, Malachi)" is the subject under which Dr. Bonham is to write fourth quarter lessons to appear in the periodical "Sunday School Married Young People."



PASTOR Dorsey L. Crow stands behind his church's first queens Reta McCarroll, Myra Crow and Rita McCarroll.

First coronation

BLACK Rock First Church held its first coronation May 16 when three GA queens were crowned: Reta McCarroll, Myra Crow and Rita McCarroll.

Only three years old, the auxiliary has been recognized as an honor organization by the Arkansas WMU for all three years. Mrs. Dorsey L. Crow and Miss Donna Austin are leaders.

Others on the program were Maidens Cheri Carey, Sandra Combs, Linnette Baughman, Karen Pickett and Sue McCarroll. Princesses were Marsha Bryant, Libby Carey and Sherry Pickett.

Youth director

LANE Strother, a junior at Ouachita University, has been named director of youth activities for Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock.



MR. STROTHER

At Ouachita he has served as president of the freshman class, a sophomore senator, and recently was elected president of the Junior Class for 1965-66. He is a football and track letterman.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn H. Strother, North Little Rock.

Harmony Association

CENTENNIAL Church, Pine Bluff, moves into its new auditorium in June. The building, which will accommodate 394, includes also six classrooms, a department assembly room, library, choir room and baptistry. The building has central heat and air-conditioning. The old auditorium was converted into educational space. On the building committee were J. W. Rogers, chairman, H. B. Hall, C. E. Albright, Al Gober, A. J. Yarbrough, Mrs. Bill Pounders and Mrs. John Moody. Rev. J. W. Whitley is pastor.

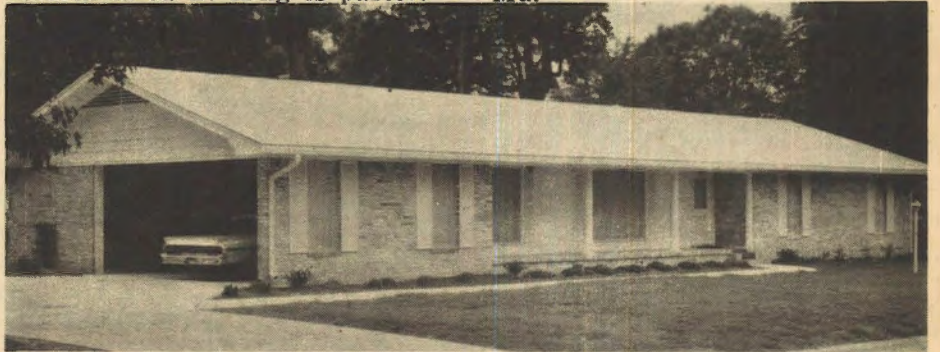
RONALD Kimball, a native of Magnolia and a graduate of Ouachita College, is the new pastor of Humphrey Church. He comes to Humphrey from St. Charles First Church, Centennial Association.

FIRST Church, Star City, has been recognized as a Standard Sunday School. They are in the process of attaining the Advance Standard School.

GREEN Meadow Chapel, First Church, Pine Bluff, is planning a building with an auditorium that will seat 350, 16 classrooms, three assembly rooms, a kitchen, church office and a study.

JAMES Carroll is the new music director of Watson Chapel. He has been attending college at Hattiesburg, Miss.

HARDIN Church, Pine Bluff, has completed its new parsonage of buff brick, an approximate cost of \$11,000. On the building committee is Bill Werniger, L. W. Albritton and W. L. Hildersheim, chairman. R. B. King is pastor.



THE new parsonage of First Church, Fordyce, was recently completed and occupied by the pastor, Cline D. Ellis. Contract cost was \$26,750 for the four-bedroom home. E. C. Benton served as chairman of the building committee.

Summer missionary

FREDA McKissic, member of the University of Arkansas BSU, has been named as summer missionary by the Home Mission Board. She will serve this summer in Fresno, Calif.



FREDA

She is the first Negro from the campus to serve as an officer on the BSU freshman council. She has served on the YWA committee and is a member of University Church, Fayetteville.

Miss McKissic, whose home is at Pine Bluff, will enter the University of Arkansas School of Nursing, Little Rock, next year.

Barnes graduates

CHAPLAIN (Captain) Dalton H. Barnes, a Baptist minister and a native of Arkansas, was one of 39 students to be graduated from Chaplain Officer Career Course at the U. S. Army Chaplain School, Fort Hamilton, N. Y., May 27.

Chaplain Barnes, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Barnes of Mountain View, entered the U. S. Army Chaplaincy in 1959. Prior to attending the school, he was last assigned to Germany.

He graduated from Ouachita College and Southern Seminary.

Chaplain Barnes, his wife Krysteen, and their two children have departed for a new assignment at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Graduate degree

BILL C. Bryan, minister of education of East Hill Church, Pensacola, Fla., was awarded the Graduate Specialist Degree in Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary May 21. The degree is an advanced degree beyond the Master of Religious Education degree.



MR. BRYAN

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Bryan of Greenwood. His wife is the former Miss Chris Price of Little Rock.

El Dorado coronation

IMMANUEL Church, El Dorado, had a Girl's Auxiliary coronation service May 9, recognizing girls for having passed the required work for each forward step.

Mrs. Hayward Adams, missionary to Nigeria, gave the charge to the girls. Those participating were:

Maidens: Jana Purvis, Rita Luttrell, Cheryl Burns, Sonjia Helms, Benita Jo Cox, Cheryl White, Debbie Kurylas, Page Thomason, Lecca Rapert;

Lady-In-Waiting: Karen Peek, Robin Palmer, Pat Greenlee, Kathy Colvin;

Princess: Kathy Mason, Debbie Peek, Linda Greenlee, Linda Kurylas, Connie Roberson, Pam Chamberlain, Gaye Lindsey;

Queens: Beverly Patterson, Jane Stevens, Cindy Jennings;

Queen-with-Septer: Paula Palmer, Kianne Knight;

Queen Regent: Frances Jackson;

Crown Bearers: Jane Taylor, Kerry Ann Duke, Karen Lindsey; Septer Bearers: Terri Russell, Becky Cox;

Capebearer: Rel Luttrell;

Candle Lighters: Janet Reynolds and Neosha Palmer.

