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APRIL 21, 1966

personally speaking

This and that

SOME of the comic cards you see on sale in the stores are embarrassingly appropriate. Here is one I ran onto the other day:

NOTICE
while in this office
speak in a low soothing tone
and

DO NOT DISAGREE WITH ME IN ANY MANNER

Please be informed that when one has reached
"my age" NOISE and NON-CONCURRENCE cause
gastric hyper-peristalsis, hyper-secretion of
the hydrochloric acid, and rubus of the gastric
muçosa. and

I BECOME MOST UNPLEASANT!!!!

If I get the Operating Committee's approval, I am going to have this card framed and put on the outside door of my office.

AND speaking of being unpleasant, have you noticed that on the days when you are unpleasant that it's a bad day for a lot of other people too—those you run into?

JUST about the time you get to feeling that you are sitting on top of the world, the world turns over!

CHARLEY Jones says: "Trouble teaches us two things: who our friends really are, and who have been waiting to catch us bent over at the right angle."

ONE of life's real tests, someone has suggested, is not how fast one travels on the freeway but how one takes the forced detours.

AND here is this inspiring suggestion from *International Altrusan*:

"Apparently it is not through strength alone that trees survive. It is not in never bending but in never failing to spring erect again, after the gale has passed, the victory is achieved . . . Resiliency also is an important factor in triumphant living. The winds of life will bend us, but if we have resiliency-of-the-spirit, they cannot break us. To courageously straighten again, after our heads have been bowed by defeat, disappointment and suffering, is the supreme test of character."

Wouldn't you say that resiliency, in this sense, is one of the great attributes of the Christian?

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

A BOY on his father's knee the story of a young man in search of a fortune a trail of blood. See James L. Pleitz' "A Matter of Redemption", on page 6. The story was used as a "Master Control" vignette.

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"SPRINGTIME in the Rockies"? No, it's springtime in the Ozarks and whether you've ever enjoyed the balmy season there or not, you'll enjoy Mrs. Andrew Hall's description of it . . . a poem in prose . . . on page 17.

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MOUNTAINS are also the subject of Dr. B. K. Selph's "Beacon Lights of Baptist History" this week as he takes up the subject of mountain schools. The weekly column is on page 18.

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THE "Editor's Notebook", page 7, this week covers a meeting of Ashley County Association, in which he participated. See the story of the Ashley "talkback."

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A FORMER president of the Southern Baptist Convention has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor of Arkansas. The Baptist Press coverage of the announcement and a picture is on page 5.

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LAST week we announced a series of Arkansas discussions on the question of federal aid to education. This week we bring news from Florida on the subject—the request from the missions board of the state convention that Stetson University reverse a decision to accept a federal grant. The Baptist Press coverage is on page 11.

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SBC highlight

SOMEONE has said that if the Southern Baptist Convention's annual session should be reduced to one full day, there would be certain of the brethren who would feel compelled to go home at noon.

The closing session this year at Detroit may prove to be the most important session of the whole convention. It is on that night—Friday night, May 27—the Crusade of the Americas, a Baptist evangelistic campaign for North, South and Central America, is to be launched.

SBC President Wayne Dehoney regards this movement as "the greatest evangelistic challenge ever undertaken by any of God's people." He sees in the crusade prospects for "the beginning of a great spiritual reformation and renaissance." The Detroit Friday night service could well turn out to be one of the pivotal events in this awakening. Surely all of us should pray that this might be the case.

Two vice presidents of the Baptist World Alliance—Roberts Porras-Maynes of Mexico and Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, of the United States—will be featured speakers for this service. Mr. Porras-Maynes will issue the call on behalf of Latin America for the Crusade of the Western Hemisphere. Dr. Hobbs will respond to the call as he speaks for Baptists of North America.

Country by country, Baptists in colorful national dress will respond in a giant parade of flags and in commitment.

The Wayland College International Choir will sing at the opening of the session.

Pastors who feel pressed to leave the convention ahead of this service, in order to get home and prepare their sermons for the coming Sunday, will do well to reconsider and stay over for this great occasion, says Dr. Dehoney. "I can think of nothing that would warm a pastor's heart any more or challenge him and prepare him to preach on Sunday any better than to be in this commitment service," Dr. Dehoney states.

Those who feel that they cannot stay for the whole convention might plan to arrive late, missing the first part of the convention rather than the last night. Let's resolve to do all we can, with the Lord's help, to get the Crusade of the Americas off to a good start.

Editorialettes . . .

I WANT to be proud of my alma mater. I want to say that is where ideas are born and reality is faced.

I want to see my seminary educating men rather than training them.

I want my denomination to face the fact that 89.3 percent of her college young people are enrolled in non-Baptist schools.

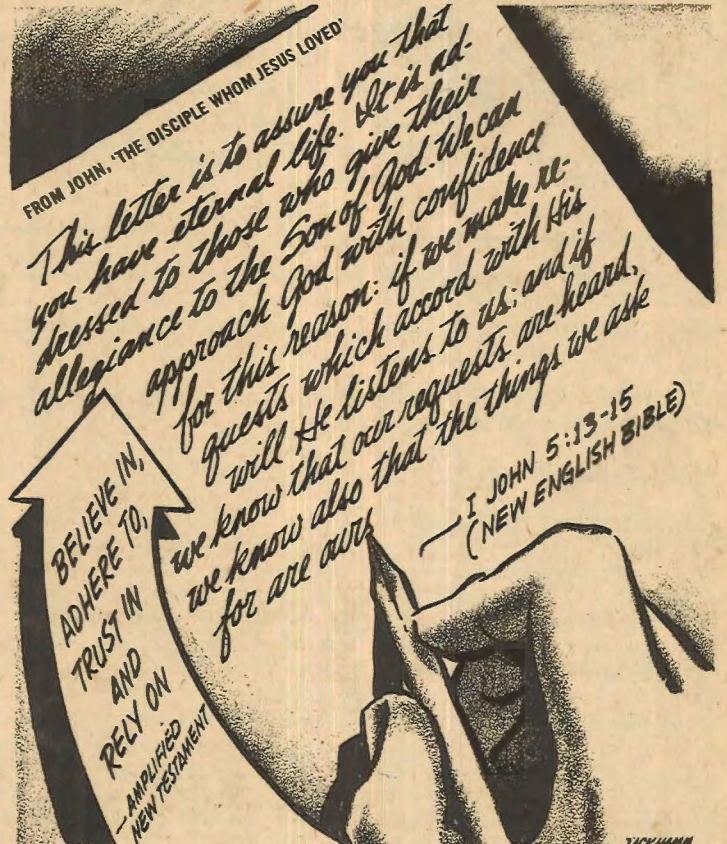
I want my seminary to be able to equip her students to speak the language of the secular society which is the language of this college generation.

I want my seminary to minister in the world, rather than attempt to establish a world of its own, full of cautious non-dissenters, and where the bland lead the bland.—Norman L. Bowman, 2614 Ashwood Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

THE layman is at the heart of Southern Baptist life, not only as one who receives a ministry, but as one who gives as well. He makes a vital contribution at every level, in the myriad responsibilities of the local church, on the committees and boards of the associations and conventions, and in his support of our world ministries. Any erosion of lay participation would signal a sharp loss in effectiveness in every phase of our church life.

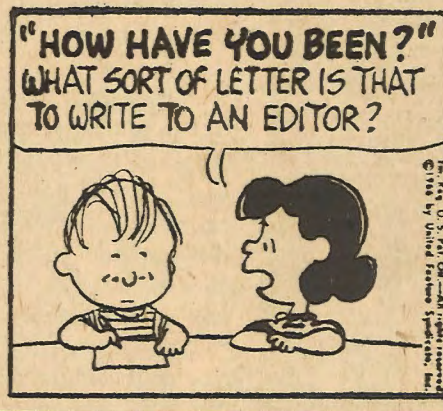
It is apparent that we must continue to be alert to any artificial barriers to full participation in service for the members of our churches. It may be less apparent that even more energy should be expended in opening new avenues of meaningful service for every church member.—L. Dudley Wilson, in *The Alabama Baptist*

QUALIFYING A RELATIONSHIP



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.



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EDITOR'S NOTE: For those editors of us who habitually feel sorry for ourselves, this is a lot of help.—ELM

Nonresident members

LET me express my word of appreciation to you for help in calling to the attention of our people the seriousness of the nonresident church member problem. In particular, I appreciate your reference in the March 3 issue of the Newsmagazine to this effect.

The Nonresident Church Member Enrollment Plan is worthy of commendation, and we appreciate all the help

which is being given to us by the various state papers, as well as others in our denomination. More and more churches are studying their church rolls each day and are sharing with other churches the names of their nonresident members.

We believe that the more publicity which can be given to this plan, the more churches will participate in it.—D. Lewis White, The Sunday School Board of the SBC, Nashville, Tenn.

Where is God?

"Where is God" the atheist asked,
Returned from his flight in space.
"I looked all around for Him up there,
And not once did I see His face."
"Where is God" the repentant sinner cries,
From the depths of his doubt and despair.
Then, lifting his eyes to behold the cross,
Finds God's mercy and pardon there.

