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# Arkansas Baptist

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APRIL 15, 1965

MY Baptist sister and North Little Rock bird expert Mildred (Mrs. Garland) Garner has called my hand on the slanderous statements I made in this column last week about blackbirds. It's the blackbird's close relative the funereally attired, yellow-billed cowbird, rather than the blackbird, that loves promiscuously, steals other birds' nests, and lays its eggs for birds of other species to hatch, asserts Expert Mrs. Garner.

I have re-researched and find that my error resulted from confusion as I read an encyclopedia article that lumped blackbirds, cowbirds, and several others of the species together. So, in case any of my blackbird friends read my column last week or heard about it from some gossipy mockingbird, I herewith apologize. It's the cowbird and not the blackbird that is on our most unadmired list.

*Erwin L. McDonald*

### Now that it's spring



THOUGHTS while cleaning the premises after lying more or less dormant (both me and the premises) for six months to allow ample time for a prolific wild cherry and a dozen bushy-headed oaks to shed their leaves:

With apologies to J. K.:

**I think that I shall never see  
A pome messy as a tree,  
A tree that looks at God all day—  
And strews wife's yard with its hay.**

If this strikes the fine sensibilities of some of our more cultured readers as being a bit flighty, what do you think it is like moving a few tons of leaves a solid hundred yards with one weak back and a garden rake?

My sudden and frantic assault on our leaves, I must say in all honesty, was not brought on by the annual Clean-up, Fix-up Week appeal. I am not against having the yard cleaned up enough for it to look like somebody lives here—if my wife or somebody else will do the cleaning and fixing. The thing that really put the "bee" on me was this warm weather and the knowledge of the fact that the bream will soon be bedding. One of these days soon, when I come in and start grabbing for my tackle box and my flyrod to go out, at great personal sacrifice to face the rigors of "the wind and the sea" that my pore, hungry family might have food, I don't want any legitimate griping from you know whom.

He that undertaketh to provide satisfactory private transportation for himself, his wife and one or more teen-agers and pretendeth not to have trouble—is a good pretender!

## IN THIS ISSUE:

DOES Easter have meaning for you only in the future? What about here and now? Robert J. Hasting explains the real meaning of the Day of Resurrection in his article on page 8.

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CHURCHES United Against Gambling have not given up the fight to end the illegal evil of Hot Springs. In a statement issued by the organization, Governor Faubus is reminded of his election promise, "I can, and I will," when asked if he could prevent illegal gambling if elected. Now it's apparently up to you to see that he keeps this promise. See "Serious Crisis Now in our State," page 5.

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### Dr. Ben L. Bridges

IN the death last Thursday of Dr. Ben L. Bridges, Baptists of Arkansas lost an all-time great leader.

As the daily press has emphasized, one of the outstanding achievements of Dr. Bridges, in more than a quarter of a century as executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was his successful leadership of the Convention in paying off, at par value, an indebtedness of more than a million dollars that dated back to the bank-closing days of the Great Depression, and which had been settled in court for 35 cents on the dollar. This stellar accomplishment, so completely in line with the character and purpose of the Christian faith, has perhaps done more for the image of Baptists of Arkansas than anything else that has happened in this century.

If some felt, during the latter years of Dr. Bridges' secretaryship, that he held onto the Convention purse-strings a little too tightly, his aversion to anything that might precipitate another monumental indebtedness was certainly understandable in the light of his long, hard pull to retire the Convention debt.

Although Dr. Bridges was limited in his formal educational attainments, never seeing fulfilled an aspiration he had as a young minister to acquire seminary training, he proved himself a good steward of rich natural endowments. He was especially outstanding as preacher and denominational leader. His interests were broad and varied. For example, he studied law on his own, and at one stage of the contests over debt payment for the State Convention, he represented the Convention and won the case.

A man of deep convictions, Dr. Bridges never hesitated to take his stand on the issues of the day. But he was not one to try to restrict discussion to his own viewpoint.

Baptists of Arkansas will miss Dr. Bridges. We shall always remain in his debt.

*(Next week we plan to carry the tribute of Dr. S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary of the State Convention, as given at Dr. Bridges' funeral.)*

### New hospital plan

ADMINISTRATOR John Gilbreath and the Board of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital are to be congratulated on the forward step they have set out to take, under certain conditions, for the acquiring of a 53-acre site near the Forest Heights Junior High School, in West Little Rock, for a prospective new hospital unit.

As approved by action taken recently by the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, the Hospital Board would pay approximately \$1,000,000 for the

new site, provided the area can be re-zoned to permit construction of hospital buildings.

Under proposed plans, the first development on the new property would be a satellite facility. But it is hoped that within five years a top hospital could be erected and provided with equipment and services unexcelled by any other facility in the state. The over-all development program would require from 20 to 30 years for completion.

The present Baptist Hospital, with a property value of \$13 million, would not be affected by the new development. But, in the future, expansion would be made on the new property instead of the old.

The Hospital is in the State Convention budget for \$110,000. The proposed site would be paid for from the Hospital's own revenues.

### Stand up, speak up

THE fight for law-enforcement in Hot Springs casinos ("private clubs") goes on apace, with the Garland County courts and the Governor of the State sitting with averted eyes and folded hands.

As is evident from developments in the last few days, the state-wide organization that led the successful campaign against legalizing casino gambling last fall—Churches United Against Gambling—continues to be very much alive. (For a statement adopted by CUAG on Monday of last week, see elsewhere in this issue.) People all over Arkansas who stand for law enforcement are being urged to let the Governor and their respective members of the State Legislature know how they feel.

### Cuban crackdown

ACCORDING to reports in the Daily press, Cuba's Castro has declared war on his country's Baptists. On Thursday of last week, Castro's police "swooped down at dawn" to arrest 40 Baptist preachers and 13 laymen, including two Americans. The charge was "spying for the United States." (According to a Baptist report, seven other Baptist ministers had already been arrested, bringing the total in jail to 47.)

The two Americans—Southern Baptist missionaries—are Rev. Herbert Caudill, 61, head of the Western Cuban Baptist Convention, and his son-in-law, Rev. James Fite, 31.

The folly and unreasonableness of the Castro charge is obvious to all who know our missionaries and their motivation. It gives us yet another shocking evidence of what heartless dictatorships are really like. Doubtless our government will be intervening in behalf of the Americans. But all Christians should be in continuing prayer for all the people involved.

# 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.

### On vital issues

I ENJOY your paper very much. You include many pertinent and timely articles that have a bearing on Christians in general and on Southern Baptists in particular. "Personally Speaking" column is especially enjoyable. I appreciate your willingness to take a firm stand on vital issues: May God's grace abide with you.—Paul M. Harvey, Minister, First Baptist Church, Higginsville, Mo.

### Busy in retirement

I WANT to thank you for printing the article in Arkansas News Magazine that Brother Verne Carpenter sent you. You all are so very generous in what you have to say, and I feel so very unworthy.

This was the most difficult decision I have ever had to make, and we are just praying and hoping that we have made the right decision at this time. We covet your prayers that the Lord will keep us busy and that He will give us health to continue for Him for many more years. I have for these forty five years or more enjoyed the fellowship of Arkansas Baptists, and the churches where I have served.

If at any time I can be of service to you and your department, please call on me.—E. E. Griever, Hamburg, Ark.

### The Cole story

IN reply to the letter from the Reverend Bruce H. Price of Newport News, Va., I would like to ask, "Why discredit the Nat "King" Cole story? It has at least three spiritual lessons in it—one on amicable race relations (so sorely needed now), one on gratitude on the part of Mr. Cole, and one on self-effacement on the part of the man who assisted the women (the Good Samaritan). Did not Jesus tell the "myth" concerning the original Good Samaritan in answer to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" He then added, "Go, and do thou likewise."

Does the Reverend Price realize that the same interpretation that he gave the Nat "King" Cole story is being put on our characters in the Bible by some of our college professors as they face a class of Freshmen? They say, "Abraham never really lived, neither did Jacob, Joseph, Noah, Moses or many of the patriarchs—they are merely sym-

bols of things pertaining to the day in which they were written."

I have heard preachers tell stories which were not true (Baptist preachers). For instance, I was attending a revival in our own church (the First Baptist Church of Heber Springs) and the evangelist told the story of how the song "Saved, Saved!" happened to be written. There was not one word of truth in it. He even said that the writer had now gone on to his reward. I told him afterward that the writer of that song was very much alive—I knew because J. P. Scholfield happens to be my brother-in-law.

Nat "King" Cole's beautiful voice is stilled to us forever, though I feel certain that it now enhances the heavenly choir. Let's be respectful to his memory! Where he is—there is no need for "myths" to disquiet trouble and anxiety.

I first heard this story concerning the mother of Mr. Cole from a source which I considered most reliable—the editor of the Arkansas Methodist. If it had been an ugly story I could understand Mr. Price's sarcasm.—(Mrs. P.) Grace R. Mabrey, Heber Springs



*THIS year Jerry Kossover (left) and his brother David will be out to retain the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference doubles title they have won for Ouachita University for the past two years. David will attempt to win his fourth consecutive singles crown. Last year the team of brothers won third in the national NAIA tennis meet in Kansas City.*



*BARBARA Hill (left) was selected as Miss Tiger Day at Ouachita University last week. She is a senior at Hot Springs High School and represented Second Baptist Church in the contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hill of Box 267R, Route 5. Others pictured are Claudette Shinn of Pickens, first runnerup; Carolyn Blevins of Magnet Cove, second runnerup; and Barbara Glover of Arkadelphia, third runnerup.*

# Serious crisis now in our state

JUST a few days before the election of last November, the Governor was asked if he could prevent illegal gambling in the event he was reelected, and in the further event that the people of Arkansas voted against legalizing casino gambling. In answer to this question, his public promise to the people of Arkansas was, "I can, and I will."

