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personally speaking

Hold it tenderly

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 11.—Dining a time or two at the famous Brass Rail here, in the very building said to have once housed the horses and carriages of Andrew Jackson, is one of the minor reasons I like to have a few days now and then in this Southern Baptist "Vatican City."

Several dozens of us are here from many different states for a writers' conference this week, in preparation for the writing of Sunday School and Training Union quarterlies. Pastor Don Harbuck of First Church, El Dorado, and I are the Arkansans represented. Don is to produce an Adult Sunday School quarterly and I, a Young Married People's Sunday School quarterly for the new Life and Work Curriculum (for the fourth quarter of 1967).

During the week all of us attending the conference are being "brainwashed" on plans and procedures. But, contrary to what you hear sometimes, each writer is pretty well on his own as to what he writes, within broad guidelines.

How does one get to be a writer for the Sunday School Board? One avenue is that of letting the Board editors know you are interested in receiving an assignment—and then doing some sample materials to the editors' satisfaction. This is how many of the present writers—pastors, professors, state denominational workers, housewives and others—got started. Once you have done an assignment there is good prospect that you will be receiving other assignments.

Many, many hours of prayer and study precede the writing of quarterly materials. When the "lessons" have been written and mailed to Nashville, Sunday School Board editors and their assistants do a careful job of editing. Highly trained artists prepare illustrations, while diligent researchers use books and other materials in the Dargan-Carver Library to verify facts and figures.

The printing schedule requires that the manuscripts go to the printers many months ahead of the publication dates. Linotype operators set type, on modern machines, and huge presses print the Bible study materials.

The periodicals are brought from the print shops to Operations Building of the Sunday School Board, where literature orders are filled and placed on a mechanical assembly line. As packages are wrapped, they are placed on conveyors which carry them directly to the post office.

At the churches ordering the materials, the packages are opened and materials sorted for distribution to the various departments. Finally, usually on a Sunday morning, the quarterlies reach their destinations—the hands of you, and you, and you.

So, the next time you pick up a Sunday School or a Training Union quarterly, handle it tenderly. A lot of people joined hearts and hands to bring it to you!

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

AFTER two years as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Wayne Dehoney, Jackson, Tenn., outlines the major issues facing the annual meeting in Detroit, pages 5 and 20. Dr. Dehoney wishes to be remembered for his emphasis on evangelism.

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AN eight percent increase over the comparable period of 1965 was shown in the first quarterly statement of the Arkansas State Convention Cooperative Program giving. The contributions by associations is tabulated on page 11.

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MAY is graduation time in Arkansas. Today we carry the list of graduates and commencement plans of Ouachita College and Southern College. You will find the stories in the Arkansas news pages, beginning on page 8.

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WE like the quotation from a popular song given to us by Robert J. Hastings in this week's "Perspective," page 17. He answers the question, "Who's happy and why?"

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OUR friend Dr. B. K. Selph, author of "Beacon Lights," page 16, enjoys his research as much as his writing. This becomes evident as one reads his findings on laymen who composed the Triennial Convention.

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FORMER Arkansan Joseph Callaway and his busy wife are the subject of our cover story, pages 7 and 19.

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Church exemption

IN the name of "separation of church and state" some are now contending that churches should not be exempt from paying taxes on their sanctuaries and other property. The United States Supreme Court is being asked to rule that tax exemption to churches violates the Constitution. Mrs. Madalyn E. Murray O'Hair and two other persons, from Mount Rainer, Md., who are seeking the court's ruling, contend that tax exemptions to churches amount to public aid to religious institutions.

On the grounds that "the power to tax is the power to destroy," churches have been exempt from tax assessments from the very beginning of our republic. Among arguments that this is not just is that of the present contenders to the court—that allowing the churches to go free necessarily places a heavier tax burden on the general public, even including taxpayers who have no affiliations with any of the churches.

It is our feeling that this would be a hard point to prove. First of all, those who make up church congregations are themselves taxpayers. So, allowing the churches to go free does not free the church members as individual citizens from paying their share of the taxes.

To those who point out that the churches receive free from their local governments such tax-financed services as police and fire protection we would answer that the local governments receive great benefits from the mere fact the churches are there with their influence for law observance and righteousness. Who could argue that the cost of law enforcement is not related directly to whether or not the churches are vital forces in the community, with the advantage to government tipped heavily in the communities that are well-churched?

One of the best arguments, then, that churches should continue to be tax exempt is not in the name of "separation" but, rather, in a realistic facing up to the fact that church and state cannot possibly be completely separated in any community where they both exist.

But there is an area of tax exemption close to the church that we cannot contend for. This involves concessions to the clergy, as a class, as over against everybody else. There is no solid reasoning that we can see in contending that we "men of the cloth" should have untaxed housing allowances, for example. It would be hard to show that a housing allowance that permits a preacher to have a tax exemption does not for all practical purposes amount to a government subsidy to his salary. But if any change is to be brought about, the action will probably have to originate, for obvious reasons, with the laity.

A Baptist salute

SOME of the editor's friends have told him facetiously that since he had an editorial about one Baptist running for governor—Brooks Hays—he must out of fairness mention another Baptist in the race—the Hon. J. Frank Holt.

So, we are happy to doff our editorial cap to Mr. Holt, who for many years has been an active member of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and whose mother was a devout Baptist. We are told on good authority that Mr. Holt—as would also be true of Brooks—"neither drinks, gambles nor plays the horses."

If any of the other brethren in the governor's race are Baptists, we'll be happy to mention it here—for whatever it will be worth—if they will let us know.

Off to the races

POLITICAL pots are beginning to boil as what may turn out to be "a long, hot summer" of office-seeking gets underway. Despite the feeling that some have that you cannot take too seriously the promises of a candidate running for office, we all will be watching to see who makes the promises and what the promises are.

One of our "Baptist" candidates—Mr. Hays—has dropped a big-promise bomb in the continuing war against illegal gambling in Arkansas. Brooks says if he is elected, he will enforce the laws of the state, period, including the anti-gambling laws. And he asserts he would use the state police, if necessary, to carry out his sworn responsibility to uphold the laws of the state.

The widespread violation of our excellent anti-gambling laws was bound to become a campaign issue. And before the election we shall give each of the candidates an opportunity to answer through this paper what he would do about gambling violations if he should be elected governor. Church people of the state left no room for doubt about how they feel about gambling when they soundly trounced the gambling amendment two years ago.

We don't need any new anti-gambling laws—unless we want to outlaw dog and horse racing. We do need a governor who will enforce what we've got.

Down in Arkansas

ONE of Mrs. H. A. Moore's daughters was trying to prepare her four-year-old son, Roger, for what was going to be involved in crowning his grandmother "Arkansas Baptist Mother of the Year."

"They are going to honor Grandmother," Mrs. George O'Neel, Ft. Smith, explained to her son.

Somewhat puzzled, Roger asked: "Why don't they honor Grandpa?"

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.

TU testimony

THE First Baptist Church of Walnut Ridge, Arkansas was the host Church for a Training Union Improvement Week April 18-21 for the Black River Association. The school was headed by Ralph Davis of the State Training Union Department.

I found that in the First Baptist Church we only had 16 adults enrolled in our Adult Department. The emphasis was placed upon this area for the week. The results were encouraging. We enrolled thirty-three of our adults for the week, and on the next Sunday night fifteen enrolled in Training Union with thirty in attendance. This trend is continuing and now our Training Union is averaging over one hundred in attendance whereas before we were averaging seventy-seven.

There is still work and improvement to be done, but this week and its results

reassures me again that Southern Baptist know the needs of the local Church and know how to meet these needs in the program provided by our convention.—Jim E. Tillman

Greetings from Missouri

GREETINGS from Missouri where we have to "be shown." Recently, we were shown the effectiveness of two fine Arkansas leaders in meetings in our state.

It was my privilege to work with Lawson Hatfield for a week of Sunday School enlargement, and with Nelson Tull who led our church here in a fine Brotherhood-led revival.

Both of these gentlemen are top workers, and made a good showing in their respective responsibilities. It was a delightful experience for me to renew acquaintances, and to observe them in action. Arkansas is blessed with dedicated leadership, and I sincerely compliment both Arkansas Baptists, and these men who are doing such a fine work.

It was also my privilege recently to lead in a revival with R. B. Crofts at

Wynne. I found there a progressive work, and a truly great spirit among the fine people of that church.—J. Leland Hall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bolivar, Mo.

Messengers to SBC:

THE Central Baptist Church of Michigan City, Indiana invites you to come worship with us. We are in direct route by U. S. highways 12, 20, 39, 421, 94, and eight miles north of the Indiana Toll Road. The address is 616 Main Street. For directions please call 879-9675.

If you fly, we have an air taxi port three miles east of town which makes all schedules with O'Hare and other schedules in the area. Our city is approximately 170 miles southwest of Detroit.—Charles Turner, Pastor

Revival news

EARLE Church, Apr. 25-May 1; Wade L. Carver, pastor, evangelist; N. G. Carver, his brother, Enid, Okla., song director; 21 for baptism.

RUSSELLVILLE First, July 25-31; Dr. G. Earl Guinn, evangelist; Paul Varnell, singer; Charles B. Thompson, pastor.

HUNTSVILLE First, May 1-8; J. D. Abernathy, evangelist; Wayne Scott, music director; 8 by baptism; 2 by letter; 9 rededications; J. D. Farrell, pastor.

JACKSONVILLE Stanfill, Apr. 25-May 2; Walter Adkins, pastor, Shady Grove Church, Little Rock, evangelist; 1 by profession of faith; 1 by letter; 13 rededications; Glenn Smith, pastor.

PINE BLUFF Centennial Apr. 24-May 1; Coy Sample, Almyra, evangelist; Herbert (Red) Johnson, Mt. Home, song leader; 4 for baptism; 1 by letter; J. W. Whitley, pastor.

FAYETTEVILLE Immanuel Church May 1-8; Theo Cook, North Little Rock, evangelist; Bill Martin, Fayetteville, singer; 7 professions of faith; 3 for baptism; 30 rededications; Terrell Gordon, pastor.

OAK GROVE, Apr. 18-24; Jim Miller, pastor, First Church, Arkoma, Okla., evangelist; C. A. Railey, music director, Arkoma First, song director; 5 for baptism; Bob Shoemaker, pastor.

MOUNTAINBURG First, Apr. 25-May 1; Eddie Smith, pastor, Webb City, evangelist; Robert Pittman, pastor, song director; 4 professions of faith.

ALMA First, Apr. 25-May 1; Damon Shook, pastor, Park Place, Hot Springs, evangelist; Mike Shields, Alma First, music director; 9 by baptism; 3 by letter; J. Ronald Condren, pastor.



MOTHER OF THE YEAR CONGRATULATED—Mrs. H. A. Moore, chosen as Arkansas Baptist Mother of the Year, receives congratulations from Editor Erwin L. McDonald of Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, sponsor of the contest, as her husband stands behind her and her pastor, Dan Cameron, First Church, Ft. Smith, looks on. She was honored at the morning worship service of her church Mother's Day, at which time, Dr. McDonald presented her with a plaque of the cover of the newsmagazine bearing her portrait.