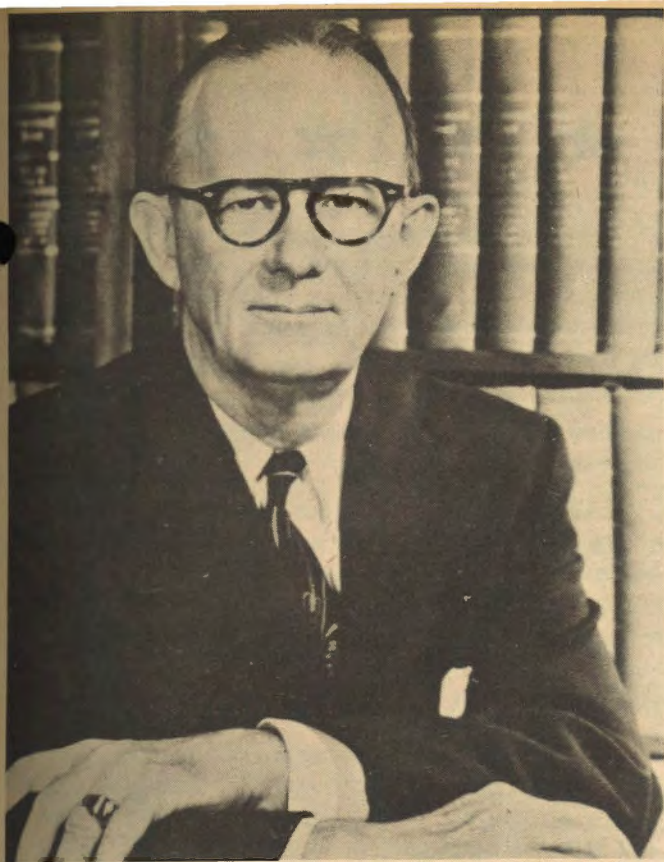
"Where is God" I, too, have asked,
In the stillness and dark of the night.
But I prayed till I found the answer,
And the darkness He changed into light.

Then I found that He's all around me,
In the dawn of each new day's birth;
His glory is proclaimed by the heavens,
And His beauty shown forth by the earth.

I found Him in church on Sunday,
As I sat where I always do;
For God was there—all around me,
In the pulpit as well as the pew.

"Where is God?" Can there be any doubt
That *He is*—and has always been?
When he holds the world in the palm of His hand,
And He lives in the hearts of men?

—Betty (Mrs. D. R.) Begoon



Hays announces as governor candidate

BY THE BAPTIST PRESS

...serving on county boards in Pope County (Arkansas)," Hays said.

"Since then I've had 16 happy years in Congress. I've served in the executive department as assistant to two presidents, and as director of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

"When I left Congress in 1958, I had a choice between going into private law practice or remaining in the public service. I chose the public service, and I feel that at this stage in my life, I can contribute more than ever to the happiness and welfare of the people."

Hays was defeated in his 1958 bid for re-election to Congress by Dr. Dale Alford, a Little Rock eye surgeon, who won in a last-minute write-in vote campaign. Dr. Alford, who campaigned as a segregationist on the Independent ticket, won by about 1,500 votes.

Hays had earlier received nation-wide publicity for his role in arranging a meeting between President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus to discuss the Little Rock school integration issue. Dr. Alford at that time was a member of the Little Rock school board.

After his defeat, Eisenhower named Hays as director of the Tennessee Valley Authority, filling an unexpired term of about one year.

During the Kennedy administration, Hays served as assistant secretary of state for Congressional affairs, and in 1961 was made a special assistant to the president. He also served as a White House consultant and assistant during the Johnson administration.

In 1951 he was elected vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and as president of the convention in 1957, and again in 1958.

He was chairman of the Christian Life Commission for the SBC from 1955-57, and last year was awarded the first "distinguished service award" by the Christian Life Commission for outstanding contributions "in the interest of world peace, racial justice, and Christian citizenship."

Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, official publication of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, said that many Baptists in Arkansas are supporting Hays for governor, but added Hays would not seek to exploit his denomination or any other denomination.

"He has support from many religious groups, not just Baptists," said McDonald. "He's got strong support among the Jewish people, but his backing is not just across religious lines."

McDonald said that his paper would probably have an editorial about the election, but "of course my paper cannot come out for or against anybody."

BROOKS HAYS, a former United States Congressman from Arkansas and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced here [Thursday of last week] he will be a Democratic candidate for governor of Arkansas.

Hays was president of the Southern Baptist Convention for two years, serving during 1958 and 1959.

For 16 years, 1942 until 1958, Hays was a member of the United States House of Representatives, as Congressman from the fifth district (Little Rock) of Arkansas.

He was a special assistant and consultant to both President John F. Kennedy and President Lyndon B. Johnson.

For the past two years, Hays has been Arthur Vanderbilt professor of government at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., and also has taught at Rutgers Law School in Newark, N. J.

His announcement as a candidate for Arkansas governor came about two weeks before the deadline for filing. Only two other Democratic candidates had announced candidacy at the time. They are Jim Johnson, a former member of the State Supreme Court, and Kenneth Sulser, a member of the state legislature. Winthrop Rockefeller, who opposed Governor Orval E. Faubus two years ago, has announced on the Republican ticket.

[Winston Chandler, Little Rock, who opposed Senator J. William Fulbright for the U. S. Senate, in 1962, filed as a Democratic candidate for Governor last Friday.]

Gov. Orval Faubus has said he will not be a candidate for re-election.

Hays, 67, told the Baptist Press, "I think I can win."

"It would be a capstone for my career of service which began in 1922 when I was a young lawyer

A matter of redemption

BY JAMES L. PLEITZ, PASTOR
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
PENSACOLA, FLA.

'Master Control' vignette

I NEVER grew tired of hearing the story. When I was a boy my father would tell it over and over again. He would take me up in his arms and start rocking in his old rocking chair—and then he would begin:



"Buddy, a long, long time ago there lived a young man whose parents were very old. The son was anxious to provide for his aged loved ones, but in order to do so he knew he would have to leave home to seek his fortune.

"One day, accompanied by his faithful dog, he saddled his horse and journeyed to a distant land in search of gold.

"After working hard for a number of years the young man accumulated a sizable fortune. Putting his money in a bag, he saddled his horse, whistled for his dog and started home.

"After riding all day long, he arrived late in the afternoon at a swiftly running stream. He decided to spend the night here.

"Early the next morning he resumed his journey. But in his haste to get home, he carelessly left his money at the campsite. His dog was aware that he had left his fortune."

He repeated this over and over again. Finally my daddy would say, "Son, the master decided that his faithful companion had gone mad. Although he hated to do so, he whistled and when his dog stopped he shot him. He was badly crippled but the faithful animal managed to crawl back to the campsite. There he died in a pool of blood next to his master's bag of gold."



It did not occur to me until years later that this story is a good illustration of a wonderful biblical truth. As we read our Bibles we become increasingly aware of a trail of blood leading us to something far greater than silver or gold. Following this trail of blood we come to the place of redemption. The place of redemption was a skull-shaped hill just outside of the city of Jerusalem. There on a Roman cross Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was put to death nearly 2,000 years ago.

The Bible says, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was put to death on a cross. His death was for a purpose. He died to redeem us from our sins.

The Bible says "the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sins." This redemption can be yours today. Jesus said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

SNYDER.—On the invitation of Moderator Carroll Evans and the executive board of the Ashley County Association I was here on Tuesday night of last week for a "talkback" session with the monthly workers' conference of the association.



MR. EVANS

It was agreed that we would talk about anything anybody in attendance wanted to discuss, and some of the brethren suggested that I might find myself in the position of "a lion in a den of Daniels." But if anybody in Ashley Association has a mean and ugly spirit toward us, he did not reveal it at this eyeball to eyeball meeting.

The occasion gave me opportunity to say again some of the things I have said from time to time in editorials about the need for us Baptists to have enough maturity to discuss controversial issues without falling out with one another in the process.

I was happy to recommend William M. Pinson's book, *How to Deal with Controversial Issues*, published recently by Broadman Press at \$1.50. Here are a few of the quotations I used from Dr. Pinson's chapter 2, "Why become Involved?":

Preachers, controversy

"If anyone had said to Amos, Elijah, Isaiah, or one of the other great prophets, 'Religion and politics don't mix' or 'Preachers should avoid controversial issues,' he perhaps would have snorted, 'Nonsense!'

"Jesus not only dealt with controversy, he sometimes created it Frequently his position was unpopular with the political, economic, and religious leaders. 'He stirs up the people' was charged against him. His refusal to skirt controversy, to wink at corrupt conditions, and to avoid unpleasant encounters led to Calvary

"If Jesus could not escape conflict, how can his followers expect to? Let it be clearly understood that following Jesus means becoming creatively involved in controversy, even as he was involved Those who followed Jesus in the New Testament days found themselves embroiled in controversy. . . .