Mrs. Warren Porter is GA Director.

McCarty to Fayetteville

UNIVERSITY Church, Fayetteville has called Rev. H. D. McCarty to be its pastor effective June 13.

Mr. McCarty received his B. A. degree from Southern Methodist University in 1955 and then entered the U.S. Air Force, where he served as a jet pilot. While in the Air Force, he was licensed to preach, in Second Church, Little Rock.

He left the Air Force for full time Christian Service and entered Southwestern Seminary from which he received his bachelor of divinity degree in 1964. He has since taken graduate work.

Mr. McCarty has served for the past five years as associate pastor and minister of youth in University Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., and was ordained to the ministry in that church in 1963.

Mr. McCarty was born in Oklahoma. His wife, Shirley, is a native of Texas and attended Baylor University. They have two children: Karen, 6, and Kevin 3.



H. D. McCARTY

Mississippi County Ass'n

GENE Wright, formerly of Kentucky, is the new pastor at Cole Ridge.

DON Cochran, Oran., Mo., has accepted a call from New Providence Church.

GENE Hadley has resigned as pastor of First Church, Leachville, to do graduate work at Southwestern Seminary.

Summer missionary

MISS Gerry Sue Witt, a junior elementary education major, has been appointed to serve in and around Fresno, Calif., as a Home Mission Board summer missionary. Her major tasks will be Vacation Bible School and survey. Her home is Alexander.



MISS WITT

Miss Witt served as YWA President while attending Arkansas State Teachers College and she is currently serving as BSU public relations chairman.

Baylor graduates

ARKANSANS among the recent graduates of Baylor University included:

Batesville: Bobbie Andra Morris, BS.

Benton: Betty Carolyn Cooper, BA.

Blytheville: Emily Huffman, BA.

Conway: Mary Josephine Crafton, Cross, MS in Education.

Eudora: Beverly Kay Binns, BA.

Forrest City: Rachel Walthall McDaniel, BS, cum laude.

Hamburg: Richard Harlow, Jackson, BA.

Little Rock: Joy Vee Davis, BME; Julia Beth Guinn, BA; Barbara Ann Montgomery, BS in N; Frederick Helsher Rath, BBA; Douglas Robert Rucker, BA; Gilford Dudley Taylor, BBA; Laura Elizabeth Winburn, BBA.

Magnolia: Lenora Ann Fullenwider.

North Little Rock: Jerry Wayne Claiborne, BBA.

Stuttgart: Mary Raye Carter, BA.

West Helena: Eugene Jefferson Miller, III, BA.

OAK Grove Church, Carolina Association, has called as pastor Cecil Fuller, who formerly served Old Austin and Baugh Chapel.

WMU's changing image

DALLAS, June 1 — The Woman's Missionary Union was pictured here as a missions-centered organization desiring recognition as an integral part of the entire church and denomination.

About 80,000 women attending the annual two-day meeting of WMU in Dallas Memorial Auditorium heard missions leaders, preachers and their own president call on them to "take a giant step forward" in meeting the challenges of a fast-changing world.

Mrs. Robert Fling, who was re-elected president of the 1,500,000-member organization, helped construct WMU's changing image in her presidential address against maintaining the status quo.

The WMU president, whose husband is pastor of First Baptist Church, Cleburne, Tex., reminded the women that stubborn resistance to change may mean rejection of opportunity.

"WMU members are an integral part of the church and denomination," she said. "Our interest is in the entire church. We can never subscribe to a philosophy of aloofness or separation."

Mrs. Fling warned that church organizations may find themselves listed in the obituary columns, having outlived their usefulness, if they don't perform their church jobs well.

Pointing to "America's treatment of minority groups as a stumbling block to missions," Mrs. Fling told the missions-minded women that "we are held accountable unto God for Christlike attitudes, responsible action, and persistent prayer for all men created in the image of God—some of them black."

The need for Southern Baptists to make their message relevant to a changing world was a common thread in messages of home and foreign missionary leaders and Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive

secretary of the Home Mission Board, said the principal changes which affect the Baptist witness include secularization, urbanization and population change.

"Automation and giant industries have tended to reduce the value attached to the individual," Rutledge said. "He (the individual) is lost in the midst of throngs on the expressways and on the buses."

Rutledge called for accelerated concern and service on the home front, "because today's needs are greater than those of any previous generation."

Hitting "lip-service" type of religion, Rutledge said, "Our society expresses a faith in religion, but only a minority expresses a meaningful faith in Christ."

The great metropolitan complexes in the east, along the Great Lakes and in California were labeled key missions fields by the speakers.

Dr. Fred B. Moseley, assistant to Dr. Rutledge, said great cities dominate American culture with their highly competitive, impersonal and largely irreligious society.

"Many new churches and missions need to be established," he said. "More effective techniques and approaches need to be devel-

oped."

Hugo H. Culpepper, director of the Home Mission Board's division of missions, said the effectiveness of the church today and its existence tomorrow depend on how local congregations and the denomination respond to the social situation confronting them.

The women were told of new programs being developed to meet special needs in this country. One of these is the US-2 program for young college graduates who want to perform mission service. Another is the Christian Service Corps for adults who can pay their own way and serve for up to ten weeks on a pioneer mission field, in a good will center or other areas.

H. Cornell Goerner, an area secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, said the challenge of metropolitan areas is not unique to the United States. He described a new Africa with vast new population centers that have pushed back the underbrush as a result of mining and other industries.

Goerner said the Congo crisis has bred false ideas that new nations of Africa are no longer open to the Gospel.

"Nothing could be farther from the truth," he said. Goerner said that on a recent trip through Africa he met an almost unanimous appeal for more missionaries.

Another Foreign Mission Board secretary, J. D. Hughey, disclosed that Southern Baptists have begun a medical mission in Yemen where



CHRISTIANITY'S international appeal found expression at the Woman's Missionary Union Convention in Dallas through speakers Mrs. Emmanuel Dahunsi, Nigeria, Mrs. Glauca de Peticov, Brazil, Mrs. Leon Chow, Taiwan, Mrs. Willie Wickramasinghe, Ceylon, and Mrs. Yoshie Kaneko, Japan.

there have been no Christian churches for 1,300 years. The country has one doctor for every 156,000 people.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, told the women that the WMU-sponsored Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions has reached a record high this year. He said the \$11,870,649 given by Southern Baptist churches is the largest cash offering ever laid on the altar by any evangelical denomination.