Dehoney says major SBC issue will be evangelism



DR. DEHONEY

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., outlines the major issues facing the SBC's annual sessions in Detroit, May 24-27, and recounts his experiences as president for the past two years of the 10.7 million-member denomination. The interview was conducted by John J. Hurt Jr., editor of the Christian Index, weekly Baptist state paper in Georgia. Following is text of the interview:*

Q. You undoubtedly have given more time to the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention than any predecessor, through travel to mission fields, speaking engagements and correspondence. What are your personal reactions as you approach presidential retirement?

A. I have but one reaction, that of deep gratitude and thanksgiving. Thanksgiving—to God for his leadership, for good health, a sturdy constitution, and his protective care—to my wife and children, my church and dedicated staff, who have shared so substantially in my ministry—and to the brethren who elected me to this high office and have undergirded my leadership with their prayers and their loyalty.

Q. How many miles have you traveled?

A. In excess of 300,000 miles. I have been in 30 states and 28 foreign countries on every continent. I was away from home 211 days of the calendar year of 1965—but I have not tried to tabulate the number of speaking engagements.

Q. We understand you have kept one secretary rather busy with the presidential correspondence. What has been the average of letters you have received each week?

A. A tabulation was kept by Miss Mildred Snow, my secretary, for the first six months to be filed with the SBC Executive Committee. For example, a report for the month of September reveals 381 pieces of mail received, and 479 letters written.

Q. Where did you find time for this volume of work?

A. I live with a portable dictating machine at my side, in my study, in hotel rooms, in my automobile, on the plane, in the airport. I try to make the minutes count, and "shift gears" from one responsibility to another quickly.

Q. Back to the mission travels, isn't a book about one of these journeys off the press?

A. Yes, AFRICAN DIARY, 50,000 words and 16 pages of pictures on my tour of the African mission field in the late summer of last year. The book was written in the back seat

of taxis, airports and planes, in 60 days last fall during the period of the state conventions. The book was easy to write because I was sharing a tremendous experience of the dynamic things that are happening in Africa today. I am not at all modest—I wrote the book to be read. I have something to say and I will be telling the Convention at Detroit of some of these experiences. I hope every Baptist will read it!

Q. You will recall some agitation in recent years, defeated by a wide margin at the convention last year, to limit the term of the president to one year because it imposed too great a burden upon his own church. What has been the penalty, if any, upon your church?

A. Our church has been greatly strengthened during this period. I have tried to involve the church in all that I did and they have caught the vision of a world and the strategic responsibility that is ours as Southern Baptists in it. The deacons, other leadership and the church staff have gladly accepted additional burdens and responsibility in return for the privilege of sharing in a worldwide witness and ministry. As a result, I believe that there is the finest spirit in the church today of any church I have ever known at any time in my ministry!

Q. Now, looking to the convention in Detroit what do you see as a major debate or discussion?

A. I sense the finest spirit of unity in the convention in many years. Divisive issues are behind us. We have a new vision and a new sense of responsibility and commitment to God to be instruments in witnessing to this lost world. I believe that the convention will be overshadowed with a sense of urgency and that the major concern will be the launching of the Crusade of the Americas with all-out emphasis on outreach through evangelism and missions.

Q. Do you detect any restlessness among Southern Baptists and if so what?

A. I am not aware of any restlessness or sharp controversy or blocs of hostile interests with axes to grind.

Q. You said last year you knew of no particular theological division. Is that still your opinion?

A. Yes.

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Church policies and the public powers

BY C. EMANUEL CARLSON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

AGAIN, I submit to you the conviction that our basic insights on religious liberty can point the way to definitions of both "separation" and "cooperation," providing we will bring to these relationships responsible study and deliberate planning.

III. What does separation of church and state mean?

1. WHAT it is not!

FIRST, separation does not mean a negative attitude toward organized society. The thoughtful observer, whether he be Christian or non-Christian, must recognize that man is a social creature and that the fulfillment of the individual's potential requires an organized social situation. The Christian, least of all, is an anarchist. Not only does the New Testament tell us that no man liveth unto himself, but the whole Old Testament tradition is one in which man appears as interrelated and interdependent. We make our case for separation, then, as an affirmation and not a negation of the importance of good social organization.

Second, separation of church and state is not a commitment to statism. We are not committed to the proposition that when human beings merge their skills, their strength, and their competences to gain corporate action that it must be under government authority and under government regulation. State authority is essential and is the only means by which to achieve some purposes of social organization, but it does not represent the full range of possibilities of which man is capable. Man's collective activities give us a long and varied story of associationism describing numerous social forms and organizational patterns by which man has achieved collective effort.

Third, our concern for separation of church and state is not a lack of interest in human welfare. A crusader for some particular form of welfare activity might judge the advocates of other forms as being less interested in the cause than he is. We trust that the record of the church of Christ is such that there need be no uncertainty regarding the Christian's concern for human well-being. If such doubts arise, we obviously have need of returning to the Lord's presence and renewing our dedication to that for which he gave his own life.

Fourth, separation of church and state is not a device for blocking Roman Catholic power nor for intercreedal conflict. The call to separation has been so often voiced in the contest of fear and suspicion regarding the clergy and the organizations of other

movements that many have come to look upon it as simply a matter of tactics or strategy. In fact, one of our serious problems of today is that in the public arena many public leaders have become convinced that the discussion regarding separation of church and state is simply an intercreedal conflict, and some are determined that it must not stand in the way of human progress and well-being.

2. What is it?

TO say what "separation" does not mean, however, would be an inadequate description of what it really means and what its significance is in the Baptist movement. What is it then?

(1) Separation of church and state is a recognition of the different levels of kingdom and kingship which are given by God. Christian revelation comes to us in frequent use of political terminology. The King of Glory and the Kingdom of God are pressed upon us by the laws of righteousness. Thus the direct claims of God upon the human conscience are pressed upon us in the vocabulary of social organization and political structure. The great fact of Christian revelation, however, is that God speaks directly to man. It is this understanding of man's role in the universe that makes religious liberty necessary and makes separation of church and state significant.

When we recognize the different levels of authority and kingship which are needed in human experience, we become aware of the need for the limitation of government. Political authority and power are as necessary for some purposes as they are ineffective for other purposes. Separation of church and state consists of the discernment for seeing the difference.

(2) Separation of church and state is a concern that religious experience be a response to God and not merely to the purposes and the desires of men. When we discern that God is not to be identified with the religious institution or with the authority of a clergy then we are aware that we are called to a direct response to him.

In the context of this relationship, prayer takes on a new and a different meaning. In this context faith finds its meaning not as an ideology and a thought pattern, but as a confidence and a trust in God. In this context, also, love becomes the life of man as he accepts motives that are beyond human competence, for God comes in love and desires our response in love. In this context, too, stewardship

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PIECE by piece, Dr. and Mrs. Callaway rebuild a three-foot, egg-shaped water jar believed to have been in use in 1050 B.C. (Courier-Journal staff photo by James N. Keen)

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Joseph A. Callaway, who is a former Arkansan, will appear on nationwide television on the CBS-TV program "To Tell The Truth," May 24 at 3 p.m. New York Time. Check local listings for time and station in your area.]

Going to Jerusalem

BY JEAN DEITRICH
IN THE COURIER JOURNAL OF LOUISVILLE, KY.

PERHAPS the biggest—and certainly the most intricate—jigsaw puzzle in town is strewn over the basement at the Joseph Callaways.

Some wives might object to the clutter—the heaps and piles of broken pots and jars. But not Mrs. Callaway. When she finds two pieces that fit together her elation matches her husband's, since it brings them one tiny link closer to Joshua and the children of Israel.

What to the uninitiated appears to be debris—is to the archaeologically-centered Callaways a treasure trove from the city of Ai, first settled around 3250 B.C. and laid waste by the Israelites after they'd turned Jericho into rubble.

Another home

Ai is as close to the Callaways as current Louisville. Dr. Callaway, associate professor of archaeology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is the second person to lead a dig at the site (in 1964).

Now the Callaways are preparing to return to this hill above

Jerusalem, and probe for further secrets.

Digging will begin June 6. An international group of 18 supervising excavators will include six Louisvillians besides the Callaways.

About 100 workmen will be hired on the spot—after Dr. Callaway carries on some rarified negotiations with the mukhtar (mayor) of the nearby village of Deir Dibwan.

Mrs. Callaway will be camp administrator — which she simplifies by explaining she'll be the one who, at 4:30 a.m., will be trying to get a message across to the Arab cook on how to boil eggs to suit everybody.

Assisting her will be Mrs. James Kautz of Louisville. Mrs. Kautz' husband, a graduate student of Dr. Callaway's, will be digging. Other Louisvillians are George Ramey, a Seminary graduate student, the Rev. Albert Moore and the Rev. Thomas Duerr, teachers at Trinity High School, and William W. Ellinger III, now a graduate student at Pasadena (Calif.) City College.

Ai (pronounced I), where archaeologists had hoped to find

proof of the Biblical exploits of Joshua, and trace pre-Christian civilizations was initially explored by a French woman, Judith Marquet-Krause. She died in 1936, midway in her efforts to resurrect the ancient city.

The site was untouched until Dr. Callaway and his group began digging in 1964. At that time Dr. Callaway was a veteran of seven different excavations in the Jordan area, begun in 1960, and centering in Shechem where he discovered a stone building with a cobbled floor dating back to 4000 B.C.—3,000 years before the time of David.

At Ai, by "using methods vastly improved since the '30s," Dr. Callaway says, "we were able to define the various sequences of occupation more precisely."

Found great city

PRECISELY what he found down through five layers, or strata, were the remains of a "great walled city" built as the Pharaohs were building in Egypt from 2900 to 2500 B. C.

This, he says, has convinced him that the city they've discovered "is not the city that Joshua took."

"While archaeologists refer to it as Ai—and we continue to call the site Ai — evidence doesn't point to that period but to a city that had flourished and was destroyed 1,300 years before the arrival of the Israelites."

The elusiveness of the real Ai doesn't lessen his enthusiasm for continuing probes of the current site. The excitement of tying this civilization to Egypt he describes as "deeply significant, in filling in the gaps of pre-recorded history."

Could be right

THE fact that the site is on the old traditional route from the East lends credence to his theory of Egyptian control.

And there in the sanctuary he has found cult objects similar to those of ancient Egypt. One discovery was the figure of a hippo-

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Ouachita commencement May 29

A TOTAL of 185 students are candidates for graduation from Ouachita University in commencement exercises May 29, at 4 p.m., in Rockefeller Field House. William H. Crook, Southwest regional director for the Office of Economic Opportunity, will address the graduating class.

Four students are candidates for the Master of Arts degree: James Alvin Henry, Jacksonville, Tex., and Jesse Whitley, Little Rock, religion; Natille Pierce Lindsey, Arkadelphia, language and literature; and Nancy C. Umiker, Arkadelphia, music.

Candidates for the B.A. degree are:

Vocal music—Dennis D. Acklin, Conway; Dona Hatcher, Smackover; Mary Sue Hill Rettstatt, Paragould.

