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FROM THE MODERATOR:

1. The Indian Hills property will be paid off in one more month after this one. It is time that our missions committee and some of our churches begin to look with favor on the establishing of a new work in this area.

2. Elsewhere in this issue is an appeal from Brother Gerald Taylor concerning a church Strategy meeting. I have asked him to lead out in this and I urge every pastor to co-operate with him in it.

3. Because of the lack of interest by some on the apparent objection of others, I am going to ask the Executive Board to rescind its action concerning the Sunday School Enlargement program this fall. I regret that this is necessary, but I feel that it is. I also pray that we can secure an acceptable date in the earliest future and continue with the plans.

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 1 W.M.S. Executive Board—Park Hill
- 5-7 W.M.S. Annual State Meeting
- 8 W.M.S. Rally—Highway
- 12 Executive Board—Sylvan Hills
- 12 Sunday School Rally—Sylvan Hills
- 26 Y.W.A. Rally—Berea
- 27 G.A. Rally—Sherwood
- 27 Library Meeting—Pike Avenue

CHURCH STRATEGY MEETING

Dear Brethren:

Recently Bro. Roy Bunch asked me to serve in leading the Church Strategy Development program for our Association. As you know, this program will involve all our churches beginning next year.

I am asking the pastors of the Association to meet Monday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of Memorial Hospital. Bro. Jerry Don Abernathy from the Baptist Building will meet with us to help explain the program.

Your presence is greatly needed for this first informative session.

Sincerely,
Gerald M. Taylor

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY CHANGE

The new Date for the Sunday School Rally is April 12 at Sylvan Hills. The change was made because the Sylvan Hills Church will be in a revival at the regular meeting time.

6:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting
7:15 p.m. Sunday School Rally

ASSOCIATION HYMN PLAYING AND SONG LEADING TOURNAMENT

2:00 p.m., April 25th

The Associational Hymn Playing and Song Leading Tournament will be held April 25 at 2:00 p.m. at Park Hill Baptist Church. There will be two divisions—one for 14 years and under and one for 15 years and up for the piano, organ and song leading contestants.

OF KINGDOM INTEREST

1. Many of our churches have just closed their Spring revivals. Of these we know of Pike Avenue, Grace, 47th Street, Sherwood, and Bethany. Perhaps there are others that we don't know about.

2. April revivals include Amboy with Rev. Harvey Ellege as Evangelist, First North Little Rock with Rev. Glenn Toler as Evangelist, Marshall Road with Rev. Ben A. Baird as Evangelist, and Levy with Rev. M. A. Johnson, Jr. as Evangelist and Sylvan Hills with Rev. C. N. Rue as Evangelist. Please pray for these and the other revivals.

3. Miss Karen Walker, daughter of Lay Evangelist Ed Walker from Levy won the District Intermediate Sword Drill Contest and will represent the Central District in the State Contest.