WMU leaders from Nigeria, Brazil, Taiwan, Ceylon and Japan shared the platform at one session, telling of the expansion of WMU groups in their countries.

Mrs. Glaucia C. Peticov, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, said a new era for Christianity is dawning in her country. She said Brazilian Baptists have assumed the responsibility of distributing 10 million copies of the Gospel of John during a national evangelistic campaign.

"God has been glorified in the great number of conversions in Brazil as a direct result of reading and examining the Bible," Mrs. Peticov said.

Other WMU officers elected at the Convention included Mrs. J. R. Lobaugh, Kansas City, Kan., recording secretary; Mrs. J. Winston Pearce, Tiburon, Calif., Mrs. O. K. McCarter of Chatham, N. J., and Miss Elma Cobb, Little Rock, Ark., members at large on the WMU executive board.

BWA registration

MIAMI BEACH — (BWA) — Delegates from 74 countries have already registered for the 11th Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach June 25-30.

Josef Nordenhaug, Washington, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, which sponsors the every - five - year fellowship meetings, said that this advance total means the Miami meeting will be the most representative in the organization's history.

Representatives from 70 countries were counted at the 10th Con-

SBC affiliation

METROPOLITAN Church, Wichita, Kan., entering its new 15-story tower in downtown Wichita, has voted to affiliate at all levels with the Southern Baptist Convention, its pastor reported. The church has 2,000 members and an annual budget of nearly \$400,000, according to W. E. Thorn, who succeeded his father as pastor of the church.

In 1960, the members of Wichita's First Baptist Church voted 1145 to 294 to withdraw from local and national ties with the American Baptist Convention, Thorn said. It was in protest of the American Convention's affiliation with the National Council of Churches.

His father, F. B. Thorn, since retired, was pastor of the First Baptist Church.

The minority group favoring continued connection with the American Baptist Convention won its fight to retain the \$2½ million property of First Church after two years of legal battling.

The majority then pulled out and formed the Metropolitan Baptist Church. It has been meeting in Southeast High School at Wichita while building its own \$2 million plant, W. E. Thorn said.

The present pastor came to Wichita after a 10-year pastorate at Calvary Church, Lubbock, Tex. He is former vice president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

gress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1960.

Australia, with 86 persons, has the largest number of already-registered delegates from overseas. Next in size are the United Kingdom, with 60, and Argentina, with 49.

Canada shows a registration so far of 201. Dr. Nordenhaug said the United States total is "several thousand."

Delegates have been urged to register in advance to give local committees a gauge on the size of the Congress and to help meet preparation expenses.



—Photo by J. Marse Grant, Biblical Recorder (NC)

DR. W. A. CRISWELL of Dallas presented the North American Fellowship Committee report which was adopted by a 2-1 margin.



—Photo by J. Marse Grant, Biblical Recorder (NC)

DR. KENNETH L. CHAFIN of Southern Seminary received congratulations from many people who greeted him on the stage after his outstanding message on evangelism.

For the first time, a Baptist book store erected an exhibit at the Central American Fair in Quezaltenango, Guatemala, last year where Baptists distributed over 20,000 pieces of Christian literature supplied by Cooperative Program dollars.

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The Christian faith is something to share

BY MRS. R. L. MATHIS

THE Christian faith — this wonderful good news — is not something just to receive and enjoy; it is supremely something to share.

Thus it becomes our daily business to speak the "message of reconciliation" and to bring men everywhere into harmony with God. We who have become Christians have been given our Commission to "go ye into all the world" with the message of salvation.

Do you long for God's guidance for your church? If you do, you may have it; but it may cost your church if you truly pray for His guidance. You may have to give of your sons and daughters to take the Gospel; you may have to give away more of your offerings to win a world; you may have to deny yourselves buildings and equipment. But a whole new area of missionary endeavor will be open to your church.

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the uses of his dollar are not imaginary. He would find that his missionary dollar carries the richness of the Gospel of Christ to all the world. He would find that put to work for the Kingdom of God, it circles the world.

I believe that Southern Baptists could become a mighty force used of God in this generation as no other denomination has ever been used. But it will take a "new look" at our stewardship program as it leaves the church and the state before we can accomplish the worldwide task of which we are truly capable. — Ralph Douglas, associate executive secretary.

The newest State Convention to join the Southern Baptist Convention, the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention, has voted to share 20 per cent of future Cooperative Program income with the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Evangelism and teaching

THERE will always be exceptions to most rules. Rules exist in all kinds of life situations. Stiff rules may be set. Exceptions help set the basic rules.



MR. HATFIELD

This is true in games. The rule says that if a football is carried across the opponent's goal line, the team earns

six points. This rule applies to either team in control of the football. However, the rule has some exceptions. If some infraction of the playing procedure is detected by the official, the points may not be added even if a team carries the ball across the goal line.

The rule in church evangelism is that the teaching task is the best means to gain evangelistic results. There will occasionally be an exception to the rule. However, the rule is a good one for us to know and work with if we desire consistent and maximum evangelistic results.

Consider these results as recorded in "The Compass," a weekly Sunday School publication of Central Church, Magnolia.

"Revival results in 57 additions. Six other conversions reported. Our church has just experienced one of the most fruitful revivals in its history. At every service, there was a great outpouring of God's spirit as people came professing faith in Christ and joining the church. Forty-six made professions of faith and 11 came by transfer of letter and scores of rededications."

A summary of these additions is interesting.

Of the 46 baptisms, 44 were members of the Sunday School. Two were not enrolled. Nine of the 46 were members of Adult Sunday School classes.

Eleven joined by letter. Nine were members of the Sunday School. Three of these were members of adult class. Two were not enrolled in Sunday School.