"Paul dealt with numerous divisive issues Paul found that presenting the claims of God often caused discord. Riots, angry accusations of disturbing the peace, and imprisonment were frequently the result of his preaching and teaching Paul discusses politics, economics, sex, relations in the home,

divorce, the discipline of children, and a variety of personal and social evils prominent in the first century

"The Bible clearly indicates that Christian living calls for creative dealing with controversial issues. More than that, living for God sometimes creates controversy No Christian should be a professional troublemaker, but he should be able to handle trouble when confronted by it."

Topics of interest

Setting up a chalkboard, I invited the group to suggest all the things they wanted to talk about. When they had finished, these were the things on the board: 1. The editor's role—how much freedom should he have to express his own views? 2. What are we going to do about the gambling situation in Hot Springs? 3. What should be done about Arkansas' anti-evolution law? 4. Why not publish a sermon in full in the paper each week? 5. The Russellville First Church policy on the ordinances and the State Convention action in refusing to seat the Russellville messengers last November. 6. What about federal aid for Baptist institutions?

As you might know, the discussion was still going strong at the end of an hour.

I doubt that we solved any problems or changed many views, but we did share a lot of different viewpoints in a spirit of Christian love and concern. And one thing I liked about it very much was the privilege of meeting and getting better acquainted with some of our Baptists of Arkansas.

I am convinced from several meetings such as this that our Baptist people are starving to death for more "talkback" on current issues. This is something that churches, as well as associations, can do. Such meetings can appropriately be held on Wednesday nights, at the usual mid-week service, or on Sunday nights.

"Come, let us reason together"—ELM

Ashley County Association talkback

Contracts let for Stuttgart church



FIRST Church, Stuttgart has voted to begin construction this month on its new half-million dollar home and has let building, mechanical and electrical contracts.

D. B. Bledsoe is pastor. Nelson Rogers serves as chairman of the building committee.

The new church will be of colonial style architecture. The one-story plant will be of masonry and steel construction with a red brick exterior. The first phase of construction will not include the

southwest wing housing a chapel as shown in the architect's drawing above.

The first phase will include 56 classrooms for 18 departments and 600 Sunday School attendants. Also included will be a library, the pastor's study, offices for the music director, secretary, and education director. There will also be a general office, choir room and workroom. Ultimate plans call for 21 departments for 802 people.

The lower floor of the auditorium will seat 550, the balcony 150 and the choir 50.

DEATHS

Ted. R. Rogers, 59, owner of an accounting firm in Little Rock, Apr. 9.

He was a member of Pulaski Heights Church and the Keystone Bible Class.

Mrs. Dorothy Brewer Baxley, 42, Little Rock, wife of Lewis A. Baxley Jr. Apr. 10.

She was a member of Arch View Church.

Samuel Belton Shock, 50, North Little Rock, a retired sheet metal worker for the Missouri Pacific Lines, Apr. 11.

A native of Faulkner County, he was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of First Church, North Little Rock. He was also a member of Crescent Masonic Lodge 403 and the International Association of Sheet Metal Workers.

Mrs. Betty Lou Morris, 58, Harrison, Apr. 10.

She was a social studies teacher at Harrison Junior High School, a member of First Church and a member of the Business Women's Circle. She had taught in Harrison schools for 39 years. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, AAUW, the 20th Century Club and a past member of the Harrison Garden Club and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Elbert Judson Reaves, 80, Warren Apr. 11.

He was a retired machinist, a Mason and member of First Church.

Albert C. Thornie, 76, North Little Rock, Apr. 12.

He was a member of Baring Cross Church and the Woodmen of the World.

E. A. (Dude) Rogers, 83, DeQueen, Mar. 23.

He was a member and a deacon of First Church, DeQueen, where he had lived for three years. For 60 years Mr. Rogers had made his home in Pine Bluff where he was active in Ohio Street Church (now Second Church) and Southside Church.

Vernard Hall, 44, Junction City, Apr. 6.

Mr. Hall was a timber contractor, a veteran of World War II and a member of Caledonia Church.

Mrs. Patty Rider, 28, Enterprise, Kan., Apr. 11.

She was a member of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, and the wife of Leon Rider.

Harry Leonard Smith, 59, El Dorado, Apr. 11.

He was a retired contractor, a veteran of World War II and a member of First Church.

Workshops open Monday

ELEMENTARY workshops will be held next week in four Arkansas churches: Apr. 25, First Church, Hope; Apr. 26, Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith; Apr. 28, First Church, Paragould; Apr. 29, First Church, Pine Bluff.

Speakers will be Harold D. Vernon, minister of education, Beech Street Church, Texarkana, at Hope; Bill Halbert, minister of education, First Church, Fayetteville, at Ft. Smith; Emil Williams, pastor, First Church, Jonesboro, at Paragould; and John H. McClanahan, pastor, First Church, Pine Bluff, at Pine Bluff.

Attending all the conferences will be four leaders: Eugene Chamberlain, children's editorial supervisor, Sunday School Department, Nashville; Mrs. Roy Clayton, state Sunbeam Band director, WMU, Oklahoma City; Miss Evelyn George, elementary director, Training Union Department, Jackson, Miss.; and Mrs. Robert L. Jones, children's choir coordinator, Hendricks Avenue Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

The workshops are sponsored by the Church Music, Sunday School and Training Union Departments and the Woman's Missionary Union of the Arkansas State Convention.

Editor on television

EDITOR Erwin L. McDonald of the *Arkansas Baptist News-magazine* will appear on television station KTHV, Channel 11, Little Rock, Friday, Apr. 22, on "Arkansas A.M.," from 7:30 to 8 a.m. to answer questions about Baptist beliefs and practices. After an opening statement, Dr. McDonald will spend the rest of the time answering questions telephoned to him during the program from viewers.

Sunday, Apr. 24, Dr. McDonald will be the guest speaker for the observance of "Deacons' Day," at the 11 a.m. service at Three Creeks Church, Union County, where the Rev. George L. Fletcher is pastor.

Youth winners

REPRESENTING Arkansas Baptists in the Southern Baptist Convention's Speakers Tournament finals this summer will be Ken Martin, Ouachita University, and Robert Parr, Rogers, winners of the state competition Apr. 8 at the annual Arkansas State Youth Convention. Ken will compete at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Robert will speak at Glorieta, N. M.

These two survived competition held in their church, association and district and will compete with the state winners at the Southern Baptist Convention Assemblies. In addition, each received a scholarship to Ouachita University. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Parr and a senior at Rogers High School. His father is pastor of Immanuel Church, Rogers. Ken is a junior at Ouachita and married. A graduate of Pine Bluff High School, his home is in Clinton, Miss. He is a member of First Church, Dermott:

A drama, "So Send I You," was presented in the evening session by the youth of Second Church, Little Rock, directed by Jim Malloch, youth director.

Dr. William Pinson, professor of Christian Ethics, Southwestern Seminary, spoke to the youth in the morning and afternoon on "You're a Christian? So What?"

and "Hitch your Wagon to a Horse."

Nelson Gwaltney of Osceola won the State Sword Drill (Bible Searching) and will compete in the Convention-wide tournament this summer. Nelson is the son of Mrs. Betty Nell Gwaltney and is a member of First Church, Osceola.



NELSON

Runner-up was Linda Wallace of Pine Bluff. Linda is a student of Woodrow Wilson Junior High and a member of Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Wallace.



LINDA

Attendance at the Convention, sponsored by the Training Union Department, Arkansas State Convention, was more than 1,500, according to Ralph W. Davis, Training Union secretary.

At the conclusion of Friday evening's drama, Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor, Second Church, Little Rock, extended an invitation for re-dedication and special service commitments. Fifty-seven young people responded to this invitation.

Baptist mother named

MRS. H. JACK FLANDERS, member of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, was runner up to the Mother of the Year, sponsored by the American Mothers Committee of Arkansas, and received a certificate of merit as an outstanding mother.

Winner was a Methodist, Mrs. Tullie Wyrick of Magnolia.

Mrs. Flanders is a Sunday School teacher with a class of ladies, ages 37-40. She is a member of the WMU board and of its nominating committee. She is also post president of the Community Culture Club and a delegate to the Greater Little Rock Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mr. Flanders is a woodworking machine dealer with his own company bearing his name in Little Rock. They have two sons: Dr. H. Jack Flanders Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Tex.; and Donald H. Flanders of Ft. Smith, who founded his furniture manufacturing company there.

Mrs. Flanders received her certificate in a Capitol ceremony and was honored later at a luncheon.

Libraries set record

NASHVILLE — February 1966 will long be remembered at the Sunday School Board as the month 1,171 libraries were registered with the church library department.

As of March 31, the total stood at 15,089.

Arkansas libraries, pastors and librarians:

Alexander First; Leroy Patterson; Dutch Mills Liberty; Mrs. Doris Thurman; Hot Springs Piney; Clarence Shell; Mrs. Beatrice Moninger;

Jacksonville Bayou Meto; Howard Porter; Little Rock Pine Grove; J. A. Hogan; Mrs. Mary Blair; Magnolia B.S.U.; James A. Smalley; Dorothy Gallagher;

Midland; Richard Lilanman; Bobby Jean Michael; Ozark Webb City; Eddie Smith; Mrs. Aaron Bond; Pine Bluff Centennial; Jesse W. Whitley; Texarkana Shiloh Memorial; Joel E. Harris; Mrs. Roy Tibbit.