Religion—William Thomas Baker, Lakewood, Calif.; Tommy Lee Bridges, North Little Rock; James R. Bryant, Harrison; William Tom Buzbee, Memphis, Tenn.; Henderson R. Christmas, Hamburg; Roger Kenneth Congdon, Oshogbo, Nigeria; Robert Wayne Crockett, Parkin; Jimmy Don Crowder, Malvern; James Edgar Davis, Salina, Kan.; Kenneth Neil Edmonson, Bigelow; James C. McCommas Jr., Arkadelphia; Robert Wayne Marti, Mt. Vernon, Mo.; Thomas L. Martin, Hamburg; Ronald Leslie Mensinger, Pine Bluff; Troy Raymond Stair Jr., Little Rock; Gerald L. Young, Berkeley, Mo.

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Drama—Ihn Jae Byun, Seoul, Korea.

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est, Kan.; Nancee Kay Dickson, Memphis, Tenn.; William Paul Jean, Arkadelphia; Sharon Lynn Duvall Rogers, El Dorado; Floy Lynne Thompson, Pine Bluff.

Music, English—Reba Kirksey Cooper, Arkadelphia.

English—Mary Bell High, Hope; Eula Mae Hobgood, Okolona; Patricia Ann Bland Jimerson, Monticello; Judy Patricia Neely, Warren.

Social Science—Ronny H. Deaton, Arkadelphia; Ronnie G. Winstead, Essex, Mo.

Mathematics—Donald Larry Duncan, Fayetteville; Harold Gene Hambrice, Waldo; Bill Randolph Jordan, Hattiesville.

History—Thomas David Elliff, Little Rock; Charles Ernest Piker, North Little Rock; David Edwin Wallace, Fort Smith.

Sociology—Cherry Montine Fisher, North Little Rock; Horace Hugh Floyd Jr., Macon, Ga.; Carolyn Jean Green, Hot Springs; Donald Edward Moore, Churchville, Penn.; Mary Elizabeth Roswell, McGehee; Gene Rowlette Jr., Arkadelphia; and William Wesley Philliber, Little Rock.

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Spanish—Margaret Frances Price, Pine Bluff.

Physical Education—Robert Carroll Pierce, Lawton, Okla.; John Paul Rogers, Little Rock; Phillip Dale Wright, North Little Rock; and Freddie M. McKinley Jr., Benton.

Political Science—Richard Bruff Hudson, Warren; Kenneth Mac Roberson, Arkadelphia.

Bachelor of Science candidates include the following:

Biology—Joe Edward Ball, Ashdown; Paul Francis Cline, Shreveport, La.; Raymond Michael Crotts, Wynne; Jim Charles Davis, Stephens; Cheryl Darlene Friday, North Little Rock; Eva Lois Gamble, Grand Cane, La.; George Douglas Green, Sparkman; Sharon Ann Harris, Pine Bluff; David Webster Hillman, Almyra; Cheryl Rodgers Hollingshead, Arkadelphia; George Gordon Smith, Camden; John R. Thomason, Arkadelphia; Chester Lamar Meek, Arkansas City.

Physics—John Edward Blount, Batesville; John Michael Cosgrove Jr., Shreveport, La.

Chemistry—James David Busby, Berrien Springs, Mich.; Joe Stewart Jeffers,

Warren; George David Jimerson, Corn- ing; William Max Setliff, Magnolia; James Donald Sykes, Malvern; Donald Printest Watkins, Warren; Roy Thomas Elder Jr., Nashville; John Robert Estes, Arkadelphia; James Samuel Watkins III, Waldo; Kenneth Gray, Malvern.

Mathematics—Gary Wade Chunn, Arkadelphia; Robert Neadham Colvin, Dubach, La.; Millard B. Jones Jr., Renton, Wash.; Gary Cletus Miller, Pocahontas; Edward Dale Wunderlin, Arkadelphia.

Home Economics—Francis Jewel Colvert, Thornton; Sandra Jo Cowling, Mineral Springs; Linda Marie Davis, Woodbridge, Va.; Rozanne Eubank, Pine Bluff; Peggy Diane Holliday, Marianna; Linda Sue Laney Lee, Camden; Linda Ruth Laurence, Dardanelle; Gustine Blevins Martin, Inster, Mich.; Marilyn Frances Matlock, Little Rock; Linda Jones Oliver, Waldron; Phyllis Ann Rogers, Little Rock; Elaine Grose Self, Memphis, Tenn.; Jo Anne Stokes Taylor, Stuttgart; Ruth Ellen Wilkerson, Pine Bluff; Charlotte Jean Williams, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Candidates for a Bachelor of Science in Education include the following:

Secondary Education—Kenneth Gerald Andrews, Searcy; Ray Don Bostian, England; Judith Ann Branch, Wynne; Damaras Emily Whitson Coker, North Little Rock; Harriet Gabbie, Dumas; Anna Waldron Hoover, Miraleste, Calif.; Glenn Alvin Jent, Neosho, Mo.; Barbara Jean Williams McKinney, Little Rock; Linda Ann Ream, Sedalia, Mo.; Susan Maria Ritter, Camden; Suzanne Russell, Warren; Sharon Ann Smith, Duncanville, Tex.; Sharon Kay Carwile, Holt Summit, Mo.

Elementary Education—Martha Sue Bull, Texarkana; Melissa Ann Carter, Springdale; Linda Lee Casey, Abbott; Brenda Gail Cash, Lonoke; Donna K. Chatman, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; Carol Jean Christilles, Texarkana; Alice Keith Collier, Arkadelphia; Cheryl Kaye Conaway, Mansfield; Brenda Susan Craig, Little Rock; Sara Lee DeClue, Mineral Pt., Mo.; Freddie Marrion Gay, West Memphis; Frances Faye Goacher, Hughes; Thelma Beth Hardcastle, Pollard; Ruie Ann Hazelrigs, Gainsville, Tex.; Johnita Higginbotham, Batesville; Judith Hill Holloway, Heber Springs; Jean Jinks, Pine Bluff; Barbara Ann Luckie, Stuttgart; Beverly Glover Pierce, Little Rock; Wanda McCree Rice, Little Rock; Cheryl Louise Davis South, Little Rock; Janet Ruth Stanfield, Painton, Mo.; Charlotte Eugenia Stewart, Hot Springs; Phyllis Darlene Tate, Oran, Mo.; Patricia Louise Turpin, Pine Bluff.

Physical Education—Melba Jane Calhoun, Hope; Linda N. Harris, El Dorado; Edwin Franklin Spainhour, Hot Springs.

Candidates for a Bachelor of Music degree include:

Voice—Raymond Glen Hardin, Little Rock.

Theory and Composition—Dona Jean Balfour Price, New York, N. Y.; Phyllis Jane Ray, Sparkman.

Piano—Phyllis Jane Ray, Sparkman.

Bachelor of Music Education candidates include:

Instrumental Music — Joyce Ann Arnold, Nashville; Doyle Glenn Combs, Texarkana, Tex.; William E. Dawson, Alton, Ill.

Vocal Music—Patricia Newborn Rose, Waldron; Phyllis Ann Moseley Stallings, Paragould.

As previously announced, Lucien Edwin Coleman, Memphis, Tenn., projects coordinator of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and former resident of Arkansas, will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Named Baylor editor

MISS Gracie Hatfield, Little Rock, Baylor University junior, has been named editor of *Iscani*, the university's general interest magazine.

Miss Hatfield was a summer worker for the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* in 1964 and last year worked for the *Arkansas Democrat* during the summer months. This year she will work in the public relations department of the Arkansas State Convention.

She is the daughter of Lawson Hatfield, Convention Sunday School secretary, and Mrs. Hatfield.

To visit Europe

DR. Henry C. Lindsey, dean of academic affairs at Ouachita University, has been selected to participate in the Air Force Overseas Staff Visit Program to Europe Apr. 7-22, 1967.

Dr. Lindsey is a major in the Air Force ready reserves. The program is designed to disseminate to the general public a broader understanding of U. S. responsibilities in maintaining peace in Europe.

Shambargers to OBU faculty



MR. and Mrs. Jake Shambarger, Walnut Ridge, have been named to the faculty at Ouachita University for the fall semester.

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., Ouachita president, said Shambarger would be baseball coach and assistant professor of physical education, while Mrs. Shambarger will be assistant professor of music.

For the past six years both have taught at Southern College in Walnut Ridge. Shambarger has served as head of the physical education department, and as head basketball and baseball coach. His cage teams there have won 121 and lost 71, while his baseball teams have won 66 and lost 32. He also taught in high school for six years, his last high school position being at Morrilton.

Shambarger holds a B.S.E. from Arkansas Tech, a M.Ed. from East Texas State University, and a diploma of advance study from the University of Arkansas.

Mrs. Shambarger has served as voice teacher and director of choral groups at Southern College. She has made numerous appearances as soloist for church and denominational groups, and in concert appearances for colleges throughout the state. She holds a B.M. from Louisiana State



University and an M.M. from the University of Arkansas.

New libraries

NINE Baptist churches in Arkansas have taken advantage of a free Brotherhood book offer during February by organizing new church libraries.

As an encouragement to churches to start new libraries, the Brotherhood Commission offers 11 free books on Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work.

Arkansas churches include First, Alexander; Liberty, Dutch Mills; Piney, Hot Springs; Bayou Meto, Jacksonville; Pine Grove, Little Rock; Midland; Webb City, Ozark; Centennial; Pine Bluff; and Shiloh Memorial, Texarkana.

REV. and Mrs. Lowell E. Ledford, Southern Baptist missionaries to Peru, were scheduled to come to the States in mid-April for furlough. They may be addressed at 5131 Cantrell Rd., Little Rock. She is the former Shirley Stephan, Little Rock; he was born in Conway, and grew up in Fort Smith. Prior to missionary appointment in 1955 he was pastor of First Church, Ashland, Tenn.

From the churches . . .

Marvell First

PASTOR Melvin Hampton presented the key to the church to the youth leadership at the conclusion of the morning service May 1. Youth Week was observed May 2-8.

Receiving the key were Gene Puckett, associate pastor; Tommy McCormick, pastor; Mixon Van Meter, music director; and Richard Wooten, chairman of deacons.

Don Johnson, Memphis, led in the week of inspirational and evangelistic services, directed by the young people.

Dyer First

DEBT Free and Educational Building Dedication Sunday was observed in special services May 1.

Those participating included: Hugh Coble in charge of the music; Bryan York, former Sunday School superintendent, who led in prayer; Ada Burrow who gave a report of accomplishments of the church during the pastorate of H. J. Morris; dedication prayer by James Morse, U. S. Air Force; the

message by H. J. Morris.

Lunch was provided in fellowship hall.

There was one profession of faith in the evening service. Bill Whitlege is pastor.

El Dorado Caledonia

THE church had the best reports in the different church activities during the month of April. Sunday School attendance averaged 52, Training Union 43. A church social with 68 attending was also reported. The average monthly offering was increased. The attendance trophy was won by the youth at the associational rally in Cullendale. We added a member by letter.