In other words, 53 of the 57 ad-



SHOWN above are the newly elected officers of the Arkansas Baptist Student Directors' Association. (Left to right) President is Mr. Dick Bumpass, director at Arkansas State College; secretary is Mrs. Carita Taylor, office secretary in state office; and vice president is Winston Hardman, director at Arkansas A. and M. College. The association meets annually at Directors' Workshop, and usually has called meetings at BSU Convention, Spring Planning Retreat, and International Retreat. The association handles special projects such as the publication of the ARKANSAS BSU DIRECTORS' JOURNAL, the administration of interest coming from an endowment fund with the Baptist Foundation, and the Ridgecrest-Glorieta Loan Fund.—Tom J. Logue, Director

ditions were members of the Sunday School from Primary through Young People's departments.

Lloyd L. Hunnicutt is the pastor, Earl Bailey is minister of education and James Taylor was the evangelist during the revival.

Basic principles are at work here. The church locates prospects,

provides educational space, and an enlarged organization. It gives continuous training and guidance to its workers in Bible teaching and the ministry of visitation

The rule says, "Enroll and teach prospects the Bible, evangelistic results will follow." — Lawson Hatfield, Secretary

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Just as a reminder — Eash Camper is to be brought

to the Arkansas Baptist College, 1600 High Street, Little Rock, before noon on Monday and picked up the following Friday between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Camp will close on Friday following the noon - day meal. Transportation will be by bus to the camp (for those desiring transportation.) The first bus to leave the Arkansas Baptist College grounds will be at 10 a.m.

The first 80 campers of each age group are to be admitted for \$8.50. There are some openings left.

The response of our white churches, WMU's and individuals has been marvelous, for the sponsoring of one or more Negro boys and girls to attend camp this summer. This is an opportunity to afford them for spiritual blessings as well as

giving them the right foundation for preparing to be our future leaders in Christianity!

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Junior Girls	(Ages 8-12)
	July 5 - July 9
Teenage Boys	(Ages 13-17)
	July 12 - July 16
Teenage Girls	(Ages 13-17)
	July 19 - July 23

Competent leadership is provided. "Hart of The Hills" camp is sponsored by the Race Relations Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention. If more information is desired, please write our Department and we will be happy to send it to you. — Clyde Hart, Director

Training Union

Speaker to Ridgecrest

ROGER Harrod of Dumas, student at Ouachita University, will represent Arkansas in the Southern Baptist Speakers' Tournament to be held at Ridgecrest during Training Union Week, July 15-21. Roger won first place in the 19-24 year (plus college students) speakers'



ROGER

tournament which was held at the State Youth Convention on Apr. 16. Roger was also presented with a one-year tuition scholarship to Ouachita University.

Training Union people from Arkansas will be well represented on the faculty at Ridgecrest and Glorieta this summer. Attending Ridgecrest will be Rev. and Mrs. Ralph W. Davis and Rev. and Mrs. D. C. McAtee. Mr. Davis will teach Adults and Mrs. McAtee will work in the Nursery Department.

Attending Glorieta will be Mr. and Mrs. James A. Griffin, Mrs. Harry Wigger, State Approved Young People's worker; Mrs. Ruth

Tolleson, director of Junior and Intermediate Work; Mrs. James Dean, State Approved Intermediate worker; and Mrs. F. F. Hicks, State Approved Junior worker. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Wigger will serve on the faculty. All state approved workers and four of the district representatives will attend one of the assemblies.

Marilyn McAtee will serve as a staffer at Ridgecrest and Judy Ann Griffin will serve as a staffer at Glorieta.—Ralph Davis, Secretary

Evangelism

Revivals

THIS is "revival season" and I feel compelled to say a few things about revivals. There are three main essentials in a revival: Prayer, personal witnessing and preaching.

Prayer: The devil says, "You can have your organizations and promotion, but leave out of them the power of God." Prayer can do anything that God can do, and as God can do anything, prayer is omnipotent. We need to remain alone with God a long time and become like Him. Someone says, "I'm trying to serve God in my poor, weak way. I have no natural

ability." Then, get supernatural power. The religion of Jesus Christ is supernatural from start to finish.

In our praying, we are asking God to convict souls, but if we pray and don't go, we lose our concern for them. We may get people to cry by singing "Tell Mother I'll Be There," but only the Holy Spirit convicts of sin and breaks the stony heart.

In Dr. Torrey's book *The Power of Prayer and the Prayer of Power*, he says, "A praying church and a praying ministry can achieve anything that ought to be achieved. It will beat down opposition, surmount obstacles, and conquer foes just as much today as in the days of the apostles.

"We do not live in a praying age. We live in an age of hustle and bustle, of man's efforts and man's determination, man's confidence in himself and his own power to achieve things; an age of human organization and human machinery, human flesh, human scheming, and human achievement.

"The devil stands and looks at a church and laughs." (Continued next week.)—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

One more camp in '65

WHEN you receive this issue of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* the second RA camp period will be nearly over. There remains one more camp, the Pioneer Camp, for boys 12-14 years of age; and there is still time for registration of boys in this age group. Call or write the Brotherhood Department 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Make it possible for your boys to have the opportunities which camp offers to all those who come!

Summer Opportunities

Summer is upon us, with all of its wonderful opportunities for Christian growth and Christian service. Summer revivals present unhindered opportunities for service, not only revivals in your own church but revivals in needy and unchurched areas within reach of your church. Summer is an excellent time of year to begin your establishment of mission work in a needy area; also to visit, to witness, and to follow wherever the Lord leads.

To Arkansas Baptist men the summer of 1965 presents some special opportunities for fellowship, inspiration, Christian growth and service: The Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest, June 17-23, (almost upon us); the Home Missions Conference at Glorieta, Aug 5-11; the Home Missions Conference at Ridgecrest, Aug 19-25; and the Foreign Missions Conference at Glorieta, Aug. 19-25. AND, IN ADDITION TO THESE CONFERENCES THERE IS THE COLORADO-NEBRASKA CRUSADE DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY 11-18, WHICH OFFERS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR ARKANSAS BAPTIST MEN TO LEARN FIRST-HAND THE JOY OF SERVING THE LORD IN A PIONEER AREA, AND OF PERFORMING A SERVICE WHICH WILL LAST THROUGH ETERNITY.

You can make the Summer of 1965 count for the glory of the Lord by your dedicated service to Him, if you will! — Nelson Tull, Secretary.

GA Camps

MISS JACKIE BURTON, recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary, will direct the five Girls' Auxiliary Camps scheduled to be held at Baptist Camp, Paron, June 28-July 3, July 5-10, July 12-17, July 19-24, July 26-31.