*(Editor's Note: This is the statement, in full, as adopted by Churches United Against Gambling. If this is your sentiment, get in touch with Governor Faubus and your lawmakers.)*

At the polls last November, the people of Arkansas, realizing the evils that would have been inflicted upon our State, overwhelmingly voted against the legalizing of casino gambling. There is an abundance of evidence, and it is a matter of common knowledge, that illegal gambling has been going on in Garland County on a large scale. In spite of this abundant evidence and common knowledge of such illegal gambling activities, the Governor's promise remains unfulfilled.

## Legal duty of governor

THE legal responsibility of the Governor in the matter of law enforcement as provided by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Arkansas is as follows:

Article 6, Section 7 of our State Constitution, in dealing with the duty of the governor, provides as follows:

"Information and reports from departments.—He may require information in writing from the officers of the executive department on any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices, and shall see that the laws are faithfully executed. (*italic supplied*)

Arkansas Statutes, Section 42-108, provides as follows:

"Power of governor.—The governor is authorized, and it is made his duty, to superintend, generally, everything required to be done by this act (Secs. 41-4105, 41-4106, 42-105—42-108), and see that every branch of the service is properly conducted, and to see that the laws of this State are fully and efficiently enforced throughout the utmost limits thereof; and if the laws can not be enforced by ordinary means, nor by the means hereinbefore prescribed, it is hereby made the duty of the governor, as soon as it is made to appear to be necessary, to order out, organize, and embody, such number of militia of this State as the service may require, and with military force take possession of the country, and expel therefrom, or seize and bring to trial, all disorganizers and disaffected persons, without delay, and keep possession of all such country by force, until order is restored, and the sovereignty and laws of Arkansas acknowledged and obeyed. (Rev. Stat., ch. 145, Sec. 11; C. & M. Dig., Sec. 9179; Pope's Dig., Sec. 11864.)" (*italic supplied*)

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Each time the Governor has taken office as Governor he pledged the following oath, as required in Article 19, Section 20 of our State Constitution:

"I, Orval E. Faubus, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of governor, upon which I am now about to enter."

## Hoax of private club

THE Governor has given as his excuse for non-enforcement of the gambling laws that the establishments in question are private clubs. However, the law under which these establishments were chartered provides that they are to be non-profit and that their charters may be revoked if they have violated the laws of the state. Whoever heard of a non-profit gambling establishment? Uncontradicted evidence has been presented to the Governor personally that the gambling laws have been violated in these establishments.

The Governor is certainly not without adequate means of carrying out his duties to see that the laws of this state are fully and efficiently enforced. Arkansas Statutes, 42-401, provides that the Arkansas State Police are created for the purpose of enforcing the traffic laws and the enforcement of criminal law.

Arkansas Statutes, Section 42-407 provides that the Arkansas State Police shall have all the powers possessed by policemen in cities and sheriffs in counties, and that the State Police can exercise such power anywhere in this state, providing further that for this purpose the State Police are subject to the call of the Governor.

## Appeal to the people

AS you can see from the above-quoted sections of our Constitution and Statutes, the Governor has now, and has had, the clear legal duty to see that the law is enforced in Hot Springs, as quoted above, "if the law cannot be enforced by ordinary means." In this case, "ordinary means" would refer to the law enforcement officials of Garland County and Hot Springs, but it is very clear that instead of being "law enforcement officials," when it comes to illegal gambling they seem to be "law avoidance officials."

All law-abiding people want to keep our State a place where we can be proud to have our children grow up and rear their own families, under the protection of a system of law enforcement. Join with all other decent people of Arkansas in immediately demanding that the Governor carry out his public promise and his clear legal duty, not some time later, but right now.

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## More problems of parents

"YOU'VE often seen 3-year-olds making a great fuss about coming into the house when called. But have you noticed that they seem relieved when they are finally picked up and carried in? Teen-ager or 3-year-old, all . . . can afford to protest when they can count on understanding parents to see that certain reasonable standards are upheld."

New Orleans papers have carried screaming headlines recently about 27 arrests, and others to follow. A large percentage of these arrests have been teen-agers. A few of them are adults. Causes for the arrests comprise a sickening list, like narcotics, goof-ball parties, immoral living, adventures in thievery, and other sadistic crimes.

This uncovering of youth's involvement in criminal and shocking activities occurs periodically in most of our large cities.

The part of these recent news accounts in New Orleans that aroused greatest concern was the judge's public statement placing the major blame for these misdemeanors upon the parents of the young people involved. He called mothers and fathers sharply to task for not knowing nor taking the trouble to bother about where their sons and daughters were and with whom they were associating, for failing to reckon with aftermath symptoms of their clandestine parties, and for shirking the responsibility to love and to discipline their offspring.

Local TVs have been spotlighting stories about one high-school principal's crack-down upon way-out behaviour on the part of his pupils.

My heart felt a throb of encouragement when I watched and listened to a group of students representing the school testify on TV that only about ten students have been involved in the extreme

behaviour; that the majority of the student-body believe the principal is right in his strong discipline and firm stand against the doings of the extremists.

News reports of these scandalous incidents prompted further search for practical suggestions of ways to be helpful to teeners. Materials read and dialogues participated in produced the conviction that two matters are basic for parents.

1. Keep your head. Remember that only the extreme cases get into the papers. The youngster was justified in his complaint who said, "It makes me boil to hear all this talk of these 'wild teen-agers.' Just because some teen-agers are wild doesn't mean we all are."

2. Prayerfully saturate your thinking and practice with guidance suggestions such as those listed in the inexpensive publications listed here, and good books on the subject available in your Baptist Book Store.

*Understanding Your Teen-Ager*, distributed by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Home Office: New York.

*Parents and Teen-Agers and Teen-Age Marriages*, (pamphlets, two cents each), Christian Life Commission, 206 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas.

*Understanding the Adolescent* by Smiley Blanton, (15c), Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn St. Chicago 10, Ill.

*Keeping Up with Teen-Agers* by Evelyn Millis Duvall (No. 127) (25c), Public Affairs Committee, 22 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

*Let's Listen to Youth* by H. C. Remmers and C. G. Hackett and

*Facts About Juvenile Delinquency* by Ruth Strang (50c each), Science Research Associates, 259 East Erie Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

Quotes from some of the booklets and pamphlets will give fragmentary insight into the quality of their content.

"The key to the right relationship between parents and children is mature love. Mature love is not emotion alone but also involves will and intelligence."

"Both discipline and guidance demand consistency."

"People learn to love by being loved."

"Essential to a right relationship is a respect for individual personality."

"They want to select their own clothes, make their own plans, choose their own friends. They're bound to make mistakes now and then, but these mistakes are necessary if they are to learn to take care of themselves and to become responsible members of society."

"It helps if you can state your reasons and talk them over together, and even change your requirements if your teen-ager puts up a good case. It helps, too, to stand by your decisions on the really big issues."

"Understanding teachers and parents give recognition to young people working up to the limit of their ability instead of expecting the same level of performance from all students."

One teacher of junior-high students is having problems now with a boy who is hostile toward the world because his parents demand from him the same level of work as that done by his brother, who has a much higher IQ than he.

"They need help in recognizing how important and valuable such qualities as ability to get on with others, willingness to work, character, and ambition are."

"Teen-agers generally respond well when their parents have confidence in them, but they resent too much cross-examination about non-essential details. It takes all the joy and mystery out of life!"

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". . . that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children" (Deuteronomy 4:10).

# You are important

BY J. I. COSSEY

MY opinion of myself grows by leaps and bounds when someone says "You are important in my life." When one feels that he has been important in some life he has another good reason for living. When you tell any person that he is important in his home, or to the religious life of his community, you have given him a great boost.

When one says, "I love you" or "You have helped me over some rough places," or "You have let me lean upon you," or "I shall never forget your kindnesses," he has given you a new anchor.

People usually judge us first by the way we look. Our entire personal appearance keeps on talking us up or down even after we are gone. When we look important,

we can think important. We do not dress neatly for ourselves only, but for others. Remember, you will feel better on the inside when you look better on the outside.

The appearance of your pastor in the pulpit is very important. It is a fact that most people want their pastor to look neat and well groomed as he stands in the pulpit. It is not wrong for one to want to look nice. However, a pastor cannot look his best in a cheap, shoddy suit of clothes.

Most preachers are not financially able to buy a lot of clothing, hence, much caution should be used to make every dollar count. It is good economy to buy fewer suits and better suits. Some one has well said, "Pay twice as much for half as many suits." It is the same good economy to buy good shirts, hats, shoes, socks and neckties. It is better to have one good necktie than to have a half dozen strings.

Personally, I am old fashioned enough to have Sunday clothes.

As soon as I get home from preaching I take my preaching suit off and put on the home clothing. It pays to take good care of your nice clothing. No preacher can feel sharp in a soiled, poorly-kept suit. Keep your suit on the size hanger for your particular sized suit.

In all this discussion, we must keep in mind that clothing will not take the place of spiritual values and gaudy dress could do more harm than good. It pays to look sharp, talk sharp, act sharp, and you find that people will appreciate sharp, effective service.

It is true that preachers as well as all other church workers are a vital part of the greatest work in all the world. This work should never be thought of lightly. You and your job are just as important as any other type of work in the community. You are important because you are an employee of the "King of kings and Lord of lords."



## Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.  
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### Calling a pastor

MANY problems have arisen in churches over calling a pastor. Sometimes churches have been at fault, other times pastors.

John Taylor, a pioneer preacher in Kentucky, held to a strange opinion that a church would do as well without as with a particular pastor. He was alarmed when he learned that a church was interested in him as pastor. He feared that the peace of the church might be broken over the extended call.

Nevertheless, the church fixed a day for the call. "Helps" were sent from two neighboring churches to assist in the call and "installation." Some six or eight men came. One Lewis Craig acted as moderator.