From the churches . . .

Mountain Home First

M. E. WILES, interim pastor of Bull Shoals Mission, reports that the mission voted in business meeting to discontinue receiving financial aid at this time.

We will keep this money in the budget and if and when the need arises we will start giving the financial aid again. We appreciate this spirit of

wanting to be self-supporting on the part of this mission.

Alzheimer First

OUR church is now in the process of erecting a 1,900 square foot parsonage at a cost of \$20,000. We hope to complete the home by the middle of the summer.

Major remodeling is underway on some of the educational facilities.

Nelson to Alabama



RAY NELSON

RAY Nelson has resigned the pastorate of Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, to accept Northside Church, Talladega, Ala.

Mr. Nelson has served the past 13 years in Arkansas at Monette First, Heber Springs First, and the past four and one-half at Fisher Street.

Northside Church is one of the 62 churches of the Coosa River Association. He will assume his new work there at the end of May.

Mrs. Nelson is a native of Alabama.

Makosholo heads school

HEAD of the new Sanyati Baptist Secondary School in Gatooma, Rhodesia, is Mike Makosholo, a 1965 graduate of Ouachita University. The school will be dedicated Apr. 23, with Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa with the SBC Foreign Mission Board, as speaker.

The school staff now consists of two full-time teachers and three part-time teachers.

However, according to a letter from Makosholo, the most pressing need is not a shortage of teachers, but a shortage of textbooks. The school head blames this on the embargo imposed against Rhodesia by Great Britain, from which most of the textbooks used to come.

Preacher sues couple

WALTER K. Ayers, Conway, staff evangelist for the First Church, Little Rock, has filed a \$30,000 suit in Faulkner County Circuit Court for damages suffered in an alleged attack at a Gillett (Arkansas County) service station two weeks ago.

Named as defendants were Burl Cromwell, the station operator, and Mrs. Cromwell.

Mr. Ayers seeks \$25,000 actual and \$5,000 punitive damages.

The suit charges that on Mar. 28, while Mr. Ayers was at the Cromwell station, the couple made an unprovoked attack on him and that Cromwell fired at him three times.

The minister claims he suffered physical damages, was placed in fear for his life and sustained damage to his clothes. He also said he was embarrassed, ridiculed and humiliated and that his standing as a minister was jeopardized.

Mr. Ayers said in his suit that he and Rev. George Hurst of Jacksonville had gone to Gillett to ask Cromwell about his knowledge of an attack on Mr. Ayers' father, who lives in the area.

After the incident, Mr. Ayers claimed, the Cromwells brought misdemeanor charges against the two ministers and they were fined in court at Gillett.

A charge of assault with intent to kill has been filed against Cromwell in Arkansas County on a warrant sworn out by the two ministers.

Guy H. (Mutt) Jones of Conway represents Mr. Ayers. (DP).

BILL Trantham, member of the music faculty of Ouachita University, is one of the composers of "Worship Service Music for the Organ," a collection of 10 original organ numbers by Southern Baptist musicians. The music will be available May 15 from Broadman Press.

North Crossett pastor



JOHN C. ROBBINS

JOHN C. Robbins is the new pastor of North Crossett First Church.

He previously served Ebenezer Church, Warren.

Mr. Robbins is a graduate of Ouachita University.

Mrs. Robbins, the former Charlotte Spade, Middleton, Md., attended Washington Bible College and Ouachita. They have two children, Bryant Tracy, 3, and Robin Kay, 2.

Assistant pastor

WINDELL Wood is the new assistant to Pastor John M. Basinger of First Church, Lake City.



WINDELL WOOD

Mr. Wood is a senior ministerial student at Arkansas State College and the recipient of a football scholarship.

Mrs. Wood is a music major. They are directing youth activities and local missions. Both are from Pine Bluff.

FIRST Church, Harrisburg, pulpit committee has continued the services of J. I. Cossey on a full time indefinite call. Mr. Cossey has served the church for two months as interim pastor.

By the BAPTIST PRESS

Florida Baptists ask grant delay

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The State Board of Missions for the Florida Baptist State Convention voted unanimously here to request trustees of Stetson University to reverse their decision to accept a federal grant until after completion of a state Baptist study on church-state relationships.

Trustees of the Baptist school in DeLand, Fla., had voted in February to use a \$501,926 federal grant to reduce the amount of an already-approved federal loan of \$1.2 million for construction of a science building.

The Florida Baptist convention state board, which has no official control over the Stetson trustees, wants the school to delay its action until after November of 1966.

A 15-member committee headed by Malcomb B. Knight of Jacksonville, Fla., is currently studying the church-state separation implications of acceptance of federal funds by Baptist institutions. The committee will report its findings and recommendations to the convention in Miami, Nov. 8-10.

Regardless of the committee's recommendations and actions of the convention, the Stetson trustees would not be legally bound to reverse their decision. Stetson, a Baptist school, is governed by a private, self-perpetuating board of trustees, three-fourths of whom are Baptists.

The president of Stetson University, J. Ollie Edmunds, said that the Stetson board of trustees will seriously consider the request from the Florida Baptist State Convention board at its next meeting, May 20.

Edmunds pointed out, however, that the Stetson trustees decided that they must accept the federal grant before a time limit set by government requirements ran out in February. He said a government restriction requires that any application for a grant must be made

within 18 months after a loan for the same project had been approved.

Edmunds said that the trustees must decide in May whether or not to stand by their earlier decision, or to forever lose the \$501,926 grant. Because of the time limit, the decision could not be delayed until after the November state convention.

NASHVILLE—Paul Phelps, Lenoir City, Tenn., has been elected director of the protection plans department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He began his work April 1. A native of Lenoir City, Phelps operated the Phelps Chevrolet Co. there for more than 18 years. In his new work, Phelps will administer and promote the retirement and benefit plans available to ministers and denominational employees through the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

ANDERSON, S. C.—The superintendent of missions for the Saluda Baptist Association has been named vice president of Anderson College (Baptist) here, effective June 1. He is J. K. Lawton of Anderson. Lawton is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He is a native of South Carolina and was pastor of several churches in South Carolina before becoming associational superintendent of missions.

FRESNO, Calif.—The California Southern Baptist Board of Child Care has elected an area director to head the Fresno Child Care Center operated by Baptists here. Named to the position was E. K. Huddleston, who is presently completing requirements for the master-of-social-work degree at the University of Kansas.



NASHVILLE — THE LIFE COMMITMENT SUNDAY picture this year uses three words: Proclamation, Commitment, Vocation. The theme begins with proclamation—the telling of the gospel story. Then comes the time to act—to nail down a decision to live life for Christ—commitment. Then comes vocation—the job of living life full-time in Christ's service. If that is accomplished, we let others know about Christ through our actions, and we have proclamation, and the cycle starts over again. It is endless!—BSSB Photo

News about missionaries

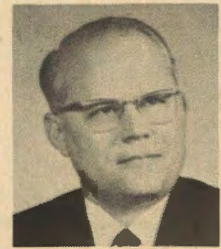
REV. and Mrs. James A. Lunsford, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, flew to the States April 5 for furlough. They expect to live in Abilene, Tex., but at present they may be addressed at Wayland Baptist College, Box 152, Plainview, Tex. Mr. Lunsford was born in Paducah, Ky., but grew up in Jonesboro, Ark.; Mrs. Lunsford, the former Lena Jewell Conway, was born in Jackson County Oklahoma, and lived in Lawton, Okla., and Jonesboro while growing up. At the time of their missionary appointment in 1940 he was pastor of First Church, O'Donnell, Tex. In Brazil he has been serving as executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Convention in the Federal District.

S I L O A M A S S E M B L Y

Daily Schedule

- 7:00 Wake Up!
 7:30 Breakfast
 8:30 Morning Watch-
 Whole Assembly
 9:00 Study Period
 (Same class cont'd
 next period)
1. Pastors
 2. Adult Leadership-
 (T. U. and S. S.
 courses given)
 3. Intermediates and Y. P.-
 A Book Study of the Bible-
 week day Bible Study Series
 4. Juniors-
 Bible Personalities-
 week day Bible Study Series
- 9:45 Recess
 10:20 Study Period Cont'd
 11:05 Life Interest Conferences
1. Pastors-Adults: Bible Study
 2. Intermediates and Y. P.-
 Life Interest Conferences and
 (alternate) Music Period
 3. Juniors-Tabernacle Service
- 12:10 Lunch
 7:15 Evening Worship
 8:30 Fellowship

Morning Devotion



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Executive Board

Down in . . . but up in money

IT'S amazing!! Almost without exception — church leaders are saying, "We are down in most departments, but up in money." Then the statement is usually followed by another, "We always carry a big money balance."