Hugh Nelson is pastor.

Ft. Smith Towson Ave.

AN old-fashioned all day service with dinner on the grounds and a dedication service of the newly remodeled part of the educational building is planned for May 22.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Honorary doctorates

A BAPTIST State Convention executive and two pastors, one of them a native Arkansan, are to receive honorary degrees at the annual spring commencement of Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Ky., according to Dr. John M. Carter, president of the College.

The former Arkansan is R. Trevis Otey, formerly of Little Rock, who is now pastor of First Church, Glasgow, Ky.

The other pastor is Bruce V. Hartsell, a native of Bunn, N. C., who has been pastor of First Church, Shepardsville, Ky., since 1945.

The State Convention executive is Edward Harmon Moore, a native of Peek, Okla., who has been the executive secretary-treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, with headquarters in Indianapolis, since 1959.

Each of the men will receive the Doctor of Divinity degree.

Sanctuary dedicated at Hicks



HICKS First Church dedicated its new sanctuary recently. The structure replaces an old WPA building where the congregation had been meeting since its beginning.

Mr. Maurice Hurley, professor of psychology, Ouachita University, gave the dedication address, and George Frazier, Texarkana, provided special music. Jack Gilbert, pastor, was moderator.

Others on the program included Ross Ward, pastor, Ashdown First Church; Curtis Zachery, pastor, Oak Grove Church; and Eugene Jewell, pastor, Wilton Church.

A \$2,500 building note was burned by Mr. Gilbert during the

service. He was assisted by Deacons Monroe Cooper, Virgil Jewell, and Bill Reaves.

Building and finance committee members include chairman Bill Reaves and all the men of the church.

The sanctuary is of white block brick with beige interior and blonde oak furniture. Auditorium seating capacity is 135. The building also contains four classrooms, a nursery, and rest rooms. A fellowship hall is scheduled for construction this summer.

Mr. Gilbert began his fourth year of service at Hicks on the dedication day. He is a senior religion major at Ouachita University.

Arkansan named

DR. John M. Carter, president, Campbellsville College, Ky., announces that Col. Aubrey C. Halsell, retired, U. S. Air Force, Memphis, has been named vice president in charge of financial development.

Mr. Halsell was born and reared in Little Rock. At Ouachita University, he was president of his class. Upon graduation, he received a commission as a lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

While a student he met and married Miss Willine Hinsley, Hot Springs. They have one son, A. C. Jr., who has accepted the position of track and basketball coach at Campbellsville College.

OBU coffee hour

OUACHITA University is entertaining with a coffee hour at the Southern Baptist Convention immediately following the evening session, May 24, at the Hotel Pontchartrain, Detroit.

The Ouachita Singers will entertain.

Comparative statement Cooperative Program Contributions First quarter report

Association	1965	1966	Percentage Increase or (Decrease)	Association	1965	1966	Percentage Increase or (Decrease)
Arkansas Valley	\$12,742.35	\$ 14,287.42	12.13	Little River	6,105.12	6,977.86	14.3
Ashley County	8,694.93	10,004.66	15.55	Mississippi County	14,837.84	15,366.35	3.56
Bartholomew	6,648.83	7,821.34	17.64	Mt. Zion	16,201.69	18,832.10	16.24
Benton County	12,759.63	11,711.21	(8.22)	North, Pulaski	34,741.79	36,284.72	4.44
Big Creek	491.34	487.59	(.76)	Ouachita	2,608.93	3,744.52	43.53
Black River	4,776.30	5,908.66	23.71	Pulaski County	68,395.60	68,337.73	(.08)
Boone and Newton	5,249.40	5,671.39	8.04	Red River	7,206.04	7,984.63	10.81
Buckner	4,768.30	5,231.84	9.72	Rocky Bayou	551.92	683.98	23.93
Buckville	123.18	111.94	(9.12)	Stone-Van Buren-Searcy			
Caddo River	1,363.63	1,605.73	17.75		1,361.38	2,189.48	60.83
Calvary	6,287.00	7,140.57	13.58	Tri-County	20,790.89	21,217.82	2.05
Carey	6,026.92	6,557.49	8.8	Trinity	6,509.87	5,437.97	(16.47)
Caroline	10,746.95	10,311.19	(4.06)	Washington-Madison	14,028.54	14,587.45	3.98
Carroll County	1,623.24	2,229.90	37.37	White River	2,053.59	2,526.43	23.03
Centennial	9,104.38	10,017.92	10.03	Miscellaneous:			
Central	21,856.08	24,667.51	12.86	Russellville, First	2,466.67	5,157.11	109.07
Clear Creek	7,380.62	9,096.65	23.25	Miscellaneous	80.00	120.00	50.
Concord	35,866.79	34,308.67	(4.34)	GRAND TOTALS	\$484,378.92	\$522,941.73	7.96
Conway-Perry	1,906.71	1,980.93	3.89				
Current River	2,001.76	2,114.19	5.62				
Dardanelle-Russellville	1,889.58	3,076.99	62.84				
Delta	7,847.24	9,751.39	24.27				
Faulkner	7,703.83	8,948.60	16.16				
Gainesville	2,193.21	2,653.05	20.97				
Greene County	7,005.73	7,904.43	12.83				
Harmony	26,249.18	30,848.97	17.52				
Hope	23,282.92	24,124.52	3.62				
Independence	6,229.45	7,068.76	13.47				
Liberty	42,522.28	46,671.85	9.76				
Little Red River	1,097.29	1,178.22	7.38				

The above statement of Cooperative Program giving for the first quarter of 1966 reflects about an eight percent increase over that of the comparable period for 1965. This is the largest increase for a number of years. The churches are responding well to the suggested increase ten percent made by the Convention last fall.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

Southern graduation May 20

THE graduating sermon for the 88 members of the 25th graduating class of Southern College will be given by Dr. Paul Roberts, pastor, First Church, Little Rock at 10:30 a.m., May 20, according to President H. E. Williams.

The annual alumni meeting of the college will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the college cafeteria graduation day, May 20. Eugene Webb is alumni president. The speaker will be Wayne Wood, professor of psychology, an alumnus of Southern College. Music will be provided by Mrs. Jake Shambarger, professor of voice.

Commencement speaker will be Dr. George Schweitzer, scientist, University of Tennessee. Exercises will be held at 4 p.m. in front of the Felix Goodson Library. Dr. Schweitzer will also receive the outstanding Baptist Layman's

Award given by the college.

Other honorees will be the outstanding Baptist lady, Mrs. Betty E. Hearnes, wife of the governor of Missouri; outstanding alumnus, J. Harold Flynn, insurance executive of Little Rock; and outstanding Baptist minister award, Dr. W. Harold Hicks, pastor, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock.

Graduates are:

Bill Abernathy, Charles Archer, Dennis Ball, Hiram Barnett, Bill Batchelor, Larry Becham, Isabelle Bell, Randy Benson, Tyrone Berry, Hubert Brittle, Mary Bobbit, Peggy Bounds, Mickey Burckett, Jim Busby, Lawrence Chatman, Jimmy Cheek, Jerry Clements, Phyllis Coker, Kenneth Bolbert, Walter Combs,

Nelson Davis, Jimmie Drummond, Jerry Duffer, Herby Early, Melinda Edwards, Sabdra Elmore, Dorothy Eubanks, Bonita Farmer, Gary Golden,

James Fischer, Terry Forrest, Donna Frier, Gary Woolverton, Nan Wynn, Jinks Wynn, Larry Goodwin, Darlene Green, Darrell Griffin, Joanna Hall, Melba Haris, David Hepsbeth, Verlin Hill, Wayne Hill, James Hoppis, Flo House, Jerry Hughes, Pat Jenkins, Billy Jones, Betty Kirby,

Betty Landry, Arley Leathers, Johnny Lemke, Mary McAnulty, Carroll McCalister, Peggy Teague McCrackin, Ernest McElrath, JoAnn McGill, Eugene McVay, Myra Marr, Marlin Marrs, Richard Masters, Thomas Merredith, Michael Montgomery, Oliver Mullinax, Donald Meyers, Don Narviel, Dolores Palmer, Roy House, Riley Parnell, Mary Pierce, Harold Polsgrove, Lee Presley, Linda Privett, Victoria Pulliam, Anna Pumphery,

Gary Robinson, Joe Rogers, Ruby Rogers, Franklin Sanders, Randolph Scott, Paul Seal Jr., Dale Smith, Paul Smith, Sharon Taylor, Ira Thornton, Wayne Tillary, Connie Tomlinson, Terry Tomlinson, Sue Tyree, Gary Wain-scott, Karen Walker, Lansing Walker, Dennis Ward, James Warren, Glenda Waston, Gary Wells, John Whitfield, Claude Williams, LaVana Williams, James Wilson, Maria Wood, Myra Wood, Pamela Woodall, Dale Wool-dridge.

DEATHS

Dr. Lewis A. Myers, 73, Hot Springs, former editor of the Arkansas Baptist state paper, May 9.



DR. MYERS

He was a member of First Church at the time of his death.

A native of Pinola, Miss., he served three Baptist state papers: Arkansas, Missouri and New Mexico. Under his leadership from 1940 to 1943, the circulation of the Arkansas paper grew from 6,-

000 to 14,000. He retired from the editorship of the New Mexico paper in 1960, after 40 years in denominational work.

He has served on the Southern Baptist Convention Social Service Commission, the Education Commission and the Constitution Revision Committee.

He served for four years in the Mississippi legislature and obtained degrees in both art and law. In New Mexico he was a board member of Boys' Ranch, president of the state Religious Liberty Association, and a member of the Governor's Committee on Clean Literature.

He was a veteran of World War I and a chaplain of World War II.

Mrs. Opal Wilma Weber, 56, Ft. Smith, May 4.

She was a lifelong resident of Ft. Smith and a member of Southside Church.

B. D. Jordan, 88, North Little Rock, a retired farmer and formerly of Cabot, May 5.

He was a member of Pleasant Hill Church.

Mrs. Beatrice Jane Dunlop Terrell, 84, DeGray community near Arkadelphia, May 4.

Mrs. Terrell was the widow of Coleman C. Terrell and a member of DeGray Church.

Dr. Leslie Robinson Elliott, 79, professor of bibliography and director of libraries, emeritus, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, May 2.

He retired in August, 1957.

William Henry Bradshaw, 59, Humphrey, May 3.

He was a retired ricemill employee and a member of Humphrey Church.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bain McGarity, 90, Pine Bluff, May 3.

She was the widow of Charles L. McGarity and a lifelong resident of Jefferson County. She was a member of Hardin Church.

Mrs. Opal Wilma Weber, 56, Ft. Smith, May 4.

A lifelong resident of Ft. Smith, she was a member of Southside Church.

Herbert E. Shumate, 69, Charleston, May 8.

He was a retired cashier at Ameri-

can State Bank and a member of Northside Church, the Charleston Masonic Lodge and the Ft. Smith Consistory. He was past president of the Charleston Commercial Club and was serving on the Board of Trustees of American State Bank.