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 22, 1965	
February 15, 1965—Cash Balance	\$4,584.08
Offerings February 15—March 22, 1965:	
Amboy Baptist	\$ 210.54
Baring Cross Baptist	247.46
Bayou Meto Baptist	34.00
Berea Baptist	22.64
Bethany Baptist	30.82
Calvary Baptist	83.58
Cedar Heights Baptist	73.00
Central Baptist	200.00
Chapel Hill Baptist	63.38
Crystal Valley Baptist	32.66
First Baptist, Jacksonville	104.38
First Baptist, North Little Rock	143.75
Forty-Seventh Street Baptist	26.00
Grace Baptist	18.32
Gravel Ridge Baptist	67.05
History	20.00
Graves Memorial Baptist	113.00
Highway Baptist	27.00
Hill Top Baptist	4.97
Levy Baptist	196.85
Park Hill Baptist	525.00
Pike Avenue Baptist	70.00
Remount Baptist	18.09
Runyan Baptist Chapel	53.69
Second Baptist, Jacksonville	37.42
Sherwood Baptist	40.16
Sixteenth Street Baptist	4.36
Stanfill Baptist	4.00
Sylvan Hills Baptist	28.40
Miscellaneous Income History:	1.00
Total:	2,500.52
Total Funds Available	\$7,084.60
Disbursements:	
Winrock Enterprises, Inc.—Indian Hills	\$2,617.66
American National Bank—Lakewood	600.00
Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine March	17.50
L. R. Baptist Student Union	83.33
Home Mission Board—Pastoral Aid in Michigan—March	50.00
Runyan Baptist Chapel Pastoral Aid—March	37.50
Donnel Supply—Envelopes for mailing minutes	1.34
Baptist Book Store—Vacation Bible School Supplies	11.64
A. W. Upchurch—Telephone calls re Minutes & Postage	7.64
Total Disbursements	3,426.61
March 22, 1965—Cash Balance	\$3,657.99
Balance owed on Properties after March Payments:	
Lakewood	\$45,227.44
Indian Hills	1,117.19
Mrs. T. A. Spencer, Treasurer	

"Misery Is"

"Misery is" when the pastor comes into the church auditorium, glances at the small "Sunday night crowd" and discovers it is actually Sunday morning.

"Misery is" when a deacon asks, "Are we still having prayer meeting on Wednesday night?"

"Misery is" when you preach your annual stewardship sermon and the fellow who attends church once a year comes up after the service and says, "Every-time I come to church, you preach on money!"

"Misery is" when a person whom you haven't seen in years visits the church and comes through the line at the church door saying, "I'll bet you don't remember me."

—Wayne Dehoney

Birdwatching

THOUGHTS while feeding the birds:

The easiest birds to feed are the ones you rather not—blackbirds and sparrows.

They are not such unsightly birds. It's just their bad habits that make them unpopular. Come to think about it, that's about all that makes a lot of people unliked!

Consider the widely despised blackbird. He's certainly not the ugliest critter in the thicket. His black is a glossy black that is not at all unattractive. And he has a pretty, if rather large, eye. His torso contour is not unbearable.

But he is such a pig and so unthoughtful of other birds. About the only thought he gives to other birds is to abuse them or use them. He's a politician in the bad sense of the word. He not only wants a choice perch to indulge in his own meal—he does not want even a fellow blackbird within wing's length while he eats.

When it comes time to find a nest, the blackbird, instead of turning his energies to building the haven needed, starts looking for some nest another bird has already built. This he will feel perfectly free to confiscate for his own, or, even better, the female blackbird will occupy just long enough to lay her eggs for another mother bird of another species to hatch.

Whereas the handsome cardinals are monogamous and work together to build their nests and rear their families, the tramp blackbird is either polygamous or promiscuous in his love life, and feels so little affection for his offspring that he is completely satisfied for anybody or nobody to hatch and rear them to the state of bird accountability.

Many of the other birds will entertain the birdwatcher with melodious serenade. But not the blackbird. And that despite the fact the blackbird is a member of the oriole family and some of his nearest of kin are noted for their music.

Unless the blackbird changes his habits, he will continue to be high up on the list of the country's most unwanted critters.

GLAD to learn that my good friend Calvin Bailey, pastor of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Bristol, Va., is coming to Little Rock for a revival at Pulaski Heights Church April 18-26. Calvin was with the Ernest Wards and 36 others of us on a tour of the Holy Land, back in April of 1961.

Don't go away. We'll be back next week, the Lord willing.

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

DOES it seem to you that God sometimes calls seemingly unlikely prospects to the ministry? Dr. Bernes K. Selph, page 7, asks the question and then tells the story of several ministers with varied talents.

ROSALIND Street recently had a most interesting visit with a young man from India. From their talks come this week's "Courtship, Marriage and the Home," on the problems of parents. Page 6.