On the surface, this financial statement sounds good, and it is certainly better to have some money left when the bills are paid. But a church or Christian organization does not exist to pay bills. A church, among other things, is to bring people to saving grace and then Christian maturity.

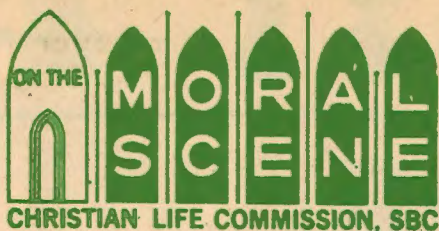
In other words, a church is to be a ministering agency. The church was instituted by Jesus and He said, "I came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost and to give life and give it more abundantly.

Something is wrong with the church program when it has more money than it uses, with 20 percent of the church members giving 80 percent of the money. Church members grow when they give and they also minister to a world by their giving. So the question confronts us—"Are we trying to pay bills and then have a balance left or do we plan a ministering program and challenge the people to support the program with their tithes and offerings?"

If churches can have a treasury balance with only 16 percent of the members tithing, one can readily see that some horizons need lifting.

Yes, with only 13 percent of Southern Baptist church members tithing and only 16 percent of Arkansas Baptists tithing, we are down in money, too.

Because we are down in giving we have come to the place where a great many Baptists believe that we should take government



. . . . CON men are increasingly victimizing the elderly segment of the population. Their schemes include worthless stocks and bonds, oil and gas leases, misleading ads, phony work-at-home employment, and the sale of extremely bad land at high cost.

According to the US Public Health Service, there has been a nationwide increase of more than 200 percent in infectious syphilis among teenagers since 1957. According to a Saturday Review article (Mar. 19, 1966, issue) a VD epidemic is now raging throughout the country: over 22,000 cases of infectious syphilis and over 290,000 cases on gonorrhea reported annually. According to the American Medical Association, this represents the nation's most critical communicable disease problem

. . . . Identical alcohol bills were introduced in both Houses of the U. S. congress in an effort to make a major breakthrough for the entire field of alcoholism. On Mar. 15 Senator Frank Moss of Utah introduced S.3089 and on Mar. 16 Congressman G. Elliott Hagan of Georgia introduced HR 13724 in their respective houses of Congress. The bills call for the establishment of the Alcoholism Control Administration within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, establishment of the National Institute of Alcoholism within the US Public Health Service, and creation of a National Advisory Committee on Alcoholism. Through these structures a multi-million dollar program of alcohol education, prevention, and treatment would be projected. The bills envision the utilization of the nation's total resources in attempting to solve the problems created by beverage alcohol.

A total of seven bills to establish lotteries in Massachusetts were killed in the House of Representatives of that state. The bills included a sweepstakes measure patterned after the New Hampshire sweepstakes. All of the bills were defeated so decisively that there appears to be no likelihood that Massachusetts will have a legalized lottery of any kind in 1966.

money to keep our institutions in the ministering business. Some Baptists are predicting that unless church members give more money that history will repeat itself and within fifty years churches will be receiving Federal aid in order to stay in business.

Herein lies one of our great difficulties. Some nations have 90 percent of the citizens on church rolls but the governments give money to the churches.

If all the citizens in the United States were members of Baptist churches with only 13 percent of them tithers, Baptists would still be down in the giving of money and down in ministering to a lost world.

Let's face it—we can help Baptists to grow in the grace of giving if we plan and use the tools which God has placed in our hands.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

Hope Association

DR. George Balentine, who has been pastor of First Church, Hope, for four years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Northwood Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.

BRONWAY Heights Church, J. W. Ingram, pastor, has broken ground for a new building.

MEMORIAL Church, Waldo, has called Walter Gilbreath as pastor. He comes from Calion Church, Liberty Association.

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The Cover

Please answer!

A FEW days ago I sent out over 1,000 letters and questionnaires to our pastors concerning an analysis of our 1964-65 baptisms record. This is an effort to find out whom we are baptizing. We are trying to find out how many in the primary age, junior age, intermediate, young people and adults we baptized in the associational year of 1964-65. Also, we are trying to find out how many of these were not related to a member of the church. We are also trying to secure information as to how many of those we baptized were enrolled in Sunday School. Of the total number baptized we are also anxious to know how many were won to Christ during a revival.

The effectiveness of the survey will depend upon the number who respond. We hope every pastor will send the questionnaire back. However, several churches are pastorless at this time. If someone in the church reading this article will be responsible for getting the questionnaire back to me, I shall appreciate it very much.—Jesse S. Reed, Director



THE SAN GABRIEL BAPTIST CHURCH, at San Gabriel, Tex., was cited as the outstanding church in the nation participating in the Church Development Ministry, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and state Baptist conventions. Deacon Donny Heine (left), chairman of the development ministry for the San Gabriel Church, discusses their record of progress in 1965 with Pastor William R. Parmer (right). Parmer is now pastor at Lorena, Tex. — Home Mission Board Photo

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O. W. AUTEN is the new pastor of Raynor Grove Church.

ROCKY Point's new pastor is Martin Ausburn.

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**On your mark —
get set — go!**

ON YOUR MARK! for the State Royal Ambassador Congress to be held on May 6-7, at Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock. Every counselor, pastor, and chapter member should be looking forward to the Congress meeting and the world-wide mission emphasis and inspiration offered.

The general theme for the Congress will be "Proclaiming the Message of Christ." Every Christian should have a desire to proclaim the message of Christ to the world. The Congress program will help to open the eyes of all Christians to the need at home and in other parts of the world.

GET SET! for the Congress by completing plans to attend. Hotel or motel reservations should be made now. Travel plans should be made and transportation arranged for all boys from your Chapter and church. It will be necessary for the counselor and pastor to take the lead in planning for the boys to attend the Congress; however, the aid of other men in the Church Brotherhood should be secured in providing transportation. In making travel arrangements enough time should be provided so that the group may arrive and register before time for the first session at 6:50 p.m. on Friday.

GO! yes, every boy in the church should go to the Royal Ambassador Congress. This is the one Baptist meeting in the year, for boys, when the major emphasis is mission information and inspiration. GO to hear missionaries speak and tell of their work at home and around the world.

Information bulletins and a poster have been mailed to all counselors and pastors. Plan to attend the Congress.

Plans should be in the making now for attendance at one of the State Royal Ambassador Camps. The Camps are scheduled for

Church	April 10, 1966		Ch. Adns.
	Sunday School	Training Union	
Alzheimer First	163	54	
Beirne First	86	32	
Berryville Freeman Heights	169	67	
Bigelow	79	41	
Blytheville			
First	644	118	
Chapel	86	36	
Gosnell	333	92	1
New Liberty	196	68	
Camden			
Cullendale First	442	124	
First	528	123	
Crossett First	560	116	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	57	45	1
Ebenezer	179	88	1
Immanuel	506	167	
Trinity	196	67	
Greenwood First	310	109	
Gurdon Beech St.	195	63	
Harrison Eagle Heights	357	91	2
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	166	85	
First	475	124	
Marshall Rd.	207	85	4
Second	279	89	4
Jasper	56	21	
Jonesboro			
Central	499	142	1
Nettleton	271	109	
Little Rock			
Immanuel	1,263	422	19
Rosedale	309	87	1
McGehee First	432	116	
Chapel	104	29	
Magnolia Central	634	212	5
Marked Tree Neiswander	156	65	
Monticello Second	257	105	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	747	141	1
Chapel	72	23	2
Central	333	65	5
Forty-Seventh St.	266	102	
Gravel Ridge First	259	100	
Runyan Chapel	68	31	
Levy	596	201	
Park Hill	1,049	236	7
Sixteenth St.	53	31	
Sylvan Hills First	343	97	2
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	238	66	
First	951	142	5
Green Meadows	91		
Second	248	74	1
South Side	317	173	11
Tucker	42	17	3
Watson Chapel	202	85	1
Springdale			
Berry St.	165	58	2
First	493	115	
Star City First	295	102	
Texarkana Beech St.	569	123	2
Community	87		
VanBuren			
First	489	145	2
Oak Grove	216	110	
Vandervoort First	66	22	
Walnut Ridge First	339	30	
Ward Cocklebur	78	41	
Warren			
First	479	91	
Southside	83	82	
Immanuel	297	79	1
Westside	97	33	
West Memphis			
Ingram Blvd.	273	118	15
Second	112	56	2

June 6-10, all ages 9-17; June 13-17, Crusaders and Pioneers, ages 9-14; and June 27-July 1, Crusaders and Pioneers.

Posters, information material, and registration forms have been mailed to counselors and pastors. If more information is needed write to the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock.—C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary

CABOT Myrtle Street Mission, Apr. 24; Allen McCurry, missionary, Faulkner County Association, evangelist; Willie Morgan, song director; John L. Ellerbee, pastor.

MAGNOLIA Central Church, Apr. 24-May 1; Robert C. Davis, evangelist; Earl Bailey, music director; Loyd L. Hunnicutt, pastor.