He asked each member of the church whom they would have as pastor. The question was directed to each one around the room. All chose Mr. Taylor except one. His objection was that he thought the prospective wore too fine a coat. After some time Mr. Craig was able to overcome this objection.

It was Mr. Taylor's time to object. He declined the call. But the "helps" accompanied him home and talked with him most of the night. Finally, in the early morn-

ing hours, Mr. Taylor agreed to accept the church if the members were still of the same opinion.

After the preaching hour the next day Mr. Craig informed the church of Mr. Taylor's decision if they had the same mind as the day before. They were unanimous.

Now came the "installation" service. Three of the helpers kneeled with Mr. Taylor, while all laid their hands upon his head. Two prayed. The moderator then took him by the right hand and solemnly charged him to fulfill his duties as pastor of the church. Following this the members of the church came forward and gave him the right hand of Christian fellowship.



# THE MEANING OF EASTER



BY ROBERT J. HASTINGS

"I REMEMBER this little naked boy just before they killed him. He told me, 'I'm not afraid. It's so terrible here. I'm sure it will be better in heaven.'"

This testimony was given by a survivor of the Nazi concentration camps, where victims were gassed, shot, hanged, drugged, burned alive, and even stomped and kicked to death in World War II.

"I'm sure it will be better in

heaven"—this is the universal cry of mankind, particularly in times of great suffering. Even Robert Ingersoll, noted for his unbelief, longed for assurance. At the grave of his brother he said, "In the night of death hope sees a star, and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing."

But does Easter—the resurrection of Christ — have meaning only for the future? What about the here and now?

Come to the ancient village of Bethany and stand with Jesus by the tomb of Lazarus, dead four days. Martha, his grief-stricken sister, expressed hope that he would live again "at the last day." But her faith did not include "*this day*"—only the "last day."

Martha could see heaven in eternity, but she could not see heaven in time. So Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life" (John 11:25). He did not say "I will be the resurrection" or that "I will give life." He talked about today. "*I am* — right now, here, today."

The true meaning of Easter is that eternal life—or heaven—begins as soon as one meets the resurrected Christ. (No, heaven is not here on earth. No, the Christian is not sheltered from the common perils of life such as illness, grief, hunger, cold, pain.) But — unless the Christian can show a little bit of heaven in the way he lives here and now, it is doubtful if he would be very comfortable in heaven after death.

A small boy was enjoying his first transcontinental train ride. In the far West, the train entered a long, dark tunnel. The boy edged closer to his mother, thinking night had fallen. Then suddenly, the train burst into open sunlight. "Look, mother," he cried, "it's tomorrow!"

Have the black tenacles of some night of pain or grief wrapped themselves about you? Do you feel Easter has meaning only for the dim, distant future? Do you feel the here and now is filled with meaningless enigmas? If so, listen again to Jesus' promise, "*I am* the resurrection." *Christ has made tomorrow to dawn on today!*

Supreme Court justice W. O. Douglas' father lay seriously ill in Portland, Oregon. Facing what proved to be a fatal operation, he whispered to his famous son, "If I die it will be glory; if I live it will be grace." To him, Christ was no mysterious, ethereal, ghostlike apparition. He was a living presence in every experience of life, as well as death.

This is the meaning of Easter. Have you found it?

# Awards earned in Sunday School Principles and methods

## CATEGORY 17

	Total Percentage	Total Awards	Position
Red River	61	115	10
Faulkner	54	112	12
Bartholomew	39	97	15
Pulaski	32	451	1
White River	30	68	25
Rocky Bayou	29	34	27
Gainesville	27	69	22
Harmony	26	198	4
Trinity	26	127	9
Black River	23	61	26
Independence	22	69	23
Liberty	22	289	2
North Pulaski	22	164	5
Washington-Madison	21	129	8
Concord	20	154	6
Central	19	95	16
Hope	18	203	3
Clear Creek	17	68	24
Delta	17	131	7
Benton	17	82	18
Arkansas Valley	15	100	13
Ashley	14	84	17
Mississippi	14	113	11
Caroline	11	76	19
Mt. Zion	8	100	14
Caddo River	7	10	34
Conway-Perry	7	12	32
Tri-County	7	74	20
Carey	5	25	28
Greene	5	24	29
Ouachita	5	72	21
Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	5	19	31
Boone-Newton	4	11	33
Calvary	3	1	35
Little River	3	19	30
Big Creek	-	-	36
Buckner	-	-	37
Buckville	-	-	38
Carroll	-	-	39
Centennial	-	-	40
Current River	-	-	41
Dardanelle-Russellville	-	-	42
Little Red River	-	-	43
Total	17	3,456	
Last Year	16	3,407	

## DIVISION I

### Church Membership 1-99 Top 25 (411 Churches)

1. Antoine	R. Riv.	13
2. Pitts	Bl. Riv.	10
3. Victory	Lib.	10
4. Hopewell	Wh. Riv.	6
5. New Bethel	Fau.	6
6. Oxford	R. Bay	6
7. Antioch	Bar.	5
8. Bethel	R. Riv.	4
9. Mt. Bethel	R. Riv.	4
10. Unity	R. Riv.	4
11. Emanuel	Fau.	3
12. Fairview	R. Riv.	3
13. Hartman	Cl. Cr.	3
14. Shiloh	R. Riv.	3
15. Swifton	Bl. Riv.	3
16. Wooster	Fau.	3
17. Mt. Zion	R. Riv.	2
18. Okolona	R. Riv.	2
19. Zion Hill	R. Bay.	2
20. Center Point	R. Riv.	1
21. East Whelen	R. Red.	1
22. Emanuel, Piggott	Gnsvl.	1

23. Greenway	Gnsvl.	1
24. Hollywood	R. Riv.	1
25. Marlbrook	R. Riv.	1
25. Marsden	Barth.	1
25. Myron	R. Bay	1

## DIVISION II

### Church Membership 100-199 Top 20 (323 Churches)

1. Elmdale	W-M	55
2. Bee Branch	Fau.	30
3. Watson Chapel	Har.	28
4. Coy	Carln.	24
5. Glendale	Con.	23
6. Rosie	Ind.	20
7. Dennison Street	Pul.	19
8. Calvary, Hope	Hope	17
9. Bowman	Mt. Zion	15
10. Hermitage	Bar.	15
11. Sage	R. Bay.	14
12. Brush Creek	W-M	13
13. Wheatley	Tri-C	13
14. Calvary	Trin.	12
15. Collins	Del.	11
16. Northvale	B-N	11
17. West Side	Hope	11
18. 1st, Coal Hill	Cl. Cr.	9
19. Greenfield	Trin.	9
20. Beryl	Eau.	8

## DIVISION III

### Church Membership 200-499 Top 15 (286 Churches)

1. Martindale	Pul.	33
3. 1st, Stephens	Del.	33
2. So. McGehee	Lib.	33
4. Shiloh Memorial	Hope	30
5. Beech Street	R. Riv.	29
6. 1st, Decatur	Ben.	29
7. Eastview	Hope	29
8. Markham Street	Pul.	29
9. Eudora	Del.	28
10. Trinity	Pul.	28
11. Leachville	Miss.	27
12. Nalls Memorial	Pul.	26
13. Diaz	Bl. Riv.	23
14. Joyce City	Lib.	22
15. Oak Cliff	Con.	22

## DIVISION IV

### Church Membership 500-up Top 10 (155 Churches)

1. Grand Ave.	Con.	79
2. 1st, Hope	Hope	79
3. Immanuel, L. R.	Pul.	74
4. Levy	No. Pul.	73
5. 1st, Mena	Oua.	72
6. Immanuel	Har.	69
7. 2nd, El Dorado	Lib.	59
8. South Highland	Pul.	59
9. 1st, Mtn. Home	W. Riv.	52
10. 1st, Piggott	Gnsvl.	52

### Summary of Book Awards All Categories

Category 1-15 Juniors	1,249
Intermediates	848
Young People & Adults	6,698
Category 16 Church Administration	27
Category 17 Sunday School	3,456
Category 18 Training Union	636
Category 19 Church Music	174
Category 20 WMU	48
Total	13,185
Total Last Year	12,515

**A New Dictionary of Birds**, edited by A. Landsborough Thomson, McGraw-Hill, 1964, \$17.50

This 928-page volume covers the birds of the world. Roger Tory Peterson has said of it: "No one interested in birds can afford to be without this brilliant compendium which brings ornithology up to date. Every contributor speaks with a voice of authority."

One of the most comprehensive references on birds ever published, **A New Dictionary of Birds** combines great usefulness and thoroughness with a handsome format. It is a superb reference book not only for the professional ornithologist but also for the amateur birdwatcher and the general reader interested in natural history. It is the essential supplement to the field guides that millions of American birders and nature lovers own.

Among the scores of famous names whose articles appear here are Dean Amadon, curator of birds, American Museum of Natural History; Kenneth Carroll Parkes, curator of birds, Carnegie Museum; Ralph Simon Palmer, state zoologist, New York State Museum and Science Service; Sidney Dillon Ripley, secretary, Smithsonian Institution; and Nikolaas Tinbergen, University of Oxford.

The **Dictionary** includes 16 pages of color plates, 32 pages of black and white photographs and more than 300 line drawings.

The volume contains much information that can not be found readily elsewhere, and a considerable quantity of previously unpublished material that will help answer some of the birdwatcher's most difficult questions.

**Ruskin Today**, by Kenneth Clark, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1964, \$7.50

Each of the five major sections of **Ruskin Today** is preceded by a useful and incisive introduction by the editor in which the character of the work is praised, sources are evaluated, and the achievement is defined. The concluding section of the volume, drawn from **Modern Painters** and **The Stones of Venice**, is the poetic evocation of places and works of art for which Ruskin is so generally renowned.

As Kenneth Clark makes abundantly clear, John Ruskin was possessed of a powerful mind to which contemporary readers may still turn with fascination.