MISS BURTON

Serving on the permanent staff for the full season will be 15 seminary, college and high school students. Each week more than a dozen local church leaders will direct Bible study and consideration of GA organizational methods.

Highlighting each week's program will be missionaries, missionary appointees, international

visitors, and other outstanding personnel.

Registrations are being accepted now at the State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Bldg., Little Rock, for each of the five camps. Campers will be divided according to grade in school. In each cabin of 15 girls there will be two counselors.

Arkansan chosen by WMU, SBC

At the recent meeting of WMU, SBC, in Dallas, Miss Elma Cobb of Little Rock, former president of Arkansas WMU, was elected Member-at-Large of the Executive Board of the convention-wide organization. Her term will expire in 1970.

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—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

Church Development Ministry

Deer makes progress

USING the Church Development Ministry plan Deer Church, Newton County, is making steady progress. Some projects already completed are:

1. Interior of parsonage redecorated
2. New windows installed in church building
3. New pews installed
4. New Broadman hymnals purchased
5. Library started
6. Stage for pulpit furniture elevated and extended
7. New roof placed on church building and parsonage
8. Tile ceiling four rooms of parsonage

Projects to be accomplished:

1. Tile church building floor and place curtain in front of choir
2. Build three new class rooms
3. Build new porch, steps and foundation for parsonage.
4. Improve class rooms being

used in the parsonage.

Rev. Don Mulford is the pastor of Deer Church. — R. A. Hill, Director.

Caroline Association

COCKLEBUR Church, Ward, is building an educational unit with eight rooms and a baptistry. Bob Campbell is pastor.

MT. CARMEL Church, Cabot, has laid the foundation for a new auditorium to be completed by fall. Eugene Irby is pastor.

Several churches have completed their Vacation Bible School with First Church, Des Arc, reporting the largest gain in enrollment over last year. The church enrolled 165 the first week.

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Voice of the



mountain

BY M. D. BELLOMY

HAVE you ever visited a mountain just before a rain or a windstorm? Have you ever listened to the sounds of the mountain as the disturbance approaches? The first gentle whisper increases in volume until it swells to a mighty, and sometimes quite sullen, roar?

Regardless of the many theories offered to explain the sound, the voice of the mountain is the result of a natural cause. The United States Weather Bureau has the best explanation for this age-old mystery.

The slopes of almost any mountain are covered with trees, sometimes sparsely, sometimes more densely. According to the Weather Bureau, the wind whispers and then howls as its force increases, especially as it races through trees. The wind joins other motions of the ocean of air in which we live to cause this noisy phenomenon.

As a storm approaches, unusual currents of air form. They are released into the invisible ocean of air covering the valleys around the mountain. As these currents race toward the top of the mountain, they increase in strength and size, sometimes from mere streamlets to long, wide "rivers." Ever more swiftly they flow right into the center of the disturbance.

An excellent description of such air rivers and their motions is in the book, *Keeping Up With Science* by E. E. Slossons. According to the author, when a storm is approaching the East from the Mississippi valley, the winds start from twelve to twenty-four hours before rain begins. Most of the ranges or ridges in the East run in a southwesterly and northeasterly direction. A wind from the southeast flows directly across them as a river flows across an obstruction in a stream. The same thing happens to the air which would happen to water. Back eddies are formed around the top of the obstruction. In the case of the wind, this is the mountain ridge.

A strong wind, as it rushes across a mountain or a ridge, may blow up each side of this obstruction.

The air on the leeward side will blow from the back eddy. On the windward side, the air pushes quickly upward from the direct flow of the wind.

The swirling, jumbled currents of air all fight up the mountain through its carpet of trees. They produce a combination of musical sounds which Mr. Slossons likens to the music from a harp.

The voice of the mountain, especially in its final majestic roar, is much deeper and far louder than the sound of any single musical instrument, however. It is more like a tremendous symphony orchestra, first murmuring, then swelling, and finally bursting forth in a loud, deep-throated finale.

The roar of the mountain begins in the valley. After its mad climb to the top of the mountain, it ends up where it started, on the floor of the valley.

If you think about water flowing over an obstruction, you can better understand what happens to the wind. When the river water passes over an obstacle, the water breaks in a billow behind that obstruction.

Air rivers flowing over a mountain or a ridge also create billows although, like sound waves, they are invisible. Because the air billows cannot stay aloft, they crash back to earth where they "break."

This is the reason different parts of one valley may have different kinds of weather at the same time. People in the upper end of the valley, for example, may be sweltering in humid, hot weather. Their neighbors, living only a few miles away, may be getting a cool shower or a cold, drenching down-pour.

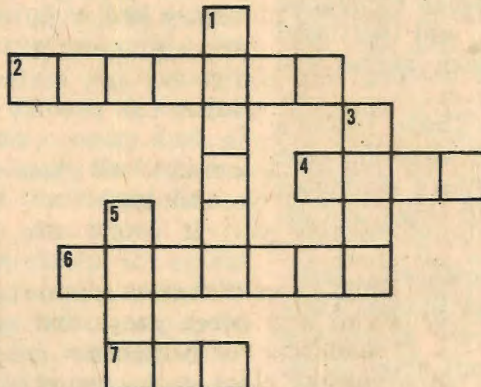
Sound, the voice of the mountain, is nothing more than the vibration of air. As the vibrating air moves, it carries the sound along. When the wind announces a coming shower or storm, the air already moving through the mountain trees begins to vibrate. The sound thus created is transported, along with the racing air, until the obstruction is met, the billow created, and the air dropped back to earth where it started.

Bible-City Puzzle

BY GENEVA HALLADY

Across

1. A town, the subject of this puzzle.
4. Here Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the —."
6. A friend of Jesus, who lived in this town with his sisters.
7. Jesus also said, "Though he were dead, — shall he live."



Down

1. A woman whose home is in this town Jesus visited.
3. The fruit Jesus saw near here.
5. The sister of the woman named in 1 down.

Answers (See John II.)

Across: 2. Bethany, 4. He, 6. Mary.
 Down: 1. Martha, 3. Figs, 5. Lazarus, 7. yet

LIQUOR CASUALTIES -- WHO PAYS?