ALTHEIMER First, week end revival; Tony Romeo, evangelist; 13 by profession of faith; 5 by letter; Don A. Nall, pastor.

OLMSTEAD Harmony Church, May 2-8; Roy Stillman, pastor, evangelist; Troy Treadway, music director.

BAY First Church, Apr. 17-24; George Hurst, evangelist; Jack Ballard, music director; Hal Gallop, pastor.

LITTLE ROCK Markham Street Church, Apr. 17-24; Jerry Don Abernathy, associate Sunday School secretary, Arkansas State Convention, evangelist; Hoyt Mulkey, secretary, Church Music Department, music director; Ray Branscum, pastor.

PINE BLUFF South Side Church, Apr. 24-May 1; Lloyd Sparkman, evangelist; Richard Smith, music director; Tal D. Bonham, pastor.

ALEXANDER First Church, Apr. 8-10; Kelly Grubbs, Southwestern Seminary student and Alexander native, evangelist; Earl Miller, song director; 1 by profession of faith; Leroy Patterson, pastor.

FLORAL Church, Independence Association, May 15-21; Coy Sims, evangelist; J. R. Hull, pastor.

BOONEVILLE First Church, Apr. 24-May 1; Dr. Wallace Rogers, evangelist; D. Hoyle Haire, pastor.

DEWITT Eastside Church, Mar. 28-Apr. 3; Sam Cathey, pastor, Middlebelt Church, Inkster, Mich., evangelist; Lester Pool, song leader; 30 conversions, 50 rededications; Eugene Hughes, pastor.

BATESVILLE West Batesville Church; Ben Bates, evangelist; Walter Hill, singer; 12 for baptism; 2 by letter; 29 other professions of faith; Dr. T. R. Coulter Jr., pastor.

WEST ASHEVILLE, N. C., Grace Church; Jesse S. Reed, director of Evangelism, Arkansas State Convention, evangelist; Mark Short, Paris, Tex., song director; 12 for baptism; 5 by letter; 5 other professions of faith; C. R. Pierce Jr. former pastor of First Church, Lake Village, pastor.

EL DORADO Calvary Church; Apr. 3-10; Theo Cook, North Little Rock, evangelist; Ray Bromley, El Dorado, singer; 3 on profession of faith; 2 for baptism; 2 by letter; 15 for rededication; Harold Wilson, pastor.

Feminine philosophy

-- or intuition

BY HARRIET HALL

Spring

on the mountain

SPRING comes more slowly to northwest Arkansas, but at last the woods are full of blossoms. The wild plum trees with their white frothy flowers heralded the coming of the redbuds, and now the dogwood blossoms are gradually opening their graceful petals. I caught my first glimpse of wild violets on the hillside near our home this week. I always look forward to April and their appearance about the same time we have the red profusion of japonica and the bright yellow of the forsythia and jonquils. While in south Arkansas recently I enjoyed the camelias and azaleas in full bloom, as well as the flowering peach along the highway.

Surely no state in all of our land has more varied natural beauty than is found in Arkansas

with its wealth of flowers, rivers, lakes, mountains, and forests. At this time of the year I am especially grateful to live in this state and yes, even in this particular corner and on this very Shangrila of a mountain.

On Good Friday the B.S.U.-ers came up to our back yard for a sunrise service. It was cool—but so very pretty in the early morning light. It made me think of some of the Biblical characters who were early-risers:

“Abraham rose early to stand before the Lord.” (Genesis 19:27).

“Jacob rose early to worship the Lord.” (Genesis 28:18).

“Moses rose early to build an altar to God.” (Exodus 24:4).

“Joshua rose early to lead Israel over Jordan.” (Joshua 3:1).

“Gideon rose early to examine the fleece.” (Judges 6:38).

“Hannah and Elkanah rose early to worship God.” (I Samuel 1:9).

“The Son of God rose early to go to a solitary place to pray.” (Mark 1:35).

“The women rose early to go to the sepulcher.” (Mark 16:2).

One advantage of rising early is very simple and obvious: you have a headstart on the day. This morning I was awakened rather early by a mockingbird concert taking place just outside our bedroom window. I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

I will confess that I have not always been an early riser, but I

believe there are joys to be found in the quiet morning hours that will help make any day just a little bit more peaceful.

Recently I ran across some rules for living which might be helpful to all of us, whether we are in the early morning of our lives, at the mid-day, or at evening:

(1) Be thankful for what you have. Don't complain because things aren't better. They could be worse.

(2) Be helpful, but don't intrude on others. Suggest, but don't boss.

(3) Don't be a critic, but learn to take criticism without resentment.

(4) Never say unkind things—even when they are true.

(5) Cultivate a sense of humor. Use it often, especially when things go wrong. Laughter can turn a big thing into a little thing and can take the sting out of irritations.

I would like to add another rule of my own to these: Find some time each day to be alone—a time for *listening*. You may hear the wind blowing, or a brook running over polished stones, or some other music of our earth—or even the hushed voice of Him who created all this beauty.

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Facts of interest

.... THE United States and Russia have set up a joint editorial board, the first of its kind, to prepare and publish a review of research in space biology and medicine in the two countries. They also have an agreement for the exchange of weather information obtained by satellites. This exchange is not in operation yet because the Soviets are not known to have launched a weather satellite.

.... The United States Steel Corporation has given the World's Fair \$100,000 to make the Unisphere a permanent exhibit in Flushing Meadow Park, New York. The money will be used to provide floodlighting from underwater fixtures for the huge steel globe and to rehabilitate the ornamental pools and fountains. The Unisphere was the official symbol of the fair and illustrated the exhibition's theme, "Peace Through Understanding."

.... A two-year study of accidents on California freeways has revealed that the most dangerous type of accident on superhighways is collision of a single car with a fixed object. The Highway Research Board reported that 31 percent of fatal accidents were of this type, more than from any other single cause.—Survey Bulletin

1966 Annual meeting, WMU, SBC

WOMAN'S Missionary Union, SBC, annual meeting is a big city, people, information, inspiration and a prodding of one's conscience.

The big city is Detroit—the industrial capital of the world—with an estimated population of 3,942,000. For the week of May 23-27 there will be an added 13,000 Southern Baptists meeting at Cobo Hall, claimed to be the largest, most beautiful and most versatile convention facility in the world.

The two-day WMU annual meeting, May 23-24, is expected to attract 7,000 Baptist women. The theme is "To Every Nation and Tongue and People—NOW!" Messages on "World Crises: The Hour of Opportunity" will be featured at each session. Among speakers will be William H. Dyal, Christian Life Commission; Miss Mary Brooner, missionary to Rhodesia; Robert Davis, missionary to Vietnam; Mrs. Douglas Prindle, missionary to Panama; and Miss Catherine Walker, missionary to Indonesia.

Mrs. Edgar Bates, president of the Women's Department, Baptist World Alliance, will speak during the opening session. The meeting will close on Tuesday with a message by Kenneth Chafin, professor, Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Each session will close with a meditation by Francis Dubos, superintendent of missions for Detroit.

The great seal of the state of Michigan is inscribed "Si quaeris peninsulam amoenam circumspice"—If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you. Perhaps the days in Detroit can provide such a peninsula as laessengers look at needs around them.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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

Mountain schools

A SECTION covering 100,000 square miles, in portions of ten states, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri, and Arkansas is mountainous. The Home Mission Board was interested in this area long before work began there.

In 1885, Isaac Taylor Tichnor, secretary of the board reported that Western North Carolina Convention and the board had cooperated in mountain missionary efforts that year. The results encouraged them to greater work.

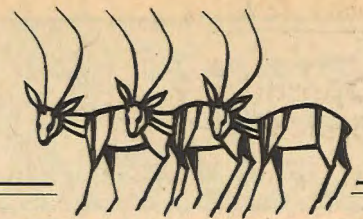
The first educational endeavor in this field came six years later. The Home Mission Board helped pay the salary of the principal of Hiwassee Institute in the mountains of Georgia.

The board continued to help Western North Carolina convention throughout the 1890's. In 1898, when the latter convention affiliated with the North Carolina convention, plans were made by the new state board to establish mountain schools. This convention turned to Home Missions for help. In 1900 the Home Mission Board announced the same to the Southern Baptist Convention with the query "Shall we do it?"

The Convention authorized appointment of a committee of seven to study the matter. North Carolina's corresponding secretary, John E. White, was named chairman. Their report recommended cooperation in the project. The Convention so acted, and the Home Mission Board established a Department of Mountain Mission Schools with missions as the motive and education as a method of evangelizing.

Albert E. Brown, a native of the mountainous area who understood the people and their needs, was elected director of this work. He held this position until his death, May 30, 1924.

For 30 years the Home Mission Board promoted this work.



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Schools were established or aided in 47 localities. Most of the time the Board worked with State Conventions. About 125,000 students were enrolled with 10,150 graduates. Some 3,000 of these were ministers. More than 6,000 conversions were reported. The schools served their day well.