Editor Clark has served as chairman of the Arts Council of Great Britain since 1953.

**The Uplifted Christ**, by R. A. Torrey, Zondervan, 1965, \$2.50

Christ as the central theme of the Bible is the emphasis of the late Dr. Torrey, who was noted for the clarity and striking sincerity of his biblical expositions. He researches and reveals rich spiritual truths, applying it to life today.

## Washing the disciples' feet

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Past President, Southern Baptist Convention  
First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
(JOHN 13:4-17)

THIS incident occurred in the upper room during the passover meal, and before Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. The disciples had been contending over which of them was the greatest. (Luke 22:24ff.)

It was customary for the host to have a slave rinse the dust from the feet of his arriving guests. Wearing open sandals, the dust from the road got on the feet. Jesus was the host and in this case, having no such slave, He performed this menial service Himself. So girding Himself with a towel, He took a basin of water, and began to rinse the feet of His disciples.

All went well until He came to Simon Peter. Peter protested, "Thou shalt never wash my feet" (John 13:8). He used a strong double negative. Literally, "Thou shalt not never rinse my feet." But Jesus said, "If I wash [rinse] thee not, thou hast no part with me" (v. 8). Then in characteristic fashion Peter responded, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head" (v. 9). In essence, give me a bath all over!

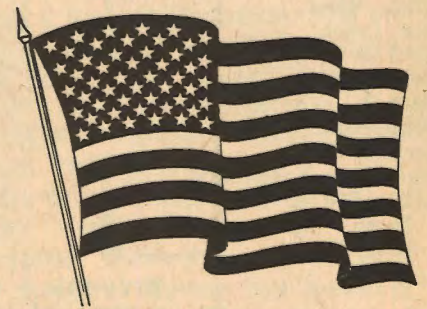
The point in Jesus' reply is largely lost in the English. Literally, "The one having been thoroughly bathed does not need except to rinse his feet" (v. 10). A guest was supposed to take a bath before coming to the meal. If Peter did that he did not need another bath, but only to have the dust rinsed from his feet. There was probably a twinkle in Jesus' eyes as He said this.

In this act Jesus did not give

His disciples an ordinance such as baptism and the Lord's Supper. He gave them "an example" (v. 15). They call Him "Teacher" and "Lord," or owner. So they were His pupils and slaves. Nevertheless, He had rendered this menial service to them, a service which in that day they should have done for Him. They, in turn, should render such a service to one another. Instead of contending for places of honor, they should seek places of menial service. For only thusly could they achieve greatness in the Kingdom of Heaven. (Luke 22:25-30).

### The preacher poet

#### *A tragic trend*



'Tis lost! The emotion,  
The thrill of the soul,  
The impulse and wonder  
Our flag to behold.

The patriot's message  
Has no more appeal.  
Respect for the fathers  
We no longer feel.

We ride in high glory  
All thrilled with delight,  
Revelling in riches  
But headed for night.

We seek only pleasure;  
We do as we please.  
We all wear the breeches,  
None worn at the knees.

—W. B. O'Neal

**Did Jesus Rise From the Dead?**, by Albert L. Roper, Zondervan, 1965, \$1.95

Found here is the careful examination by a distinguished lawyer of the facts surrounding the resurrection of Jesus as presented by John, the beloved Apostle, in his Gospel.

## Dr Bridges claimed by death

DR. Ben L. Bridges, aged 76, of 201 Normandy Road, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for 26 years, died Thursday of last week after a lengthy illness.

Dr. Bridges became executive secretary of the Convention in the depths of the depression in 1931 and was credited with saving it from insolvency. He retired in 1957.

At the time of his nomination he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, and once said he almost didn't accept the nomination because "things were in such a financial predicament that I didn't know if I could salvage anything."

The money the Convention had saved to pay the interest on its schools, hospital and an orphanage had been lost through bank failures and the Convention owed over \$1,000,000 in bonds and promissory notes.

Dr. Bridges traveled the state talking to church groups and asking for donations to raise \$350,000 that was necessary to prevent foreclosure. The money was raised and the bonds returned to the Convention after a court settlement of the debt for about 35 cents on the dollar.

Dr. Bridges considered the remaining debt a moral obligation and worked to pay it off. By 1952, it was paid in full.

Dr. Bridges was born at Pine Bluff on Aug. 9, 1888, the son of W. N. Bridges, a lawyer and farmer. He attended Ouachita Baptist College (now University) and studied for the ministry by correspondence courses. Ouachita later honored him by conferring upon him the honorary D.D. degree.

Dr. Bridges entered the ministry in 1912 and his first pastorate was at the Hazel Street Baptist Church at Pine Bluff, while he was still a student. From 1915 to 1918, he was pastor of the First

### The Cover



*THIS photograph of Dr. Bridges by Rodney Dungan was made last month in the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, for Arkansas Power and Light Company, which Dr. Bridges continued to serve as a member of the board of directors.*

Baptist Church at Crossett and from 1918 to 1929 pastor of the First Baptist Church at Paragould.

Since his retirement, he has served as interim pastor of several churches in Pulaski County. He also was executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation for two years.

Dr. Bridges had been a member of the Board of Directors of Arkansas Power and Light Company for 21 years.

Dr. Bridges was first married to the former Miss Lucile Moore of Arkadelphia. From this union a son, James W. Bridges, of Little Rock, survives. His first wife died in 1925. In 1934 he married the former Miss Vivian Stone, an Augusta school teacher, who survives him. Survivors also include a granddaughter, Susan Kay Bridges, Little Rock, and a brother, W. B. Bridges, Pine Bluff.

Funeral was held Saturday at the First Baptist Church by Dr. Paul Roberts, Dr. S. A. Whitlow and Rev. W. Dawson King.

Pallbearers were C. Hamilton Moses, Nelson Tull, Rev. P. A. Stockton, M. L. Hinson, Dr. Ralph Douglas and Dr. E. Butler Abington. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Board of Directors of AP and L and ministers of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Burial was at Roselawn Memorial Park.

The family requested that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the First Baptist Church organ fund.

### All-American star

LEON Clements, Ouachita University's star 6-6 senior center, has been named to the first team All-America by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The only member from Arkansas to make any of the three teams selected by NAIA, Clements was named to the mythical first team along with eight seniors, two juniors, and a sophomore. The team averages 6-4½ and includes three players who are 6-8 or taller.

David Kossover, Ouachita's 5-9 senior guard who made the NAIA all-tournament team, was selected for All-America honorable mention.

Clements, who has made the first team All-AIC for the past three years and was a unanimous choice the last two years, broke at least 10 AIC records during his career.

Among the records held by the Kingsland star are most career points (2,518), most career free throws (704), most career field goals (907), most season free throws (292), most conference career free throws (398), most regular season points (746), most points in season plus post-season playoffs (954), most points in AIC tournament (268), most field goals in AIC tournament (99), and most free throws in AIC tournament (70), a tie with David Kossover.

He averaged 27 points per game this year and 12.5 rebounds.

## Hospital negotiates for new property

THE Arkansas Baptist Hospital, a Little Rock landmark at Thirteenth and Marshall Streets, is turning attention toward University Avenue, where many medical services have concentrated.

Its Board of Directors is negotiating with the Matthews Estate for 53 acres near the Forest Heights Junior High School. The property spreads out from University and Evergreen Street and will cost about \$1 million.

The Board's attorney is drawing up an offer and the owners are said to have agreed to accept it subject to settlement of several points. No papers have been signed.

Baptist Hospital, with no definite building plans for perhaps two years, desires to buy the land now while it is available.

The first development would be a branch facility. Within five years the present thinking envisions the construction of a top hospital whose advances in equipment, appointments and services would be so marked that its rates of necessity would exceed those of other institutions in Arkansas.

The development program on University Avenue would be long-range — probably 20 to 30 years.

The present Baptist Hospital, with an investment of about \$13 million, would not be affected. In the future, however, expansions would be made on University Avenue.

Although the Arkansas State Convention, under its constitution, must approve any new indebtedness of the hospital, the Convention's Executive Board has authority to act in emergencies between annual meetings. This procedure has been followed.

DR. J. I. Cossey, field representative for the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* and writer of the "Middle of the Road" feature for the *Newsmagazine*, is serving as interim pastor of Imboden Church.

## From the churches . . .

### First Church, El Dorado

AFTER six months in its new School of Education program, the church takes a look at the record: 1964-65, Bible Study average 822; 1963-64, Sunday School average (including Easter Sunday) 820; 1964-65, Doctrinal Study average 217; 1963-64, Training Union average 202.

### Grand Ave. Church, Ft. Smith

A YOUTH retreat is scheduled for Apr. 30-May 1 at Robbers' Cave State Park, Wilburton, Okla. Shelby Wilson, Olympic Gold Medal winner, and Mrs. Wilson are leaders.

### First Church, Blytheville

BOB Snider, Ouachita University student, will serve as summer youth director. His work begins June 1.

### Second Church, El Dorado

PLANS have been drawn for landscaping the front and one side of the church building. Members have been invited to contribute through a "Living Memorial Fund," paying tribute to the memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one still living.



J. PAUL LEWIS

### New pastor at Yellville

J. PAUL Lewis has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Yellville. He is a graduate of Southern and Ouachita Colleges and of Golden Gate Seminary.

Mrs. Lewis is the former Miss Ann Craig of Commerce, Okla.

### First Church, Gravel Ridge

HILLTOP and Remount Churches convened at First Church, Gravel Ridge, Apr. 4 for baptismal services. Ray Cowart, Remount pastor, and W. D. Crouse, Hilltop pastor, each baptized four.

Mr. Crouse is resigning from Hilltop and is available for other pastoral work or supply. During his 27 months ministry there, there have been 39 additions to the church. Hilltop has purchased new hymnals and a new piano and has dug a well. The interior walls of the building are being finished. The church has 57 resident and 33 non-resident members.