Melvin Gradie Stroud, 53, Ft. Smith, May 8.

He was a schoolteacher in Cleburne County, worked as finance clerk at the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp at Heber Springs, was a veteran of World War II and was retired from Soil Conservation Service in the Ozark and Paris area. He was a member of First Church, a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner.

Dave Marshall, 74, Rover, May 6.

He was a retired farmer, a native of Rover, and a member of Rover Church.

Mrs. Dollie Marie Bradford, 67, Pine Bluff, May 9.

A native of Atkins, she had lived in Pine Bluff most of her life. She was a member of Immanuel Church.

Mrs. Amy E. McClenahan, 69, Royal, May 9.

A native of Bennington, Okla., she had lived in Garland County 36 years. She was a member of Second Church, Hot Springs.

Mrs. Valda C. Jones, 71, Jonesboro, May 8.

She was the widow of W. M. Jones and a member of Nettleton Church.

Mrs. J. F. Matthews, 87, Jonesboro, May 7.

She was the widow of J. Frank Matthews and a member of First Church.

Max D. Bowers, 70, Little Rock, retired postal clerk, May 10.

He was a member of Second Church, Ravenen Masonic Lodge and the Federation of Postoffice Clerks. He was a veteran of World War I.

George M. McDaniel, 38, Hampton, superintendent of Hampton schools since 1964, May 10.

He was formerly superintendent of Hazel and Woodlawn schools, principal at Hermitage School and teacher and counselor at Warren.

He was secretary of the Lions Club, a member of Kiwanis, Phi Delta Kappa and secretary of the Arkansas School Administration Association. He was on the Board of Directors of Arkansas A. and M. College. Mr. McDaniel was a Marine veteran of World War II and a member of First Church.

DeWayne Moore, Arlington, Tex., recently.

Mr. Moore, former pastor of Trinity Church, El Dorado, was serving as pastor of Meadow Lane Church in Arlington.

Mrs. Sarah Woodfield Shults, 74, Pine Bluff, May 9.

She was the widow of John Shults. She was born in Grant County. Mrs. Shults was a member of Watson Chapel Church.

Mrs. Lillie Faye Sykes, 66, Heber Springs, May 9.

She was a lifelong resident of Cle-

burne County and a member of First Church.

Mrs. Ida Hodges, 93, Ft. Smith, May 9.

She was a member of Calvary Church.

Madison E. Nall, 62, North Little Rock, sheet metal worker, May 10.

He was a member of Baring Cross Church, the Sheet Metal Workers Union, Crescent Masonic Lodge 403 and the Scimitar Shrine.

Miss Wilma Marie Henthorne, 22, Little Rock, May 11.

She was a member of Markham Street Church.

Henry Saunders, 72, member of First Church, Hope, May 7.

Awarded scholarship

DALE Tucker, son of Robert F. Tucker, pastor, First Church, Murfreesboro, and Mrs. Tucker,



DALE TUCKER

has received a 1966-67 scholarship for Ouachita University, awarded by Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Richardson, Nevada, Mo.

Only 12 of the scholarships are available each year. Another receiving a scholarship to Ouachita was David R. Wallace, St. Louis.

Mr. Tucker graduates this year as an honor student of Murfreesboro High School. He is vice president of the Student Council and a member of the Beta Club.

He has surrendered his life to the ministry.

Hope Association

TWO new pastors are in the association: Pisgah called Vernon Sullivan, formerly of Shreveport. Harmony Grove called Frank McFerrin, who served at Antioch before going to Tennessee for additional education.

BEN F. Favell, father of Rev. C. Hudson Favell, Southern Baptist missionary to Ghana, died in early May in Morganton, N. C. Missionary Favell, now on furlough, may be addressed at 2207 N. 57th Lane, Fort Smith, Ark., 72904. A native of Charlotte, N. C., he was pastor of Greenlee Baptist Church, Old Fort, N. C., when appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958.

By the BAPTIST PRESS

Southern Baptist Hospitals head resigns

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — The board of directors for Southern Baptist Hospitals meeting here voted unanimously to accept the resignation of T. Sloane Guy Jr., as executive secretary-treasurer, effective June 1.

Joe H. Tuten, president of the board of directors, stated that the resignation came "as a result of the convention agency's organizational structure having built-in problems of administration growing out of multiple lines of authority and responsibility."

Guy has served as executive secretary-treasurer of the agency for the past seven years. The agency includes operation of two hospitals, Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, and Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. Each has its own administrator.

The board of directors voted to refer to a study committee the task of developing and recommending an effective organizational structure which may make the two hospitals more "responsive to the purposes of the convention and to the needs and conditions of the communities which they serve."

The study committee is expected to report to the board at its next scheduled meeting, said Tuten.

The board of directors elected Hardie M. Harrell of Jacksonville, Fla., acting executive secretary-treasurer, to serve during the interim while study and consideration are given to the matter of re-structuring the organization, Tuten reported.

Harrell has recently retired from his position as secretary and assistant vice president of Gulf Life Insurance Co.

In accepting Guy's resignation, the hospital board requested him to represent the hospitals in making an annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Detroit, May 24-27.

The board also approved the

recommendation of its executive committee that Guy's salary be continued for one year beyond June 1.

He was also "invited to continue occupancy of the board residence until the end of the present calendar year," said Tuten. "Because of esteem, the board also voted to make him a gift of the board automobile."

The board also took note "of Guy's administrative abilities, and of progress made during the seven year period of his tenure," said Tuten.

NASHVILLE (BP)—The public relations secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention, W. C. Fields, Nashville, was elected here as president of the Religious Public Relations Council.

ATLANTA (BP) — Churches have a Bible-based responsibility to reach out into the strategic centers of civilization where the life and death issues are born, a Presbyterian pastor told Baptist mission center leaders here.

"Any church that is not related significantly in an outgoing way to the people and the community around it, is in danger, in fact is approaching its own death," Fred A. Stair of Atlanta said during a mission centers conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

NEW YORK (BP) — Because of their congregational structure Baptists would have problems joining any proposed united church said Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary-elect of the World Council of Churches.

To have such Baptist involvement "would put an undue strain on the convention and not be according to Baptist understanding of how the church operates," Blake said.

"Maybe it is congregation by congregation that would decide whether or not they want to be a

part of this united church," he continued.

MARION, Ala. (BP)—For the second time in 128 years, Judson College (Baptist) here has conferred honorary degrees upon outstanding leaders and alumnae.

Receiving the degrees in 1966 commencement exercises were a lawyer, an educator, a Baptist pastor, and an Alabama Baptist Woman's Missionary Union leader.

They are, Miss Essie Stephens, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist WMU; L. Dudley Wilson, pastor of First Church, Fairfield, Ala.; William Morris Beck, an attorney and president pro tempore of the Alabama State Board of Education; and Mrs. Sarah Blanton Folsom, state superintendent of public instruction for Arizona.

ATLANTA (BP) — A Baptist missions leader here is asking retired ministers to give a year of their time for mission service in pioneer states.

M. Wendell Belew of Atlanta says there are immediate needs in more than nine states for the experience that retired men would bring.

Belew, program secretary for the pioneer missions department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, says that these men provide a resource that is not available from any other source.

Word 'last step'

ATLANTA (BP)—The ministry of the spoken word is the last step in redemptive witnessing — not the first, Baptist mission center leaders were told here.

"There is a real peril in the ministry of the spoken word unless it has been preceded by a relationship that has demonstrated acceptance, integrity, understanding, and concerned listening," Walter Delamarter, director of social work education at Southern Seminary, Louisville, said.

Demonstration of what one is must precede what one says, Delamarter said.

Southwestern Seminary graduates



RALPH EHREN



BOB BACON



W. C. BURNS JR.



JAY HEFLIN



CARL PEARSON



CLIFTON PHILLIPS



EDWARD POWERS



BAILEY SMITH



LARRY TAYLOR



BALLARD WHITE



VERLIN PRINCE



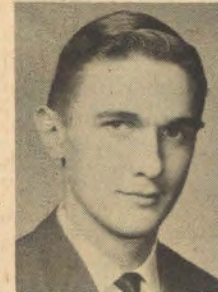
JOYCE BRAY



JOYCE FAULKNER



RUBY L. HAWTHORN



ERNEST HOLLAWAY



DALE KEETON

ELEVEN theology degrees and five religious education degrees will go to Arkansas students during spring commencement May 20 at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

Ralph Ehren, Clarksville, will receive the doctor of theology degree. Mr. Ehren is presently a teacher at Technical High School, Ft. Worth.

Bachelor of divinity degrees will go to: Bob J. Bacon, Malvern; W. C. (Buddy) Burns Jr., Cherry Valley; Jay (Boo) Heflin, Little Rock; Carl J. Pearson, Bradley; Clifton R. Phillips, Texarkana; Ed-

ward L. Powers, Harrison; Bailey E. Smith, Little Rock; Larry M. Taylor, North Little Rock; and C. Ballard White, Ravenden.

Verlin D. Prince, Cotton Plant, will receive the diploma of theology.

Master of religious education degrees will be granted to Joyce A. Bray, Fort Smith; Joyce P. Faulkner, Harrison; Ruby L. Hawthorn, Hot Springs; Ernest L. Hollaway III, Arkadelphia; and H. Dale Keeton, McGehee.

Southern alumni meet

DETROIT, Mich — Four authorities on the inner-city ministry of Southern Baptists will join for a panel discussion at the annual nationwide alumni luncheon of Southern Seminary here May 26.

The meeting will begin at noon at the Detroit Statler-Hilton Hotel.

Dr. G. Willis Bennett, professor of Christian ethics and author of a recent Home Mission Board

study of the urban church, will join social work professor Walter Delamarter of the seminary, Dr. John R. Claypool of Louisville's Crescent Hill Church, and executive secretary Fred Hubbs of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.

Further details are available from state alumni president, Bill Flynt, Conway.

DETROIT (BP) — Southern Baptist churches in the area surrounding Detroit and Chicago will

hold numerous revival meetings in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention's annual sessions here, May 24-27.

In most cases, the evangelistic efforts will be held the week before the convention.

As a follow-up to the week of revivals in Detroit and surrounding-area churches, a door-to-door evangelism visitation effort is being planned by Detroit Southern Baptists for the Thursday afternoon of the convention, May 26.

Evangelism

A church at worship

ACTS 2:42 says, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayers."

I. They got the people together. The suggestion is that they organized their visitation program and went out after the people. They went from house to house telling the good news of Jesus. They went with a concern and with broken hearts. When we do this and honestly and earnestly seek out the lost we shall win many of them to Christ.

II. They prayed. Before, during and after Pentecost those people prayed. In that prayer meeting at First Church, Jerusalem, there were somewhere between 10,000 and 20,000 man-hours used up in prayer. Today, however, we reverse the order. We preach a lot and pray little. Years ago, in our revivals, fathers and mothers got burdened for their children. Neighbors were burdened for neighbors and really prayed for them. If we would do this today we would win many more people to Christ.

III. They had preaching. They didn't have to say something, but

had something to say. We are to preach a gospel of disturbance. Someone has said, "We are to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted."