But time and circumstances caught up with the schools. As the public school system provided better educational facilities the need for mountain schools diminished. In the third decade of this century a financial crisis developed within the Home Mission Board which hampered its works. In May 1931 the Southern Baptist Convention voted to discontinue the mountain schools. They were closed or combined with institutions and properties were deeded to local boards and trustees.

Operation report, first of 11

HAVE you seen a copy of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Annual for 1965?

Most pastors have, few others have, and very few have read it, according to a small survey I made recently.

If you will read this column for the next several weeks you will read the annual report of the Sunday School Department for 1965.

Today we begin a series of 11 articles which will offer our complete work report. A summary of our financial report will conclude this series called, Operation Report.

ATE*A. Discover the needs of churches and associations

ATE A. MG*1. Discover specific needs of 30 churches

Participated in state strategy planning and meetings. Enlisted approximately 30 churches to participate.

For other specific needs see M.G. 2-8.

ATE A. MG 2. Discover the means by which 120 (10 percent) Sunday School grow

One goal involved a test of discovering the means whereby churches grow. The "One Hundred and One Determined Churches" plan was developed and the results were: Sixty-three churches volunteered to participate. No special effort was made to enlist exactly 101 churches. Most of these churches participated in the Adult Thrust emphasis of the state and Southern Baptist Convention.

At the end of the first two quarters we heard from 24 of these churches. Their total net gain in Sunday School enlargement was 479 or 29 more than the reported net gain in 1964. The average gain is 20.

If all 1180 churches had a similar gain, the projected gain figure would be over 23,000. The greatest gain in our history was 16,000 in 1954.

ATE A. MG 3. Discover needs 120 churches in teaching in

elementary departments

1. Teacher training in activity teaching methods
2. Use of graded and group graded literature
3. Pupil participation in activity

Mary Emma Humphrey mailed a survey to Sunday School superintendents, including different questionnaires for Nursery, Beginner, and Primary departments, of 300 churches requesting the proper questionnaire be given to their age-group superintendent. 75 churches or 25 percent responded and revealed the need of: More training for elementary workers, a better understanding of the curriculum materials available, a more extensive use of the Sunday School Builder, systematic planning meetings for individual departments, a better understanding and willingness to use creative activity teaching.

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BOBBY'S SEED

BY GRAYCE KROGH BOLLER



THE sound of excited voices bubbled out from Miss Barker's classroom one spring day. The idea of making a flower garden behind the school was fun. Seeing which boy or girl could grow the best flowers was even more fun.

"I'm going to plant marigolds," Susy declared.

"I'm going to plant pansies," George chuckled.

"Bobby, what are you going to plant?" asked Anne, for Bobby was the only one who hadn't said anything.

"You'll see," Bobby smiled mysteriously.

"Is it zinnias?" Anne asked curiously, but Bobby shook his head.

"Is it daisies?" George questioned.

Again Bobby shook his head. "No use to ask, for I'm not going to tell yet," he beamed.

In a few days, the boys and girls brought their packets of seed to school. How gay the packages looked with their colored pictures of flowers! The golden marigolds were like sunshine on a summer day. Velvety pansies, with dear little faces, looked like friends come to play. Zinnias were of almost every color imaginable. And there were daisies, asters, candytuft, and poppies.

The boys and girls had fun digging in the soft, brown earth. They crushed the lumpy soil and prepared it for the seed.

"How can green plants and pretty flowers come from just these little brown seed?" asked Susy.

"I know," smiled Bobby. "God sends rain, sun, and wind to help them grow. Inside each seed he has planted the life of the flower. Seed are part of God's miracle of creation."

Soon all the different seed were planted. There was a row for each boy and girl in Miss Barker's class.

Days and days went by. It seemed as though the seed never would come up. Rain fell, and the earth was soaked with water.

At last, one day as the children looked, Susy squealed happily. "Look! Green plants are coming out of the ground."

And there they were, a ragged line here, a straight line there. All sorts and sizes of plants were coming up.

"What kind are yours, Bobby?" asked George, but once again Bobby shook his head.

Time passed. Some of the plants formed buds, and the buds opened into flowers. Sometimes when there were enough flowers, Miss Barker allowed the boys and girls to pick some for the classroom. Sometimes they shared with other classes.

But Bobby's plants had no flowers. They just grew and grew! Finally buds began to appear, but they did not open. They just grew and grew and grew.

"What can they be?" Although Susy, Anne, George, and all the other boys and girls asked, Bobby just shook his head and would not tell.

Summer vacation came. Because school was out, almost everybody forgot the garden. But God did not forget it. He continued to send the rain, the sun, and the wind to help the flowers grow and bloom.

One day time came to go back to school. Now the boys and girls could see Bobby's flowers. They were the biggest ones anyone had planted. They were huge—as large as dinner plates.

"What are they, Bobby?" asked George. "Some are dead and here are seed, too."

"Watch awhile," Bobby told them.

The boys and girls with Miss Barker stood at the window and watched quietly. Soon a funny little "chip-chip" sounded. With a flash of red, a beautiful bird landed on one of Bobby's plants. Soon another bird joined him. This one was light brown, with some reddish feathers on the tail.

"They are cardinals," whispered Bobby as the birds pulled and picked at the dry seed.

The seed came off. The birds peeled off the outside skin with their beaks and tongues and ate the good part inside.

"I planted sunflowers," Bobby explained then. "Birds, especially cardinals, like sunflower seed. They will come to eat all during the fall. Before cold weather, we can gather the seed. Then every cold, snowy day we can put some on the ground for our bird friends to eat."

"Oh, what fun!" cried the other boys and girls. "Bobby's flowers are the best, the very best."
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Five Minutes with the Master, R. E. O. White, Eerdmans, 1965

The author, a well known Scottish minister, writer, and educator, has produced 365 devotions for daily meditation throughout the year. Each devotion begins with Scripture selection and is followed by the author's comments.

Up the Down Stair Case, by Bel Kaufman, Prentice Hall, 1965, \$4.95

This best-seller, first published in 1964, has now had a dozen printings.

Up the Down Stair Case is the story of what goes on on the inside of a large metropolitan high school. Its genuine warmth and shrewd comic touches have a universal appeal as it shows what happens when a teacher's ideals run smack against the inadequate facilities, the lack of communication, the gobbledygook and pedagogy, the trivia in triplicate—all that stands in the way of good teaching.

While the book is quite original, the experiences it highlights strike a familiar note of understanding and appreciation in the hearts of all who ever went to school or ever tried to teach.

One of the features are the expressions of pupils in their own words. Here is an example: "You're the only English teacher that ever learned me English real good."

The Congregational Way, by Marion L. Starkey, Doubleday, 1966, \$5.95

Illuminated here are the dynamic personalities of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock and their descendants, and their collective influence upon the development of America.

And speaking of influence, the zeal of the early Pilgrims for education resulted in the founding of Harvard, Yale, Oberlin, and other colleges and universities stretching across the continent to the shores of the Pacific.

There was plenty of drama in this "westering movement" of the Pilgrim missionaries and excitement in their efforts to fight for the socially oppressed of the land—the Cherokee Indians and the common laborers, the latter of whom were helped by the "social gospel" preachers of the Congregationalists.

He Died as He Lived, by James T. Cleland, Abingdon, 1966, \$2

The author shows that the seven last words of Jesus, as he died on the cross, were echoes, repetitions, restatements and applications of what he often said during his teaching ministry.

Dr. Cleland sees a basic consistency in the teachings of Jesus. It is not surprising, he points out, that even in the experience of death Jesus should speak of forgiveness, for forgiveness was at the heart of his daily teaching and daily living.

The peril of bad leadership

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.*
TEXT: I KINGS 12:25-14:20
APRIL 24, 1966

EVEN if the line between politician and statesman is a thin one, Jeroboam never made the transition. The only record he came close to breaking was the backward broad jump.

When Jeroboam was crowned the first king of Israel, as the northern ten tribes were to be known after the division of Solomon's nation, he was truly the people's choice. He had stood up to Rehoboam, Solomon's son, when that would-be tyrant had announced that he planned to put even heavier burdens on the people than had his father, and had been put in office by a grateful people.

That Jeroboam had considerable ability is evident. As a young man, he was employed in fortification work which Solomon had ordered in Jerusalem. His work was outstanding, and he was put in charge of a large forced-labor battalion. It was in this capacity that he probably came to understand the people's deep resentment of Solomon's oppressive measures; and, like a good politician, he filed this away for future usefulness. The revolt against Rehoboam at Shechem offered time and place for this use.

Jeroboam's ego seems to have been a part of his trouble all along. Before Solomon died, a prophet named Ahijah met Jeroboam as he was leaving Jerusalem one day and announced that on Solomon's death God would give ten of the twelve tribes to Jeroboam to head. Whether or not Jeroboam announced, "My God is urging me to run for king," we do not know; but he must have blabbed the news to someone, for Solomon heard the story and took steps to take care of his construc-

tion foreman by the simple act of execution. Had Jeroboam kept his mouth shut, he might not have had to flee to Egypt until Solomon was entombed.