DR. C. A. ROBERTS, pastor of First Church, Tallahassee, Fla., will be the speaker at the State Training Union Youth Convention Apr. 16 at First Church, Little Rock. The day's program is printed on page 18.

THERE is much confusion about the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which the House of Representatives passed by an overwhelming vote. To shed light on the passages of the bill W. Barry Garrett, Baptist Press staff writer, takes up some of the more important questions and gives us definitive answers. Pages 8 and 9.

WE call your attention to a letter on page 4 from Earl G. Goatcher, administrator of Bankla Baptist Hospital in Thailand. We are not all called to mission work but we can do as Mr. Goatcher asks and pray for the April revivals in the Southeast Asia country he serves.

DEACON ordinations, guest speakers and musicians, what the pastors and church personnel are doing—these are topics of the week "From the churches." The new feature appears on page 9.

FOURTEEN Arkansas college students have been chosen by BSU to serve as summer missionaries in the United States. Their pictures are on page 14.

COVER story, page 4.

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The great renege

ARKANSAS' forces for moral and civic decency have gone more than the second mile with Governor Faubus in their efforts to enlist his help in dealing with the Hot Springs open violation of the state's anti-gambling laws. Now a group of Garland County ministers, in the face of public scorn hurled at them from a Circuit judge, have been rebuffed on every hand by the very public officials whose sworn duty it is to uphold the law. Surely this places the problem squarely back on the Governor's doorstep—where many feel it has been all the time.

The very excuse the Governor now uses for not closing the gambling dens, that they are operated behind the doors of "private clubs," is the strongest argument for his sending the State Police down to clean them out. For there is this double restriction in the charters of private clubs: they are to be non-profit and they are not to be violators of the law. The Governor has not denied that gambling has been in progress in the Hot Springs "clubs." Neither has he moved one finger to deal with the outlaw "clubs."

There are strong indications from over the state that a lot of the Governor's fellow Baptists, along with many citizens of other faiths, are more than fed up with the way he has bowed to the gamblers. If you are one of these, let him hear from you direct.

Those who read the Governor's lengthy pledge as carried in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* last fall, just ahead of the election—a pledge to enforce the anti-gambling laws—accepted that pledge as both definite and personal. The Governor's utter scorn for this campaign pledge will doubtless go down in Arkansas history as The Great Renege.

The education bill

BAPTISTS rightly have been and are concerned about the provisions of The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, which appeared last week to be nearing adoption by the Congress and signing into law by President Johnson. In the interest of supplying the answers to most of the questions being asked about the bill, we are carrying in this issue of our paper a detailed report by W. Barry Garrett of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington. This is an authoritative statement based on careful research and reporting and we recommend it heartily to the attention of our readers.

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Rural church goal

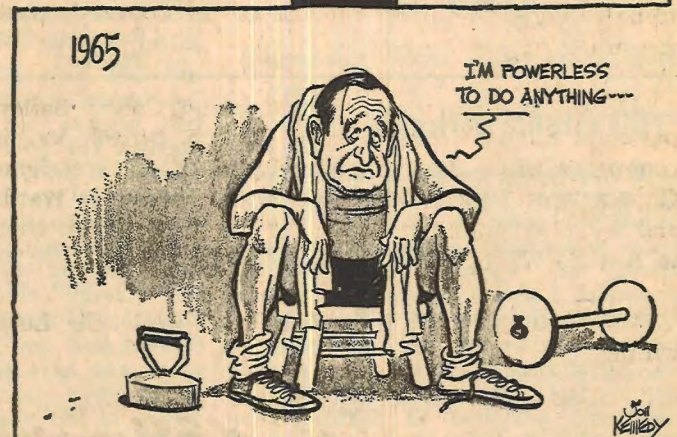
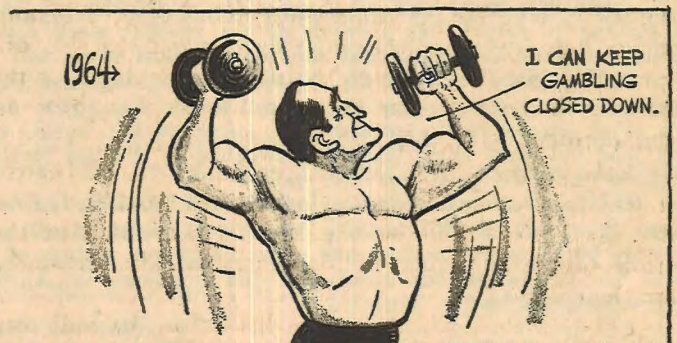
THE Long Range Rural Church Committee of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has as a part of its long-range goal:

Fifteen thousand rural churches subscribing to their state Baptist papers through the church budget plan.

Editor Walker L. Knight of *Home Mission Magazine* has been asked by the Long Range Rural Church Committee to help in preparing materials that might be helpful to rural churches in attaining this goal. These materials are to be in booklets for rural pastors at the Nationwide Rural Church Conference in 1966.

Our Baptist leaders across the years have been outspoken in support of the Baptist papers as vital organs of communication for our total mission program. The rural church, as the town and city churches, must have members who are alert to our world mission movement as Baptists, if they are to prosper in the work, and the taking and reading of the Baptist paper is a "must" if this is to be accomplished.

Tired blood?



—Courtesy Jon Kennedy and Arkansas Democrat

DID JESUS CLAIM DEITY?

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
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(JOHN 10:30)

How to Teach One and Win One for Christ, by Frank C. Laubach, Zondervan, 1964, \$1.95

The noted missionary teacher here gives a bold answer to the threat of ignorance, the paralysis of superstition, and the insidious deception of communism. Here is an enlightened concept of personal witnessing and how to do it for creative results.

Day of Resurrection, by Leslie B. Flynn, Broadman, 1965, \$2

Dr. Flynn, pastor of Grace Conservative Baptist Church, Nanuet, N. Y., deals here with "The electrifying appearances of the risen Lord to various persons which make that 'first day of the week' the most dramatic of his entire ministry." Contained here are eight meditations written out of deep conviction about the reality and significance of the resurrection.

A Businessman Looks at the Bible by W. Maxey Jarman, Revell, 1965, \$2.95

The author is chairman of the Genesco Corporation and a past vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has long been active in business and politics. Using effective business principles, he approaches this testing of the validity of the Bible and relates his conclusions. His approach is practical and not theoretical.

The Fullness of Christ, by D. Stuart Briscoe, Zondervan, 1965, \$2.50

As is true of the physical, the spiritual also requires life. Says Author Briscoe: "It is a serious mistake to think God is only interested in forgiving sins and saving souls from death. God is concerned that the man who has been forgiven and cleansed . . . should now mature in his spiritual experience."

Rebels with a Cause, by Frank S. Mead, Abingdon, 1964, \$2.75

This book contains an unusual group of stories about religious nonconformists. Although they lived in different periods of history, their lives followed something of a pattern; they chose not to walk the beaten path, and in so doing made a significant contribution to the

The Vital Heart of Christianity, by Merrill C. Tenney, Zondervan, 1964, \$2.50

This is a reprinting of a book that first appeared in 1945. It is a reaffirmation of the centrality of the resurrection as the heart of the Christian faith.

1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, The Layman's Bible Commentary, Robert C. Dentan, 1964, \$2

This is Volume 7 of the 25-volume Layman's Bible Commentary. All volumes are now available.

THERE are those who insist that Jesus did not claim deity, but that it was thrust upon Him by His followers. Will this position stand up under examination?

For the sake of brevity let us look at only one verse. "I and my Father are one," (John 10:30). Literally, "I and the Father are one." Note the order, "I" before "Father." The emphasis is upon "I" or Jesus.