IV. They had their problems. Ananias and Sapphira had lied to God, and this brought disturbance to the church. The church had its money problems. They had communication problems. But our problem today is one of spirituality. We don't have the communication problems, organization problems or building problems that we had in the early days of our work, but our big problem today is spiritual. If we could get this straightened out and get our people to really study the Bible and pray, most of these other things would work themselves out.

V. They had compassion. This makes the difference. Jesus broke into sobbing when he saw the condition of Jerusalem. He said, "O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . ." It is one thing to take a census or survey and another thing really to work it with compassion in our souls. When there is real compassion, our organs become disturbed. We have our hearts wrung out. Our hearts must ache for souls to be saved. We should pray for a real burden. Dr. C. W. Caldwell said, "It is not mechanical organization that reaches people, but human organisms—a compassionate heart."—Jesse S. Reed, Director

The Bookshelf

Revival Crusade Sermons, by John Scott Trent, Baker Book House, 1966, \$2

Says Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn., "The major doctrines of the Bible are presented here with great simplicity. All who read this book may expect to receive enlightenment and an abundance of spiritual blessings. This volume of sermons will give light, inspiration, and direction to many preachers seeking help in the awesome, and yet delightful task of constant sermon preparation."

The author has been an ordained Baptist minister since 1942. He was educated at Clark Memorial Junior College, Mississippi College, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, and Southern Baptist Seminary.

101 Outline Studies on Questions Asked and Answered by Our Lord, by Harry A. Baldwin, Baker Book House, 1965, \$1.95

As the title suggests, this book features no less than 101 questions and inquiries asked and answered by the Lord Jesus Christ. The author takes the selections from the Four Gospels. Part One presents 37 questions asked of Jesus, under three headings: 1. Sincere Inquiries; 2. Curious Inquiries; and 3. Challenging Inquiries. Part II presents 64 questions asked by Our Lord under seven headings: 1. Of the Unthinking and Shallow; 2. Of His Enemies and Accusers; 3. Of His Betrayer; 4. Of Himself; 5. Of His Father; 6. Of Those Who Have Known; and 7. Of the Sincere and Teachable.

Plumb Lines and Fruit Baskets, by Ralph L. Murray, Broadman Press, 1966, \$2.95

Is the plumb line being set against our lives and times? Are our values no more than a basket of spoiled summer fruit? Ralph L. Murray says we also would do well to heed the message of Amos and the other prophets. He shows in this book that the prophets were relevant, timely, and sometimes racy. Examining the parables they told and the dramatic devices they employed, Mr. Murray explores the timeless truth of the prophets' messages.

Getting on Top of Your Troubles, by Charles A. Trentham, Broadman Press, 1966, \$2.95

Dr. Trentham has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., since 1953. He also serves as dean of the School of Religion at the University of Tennessee.

Getting on Top of Your Troubles fills a need in helping the reader to deal with his own troubles in the light of Christian faith. This book offers a solid and yet unobtrusive core of counselling insight both for the troubled person and for the one who would counsel.

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For Spring makes me a boy.

—Carl Ferrell

Current Brotherhood events

The State Royal Ambassador Congress, held on May 6 and 7, at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, drew an attendance of over 300. The program was very good, and the Congress was well worthwhile in every way. Congratulations to C. H. Seaton and to those who assisted him!

Royal Ambassador Camps

The State Royal Ambassador Camps will get under way next month with the All-Age Camp scheduled for June 6-10; the Crusader-Pioneer Camp, June 13-17; and the second Crusader-Pioneer Camp, June 27-July 1. All camps will be held at the Arkansas Baptist Camp Ground at Paron. Camp posters, information sheets, registration forms, etc., have been mailed to all Arkansas Baptist churches. Additional information may be secured by writing the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

State Brotherhood Encampment

The annual State Brotherhood Encampment will be held at Paron on Friday afternoon and night, and Saturday morning, June 24-25. Pastors and Brotherhood officers will receive posters and informational materials in the near future. G. A. Ratterree, Brotherhood secretary of Florida, a man known and loved by many Arkansas Baptist men, will be one of the principal speakers. The program will be one which will appeal to men, and the encampment will offer superb opportunity for fellowship, for information, for inspiration, and for recreation. Plan to attend your State Brotherhood Encampment.

Summer Revivals

Working closely with the State Department of Evangelism, headed by Brother Jesse Reed, the Brotherhood Department is endeavoring to find men who will be willing, at their own expense if necessary, to hold a revival in some Arkansas Baptist church

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.
Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

Laymen at the Triennial Convention

SEVEN of the 33 messengers who composed the Triennial Convention, May 18, 1814, were laymen.

These men, along with the ministers, represented nearly 200,000 Baptists. If the total number attending seems small it might be well to recall some reasons why: They came from but a few local missionary societies. The time and place of meeting was not known until a comparatively late date. It met at the time of the year when the roads were in poor condition, and the best mode of transportation was by horse. Too, it was during the last stages of a war with England which had distracted and exhausted the nation.

When all the facts are seen, it was not so small after all. Perhaps the largest convention brought together today could be done easier than the meeting of those 33 men. If their number was small there was nothing small about the men. It is doubtful now that any one state could provide such a distinguished company of Baptists, with more denominational insight and missionary interest.

At another time the preachers who attended the convention will be presented, but the laymen hold

which last year reported no baptisms. Some men have already responded to this challenge, and more than 100 churches have been contacted in our search for churches willing to invite men to help them reach people for Christ this year. If you will join this crusade write either the Brotherhood Department or the Evangelism Department.—Nelson Tull

primary interest for the present. Who were these men who helped organize "The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions?"

John Sisty is the first name. He was born Mar. 26, 1783, at Newark, Del. He was baptized by Rev. Thomas Ustick into the First Baptist church, Philadelphia, Pa., July 4, 1892.

Mr. Sisty was engaged in the manufacture of pocketbooks in Philadelphia and was described as "thrifty and successful" in business. Dr. Albert L. Vail, who lists this man first among the laymen attending the convention in his book, *The Morning Hour of American Baptist Missions*, thought it appropriate that a manufacturer of pocket books head the list of business men. On the human side, at least, the pocket book is essential to missions.

This man was the only one among the laymen who became a minister. He was licensed to preach by the church in Mount Holly, N. J., about three months after the convention met. It is thought he had tried his gifts at preaching already, but he had not been formally recognized. In 1817 he began preaching in Haddonville, N. J., where he founded a Baptist church and continued as pastor for 19 years. After this pastorate he moved to Philadelphia where he lived until his death Oct. 2, 1863.

Mr. Sisty was the last of the constituents of the convention to die.

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PERSPECTIVE

by Robert J. Hastings

Who's happy and why?

HAPPINESS, in the words of the popular song, is different things to different people:

To the preacher, it's a prayer,
prayer, prayer,
To the Beatles, it's a yea, yea, yea,
To a golfer, it's a hole in one,
To a father, it's a brand new son.

Constant amusement, dazzling entertainment, and pleasurable sensations are frequently confused with happiness. While there is nothing wrong in diversionary entertainment, the individual who must always look outside himself for happiness betrays a shallowness and emptiness in his own life.

But true happiness—the lasting kind—springs from within. It is the overflow of the inner person who is at peace with himself and the world. Thus, happiness is not something to be sought, but experienced. Those who search too hard usually have difficulty finding it. We do not look for happi-

ness as we would a lost key in the grass, Happiness has a way of eluding those who demand it, but slips up on those who are too busy to look for it.

The word "joy" as used in the Scriptures, perhaps comes closest to what we are trying to say. Romans 14:17 lists joy as one of the chief traits of the Christian life. A Christian is not necessarily one who is anti-this and anti-the-other. Rather, he is one who has found a source of endless joy in Christ. If a man's religion makes him sad and glum, it must be a false religion.

The Bible frequently contrasts joy with sorrow. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:5-6).

Does this mean that one can not be happy unless first he experiences sorrow? Not necessarily. But the highest joys are reserved for those who lose themselves first in the shadows of service for others. The flowers that bloom in the summer are first nurtured on the cloudy, rainy days of spring.

Fletcher honored

THE Most Reverend Albert L. Fletcher, Bishop of Little Rock, has been selected by the Arkansas Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews as the recipient of the Conference's National Brotherhood Award for 1966. The announcement was made by the NCCJ Executive Committee consisting of Steele Hays, Edward L. Wright, Dave Grundfest, James H. Penick, and Leo J. Byrne.

The award will be presented to Bishop Fletcher at the Third Annual Brotherhood Citation Dinner to be held at Barton Coliseum on Monday, May 23, at 7 p.m.

Hays, NCCJ's Regional Board Chairman, said, "This is an honor eminently deserved by His Excellency, Bishop Fletcher, and the 1966 Brotherhood Award is presented to him in recognition of his long and distinguished service to his native state and his tireless dedication to those ideals on which the National Conference of Christians and Jews was founded. His recent participation in the Ecumenical Council sessions in Rome have been a benefaction to all citizens of Arkansas—Protestant, Jewish, and Greek Orthodox, as well as his own Catholic Diocese."

Training Union

Siloam Springs

FIVE new concept manuals will be taught at Siloam Springs, June 27-July 2. The first and second period each day will be spent in a thorough discussion of the materials as it relates to the latest in Training Union. Mrs. F. F. Hicks, Smackover, will teach the Junior



MR. DAVIS

Leadership, Mrs. James Dean, Nashville, will teach the Intermediate Leadership, Mrs. Harry Wigger, Bentonville, will teach the Young People Leadership, Ralph W. Davis and James A.

Griffin will teach the Adults and General Officers. This will not be a repeat of any books. These books will be available from the Baptist Book Store around the first of June.

Primary Leadership will be taught by Mrs. Ross Williams, Joyce City, Beginner Leadership will be taught by Mrs. Robert Feese and Nursery Leadership will be taught by Mrs. J. W. King, Ft. Smith. All of these teachers are experienced leaders in their age group.

We are encouraging every associational Training Union officer to make a special effort to attend this week. They can return to their association and teach the local church workers. We would especially encourage each Training Union worker in the N. W. W. C. and S. W. District to attend this week.—Ralph W. Davis

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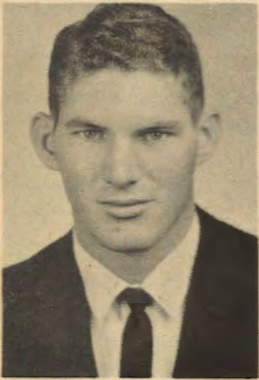
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God becomes something quite different from taxation. Furthermore, God's call to a vocation is something quite different from a response to the nation's manpower policy. In this context worship becomes the recognition of the supreme worth of God which elevates and transforms man into that for which he was created.

(3) Separation of church and state represents also an awareness of God's way of calling men to himself. Christ's rejection of the powers of the governments of the world was not a reflection on political authority as such, but rather on political authority in the wrong context and for the wrong purpose. In creation we see what man is designed to be. In the incarnation we see him redeemed and empowered to be what God planned for him to be. In his eschatological hope in Christ we see man struggling toward his own fulfillment and realization.