### Watson Chapel Church, Pine Bluff

THREE of the young people of the church have been called to full time Christian service within the last two months. They are Sandra Wells, Mary Jane Coleman and Margie O'Quinn.

### Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock

MRS. Ola Mae Mullinax has accepted the position of church secretary, replacing Mrs. Verda Resch, who is moving to Ft. Worth.

### H. K. Seymour dies

H. K. SEYMOUR, 73, of Ft. Smith died Apr. 7. He was the father of Mrs. Harold R. Haley of Little Rock, Arkansas Baptist Foundation secretary.

He also leaves his wife; a sister, Mrs. Charles B. Rosengreen of New York; and a grandson.

Mr. Seymour was formerly advertising manager of the *Arkansas Gazette* and general manager of the Ft. Smith Times Record-Southwest American. He was a member of the First Christian Church.

They have two sons, Timothy, 2, and David, 1.

Mr. Lewis served several Arkansas churches during his college days. He went to California in 1959 and pastored two churches and a mission. His last pastorate was Baptist Temple Church, Delano, Calif.

Mr. Lewis' father is Lee Lewis, pastor of Southside Mission, Warren.

## Revivals

FIRST Church, Nashville, May 10-16; Marvin Gennings, pastor, Southside Church, Ft. Smith, evangelist; Mike Carozza, pastor.

CALVARY Church, Ft. Smith, Mar. 22-28; Walter K. Ayers, evangelist; 6 by baptism; 1 by letter; Hugh Horne, pastor.

FIRST Church, Paris, Mar. 28-Apr. 4; Homer Martinez, evangelist; Pete Nunez, El Paso, singer; 32 by profession of faith; 4 by letter; 1 surrendered to the ministry; Harold White, pastor.

WATSON CHAPEL Church, Pine Bluff, Mar. 14-24; Eddie L. McCord, pastor, evangelist; Mark Short Sr., music director; Mrs. Short, pianist; 12 additions; 6 by letter; 6 for baptism.

FIRST Church, Danville; Mar. 21-28; R. V. Haygood, superintendent of missions for Pulaski County Association, evangelist; Jack J. Bledsoe, pastor, song leader; 7 professions of faith for baptism.

SOUTHMOORE Church, Memphis, Mar. 28-Apr. 4; Nelson Tull, Little Rock, evangelist; Mel Mintz, song leader; 36 additions; 31 by baptism; W. F. Cordle, pastor.

PLEASANT Hill Church, Sardis Community, Little Rock; Apr. 25-May 1; Clarence Shell Jr., Piney Church, Hot Springs, evangelist; Lowell Miller, Arch View Church, Little Rock, music director; Howard King, pastor.

CALVARY Church, Blytheville, Mar. 22-28; Rev. N. F. Davis, Aberdeen, Miss., evangelist; J. T. Taylor, Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, Miss., singer; 10 by profession of faith; 3 by letter; John T. Lamb, pastor.

FITZGERALD Church, Wynne, Mar. 14-21; Jack Parchman, evangelist, Gladewater, Tex.; 18 by profession of faith; 2 by letter; 49 rededications; James L. Talant, pastor.

SOUTH SIDE Church, Ft. Smith, Apr. 18-25; C. Glynn McCalman, pastor, University Church Little Rock, evangelist; Marvin Gennings, pastor. (CB).

FIRST Church, Helena, Apr. 18-25; Emil Williams, Calvary Church, Little Rock evangelist; Charles Hughes, Searcy, music director; James F. Brewer, pastor. (CB)

ARKANSAS City Church, Mar. 21-28; Ben O. Bracken, Camden, evangelist; A. Turner, Hot Springs, singer; 27 professions of faith; 21 additions by baptism; J. O. Young, pastor.

FIRST Church, DeQueen, Mar. 21-28; Charles Massegee, Ranger, Tex., evangelist; Jimmy Snellen, Dallas, Tex., music director; Dr. E. Butler Abington, pastor; 15 for baptism; 7 by letter.

## Logue is author

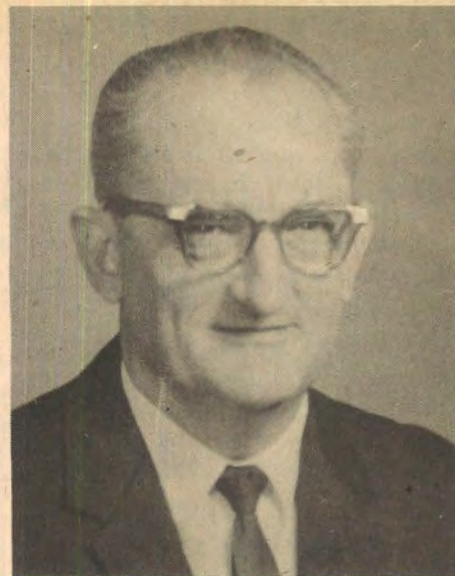
DR. Tom J. Logue, state director of student work for the Arkansas Baptist Convention, Little Rock, has written an article for the April issue of *The Baptist Student*, a Christian Collegiate magazine.

In "Building Bridges. . . Or Fences?" Dr. Logue discusses the relationship of Baptists on campus to those of other religious groups. He asks, "Are we really as different and contrary as some say? Are we really in danger of losing our identity as others suggest?" To assist us in grading our ecumenicity, he uses a very orthodox Baptist method—the Six Point Record System.

## Orton conducts class

PAUL Orton, Little Rock student at Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, Md., recently conducted a class in progressive music reading at Harrisburg, Pa. The class was sponsored by the Church Music Department of the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Mr. Orton is serving as recording secretary of Phi Mu Omicron Chapter at Peabody.



ROY B. HILTON

## Hilton at El Dorado

ROY B. Hilton, pastor of First Church, Harrison, has accepted a call to Immanuel Church, El Dorado.

Mr. Hilton is a graduate of Southern College, Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary.

Mrs. Hilton is the former Miss Muriel Treece of Leslie. They have a son, Kenneth, and a daughter, Mrs. Ann Hilton Bowen.

For four years he served as Bible Conference teacher at Southern College. He is a member of the Executive Committee of Arkansas State Convention and is vice president of the Convention. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita University. He was president of the Arkansas Pastors' Conference in 1964.

During his ministry, the Harrison church baptized 133, added 229 by letter and contributed \$54,688.64 to the Cooperative Program.

## Benton County Ass'n

ARTHUR Hart has accepted the pastorate of Pleasant Hill Church. He makes his home at Springdale.

FIRST Church, Bentonville has recently completed remodeling of the interior of the parsonage. Paul Myers is pastor.

FIRST Church, Rogers, has approved a campaign to raise \$125,000 for a new church building.

## Pastor defends South on race

A SOUTHERN Baptist Convention minister in Tylertown, Miss., 34-year-old Clayton Sullivan, has written a two-page article in the April 10 issue of *Saturday Evening Post* entitled, "Integration Could Destroy Rural Mississippi."

The article is part of the *Post's* "Speaking Out" series about which it says, "One measure of a democracy's strength is the freedom of its citizens to speak out — to dissent from the popular view. Although the editors often disagree with the opinions expressed in Speaking Out, they dedicate the series to that freedom."

Sullivan, described by the *Post* as a doctor's degree graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, and student at three other schools, includes this in his defense of racial segregation in Mississippi:

"What can be done to ease racial tension in the rural South and to improve the lot of southern Negroes? . . .

"First of all, the incredible complexity of the Negro problem in the rural South must be recognized. . . Secondly, the utter hopelessness of the Negro's economic future in the rural South must be recognized. . . If the Negro is going to be saved, he will be saved in the metropolitan areas of this country which offer jobs in factories and offices.

"Finally, a program of cultural and economic rehabilitation must be inaugurated for those Negroes who remain in the rural South. . . Negroes as individuals will not be redeemed until the Negro community does something that will win for it the admiration of the world. In the rural South the door is wide open for Negroes to demonstrate their ability to accomplish something admirable. . .

"And, parenthetically, may I suggest that in the current controversy at least some sympathy be extended to us southern whites,

whose lot it is to live among the rural Negroes?"

In its editorial in the same issue, the *Post* repeats Sullivan's statement, "In the rural South, segregation is a social necessity, a device to stave off cultural disintegration." The *Post* editors go on to say, however, "And, as Doctor Sullivan knows, whites everywhere must take a great part of the responsibility for the obstacles that keep Negroes from full citizenship."

Because of the Baptist minister's statements on segregation, the executive secretary of the SBC Christian Life Commission in Nashville wrote to the editors of *Post*. In his letter, Foy Valentine said:

"As a Southern Baptist, I am deeply troubled by Dr. Clayton Sullivan's unblushing defense of racial segregation. Strangely and unaccountably absent from the statement is the real acceptance of any white Christian responsibility for the wretched conditions prevailing among Negroes. The same old, tired, worn cliches about Negro inferiority are repeated without the redeeming elements of Christian humility, Christian repentance, and Christian self-sacrifice. Without these the racial situation is indeed hopeless.

"A vast and growing number of Southern Baptists. . . are basically opposed to the oppressive and vicious system of racial segregation, not because of the Supreme Court's ruling, or the Civil Rights Law, but because it is a sin against God Almighty, because it is an offense to the Christian gospel.

"Dr. Sullivan's unfortunate article represents a grievous moral gap and is a tragic misreading of contemporary Christian responsibility."



**PROGRAM PERSONNEL** for the Southern Baptist Youth Conference at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly June 10-16 are: (Row 1) inspirational speakers for intermediates, Don C. Berry, pastor, Memorial Drive Baptist Church, Houston; for young people, Peter Rhea Jones, graduate fellow, school of theology, Southern Seminary, Louisville. (Row 2) music directors — for intermediates, Robert L. Snead, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Nashville; for young people, LeRoy McClard, state music secretary, Illinois Baptist State Association, Carbondale. (Row 3) Bible study leaders for intermediates, Dr. Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian theology, Southern Seminary; for young people, H. Rhea Gray, pastor, Lakeshore Baptist Church, Waco, Tex.—BSSB Photo.