Jesus was in Jerusalem for the feast of Dedication. On previous visits He had revealed Himself to the Jewish rulers in various ways or by many terms. But He had refrained from using the term "Christ," since to them it carried a highly nationalistic meaning. Had he used it to them they could have accused Him to the Romans of plotting a revolution against their empire. So on this occasion they challenged Jesus, "If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly" (John 10:24).

In reply, Jesus still did not use the word "Christ." Instead, He reminded them of His previous revelations, including the works He had done in His Father's name. But because they were not His sheep, they did not believe Him. His sheep hear and follow Him, and He gives them eternal life. No one can snatch them from His hand or from the Father's hand.

Then He said, "I and the Father are one." The verb "are" expresses essential, eternal being. It is the same verb used four times in John 1:1-2, and in John 8:58, literally, "Before Abraham came into being, I always am." So in "I and the Father are one," Jesus claimed eternal essential being with the Father. Thus clearly He claimed deity. Since the Jews had asked Him to say "plainly" who He was, He emphasized His being ("I") along with that of "the

Father." In essence, He said, "I have deity even as the Father has deity. For we are one." One in essence, one in being and one eternally.

The Jewish rulers so understood Jesus' claim. For they took up stones to stone Him to death. This was the penalty for blasphemy or claiming deity. So enraged were they that they "took up" or *took up* stones elsewhere and bore them to the place for that purpose. The italicized words give the full meaning of the verb.

When Jesus asked why they were about to stone Him, they replied, . . . because that thou being a man, *makest thyself God*" (John 10:33), author's italics. In John 5:18 they sought to kill Him for "making himself equal with God." But now He made a stronger claim. "Thou being a man, makest thyself God."

Certainly these Jewish rulers had no desire to thrust deity upon Jesus. When He *made Himself God*, they sought to kill Him instead. So from His enemies, not His friends, the record is clear that Jesus did make the claim to being deity or God.

*Though your cross
be heavy*

Remember Him. Then take your load,
Though it be from the dogwood tree;

He walks beside us down the road
And bears a cross for you and me.

Remember Him. Then lift your load,
And if your heart is charged with pain—

He stumbled, too, beside the road,
Then rose and took His cross again.

—Etta Caldwell Harris, Hamburg

Problems of parents



"I WAS the first boy in my family, after three girls, so the members of my family are very affectionate toward me.

"Girls are a burden in India, you know.

"Parents must provide a dowry when they are married. If the groom is just average, the dowry runs around \$600 in American money. If he is above the average and can provide well for his bride, the size of the dowry is \$1000, or higher."

These words came from one of our guests at lunch last Sunday. He is Mr. Thomaskutty, a handsome, personable young man who has just come from India to the United States. He enrolled in our School of Theology about three weeks ago. The words quoted are from his answering of questions we were asking concerning life in his native land.

Mr. Thomaskutty was born into the Brahmanic caste. His father is a teacher, a respected religious leader — Syrian Orthodox — and mayor of his city.

The story of this young man's call into the ministry sounds like that of a modern-day Samuel.

After the third daughter was born, his mother went into the place of worship and prayed for a son, promising God that if He would grant her request she would

dedicate that son to His service.

True to her vow, she and her husband took extreme care that their first man-child should grow up in a religious atmosphere. She used all her influence to guide her son into complete surrender to God's will and plan for his life.

Many other interesting facets of life in India came out in bits of conversation. We find it still a rewarding experience to "neglect not to entertain strangers."

An oft-repeated answer to some of our probing questions was, "We don't follow that practice (observance of Caste System, restriction of certain foods from the diet as being sacred, etc.) for we are Christians."

One profound nugget of wisdom from our guest's conversation has lingered in my thoughts.

Said he, "We believe parental authority is important. Young boys and girls lack wisdom to make the right decisions and follow the right paths of behaviour when they are growing up. Right direction through their inexperienced years tends to fix within them habits of doing right and these habits will become the pattern for the rest of their lives."