(4) In a summary way, then, we may say that separation of church and state is a means to religious liberty.

The church and the state are two important institutions in the life and the experience of man. What these institutions are, however, depends upon what man puts into them and what man makes out

of them. They are not prior to man, they are the product of man. The division of duties between them means a "separation," but the nature of that separation may be good or bad at a particular time in history.

During the Middle Ages the Roman Catholic Church enunciated a separation of church and state which called upon the state to enforce the church's claims upon its members and called upon the state to guard its members against the folly of error:

In the contemporary world the U.S.S.R. has separated the church from the state; however, the Soviet definition of separation is one which gives a kind of freedom of worship but also gives an educational monopoly to the state and limits welfare activity to public programs.

The word "separation" is not a magic word, but rather it is the proper functioning of government and other institutions in protecting man for his distinctive role and fulfillment. Since religious experience and activity, like civic experience and activity, must be free to be corporate and collective if it is to be significant, the freedom of the church from the power of the state becomes important. "Separation" of church and state, however, can exist while man is actually oppressed by institutions and denied the fullness of life for which he was created and for which he was born.

[To be continued next week]

The Callaways

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potamus. In Egypt, the goddess of childbirth was thought to be a pig—that theory based on one-half of a pig figurine discovered there. (Or what was thought to be a pig since only the rear was found.) Dr. Callaway found a complete figure that matched it, but with the face of a hippo. Now he believes the hippo symbolizes childbirth—not a pig.

Such a discovery is an archaeol-

ogist's moment of truth. And explains why all those bits and pieces, those chips of clay known as sherds (which clutter the Callaway basement) contain secrets that may illuminate the past.

And why the "puzzle" draws Mrs. Callaway as much as it does her husband. One of her jobs while she's in Ai will be dating the sherds dug up each day. She did it last time and became a practiced hand at finding and fitting and gluing together pieces that turned out to be jars and assorted vessels.

She helped gather up the pieces of a crushed burial jar, identified as such because in its ruins was the body of a child.

While she knows (because she's been through it) the problems she faces in getting the Arab cook to transform tough beef into something that can be eaten—and managing to vary the menu so that everything isn't wrapped in grape leaves—she's as eager as Dr. Callaway is to dig in once again at Ai.

"When you're there," she says, "looking down on Jerusalem, you feel as if you're on top of the world."

OBU football players

FIVE all-state and one all-district performers are among the seven football players announced by Coach Buddy Benson as having signed athletic scholarships to Ouachita University.

Three of the all-state players played for Ft. Smith Northside. They include Wayne Cameron, 215-pound tackle; Wayne Massey, 190-pound center; and Bobby Crouch, 175-pound quarterback.

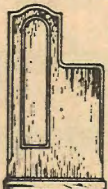
Other all-staters include Carl Robinson, 6-4 220 pound tackle from Wilson, and John Cunningham, 150-pound halfback from Des Arc.

Also signed were Cliff Harris, 170-pound all-district halfback from Des Arc, and Bruce Bateman, 175-pound halfback from Blytheville.

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Q. The convention last year authorized study of proposals for changing its name, now that geographically it is no longer Southern. Do you hear much discussion of this?

A. Yes, considerable discussion, pro and con, and disagreement as to the necessity or advisability of a name change. However, there seems almost universal agreement, that, as yet, no adequate new name has been proposed.

Q. What is your personal opinion?

A. I have no fixed judgment on the matter and am open to discussion on both sides. I think a study and hearings soliciting suggestions are in order—and this is the course the convention has followed. The matter is in the hands of the Executive Committee and I am sure a report will be forthcoming at the appropriate time. I definitely feel that this is not a matter to be settled by impulse and floor debate at a convention. There are many considerations that enter in and a study by a responsible group followed by many months of dissemination of information and issues involved should precede any report to the convention or any discussion on the floor.

Q. Southern Baptists have not returned to their booming increase in baptisms, organizational enrollment and the like. Do you have any concern about this?

A. Yes, all of us are concerned. However, we must remember that substantial increases are the fruits of solid groundwork and program and organizational planning coupled with a continued consuming aggressive spirit at the grassroots. I think the tide has turned in the direction of another era of great growth and increase. There is a new spirit abroad in the convention. We have laid the groundwork of tangible programs that will harness this spirit of evangelism and outreach. The Church Growth Plan will be presented on Wednesday night in Detroit and it is fundamentally a program that broadens the base of involvement and participation and outreach at the local church level. We are also launching the Crusade of the Americas in Detroit on Friday night. As Baptists from Hudson Bay to Buenos Aires join hands in this hemispheric crusade, we will involve more nations, and more churches and more people than any other organized evangelistic undertaking in the history of Christianity. I believe we stand on the threshold of the greatest advance Baptists have ever known!

Q. Do you continue as chairman of the committee promoting the Crusade of the Americas?

A. Yes. The personnel of the committee for the Crusade of the Americas is a standing committee of six that will serve through 1969. Serving with me are H. H. Hobbs, M. B. Carroll, Owen Cooper, Ray Roberts and J. Conally Evans.

Q. Back to your presidency, for what would you like to be remembered most?

A. As the president who called and challenged Southern Baptists to the single task of outreach through evangelism and missions.

Q. Some argue that the experience of the presidency is largely lost in that automatically you have no further assignment. There could be no bylaw change this year insofar as you are concerned so modesty should not prevent your answering about your reaction to this.

A. Yes, I have deep feelings about this matter and do not hesitate to say that I personally have felt greatly handicapped because I did not have available in the mainstream of Baptist life and policy the wisdom, experience and judgment of past presidents to assist me during these two years. Not a single past president serves on the Executive Committee of our denomination. It is inconceivable to me that with the concentration of more and more responsibility in the Executive Committee, that the denomination does not provide some channel of service for past presidents to this group. I think this question revolves around a basic philosophy—is the presidency of the convention simply an honor, a letterhead office and the presiding officer of a four-day convention that meets once a year? Or, is the presidency a working office, a singular place of leadership when a man gives unity, direction and purpose to a convention of millions of people and thousands of churches and the convention boards and agencies for two full years?

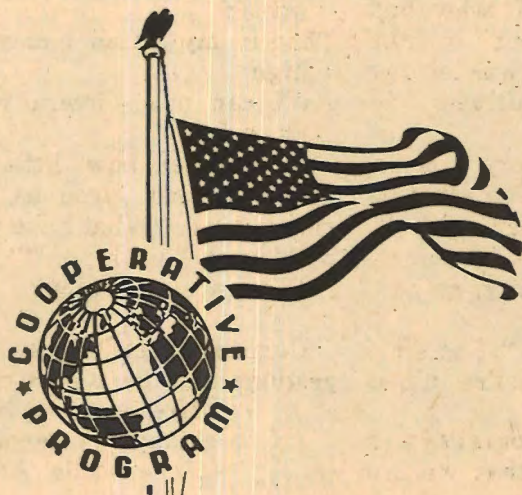
Two years in office as an active president gives a man resources and experiences that cannot be secured in any other way by any other person. I have felt that we have needed the experience and leadership of past presidents on many occasions in the Executive Committee in times past and I have been more acutely aware of this need during my two years as president.

Q. What advice do you have for your successor?

A. Trust God, love all the brethren, and always request a reporter to read your quotes back to you.

Q. Who will the next president be?

A. I make only one prediction—it will not be me! However, after reading the results of one gubernatorial primary, I have been considering "running my wife."



Woodrow Wilson said,

"The highest and best form of efficiency is the spontaneous cooperation of a free people."

Feminine philosophy -- or intuition

BY HARRIET HALL

What are you doing?

THE trees in our yard are busy putting on their spring greenery. The wisteria vine is climbing all over the old well. The tulips and iris have shared their beauty and it won't be long now until those peonies out by the old hitching post will be blooming in various shades of pink profusion.

From morning until night the birds are busy. A mocking bird calls in the morning, a red bird calls at noon, and a whipporwill calls in the evening. The proverbial busy bees will soon be at work on the obelia bush, not to mention the work of the ants. Even the lazy-paced terrapins are stirring.

With all of nature so busy, I'm reminded of the expression, "What on earth are you doing?" Another frequently heard expression is, "For Heaven's sake!" One preacher put these two sayings together to form a sermon title, "What on earth are you doing for Heaven's sake?"

Just now many of our churches have been or soon will be in revival services. The very word "revival" is symbolic of springtime in that it means "to live again."

While nature is coming forth with living again, we might well ask, "What am I doing with my life? Am I doing anything worthwhile?"

Recently our city felt the shock of a tragic accident in which a pastor's wife was killed. This event caused me to do some soul-searching. I wondered about my own life. We should all face the possibility of such an event and ask ourselves, "Would I be missed by many people? Would I be remembered for anything of good after I am gone?"

In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25) three stewards are mentioned. Some say that the talent represented a sum of money

married Christina Fols, and the next year they moved to Vincennes, Ia., and settled near Silver Creek church. This church censured him for preaching, July 1807. In 1818 he was ordained and spent the next year traveling and preaching in Indiana and Illinois. He was a

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In October his wife and beyond the established children. In spring of 1826, he moved 180 miles farther into the Indian territory and established a mission, including a school, at Ft. Wayne.

After a year and half at

which is equal to about \$2,000 in present buying power in our nation. The first steward was given five talents, the second was given two talents, and the third was given one talent. It is a familiar story, but it is one which we should recall from time to time—especially remembering the words of the one who gave the talents. To the first and second stewards he was able to say, "Well done, good and faithful servants" for they had made wise investments. To the third steward who had simply put his talent in the ground, the message was strong with rebuke: "You faithless and unprofitable servant!"

The moral of this story is clear. We are to take what God gives us and do the best we can with it. This applied to talents of money, or intelligence, or ability, or personality.

Some wag has said, "If at first you don't succeed you're about average."

Many of us get discouraged and at times are fearful that we are

city. After discussion, the Foreign Mission Board approved the plan, and, after several conferences on the subject appointed Dr. William Houghton and Rev. Luther Rice to accompany him in representing the

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age ary of the sion Association or- in Cincinnati, O., Oct. 27, and served in this capacity at his death, June 21, 1846. His last words were, "Tell the brethren never to let the Indian Mission decline." For 28 years his time, talents, and devotion had

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just "idling our motors" in life.

We must not disappoint God, and we must not disappoint ourselves.

An Air Force motto reads:

"The difficult we do immediately; The impossible takes a little longer."

Henry David Thoreau has given us a four-line poem entitled Prayer:

Great God, I ask thee for no meaner pelf
Than that I may not disappoint myself.
That in my action I may soar as high

As I can now discern with this clear eye.

No matter how little or how much God has given us, He will one day ask, "What have you done with what I gave you?"

What are you doing?

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Prosperous but perishing

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.*

TEXT: II KINGS 14: 23-39; AMOS 5: 14-15, 21-24; 6: 1-7; 7
MAY 22, 1966

WHENEVER a critic looks at the moral fabric of the United States and questions the quality or durability of it, he is apt to be greeted with "Man, you're out of your skull! We never had it so good!"