DR. John T. Morrow, assistant professor in the Animal Husbandry Department at Texas A & M, will join the faculty of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., in September as associate professor of biology.

## Plans for 2006 A.D.

JACKSON, Tenn. — If the West Jackson Baptist Church here fulfills its dream for the future, you can land your air car or jet helicopter on the roof of the church's own double-deck parking lot to help the congregation celebrate its 100th birthday in the year 2006.

The heliport and air car landing facilities are part of a long-range goal connected with the 100th anniversary, according to David Q. Byrd, pastor, and former president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. So is the proposed double-deck garage for automobiles.

A shorter time away for the 2119-member church includes a goal for 1200 in Sunday school and 600 in Training Union each Sunday by 1970. Other goals include those for new converts and for giving to the church budget.

## SBC shorts

FOR the first time in Southern Baptist history, in 1964 a half million dollars (\$501,789) was given by vacation Bible schools through the Cooperative Program. This amount represents 80 per cent of the total 1964 VBS mission offering, which amounted to an all-time high of \$627,230.

REGISTRATION is still open for two Seminar 100s: Mastering Fundamentals of Church Administration, set for April 26-30 and May 10-14 at the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Planned for pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music, and other church staff workers, Seminar 100 places major emphasis on the practical application of successful administrative techniques to current church needs.

A COMPLETE and unabridged miniature edition of "Baptist Hymnal" will be published by Convention Press and released May 15 through Baptist book stores.

## Chafin to fill Graham Chair of Evangelism

LOUISVILLE—The Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism has been established at Southern Seminary here, and the trustees have named Kenneth L. Chafin to fill it. The joint announcement was made by Graham and by Seminary president Duke K. McCall.

Courses in evangelism have been a part of the Seminary curriculum through the years, but this marks the first time that a professorship has been established specifically in evangelism, McCall said.

The Billy Graham Chair will be financed for the first three years by a grant of \$30,000 from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. During this time, a permanent endowment of \$500,000 will be sought.

In addition to supporting the professorship, the endowment will pay for maintenance of the Billy Graham materials housed in the Seminary library, and will assist with a field program of evangelism to be guided by Chafin.

Chafin presently heads the department of evangelism at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

The book, which measures approximately 4 by 5 inches, contains the same number of pages, same hymns, songs, responsive readings and indexes. It is bound in semi-flexible simulated leather and has a black ribbon marker. Page edges are red under gold.

NOBLE VAN NESS, manufacturing consultant in the Sunday School Board's publishing division, was honored at a retirement dinner March 26 at the Board, in Nashville. Van Ness retired March 31 after 43 years of service. He and Mrs. Van Ness will move to Vinalhaven, an island off the Maine coast.

ROY Thomas Scroggins Jr. of Florence, S. C., on May 15 will assume the position of editor of beginner-primary music materials in the church music department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

He will join the Southern faculty June 1.

C. E. Autrey, Dallas, director of the division of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board, called the establishment of the Billy Graham Chair "the greatest development in evangelism in my generation."

Wayne Dehoney, Jackson, Tenn. described the development at Southern as "the most significant event during my service as president of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Dehoney praised Southern Seminary for taking "a forthright step" in the field of evangelism.

The move has further significance, Dehoney said, in that "it provided for us a springboard for a thrust into the great metropolitan and industrial areas of America from the only seminary that is located strategically at the doorstep of these areas.

"I feel that the future of Southern Baptist growth lies in these areas," he continued. "The new chair will make possible a field program of evangelism to establish Baptist churches in the great and growing metropolitan and industrial areas. Louisville is the logical beachhead for this development."

GREENVILLE, S. C. — Dr. David A. Smith, assistant professor of religion at Furman University, has been selected as one of 20 participants from throughout the United States to attend an eight-week Institute in Indian Civilization this summer. The institute is sponsored through the Fulbright-Hays Act, under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Scholarships, the Department of State and the United States Educational Foundation in India.

THE current issue of *A Journal of Church and State* published at Baylor University is devoted to discussions of Roman Catholicism and the state. Three Catholic and three non-Catholic scholars have contributed articles which analyze Catholic thought and case studies of the Catholic Church in two modern nations, Germany and the United States.



Sunday School

**101 Determined churches**

AT the beginning of this church year, a number of churches indicated their interest in being counted among 101 determined churches.

These churches were enlisted because of their determination to place Sunday School growth in a priority position during the year.

It is not known just where we stand in the state with reference to Sunday School growth at this time; however, there are reasons to be encouraged.

For one thing, the figures in the 1964 annual report are ahead of the previous report, showing an increase of 468. Also, the emphasis known as the Adult Thrust has made an impact in many churches. Generally, there seems to be a brighter outlook concerning the prime task of reaching all prospects for the church.

Whether or not you are enrolled as one of the determined churches, you are surely interested in Sunday School growth for your church.

Sunday School growth provides the way for advance in every other area where goals can be measured. A major emphasis on growth now can mean advance in stewardship, evangelism and in other areas in the future.

Of special interest to all churches will be information concerning the Adult Thrust, Year Two. The Adult Thrust has helped meet such a need that it seems to require another year of promotion. Watch for information concerning — Year Two. The summer assemblies at Glorieta and Ridgecrest as well as Siloam Springs will feature the Adult Thrust for next year. Other promotion and information will be forth coming in this column and in the Religious Education News.

A survey of the 101 determined churches will be in the mails soon. Reports will follow the survey.—Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary

Evangelism

**Calling out the called**

IN a recent meeting at the Home Mission Board Headquarters office, Glendon McCullough spoke to us on the immediate needs of the Home Mission Board. They need now:

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10 couples as missionaries in mission centers

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“We plan to continue, even intensify, our approaches through the seminaries, but the missionaries to meet immediate requests must come from young couples in the pastorate, practicing nurses and those already engaged in religious education, public school teaching or social work.

“All of these require college and seminary training and experience. This plea is that you pray and speak about these needs for personnel during 1964-65.” — Glendon McCullough, Secretary for Missionary Personnel, Home Mission Board, SBC.

This reminds me that we don't hear many sermons these days on people surrendering for special service. I am afraid that the philosophy of the last few years that everybody is called has taken root. I still believe God calls people in a special way to “preach the Word.”

Our pastors should constantly be on the lookout for people who are “called.” We should speak on, “Calling out the Called.”—Jesse S. Reed, Director

JOHN Sawyer, a violin student from Ft. Smith and a sophomore at Ouachita University, has been awarded a \$150 scholarship to Sewanee Music Center June 20-July 23, in Sewanee, Tenn.

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### Choral reading retreat

MUSICAL Inspiration and Fellowship. . . These are perhaps the best words to describe the recent state choral reading retreat held Mar. 22 and 23 at the new Baptist camp at Paron.

Ministers of music from over the state gathered at the camp to read music and make selections for future festivals and camps. It was a real treat "musically speaking" and it is a shame that many more musicians did not take advantage of this opportunity. The retreat afforded the ministers of music an opportunity to have a part in selecting the music which will be used in future state music activities. It is healthy to get various opinions of the suitability of the music, both textually and musically. Ideas were expressed about the music which could not be expressed in other ways since this was an informal affair, that is, the musicians sat around the table (ala "madrigal style") and sang to their heart's content. They were constantly reminded of the purposes for which the music was to be chosen.

Another quite unique thing about this retreat was the opportunity to choose from a vast amount of music, both new and traditional. With the help of Al Crawford and Harold Martin from the Retail Sales Promotion, Book Store Division of the Sunday School Board, free packets of music containing 62 anthems worth more than \$19 were given complimentary to each musician attending. This was music from many publishers and had been selected as their best current anthems. It included SATB to Unison music in voice classification. In addition, each minister of music was asked to bring several copies of anthems, cantatas, etc. which would be read for its suitability and usage for camps and festivals. The response was tremendous! Primarily because here was not only fresh, exciting, new music, but here was also traditional music whose appeal and suitability had already been proven.

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was of the most wholesome kind. After a two hour session on Monday afternoon, they adjourned for the evening meal. Then after about three hours of singing, the ping pong paddles and shuffle board pugs were used. Tuesday morning's session was delightful, with refreshments provided, and the retreat ended with a short session after lunch. Each anthem and cantata which had been sung was looked at again and the musicians were encouraged to make comments according to the notes that they had placed on the music. By the process of elimination, the

ministers of music were able to provide our State Music Secretary with a stack of music from which to choose for this year's work. What a wonderful time was had by all who attended.

*The preceding was an article written by Eddy Spann, Minister of Music at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock. It is our desire and hope that we will have another of these sessions next year and we will have many more of our music directors in attendance for this time of fellowship and planning. — Hoyt A. Mulkey, Secretary*

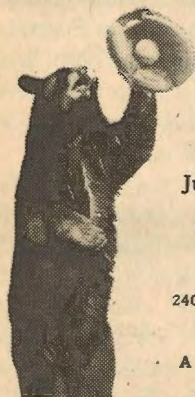
## New trends evident

LET me share with you some of the insights I received as one of the 900 delegates who attended the Christian Camp and Conference Association's Second Biennial Convention at Green Lake, Wisc., Mar. 30-Apr. 2.

New trends in camping were evident at the thorough discussions resulting from the 110 workshops, seminars and demonstrations. There is being called for a new excellence in camping, spiritual leadership, and product. This challenge is being met by the inter-denominational groups and movements such as Young Life, Christian Service Brigade, Navigators, and Varsity fellowship. Southern Baptists are just embarking as a denomination into this field of establishing assistance on the convention level, but a dedicated effort is needed to provide such things as curriculum and consultants. Paramount in the trends was what was described as "the new awareness that the church-related camp is an effective tool of society to change itself." Also, workshop sessions showed a strong tendency toward more stress being placed on the individual counselor. We have now come to realize that the personal relationship between camper and counselor is the vital link in shaping the camping experience.