This article was prepared by Kimmis Hendrick, Nobuo Abiko, and Lyn Shepard, staff correspondents of The Christian Science Monitor.

The alcoholic has become a national problem in the United States and thus the concern of everybody. He is more numerous here than anywhere else in the world. Alcoholism now ranks as one of the nation's major social ills. The welfare of the alcoholic often rests with the governments of the 50 states. How well are they attending to him?

CALIFORNIA IS CALLING FOR A White House conference on alcoholism. It is also asking Congress to give the states back 5 percent of federal liquor taxes to help them tackle alcoholism and the rehabilitation of alcoholics.

California, by official estimates, has 885,000 people who have become dependent on liquor to the extent that their capacity to earn their livelihoods is impaired.

It has, surveys show, 700,000 teen-agers who are regular liquor users.

Its statewide traffic problem due to liquor is becoming increasingly acute, and the cost to taxpayers, in this one area alone, reaches into millions of dollars annually.

One major insurance firm reckons that automobile-insurance costs due to liquor total \$100 million a year for California alone.

Though California's alcoholism rate leads the nation, many states share its concern and are battling the problem their own way.

In Massachusetts, which ranks fourth nationally in the alcoholism statistics, Gov. John A. Volpe proposes a renewed attack.

The Governor zeroed in on the problem in his 1965 inaugural message, stressing that alcohol was "a prime causative factor" in 14 percent of the state's welfare cases and one-third of its mental-illness admissions.

Budget increase due

Governor Volpe has requested a sizable budget increase for the Department of Public Health's Division of Alcoholism. The division seeks expansion of its alcoholism education, research, and treatment programs to strengthen its 17 clinics across the state.

Like Massachusetts, neighboring Rhode Island's welfare costs have mushroomed with alcoholic case loads. The Department of Social Welfare estimates that 16 percent of its 2,800 disability cases are alcoholics or problem drinkers.

Connecticut confirms the Massachusetts testimony on alcoholism leading to mental illness. State Mental Health Commissioner Wilfred Bloomberg says Connecticut mental hospitals admit about 8,100

patients a year of which roughly 3,300 or 40 percent of the cases are attributed directly to alcoholism.

As the cost to the states mounts—to say nothing of the toll in ruined human lives—public officials are seeking new answers to the problem.

California Assemblyman George A. Willson (D), chairman of a legislative interim subcommittee on alcoholism and alcoholic rehabilitation, is waging a two-front war.

Resolution recalled

He is keeping Washington mindful that California urged the White House conference. Last year's legislature embodied this in a joint resolution (AJR15) with strong bipartisan backing.

Mr. Willson is also continuing to press for the liquor-tax rebate. This fiscal year, Californians are paying \$450 million in federal liquor taxes. A 5 percent rebate would give this state something like \$23 million extra.

Other states with alcoholism rehabilitation programs—about 40 of the states have them—would get rebates proportional to the liquor consumed.

In states with high liquor-consumption averages—such as New Jersey, where the average family spent some \$402 on alcoholic beverages during 1963—this rebate would be sizable.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown indicated his support for action when he opened the 1965 legislature. He said that six times as many people were killed in 1964 California auto accidents where liquor was involved as were killed in the Vietnam war in five years.

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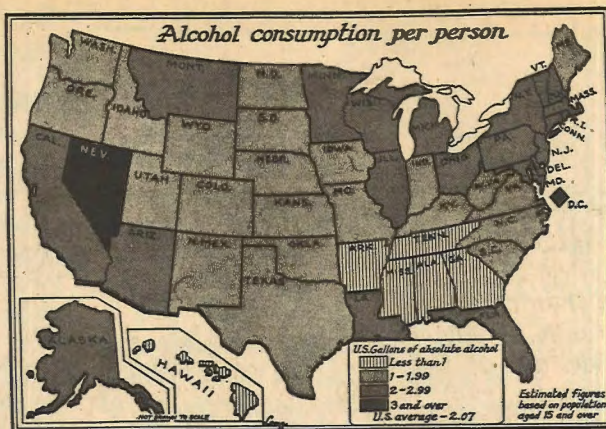
Mr. Willson has introduced vigorous new legislation in the alcoholism field.

One package bill would: (1) provide for mandatory 30-day jail sentences for first-offense, drunk-driving cases; (2) increase the present mandatory five-day jail sentence for the second offense to 60 days; (3) provide for suspension of driver licenses in such cases; (4) require drivers to give "implied consent" to chemical tests before getting their licenses back.

It would also provide for mandatory jail sentences for speeding. Extensive testimony before Mr. Willson's committee shows, he says, that speeding often goes with use of liquor.

In another bill, Mr. Willson is asking the legislature to transfer rehabilitation of alcoholics from

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[This opinion is in sharp contrast to reports from Florida, for instance, where officials estimate that two-thirds of the patients treated by the state's Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center (ARC) respond favorably to treatment.

[As in all the states, however, Florida can handle only a small proportion of its total alcoholic population through its state program. The ARC, therefore, regards its own treatment facilities as demonstration units from which will emerge knowledge and techniques helpful to other agencies, institutions, and professional groups faced with the problem of alcoholism.]

The California assemblyman's committee heard a spokesman for the liquor industry advocate dropping from age 21 to age 18 the year when young people can legally buy liquor in this state. the State Department of Public Health to the State Department of Rehabilitation.

He believes this would save California \$700,000 annually. It would also increase the number of rehabilitation offices from eight—maintained by Public Health—to the 40 offices run by Rehabilitation.

Savings would come because the latter already has staff for the work. And federal funds would be available. Of about \$1 million a year spent on rehabilitation by the state, \$400,000 has gone for costs. Of the \$600,000 left to work with, half would come from Washington under the new plan.

California's request for a White House conference comes, Mr. Willson says, from its legislature's conviction that a national meeting of officials concerned with the problems may produce some workable answers.

Since 1957, he points out, the state has put almost \$7,000,000 into rehabilitation of alcoholics. Results have been small.

Mr. Willson believes this may be due to the fact that the state approach has been mainly medical. Hearings have convinced him, he says, that alcoholics has its roots in personality disturbances.

Reports conflict

One witness before his committee, long experienced in helping women alcoholics, charged that state-supported clinics were of little help.