Oddly enough, both the plaintiff and defendant of the social order may be partly right. This is certainly the most prosperous nation in history, with more personal income, more creature comforts, more gross national product and more corporate profits than ever before. It is also the most powerful, with more death-dealing devices stockpiled than all the rest of mankind managed to make from the beginning of history to 1945 A.D.

At the same time that nation's coffers overflow and her muscles bulge, crime rates climb, sexual promiscuity is not only defended but is urged in the "new morality," alcoholism increases sharply, corruption in government is so widespread that it may be the rule rather than the exception, disinterest in and disdain for the programs and principles of the church are spreading, and profits have become the supreme determiner of ethics in the business world. (For a penetrating analysis of the ethical debacle in American life and the passive acceptance of big-league crooks, read *The Corrupted Land*, written by Fred J. Cook and published last month by the Macmillan Company.)

A popular weekly magazine recently declared, "The moral fabric of U. S. society is being eaten away as if it were so much marshmallow-walnut fudge." The statement appeared in an article on the Playboy Club bunny, "pure

sin on sight with her fluffy little tail atwitch."

While the Northern Kingdom under Jeroboam II did not have the benefit of the services of Playboy Club bunnies, it did have many other things of which our present social order is reminiscent.

I. Prosperous.

JEROBOAM II (786-746) had the longest reign of any Northern king, and in many respects his tenure might be considered the golden era of Israel.

The nation's military strength, which had dwindled under Jehoahaz (815-801) to 50 horsemen, 10 chariots and 10,000 footmen and which had been so pitiful that Israel was a dependency of Syria, experienced a great resurgence. Thanks to a fight which Syria lost to Assyria and to internal squabbles which kept the latter off balance, Israel and her southern neighbor, Judah, experienced military success which extended their boundaries to the old Davidic kingdom. Their territories stretched "from the entrance of Hamath as far as the Sea of Arabah" (2 Kings 14:25).

This territorial expansion also brought great and sudden prosperity. Control of the old caravan routes produced great wealth, and a fiscal organization which has been revealed by recent archaeological excavations seems to have produced maximum revenues. The nation knew prosperity and glory such as had been unknown since the days of Solomon. The overwhelming majority of the people undoubtedly considered Jeroboam the greatest king ever as they murmured contentedly, "We never had it so good!"

II. Perishing.

ALTHOUGH trade broke all records, plus buildings were constructed, and the arts flourished, the nation was seriously sick, although it did not know it and failed to listen to the diagnosis of two competent spiritual doctors, Amos and Hosea. For an insight into the nature of the nation's illness during and at the end of the reign of Jeroboam, one needs to read carefully the writings of these two prophets, caustic critics of the social morality of their times.

That few people spoke up against the system is understandable; so many were eating out of the establishment's trough that they were not apt to rock it. The priests, who were government employees, were the last to knock anything emanating from the mansion. They rebuked sin just enough to keep money flowing into their collection box. There was widespread religious enthusiasm, festivals were popular, sanctuaries were thronged, and ecclesiastical forms flourished. Inwardly, though, religion was decadent and malignant, as is evident from the conduct of these temple-trotting people.

According to Amos, everything in the land was crooked. The righteous were sold for silver and the needy for the price of a pair of shoes. The heads of the poor were trampled into the dust of the earth, and the afflicted were ignored. A man and his father had sexual relations with the same woman, garments taken in pledge were slept on beside the altar instead of being returned by sundown as required by law, and wine taken in fines was guzzled in the house of God. The rich lived in stone houses, lay upon beds of ivory, stretched themselves on fine couches, ate choice meats, sang, plucked harps, and drank wine by the bowlful. At the same time, they trampled upon the rights of the poor, denied

them justice, took bribes against them, exacted tribute from them, and turned aside their begging at the gates. Little wonder that God said, "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them, and the peace offerings of your fatted beasts I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an overflowing stream" (Amos 5:21-24).

Hosea was equally outspoken in his indictment. "There is no faithfulness or kindness, and no knowledge of God in the land; there is swearing, lying, killing, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and murder follows murder" (Hosea 4:1, 2). The way Israel "played the harlot" is spelled out in great detail, and this is summarized in the simple statement, "The more they increase, the more they sinned against me" (Hosea 4:7). This was to bring Israel's ultimate downfall.

Jeroboam is a good example of a man who gained power and prosperity while running roughshod over moral principle. Nor was he the last leader like this.

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A Smile or Two

A soft word . .

A SAINTLY looking old fellow was running to catch his bus.

Just as he appeared to be winning the race, the bus driver, with a fiendish smirk, pulled away from the curb and the wheels splashed a shower of muddy water over the old man.

Softly, this kindly one murmured, "May his soul find peace." Still more softly he added, "And the sooner the better."

SOME young couples start out with only the bare essentials—bed, stove and TV set.

Summer re-runs

THE lady of the house summoned a TV serviceman to fix the set. Spreading out his tools, the repairman inquired: "What seems to be the trouble?"

Replied the little woman: "Well, for one thing, all the programs are rotten."

A MAN pulling his own weight seldom has any left over to throw around.

And the battle's on

ONCE in awhile, the choirs do get back at the ministers. In a Connecticut church, the minister announced as his text, just after the choir had sung its anthem, "Now when the uproar had ceased."

But when the singers rose at the close of the sermon they rendered, in most hearty manner, the anthem beginning. "Now it is high time to awake after sleep."

BY the time a man is in shape to buy his wife beautiful clothes, she isn't.

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Attendance Report

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Church	Sunday Training Ch.		
	School	Union	Adds.
Berryville Freeman Heights	144	60	
Bigelow	70	40	
Blytheville			
First	555	135	1
Chapel	93	40	
Gosnell	279	89	
Trinity	181	64	3
Calvary, Tri-County	260	102	1
Camden			
Cullendale First	431	133	
First	472	122	2
Crossett First	516	140	
Dumas First	230	66	1
El Dorado			
Caledonia	57	45	
East Main	266	73	1
Immanuel	414	134	2
Ft. Smith Towson Ave.	142	44	
Gurdon Beech St.	159	59	
Jacksonville			
First	440	105	
Marshall Rd.	176	81	7
Second	214	72	
Jonesboro			
Central	496	164	2
Nettleton	248	100	
Little Rock Immanuel	1,121	389	3
McGehee First	376	123	
Chapel	90	42	2
Magnolia Central	639	213	2
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	632	160	1
Southside	37	14	
Calvary	379	92	
Gravel Ridge First	216	73	
Runyan	70	40	
Sixteenth St.	46	25	
Piggott First	365	135	1
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	202	87	1
Second	208	65	
South Side	732	220	
Tucker	32	5	
Watson Chapel	136	100	
Springdale			
Berry St.	96	56	26
Elmdale	301	79	2
Star City First	278	124	3
Texarkana Beech St.	433	106	1
Mission	39		
Van Buren			
First	464	150	6
Oak Grove	130	97	1
Second	67	36	
Vandervoort	55	25	
Walnut Ridge First	293	96	
Ward Cacklebur	55	39	
Warren			
First	364	92	
Southside	76	42	
Immanuel	260	70	
West Memphis Ingram Blvd.	225	83	3

MIDDLE age: when the telephone rings on Saturday night and you hope it's not for you.

SOME husbands buy their football tickets in June and their wives' Christmas presents on December 24.

AMONG things so simple a child can operate are parents.

WHEN a man boasts about what he'll do tomorrow we like to find out what he did yesterday.

MARRIAGE is the most expensive way to get your laundry done free.

ROCK 'N Roll Music: Bad grammar set to horrible sounds.

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Evolution controversy

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (EP)—A controversy over the method of teaching evolution in New Mexico public schools has accompanied the current election campaign for the state governorship.

A Republican candidate for governor, David Cargo, has been asked by the State Board of Education's vice president, Fred Comstock, "to please retract... repeated and state-wide criticism" of biology books used in public schools that state "evolution is being taught as theory and not as fact."

Mr. Comstock said the school board placed the statement in biology books "because of the many and widespread objections from church groups throughout the state to the adoption of any biology book which teaches evolution as a fact and not as theory."

It is this "label" that Mr. Cargo has criticized. "I believe everyone has a right to their beliefs and opinions without the coaching of the State Board of Education," he said.

Christian pavilion

MONTREAL (EP)—Construction on the Christian pavilion for the 1967 Montreal World's Fair began here with representatives of the seven participating religious bodies taking part in elaborate ground-breaking ceremonies.

Seven churchmen, in the symbolic ground-breaking, jointly raised the Tau (T-shaped) cross to begin construction. The cross was chosen because it is regarded as the most primitive and therefore, most universal symbol.

In the world of religion

.... ACCORDING to a United Press International report, Yeshiva University, New York City, has acquired a complete copy of the first biblical book printed in Hebrew. It is one of many rare books printed prior to 1501 in a 9,000-volume library purchased from a London collector. Printed in Bologna, Italy, in 1477, the volume contains the book of Psalms, with commentary by Rabbi David ben Joseph Kimhi, a renowned biblical scholar of the late 12th and 13th centuries.

.... The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod has declined an invitation from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod for new talks aimed at re-establishing ties between the two groups, estranged by a doctrinal dispute since 1961.

.... A report from the American Bible Society has revealed that in Asian countries where Scripture distribution is often impossible because of inaccessible mountains, jungles, political restrictions, or for other reasons, people are laboriously writing down God's Word by hand as it is heard over the airwaves.

.... Jerusalem was host to the largest Easter crowds in memory this year—largely because the great Feast of the Resurrection was observed on the same day by Christians of all denominations. Easter Sunrise services for Protestants were held on the terrace of St. Andrew's Scottish church which faces Mount Zion.—The Survey Bulletin

'Gutter press'

ST. LOUIS (EP)—Member editors of the Associated Church Press were warned here of a current resurgence of an "ecclesiastical gutter press" which flaunts copyright principles and ethical considerations in the guise of attacking evils in today's church structures.

Without citing names, Executive Secretary Alfred P. Klausler said that a small reactionary wing in religious journalism is preying upon the anxieties of undiscerning laymen and is guilty of making unwarranted schismatic accusations.

Mr. Klausler suggested that publications victimized by the extremist element may wish to consider law suits for libel and copyright infringement. He said that he knew of several ACP member publications which have seriously considered such action.

'Honesty in sex'

LONDON (EP)—A plea for honesty in sex was made by Dr. John Robinson, Anglican Bishop of Woowich and author of the controversial "Honest To God" and "The New Reformation?" in a booklet on marriage published by the British Medical Association.

Dr. Robinson defined the meaning of "chastity" as "honesty in

sex" but added that unfortunately the word has been "ruined" because, "like temperance, it has been taken to mean abstinence. It has come to be defined as not having sex. What a ghastly distortion!

"With this has gone the double standard that automatically blesses sex inside marriage as chaste and condemns anything outside it as wrong. But, in terms of the quality of the relationship, one could guess that there is at least as much unchastity within marriage as outside it."

Dr. Robinson also asserted that free love usually is neither love nor free. "Thousands of young people today are simply being played upon in this matter of sex," he wrote.

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