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delegates gathered in the quietness of a cabin late one evening to discuss our role and share our thinking about Christian camping. I feel we came away with a renewed dedication to challenge our people to provide leadership in this area.

A number of special speakers including psychologists, businessmen, college professors and camping executives was headed by Dr. Walter Judd, former Minnesota Congressman. Judd challenged delegates "to increase their influence as citizens in shaping tomorrow's world and be not conformed to this age as Christ demands detachment at our greatest point of attachment."—John W. Cutsinger, Business Manager

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A PLAINTIVE cry from most, if not all, of our churches, ministers and laity alike is: "We are failing in our God-given ministry! What has happened to us?" Sunday School, Training Union and other church auxiliaries are dependent upon the birth rate within our already existing membership for their increases. Even in this we are far from 100 percent. Most lost people grew up in so-called Christian homes.

Many people to whom you talk, who are 50 years of age and above and are lost, are quick to inform you that they had Christian parents or at least one of their parents was Christian. These people cannot be classified as rebellious, atheists, communistic, agnostics and unconcerned. For many of these when confronted with the plan of salvation and Christ's claims upon them immediately manifest concern. They are less difficult to reach for Christ than some of the gospel-hardened we deal with day after day.

What, then, is the answer? How do we solve the problem? The answer and solution is not to be found in the mechanics of organization. DEPENDING SOLELY UPON ORGANIZATIONS FOR REACHING THE LOST LEAVES US WITH A MISSING LINK! Our problem is not reaching the atheists, communists, agnostics and unconcerned! We need to center our interest on the UNAROUSED. These are the ones who have not been reached by our organizations and furthermore, will never be reached by them for the simple reason that they probably have never been exposed to them.

Then, how may they be reached? The Church Development Ministry is the answer! Through this ministry the church is made aware of its potential and suggestions are offered whereby the church may reach its potential. No two Baptist churches are identical in their needs. Therefore, a stereotyped program for a group of churches can never be as effective as one designed by a local church to meet the needs of that individual church. The Church Development Ministry is a method by which each church, through self-analysis, finds its weak points and corrects them; discovers its potential and determines to do something about it. Thus the church is benefited, the community is better because of it, and the world becomes a better place in which to live.

Through the Family Church Survey, which is a part of the Development Ministry, the church discovers how it may reach its utmost in Christian service. This survey finds these we have called "The Missing Link" and through methods which are Scriptural, these are reached for salvation and church membership. The Church Development meth-

## Boys and missions

TOMORROW'S missionaries on the various mission fields are the boys in our churches today. Their knowledge of mission work and the Biblical teachings regarding missions will be the results of the mission teaching and education provided by the church and denomination.

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od of survey keeps the survey permanent and up-to-date. Without ever having to "take another census" the church and pastor are kept informed about those who move out, those who move in, their ages, religious affiliations, etc. Deaths and births, critical illness, poverty and many other things the church members ought to know are made available daily by the survey system of the Church Development Ministry.

Participants in the Church Development Ministry report outstanding achievements. Some have doubled their yearly average of baptisms. Old leadership has been strengthened and new leadership discovered. Church property has been improved and enlarged. Contributions have greatly increased. Problems of longstanding have been solved. A far greater consciousness of soul-winning and mission is acquired. Write the Mission Department for our new Church Development Guidebook.—R. A. Hill

Department sponsors a congress, and a series of camps each year.

The congress this year will be held on May 7-8, at Second Church, Little Rock. Two missionaries, home on furlough, will speak to the congress about mission work in two sections of the world. Rev. H. L. Adams will share with us the challenge of the work in Nigeria. Rev. Alvin Hutton will share with us the challenge and opportunity in Brazil.

The challenge of missions and our responsibility at home will not be overlooked. There will be presentations of home missions and the challenge confronting every Christian to help meet the need even in local communities. Every church in Arkansas should have boys at the congress for the mission inspiration.

Just one month from the congress, on June 7, the first week of Royal Ambassador camps will begin. There will be three weeks of camps this year. Many activities are included at camp but the central theme is missions and the responsibility of the individual to the mission program of Christ.

Informational materials and posters for congress and camps have been mailed to all counselors of record, pastors, educational directors, and Royal Ambassador leaders. For further information ask the counselor, pastor, educational director, or write to the Brotherhood Department, Baptist Building, Little Rock. Attend the congress and one of the weeks of camp.—C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary

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# That bright morning



BY THELMA C. CARTER

SO swiftly does the natural world about us change at the Easter season that we must be ready for surprises. Plants that have been under the cold, snowy ground in the winter become the glory of springtime.

Cherry trees are white with blossoms, lilacs unfold, and the trees are in shining green leaf. In flower beds and gardens, daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths bloom in bright color.

Strangely enough, in most parts of the world the Easter season is a beautiful time of the year. In desert areas, on mountains, across the plains, and in valleys, wild flowers cover the earth with rainbow colors.

Birdsong fills the air from dawn to dusk. "See what's happening! Isn't it wonderful?" the thrush and cardinal seem to say as they build their nests.

It was like spring near Jerusalem on the morning of the resurrection. The two women ran with wonder and joy from the garden of Joseph, where Jesus had been buried. They hurried to Jerusalem to tell the disciples the tomb was empty. The angel had said, "He is risen, as he said" (Matthew 28:6).

The whole world changed that bright morning. It has never been the same since. Nearly two thousand years have passed since Jesus was crucified and placed in the tomb. People in all parts of the world know of the story of the risen Christ.

Look about you this Easter morning as you go to church. Though rain may be falling and winds blowing, though clouds may be in the sky, you can still see the beauty of the springtime world.

BY B. W. TAYLOR

SEVERAL clues are given for each of these Bible characters. Look at one clue at a time, but use as many as are needed to suggest the answer. If you guess the person on the first clue, you get five points. Deduct one point for each extra clue you need.

(1)

1. I was a fisherman, who lived near the shore of the Sea of Galilee.
2. I had a close friend named John. He, too, was a fisherman.
3. I went down by the river to hear John the Baptist preach.
4. When my friends and I met Jesus, he said to us, "Follow me."
5. I went home and told my brother Simon about Jesus.

(2)

1. I was related to Barnabas, and I lived in Jerusalem.
2. Often I was called by two names.
3. I was invited to go with Paul and Barnabas on a missionary journey.
4. After going to Antioch, I wanted to return home. This made Paul unhappy.
5. Later Paul gave me another chance to work with him.

(3)

1. I was from Jerusalem, but I went to Antioch to preach.
2. I worked with Paul, Barnabas, and Timothy.
3. On one missionary journey, Barnabas chose to have John Mark go. I was happy that Paul chose me.
4. Paul and I went to Philippi and preached to many people.
5. We were put into prison for healing a crippled girl, but God took care of us.

Answers

(1) Andrew, (2) John Mark, (3) Silas

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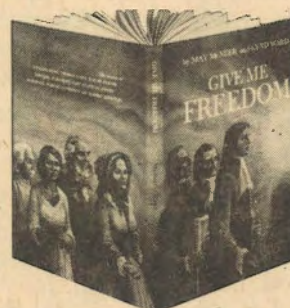
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# The resurrection

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MATTHEW 28:1-10; 16-20  
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MANY Christians assemble in houses of worship on the first day of each week to study and worship. Some of them do not know why they do it. We talk and pray about the Sabbath as if we were Sabbath keepers. Some find a sense of fulfillment in having discharged a Christian duty. Others are there out of sheer habit. Occasionally someone ought to ask why anyone should assemble to worship in God's house on the Lord's day. The answer is to be found in our lesson. The two passages taken from Matthew 28 give us three important truths in answer to the question raised above. We should consider the object of our worship, the meaning of resurrection, and the results of our worship.

## OBJECT OF OUR WORSHIP

THE first verse of Chapter 28 is freighted with much more meaning than we sometimes realize. Over 1900 years ago salvation history moved to the end of the sabbath. At the same time the new day dawned. From that point onward men have worshipped the risen Lord.

The new day cannot be symbolized by the old sabbath. A radically new perspective is required for the worship of the living Lord Jesus Christ. The early disciples knew this better than twentieth century Christians. After the dawning of the new day, the early disciples were never the same again. The time of hesitancy and indecision had passed forever for them. Even the unstable Peter became the rock that Christ knew he could become once the new day

had dawned. There was no worship of the past for them. They were firmly persuaded that Jesus was risen.

We assemble on Sunday, not to keep the sabbath, but to worship the risen Christ. He is the object of our worship.

## MEANING OF RESURRECTION

EVER since that day the Christian church has been strong or weak in direct relation to its involvement in the resurrection. The individual believer is strong or weak in direct proportion to his involvement in resurrection. It would be difficult to overstate the importance of the resurrection to Christianity.

Many times the church has involved itself in controversy about whether the resurrection really happened. There may be some value to be derived from the search after proof of the resurrection. Frankly, it seems that Matthew had some concern about such details. But the resurrection is reality far above the grasp of any scientific proof. Science is quite able to prove some things. But science has no way in the world to prove or disprove the resurrection. Resurrection is dependent upon the Truth, not upon records, or proofs, or reason. We know it by revelation from God. I have not the slightest notion that a scientist could take resurrection into a laboratory and repeat it under controlled conditions so as to establish any proof about it.

What is needed in our day is faith like that of the first century Christians. They got hold of reality by their faith. Once you have connected with Truth you need no proof. They knew that resurrection made all the difference in the world. This is what we need.

Resurrection makes the cross meaningful. Jesus died on the

cross for our sins, that is to say, He died for us to show us that we must die in order to live. Resurrection shows us that Jesus died so we too can die and live. There is no other way. Man cannot do this for himself.