Problem in bars

The spokesman reasoned that this would relieve bars of the difficulty of excluding older teen-agers who misrepresent their ages when they come as patrons.

"I am unalterably opposed to this," says Mr. Willson. "If we dropped the age level to 18, soon we would be under pressure to put it down to 16.

"Some of the most impressive testimony put before us was that in Scotland and England, where the age has been lowered to 18, the amount of alcoholic consumption has quadrupled."

Lowering California's drinking age could also create another "New York problem" with neighboring states. New York allows 18-year-olds to drink. Bordering states contend their youths are lured into the Empire State to drink and then become involved in traffic accidents when they drive home under the influence of liquor. In recent years, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont have petitioned New York to raise its drinking age to 21.

What about pressures from the liquor industry itself and from television, radio, and newspaper advertising interests?

Counterpropaganda

"We all know the part such promulgation plays," Mr. Willson says. "This is why former Attorney General Stanley Mosk urged the importance of developing vigorous counterpropaganda.

"He said we must start intensive campaigns to associate abstinence and temperance with success in life. He said we must show young people that those who achieve in athletics, for example, know the dangers of alcohol."

Mr. Willson says he is speaking strictly for moderation. He finds no evidence that total prohibition is either workable or, from the standpoint of general popular opinion, acceptable. He is completely frank about it: he himself drinks socially.

"But we cannot escape the fact," he continues, "that the World Health Organization has designated alcohol as an addictive drug. This is what we are dealing with."

The temple consecrated

BY DANNY GRIFFIN*

I KINGS 8:1-9:14

JUNE 20, 1965

THE COVENANT

SOLOMON was fully aware of the covenant between God and Israel, for the Tabernacle was a constant reminder and testimony of God's providence and mercy. Therefore, Solomon set about to finish the task that David had not been allowed to finish, the building of



MR. GRIFFIN

the Temple for the worship of God. The Scriptures tell us that the Temple was built in the fourth year of Solomon's reign and was completed after seven years of intensive labor. Upon the completion of the Temple, Solomon renewed the covenant between God and Israel at the altar of the Temple. He called upon the people to walk in all the ways of the Lord and to keep His commandments and statutes.

In our day of widespread prosperity, where on every hand we see new church buildings reaching for the sky, we should stop daily and re-evaluate our purpose and calling. There has never been a more prosperous day for religion financially than in our generation. Budgets have never been greater and houses of worship as costly and fine. It is, therefore, urgent that while our budgets are being raised and our church houses are being built that we daily renew our covenant with God.

We must set straight the path of spiritual commitment, realizing that God is not impressed with temples of brick and mortar. He desires of us, above all else, that we be living temples of the Holy Spirit given in faithfulness as living sacrifices. For our brick and mortar, though carefully formed to our desire and plan, cannot assure

the changing of lives unless the flesh and blood of us who worship therein are under the command of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord of lords and King of kings.

THE CONCERNS

THE true concerns of Solomon revealed themselves again and again as the building of the Temple progressed. His leadership to this point had been of sterling quality. He proved himself true to his charge when upon the finishing of the Temple he set the example in worship of God and in humility as he cried out to God for His direction in Israel. The Lord assured Solomon that his prayers had been heard and his name would be put in the Temple forever. How evident it is in these early stages of Solomon's leadership that his heart is warm toward God and that his sincere desire for Israel is that she trust in the Lord God. Perhaps this is Solomon, King of Israel, in his finest hour.

Often it is true that in the initial stages of efforts in God's behalf, we are all zeal, humility, and sincere determination. But all too often we yield to the temptation to take the spiritual success that comes to us by the hand of God as a personal compliment to our own ability. If this be the case, it is not long before we suddenly discover that a change of concerns has taken place from the godly to the personal. As a result our power and usefulness to the Kingdom of God is destroyed.

THE CONDITIONS

GOD in His early speakings to Solomon had promised to him eternal blessing. As always, the promises of God are conditional depending on man's willingness to respond in earnest to the full measure of His mercy and grace. Have we all not found this to be true in our daily spiritual quest?

Often we have pondered the question as to why our lives are not as full and as blessed with spiritual fruits as others who seem consistently to radiate joy and peace, power and purpose. As we dare look into the lives of those radiant ones, we find singlehearted devotion and determined consistency.

How true it is that all of the promises of the Scriptures bring with them a condition. It is a condition of human response to divine grace. How very much we of the Church who plan, prepare, and promote, need to be sensitive to the voice of God's Spirit. God's promise of spiritual blessing and outpouring, victory, and spiritual success is banked to our account, but the conditions are plain — "Ye must be born again"; "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness;" "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." God's conditions are not hazy, complicated, or impossible, but they are plainly stated and are not changeable to personal taste. Solomon had only one way to go to discover the eternal blessing of God for himself and Israel, and that was God's way.

God wished of Solomon and Israel that they walk in His abundance. He desires of us no less. Swelling words of pious intention will not do. Half-hearted affirma-

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tions will not satisfy. Repeated attempts of self effort to appease a guilty conscience will not suffice. Nothing short of total surrender, complete allegiance, and life-or-death determination to be clay in the Master's hands can assure the people of God, then as now, the eternal blessing of His grace and mercy.

What can a godless world do with those who, as Paul, declare, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain?" Our urgent immediate response to the conditions set forth by Almighty God for spiritual blessing will ultimately determine the destiny of the individual Christian, the Church and the world.