At the outset of his reign Jeroboam showed promise of becoming a great ruler. Using his construction skills, he fortified Shechem (recent archaeological excavations have substantiated this) and Penuel and made Tirzah the palace residence. He was off to a great start, but the farther he ran the slower he went.

I. Bad motive, I Kings 12:26, 27

AT the root of Jeroboam's default as a monarch was improper motivation. A political animal to the core, he was impelled primarily, if not exclusively, by self-interest.

Reasoning with himself, Jeroboam said, "If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah."

Like many other politicians since, Jeroboam was thoroughly committed to the principle, "You gotta stay in office, or you're dead." From this premise, it is a short step to the conclusion that anything which will keep the man in office is justified.

Political expediency dominated Jeroboam's actions. Rather than concern himself with whether it was right or wrong for the people to go to the temple in Jerusalem, the capital of Rehoboam's kingdom, for their prescribed sacrifices, he cared only about how this would affect the tilt of the crown on his own head.

II. Bad advice, I Kings 12:28

WHEN the writer says, "Whereupon the king took counsel . . .," he tells a whole story in a few words. Jeroboam had already made up his mind that he should cut religious ties with Jerusalem, so he "took counsel." Obviously he consulted his lackeys, tried and true yes-men who would agree heartily with his own prejudice. It is doubtful that he took a poll of the public generally, for the people of Israel had been extremely conservative in their approach to religion and would hardly have been expected to advise the course on which the king was to embark.

Listening to the advice of people who mouth only those words which they think are desired can prove disastrous.

III. Bad leadership, I Kings 12:28-34

WITH such a motive and such counsel, Jeroboam embarked on a program to wean the people away from Judaic worship. First, he made two calves of gold, telling the people that it would be much more convenient to worship in Dan and Bethel than in Jerusalem. Convenience in religion is often a cloak to cover a fundamental fault.

Scholars differ as to the significance of the golden calves, but there seems to be a strong possibility that Jeroboam, during his Egyptian exile, was impressed with bull worship, the basis of a fertility cult. Whatever their significance, the calves could hardly be said to portray the eternal God, who had clearly forbidden the making of any graven images. As could be expected, the people were soon worshipping the images.

Since there were no Levites available to be priests, Jeroboam "consecrated" some of his own, taking them from "the lowest of the people" (12:31). It does not take much imagination to figure

out whether these priests took their orders from God or Jeroboam.

Having made his own gods and priests, the king then set his own holy days and proceeded to offer sacrifices himself. He went whole hog (forgive the expression!) in his apostasy.

The troubles that Jeroboam had with Shisak, pharaoh of Egypt, and Abijah, who succeeded Rehoboam in the south, were significant; but these did not begin to contribute to his ultimate disesteem as did his own actions. "Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin" became a famous epithet and a fitting epitaph over the life of this office-holder who started gloriously and ended infamously. So runs the course of men who defy God.

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The boss

A WOMAN being interviewed on the secret of her successful marriage, insisted, "My husband is The Boss. I believe in letting the man make all important decisions."

"Who made the decision that he was to be The Boss?" she was asked. "Why, naturally, I did," was the reply.

A Smile or Two

Well dressed man

"YOU say you've worn this hat for two years?"

"Yes, sir, and it looks all right still. Twice I've had it cleaned, and once I exchanged it in a restaurant for one that was entirely new."

Think twice

HELEN: He told me I was the prettiest and most interesting girl he had ever met.

Aunt Irma: And you will trust yourself for life with a man who starts to deceive you at the beginning of your engagement?

Transposed commercial!

TWO Mongolians were sitting in their front room waiting for dinner to finish cooking. The husband suddenly looked up, sniffed the air and asked, "What do I smell?"

Whereupon, the wife jumped up frantically, crying out, "Oh, my baking yak."

Good advice

SMALL daughter: "Daddy, don't drive so fast."

"Why not?"

"Because the policeman on the motorcycle can't get by."

Still more Texas

TWO Texas farmers were always trying to outdo each other regarding crops. One day the first farmer said to his son, "Go over to see Ezra and borrow his cross-cut saw. Tell him I want to cut a watermelon."

On returning the boy said "Ezra says he can't let you have his saw until this afternoon. He's only halfway through a cucumber!"

PATIENT: "I'm so full of penicillin that if I sneeze I'll cure somebody."

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MY friend, who had been forced to take a day off from work for court in answer to a minor traffic summons, grew increasingly restless as he waited hour after hour for his case to be heard. When his name was finally called late in the afternoon, he stood before the judge only to hear that court was to be adjourned for the day and he would have to return the next day. Irritated by the long hours of waiting, he blurted to the judge, "What for?"

His Honor, equally irritated by the long day and the snappish reply, roared, "Twenty dollars — contempt of court. That's why!" Noticing my friend was checking his wallet, the judge eased his manner a bit by saying, "That's all right, young man. You don't have to pay the fine right now."

My friend, ever the rebel, replied, "I'm just seeing if I have enough to say two more words."

NO wonder today's teen-ager gets mixed up—half the adults are telling him to "find himself" and the other half are telling him to "get lost."

Please!

A PROUD father called up the newspaper office to report the birth of triplets. The young lady at the telephone did not get the item clearly so she said, "Will you repeat that, sir?"

The father replied, "Not if I can help it!"

Religious News Digest

By Evangelical Press

Sees no decline

LONDON (EP)—An official of the British Council of Churches has argued in an article in the Council's bulletin, *The Church in the World*, that rather than declining, Christian commitment in Britain remains "greater than political commitment."

The Rev. J. Kenneth Lawton, secretary of the Council's Social Responsibility Department, declared in answer to opinion that Christianity is on the wane in the country:

"Christians are the largest vocal opinion-forming group in the community, and the statistically-minded amongst the politically informed have not fully realized this fact. No evidence exists for the assumption that sympathy for the Christian way is declining."

Citing recent polls and other inquiries, Mr. Lawton said that at least six Britons out of ten claim affiliation with the Church of England; two out of 10 are affiliated with the Church of Scotland or one of the Free Churches; one in 10 lists membership in the Roman Catholic Church; one in 77 belongs to the Jewish community; and less than one in 10 say they are atheist, agnostic or have no religion.

Lutheran vitamins

NEW YORK (EP)—Three million multi-vitamin tablets valued at \$304,000 and weighing nearly seven tons were shipped to India famine victims in mid-March by Lutheran World Relief.

The no-charge shipment, by commercial airliner, was the first of three scheduled by the end of the month. A total of about 10 million vitamins were to go to Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

In the world of religion

... THE Methodist Church in East Germany has rebuilt all worship centers destroyed or damaged during World War II, with only two exceptions—a parish center in Leipzig, and a chapel in East Berlin. In addition to restoration work since the end of the war, East German Methodists have dedicated more than thirty new churches, plus several charitable institutions, including old age homes, a children's clinic, and a hospital.

... The Lutheran Church in America Foundation has distributed \$575,940 to church-related agencies since its founding in 1963. Boards, agencies, commissions, and auxiliaries of the Church received the largest amount—\$190,295.

... The Coptic Orthodox Church in Egypt has completed its first revised translation of the Old Testament into Arabic from the ancient Greek; and work will begin soon on a new Arabic translation of the New Testament, which may be published in 1970.

... World missions giving by Assemblies of God churches in 1965 exceeded \$9 million for the first time in the 51-year history of the Pentecostal denomination. This amount is 2.8 percent more than was given in 1964.

... Harvard Divinity School and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will cosponsor a four-week seminar in Washington, D. C. July 4-29, on religion and government for Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish seminarians. The seminar will be devoted to such topics as religion and the political process, interreligious relations and their impact on public policy, America's domestic program for the "Great Society," and foreign affairs.—Survey Bulletin

Motive of publisher

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—By adding an additional legal weapon—the obvious motive of a publisher—the U. S. Supreme Court tightened what many critics hold to be a too-liberal view on obscenity.

The "motive" element was added to deliberations on what constitutes obscenity when the Supreme Court upheld, by a 5-to-4 decision, the conviction of Ralph Ginzburg for publishing and sending "erotica" through the mails.

A similar application was made in upholding the New York conviction of Edward Mishkin for distributing books which authorities said exploited sadistic elements found appealing to some sex deviates. The decision was 7 to 2 to uphold the conviction to a three-year sentence. Ginzburg's sentence is for five years.

Many had hoped the Court would scrap its test for obscenity, commonly known as the Roth Decision dating back to 1957. The test followed is "whether to the average person, applying contemporary community standards, the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appears to prurient interest."

Also applied is the test whether the material has any "redeeming social value."

Tax adjustment act

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Provisions in the Tax Adjustment of 1966 signed into law by President Johnson will benefit ministers and their wives or widows who are 72 or older and are not now covered by Social Security.

Dr. Robert J. Myers, chief actuary of the Social Security Administration and a member of the Lutheran Church in America Board of Pensions, said the Act's provisions will affect 370,000 persons, many of them farmers.

He said persons who reach the age of 72 before 1968 will be eligible for a monthly benefit of \$35, or \$52.50 per husband and wife.

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