Resurrection means that we do not worship a dead hero. It means that our salvation is not a past-tense intellectual deal in which we have obligated ourselves only to a memory. We are in relation to God through resurrection and faith at the present time. We are alive because we have been accepted by the living Lord. We are not left alone to make our way along salvation's road. He is with us and in us through every moment and crisis of the way. This is what worship on the Lord's day is all about.

## RESULTS OF OUR WORSHIP

THE tendency in our day to keep the sabbath reflects a serious lack in our post-resurrection faith. People content themselves with coming to God's house to worship. Going to church is the popular pastime of the indifferent Christian. There is not much use in coming into the house of worship unless while there we get inspired to go out to the people of our communities to bear witness to the risen Christ.

I do not know about your church. But in our church we start off pretty well on Sunday morning. By the time we get to the benediction you can tell that it is all about over.

We grind slowly to a stop during the evening service. Monday morning finds us back where we were a week earlier. Could this be because so many of us just half worship? We come and receive but we do not go and witness. The risen Lord waits to inspire us, to make us strong, to make us righteous, and to make us partners in redemption.

Perhaps we believe that Christ is risen but do not understand what that means for our lives. The first Christians had the knowledge of Christ's continuing presence with them. It was not the presence of the physical Jesus which they experienced, although



DR. THOMPSON

certainly they saw Him after the resurrection. It was rather the presence of Christ in the Holy Spirit. There was a time before the resurrection when Jesus was physically present.

Some today still try vainly to worship that physical presence. The early Christians did not make that mistake. When He was about to leave them they were afraid and frustrated. It seemed to them that the risen Lord was now to forsake them after having given them such powerful assurance of His Lordship. But Jesus put all of those fears aside by assuring them that He would come again to be with them as the comforter. This seems to be the plain meaning of John 14:18. Jesus said: "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." If this is true, then, He must have meant that the coming of the Holy Spirit to be in them and with them was to be His continuing presence in the world.

Thus, we see that resurrection means not only that Jesus arose from the dead but also that Christ is with us now in the Holy Spirit. Christ as Holy Spirit is present only in believers. This is not to say that He does not deal with sinners. It is to say that He does not indwell them. Even though He indwells the believer and will be in any believer, many believers are not at all aware of this.

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APRIL 15, 1965

## A Smile or Two

### A real Arkansan

MY neighbor recently moved to Louisiana. An elderly friend comforted the five-year old son with the news that he was "moving to God's country."

After an exploratory day near his new home, the disappointed youngster reported to his mother: "I saw three deer, two snakes and one possum, but I haven't found or seen God."—Mrs. D. E. Goodlett, El Dorado.

### He'll get the message

A VERY demure young lady, who was traveling in a railway train, was asked by a man sitting next to her whether she believed every word in the Bible.

"Yes," she replied, "I do."

"Surely," exclaimed the man, "you don't believe that Jonah was swallowed by the whale."

"I do," she answered, "and when I get to Heaven I'll ask him about it."

"But suppose he's not in Heaven?" inquired the stranger with a sneer.

"Then you ask him," was the young lady's reply.

### Sure cure

BABY-SITTER: While you were gone the baby swallowed a bug.

Mother: Good heavens! What did you do?

Baby-sitter: Oh, I took care of him. I made him swallow some insect powder.

### Interpretation

WISHING to develop his son's character, a father once gave him a penny and a quarter as he was departing for church and said, "Now, son, you put whichever one you want in the collection plate."

When the boy got back, his father asked which coin he had given. The young fellow said, "Well, just before they sent around the plate the preacher said, 'The Lord loveth a cheerful giver,' and I knew I could be a lot more cheerful if I gave the penny, so I gave it."

## Attendance Report

		April 4, 1965		
Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adms.	
Berryville, Freeman Heights	179	72		2
Blytheville				
First	687	218		1
Chapel	61	31		
Gosnell	291	110		1
Camden				
Cullendale, First	450	177		
First	571	167		
Conway, Pickles Gap	63	47		
Crossett				
First	546	136		
Mt. Olive	206	86		2
Dumas, First	324	84		
El Dorado				
Caledonia	34	34		
East Main	359	104		2
Ebenezer	218	100		
First	854	601		3
Parkview	222	78		
Trinity	231	127		
Foreman, First	166	50		3
Forrest City, First	602	165		2
Greenwood, First	303	120		1
Gurdon, Beech St.	172	73		
Hope, First	496	134		1
Huntsville, Calvary	40	25		
Jacksonville				
First	492	136		5
Second	254	100		3
Jasper	75	37		
Jonesboro				
Central	460	173		
Nettleton	366	156		4
Lavaca	287	129		
Little Rock				
Forest Highlands	221	100		2
Immanuel	1,368	521		2
Rosedale	267	108		
McGehee, First	504	201		32
Chapel	93	47		
Magnolia, Central	733	237		1
Marked Tree, Neiswander	145	100		1
Mena, First	355	115		
North Little Rock				
Baring Cross	653	161		
Southside	73	52		
Camp Robinson	29			
Calvary	443	112		1
Central	294	91		
Grace	120	53		2
Gravel Ridge, First	191	84		1
Runyan	65	53		
Levy	554	171		
Park Hill	870	228		8
Sixteenth St.	32	23		
Sylvan Hills, First	271	106		
Pine Bluff				
Centennial	196	93		1
Second	217	80		2
South Side	771	252		
Tucker	31	28		
Watson Chapel	167	90		
Siloam Springs, First	325	157		
Springdale, First	461	161		
Star City, First	295	97		3
Van Buren				
First	507	187		5
Second	80	56		
Vandervoort, First	59	29		1
Ward, Cocklebur	55	32		1
Warren				
First	472	104		1
Southside	77	55		
Immanuel	272	96		
West Memphis				
Ingram Blvd.	250	100		5

(OUCH!) Judge (in dentist's chair): Do you swear that you will pull the tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth?

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# Religious News Digest

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## Preacher in politics

OTTAWA, Ont. (EP)—The Rev. Donald V. Stirling, a United Church of Canada minister, has accepted nomination by Canada's New Democratic Party (Socialist) to run for parliament in the next federal election.

The 32-year-old clergyman said his decision had the full support of his congregation at Knox United Church.

This is in sharp contrast to the controversy which resulted in the resignation of the Rev. Frank E. Ball, 48, from St. Paul's Church, Cornwall, Ont. Members of the congregation were highly critical when his wife ran as a Socialist at Stormount in 1962. She lost.

Mr. Stirling said the members of his west-end, suburban church have shown great understanding and charity.

## McIntire wins

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Permission has been granted by the Federal Communications Commission for Dr. Carl McIntire, controversial ultra - fundamentalist churchman, to purchase control of a Pennsylvania AM and FM radio station.

The transaction — opposed by more than 40 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish groups, civil rights organizations and individuals — was approved by five of the six FCC commissioners in view of McIntire's promise that he would adhere to the FCC's "fairness" doctrine on controversial issues.

The majority group said it was necessary to allow purchase of this station — WXUR-AM and FM, of Media, Pa. — from Brandywine-Main Line Radio, Inc., in the interest of demonstrating "good faith."

## Nazi war crimes

NEW YORK (EP) — Some 7,000 Americans of all faiths signed an appeal urging the West German government to extend the statute of limitations on Nazi war crimes.

The appeal was sent by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, president of the West German parliament, on the eve of its debate on the issue.

Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of ADL, said in a cable to Dr. Gerstenmaier that the signers of the appeal "do not seek vengeance; they seek justice." The 7,000 signatures, he said, reflected a growing awareness that "crimes against humanity must not be dismissed with the status of an ordinary felony."

Acceptance by West German jurists of the "responsibility to seek justice without limitations," said Mr. Epstein, is "the only way for Germany and Germans to overcome the past. There can be no statute of limitations on moral responsibility."

## Vatican diplomats

ROME (EP)—Hope that more countries would establish diplomatic relations with the Holy See was voiced here by Amleto Giovanni Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State.

The cardinal—in effect the Pope's "prime minister" in administration of Vatican City—spoke at a dinner tendered in his honor by members of the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See.

## Death penalty ban

SANTA FE, N. M. (EP)—A resolution calling for abolition of capital punishment and substitution of life imprisonment without parole was presented by a religious leader here.

Testifying before the New Mexico Legislature's House of Representatives' judiciary committee was the Rev. Bruce Rolstad, pastor of Santa Fe's First Christian Church. The committee is studying a bill calling for an end to the death penalty.

## Benefit tour

PASADENA, Calif. (EP)—Mrs. Barbara Fei Coë, renowned lyric soprano from Hong Kong, will begin a tour of the United States April 18 on behalf of the thousands of displaced families in Hong Kong needing medical, educational and spiritual help.

Her tour, financed by her businessman husband in Hong Kong, is sponsored by Men For Missions International of Los Angeles, laymen's arm of the Oriental Missionary Society. Mrs. Coë's debut is at the 17th Annual Rose Bowl Easter Sunrise Service here which is expected to draw some 5,000 people for the hour-long 6 a.m. meeting.

## Burma surgeon dies

NAMHKAM, Burma (EP) — Dr. Gordon Seagrave, the famed Burma surgeon who for 44 years ran a hospital here for Burmese tribesmen just 20 miles from Communist China, died March 28, of a heart ailment. He was 68.

Dr. Seagrave was buried here March 31 in a grave next to that of his sister, Grace, who died in 1951.

At his bedside during the last hours were his two sons, Sterling, 27, foreign news editor of the *Washington Post*, and John, 32, an engineer, along with about 100 nurses who were being trained by Dr. Seagrave.

Namhkam is a tribal village 734 miles north of Rangoon. Twenty-eight members of the Seagrave family have served as missionaries in this jungle area for more than 130 years.

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