Attendance Report

Church	June 6, 1965		Ch. Adm.
	Sunday Training	School Union	
Berryville			
Freeman Heights	159	65	1
Black Rock First	80	49	1
Blytheville			
Gosnell	263	88	
Trinity	225	74	2
Camden			
Cullendale First	360	159	6
First	478	124	3
Crosssett			
First	510	103	6
Mt. Olive	208	84	
Dumas First	286	75	
El Dorado			
Ebenezer	171	71	
Caledonia	43	24	
First	732	509	2
Immanuel	440	153	3
Trinity	283	98	
Forrest City First	515	152	
Greenwood First	268	107	3
Gardon Beech St.	160	57	1
Hope First	490	111	6
Jacksonville			
First	408	101	1
Marshall Rd.	159	78	
Jasper	65	35	
Jonesboro			
Central	425	159	
Nettleton	261	138	
Little Rock			
Immanuel	1,101	425	5
Rosedale	252	84	
McGehee First	380	108	3
Chapel	61	31	3
Magnolia Central	577	206	4
Monticello Second	251	112	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	608	150	1
Southside	44	30	
Camp Robinson	14		
Calvary	413	98	1
Forty-Seventh St.	204	110	2
Central	268	100	
Gravel Ridge First	177	82	3
Runyan Chapel	69	26	
Park Hill	758	181	7
Sixteenth St.	47	26	
Sylvan Hills First	259	119	
Pine Bluff			
South Side	665	215	4
Tucker	29		
Watson Chapel	185	110	1
Siloam Springs First	313	140	2
Springdale First	408	138	19
Star City First	225	78	1
North Side	106	72	
Texarkana Beech St.	451	113	6
Community Mission	33		
Van Buren First	475	158	1
Vandervoort First	58	28	
Ward Cacklebur	55	45	
Warren			
First	434	125	3
Southside	74	65	3
Immanuel	261	81	2
Westside	105	58	

A Smile or Two

A tenth of nothing

A MISSIONARY who was a guest at a Scottish castle was telling his host and hostess at breakfast one morning about the family ghost, who had paid him a bedside visit the previous night.

The hostess apologized and expressed the hope that the ghost hadn't kept the missionary from his sleep too long.

"Oh, no," replied the clergyman with a chuckle. "As a matter of fact, he vanished as soon as I asked him for a contribution!"

Truth or consequences

TWO coeds at Tech were discussing their social lives. One was a freshman, the other a senior. Said the freshman to her older friend: "What would you do if you'd had five dates with a fellow and he never even attempted to kiss you?"

The senior thought about it for a minute, then offered her advice: "Lie about it," she said.

RX

THIS is the age of the pill—pills to perk you up, pills to calm you down. I asked a friend the other day how he felt. He said he didn't know because he forgot which pill he had taken.

The big eye

"THE television repair man charged \$7.25. He said he had to reactivate the motive source of the receiving complex."

"Kiss \$7.25 goodbye. All he did was put the plug back in."

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A TELEPHONE operator tells this story. Seems she asked a customer, "Do you have the area code?"

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Caution

THE teacher was lecturing to a class in science. "Now then, Bill," he said, "name me a poisonous substance."

Bill, who was not gifted with an oversupply of intelligence, thought deeply then said, "Aviation."

The class tittered with amusement, and the teacher looked sternly at the embarrassed pupil. "Explain yourself, Bill," he demanded.

Responded Bill, "One drop will kill you, sir."

Religious News Digest

By Evangelical Press

Look at status quo

MINNEAPOLIS (EP) — Some 1,471 delegates of the 68th General Council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance were warned here that they can expect a sharp decline in the number of active missionaries unless more candidates can be found. . .

Adopted a statement of faith describing the Bible as "inerrant as originally given. . ."

Heard their foreign secretary Louis L. King charge that the growing belief in Protestantism that all men will be saved will adversely affect missionary work. . .

And witnessed a "world missions in review" program at the Minneapolis Armory where a total of 5,000 people gathered to see 130 missionaries from 24 countries take part in a procession as they wore costumes of the countries where they serve.

The Council also elected Dr. V. Raymond Edman, chancellor and former president of Wheaton College, Ill, to a three-year term as editor of *The Alliance Witness* magazine.

Missionaries barred

ERNAKULAM, India (EP) — Foreign Christian missionaries have been ordered by the Indian government not to work among Nagas, the East India tribesmen who demand an independent state.

The announcement was made by Bishop Hubert Rosario of Dibrugarh who said foreign missionaries are under formal orders not to preach among Nagas. His Roman Catholic diocese includes Nagaland, the state set up by the Indian government in 1963 as an answer to Naga demands.

Pan-African conference

NAIROBI Kenya (EP) — "Evangelicals are concerned over the isolation of and the lack of a united witness by many church groups which are true to the Word of God, and they believe that the cause of Christ and the Gospel should be strengthened through closer fellowship," said Rev. Kenneth Downing in announcing a Pan-African Conference of Evangelicals. "They are not able to go along with the ecumenical movement," he continued, "because it attaches no importance to sound Biblical doctrine, and seems to be unconscious of, or deliberately to ignore, the essential unity which exists in the True Church, the Body of Christ."

In order to draw evangelicals throughout Africa into closer touch with each other, a Pan-African Conference of Evangelicals will be held January 29 to February 7, 1966 at Limuru, Kenya, a retreat center about 20 miles from Nairobi, said Mr. Downing, who is general secretary of the Africa Evangelical Office located here.

Book store in Spain

BARCELONA (EP) — "Liberia Evangelica" — Spain's first authorized Protestant book store — was opened to the general public here.

It is managed by Harold Kregal, an independent Baptist minister from the United States, who is also the editor of the Protestant fortnightly "Portavoz" (*The Spokesman*), which has a circulation of approximately 6,000.

The shop has been allowed to post a sign bearing its name outside the premises, although the Spanish constitution currently stipulates that only the Roman Catholic Church may display "external signs." In the past this has been interpreted to mean anything from a cross outside a building to notices of the times of services.

The move is seen as part of a trend toward easing of restrictions against Protestants in this dominantly Catholic country.

Smuggling operation

ALBANO, Italy (EP) — Police in this town, near Rome, raided a Capuchin monastery and uncovered the corpse of a "noted smuggler," an abandoned truck and cases of smuggled American cigarettes.

The scandal, which received widespread press coverage, was lamented by the Vatican City daily newspaper, *Osservatore Romano*, as a "sad episode," revealing the existence of "a vast contraband organization operating in tobacco, in which monks of the Capuchin order seem to be involved."

"We cannot conceal," the paper editorialized, "the extreme displeasure this case arouses and which implicates the name of a religious order of great merit and profound esteem."

South Korea gains

ST. LOUIS (EP) — South Korea today is more stable politically and economically than at any other time in the last four years, Dr. Samuel H. Moffett, professor at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Seoul, Korea, declared here.

"Despite frequent demonstrations," he said, "there is growing political stability and despite much poverty, there is an expanding economy because of the increase in exports and their dollar value."

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