This universal principle finds expression in various publications I have been reading that contain suggestions from specialists for dealing with youth at various stages of the growing-up process.

Here are pointers for the nine-to-twelve period:

"Most children outgrow their intense interest in comics of their own accord. Help your child to taper off a bit by making available good books which satisfy the same needs that the comics supply—books of exploration, of adventure, of mystery.

"And perhaps you can help your youngster to have some real adventures of his own, such as visiting out-of-the-way places occasionally, making discoveries about nature, building things."

Another problem parents everywhere must face:

"A steady diet of TV cruelty and violence certainly is bad. . . You can divert their attention

from excessive TV viewing by encouraging them to participate actively in a number of activities. Scrapbooks, stamp collections, visits to museums, working up plays of their own are fun for them at this age."

"Busy, curious, active, noisy, careless, adventuresome — these are nines, tens, and elevens.

"They're bent on asserting themselves and eager to try their wings in a great many directions. But they haven't had enough experience. They can learn how only if you give them opportunities to try. They need practice—and lots of it."

Perhaps the matter of dealing successfully with these pre-teens is best summarized by the distinguished scientist-teacher, Dr. Lawrence S. Kubie:

"It is of major importance for parents to recognize that the child at this age is demanding something almost impossible to give, yet something he needs desperately. Right now he has to feel angry at adults, and the chief focus is his parents. Yet, at the same time he has to feel loved by those he is most angry with. This is the only deep reassurance parents can give him. Somehow or other, parents have to find the ability to absorb punishment, to accept the blind, confused hostility of the child at this age, and to love him in spite of it. They must not be doormats, not intimidated or panicky, nor can they let the child run roughshod over them. The goal is to be tough and firm and human and loving all at the same time. This is no mean assignment. . . ."

Some of the most practical helps for parents and teachers in meeting the needs of children at various stages in growth and development is to be had through inexpensive pamphlets supplied by insurance companies, government agencies and departments of our own denomination.

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Ministers with varied talents

HAVE you not been struck by the fact that God has used some seemingly unlikely prospects in the ministry? You have observed such and history has accorded the same. It is but a reminder that man looks on the outward appearance but God looks upon the heart.

God has used unlearned men, but men who knew him, loved him, and were willing to be used of him. Spiritual success depends not so much upon the skillful as upon the faithful.

Lewis Craig, a pioneer preach-

er in Kentucky, illustrates this fact. His biographer says of him that he was not very skillful as an expositor of the scripture, but God gave him the gift of exhortation.

He knew men better than books. He dwelt little upon doctrine, but upon practical godliness and experiential truth. He was never called a great preacher, but God used him to play upon the heart-strings of men. God used him to stimulate men to action. He was beloved, and proved to be a peacemaker among contending parties.

Many men battle physical disorders. Randolph Hall of another day was described as a "good solid preacher" who exercised a warm persuasive influence upon his people. A builder of churches, influential in his community, a fighter for freedom, he died of an attack of epilepsy to which he had

been subject all his life.

Others, whom God calls, find themselves without formal training and habits of study. Through application of talents, diligent effort, and consecration to their call men qualify as fit vessels unto the master's use. The Bible, as well as church history is filled with such illustrations.

Some preachers in the past could not meet the requirements set up by many modern churches and ordaining councils. And one should not be hasty to condemn such requirements. For that particular group perhaps the demands should be of such nature. But this does not mean that the brother whom God has called cannot serve in some capacity.

And this not to suggest that thorough investigation should not be made and high requirements met. It only suggests that the requirements be biblical.

Middle of the Road

Triumph or defeat

BY J. I. COSSEY

IN the scale of life activities, you may be going up or down. You cannot win and lose at the same time. We are in the game of life for triumph or defeat and we are the sole judges as to the outcome. Those who live triumphantly may have a home, a family, financial security, happy children, and an active church and social relationship. It could mean for you a place of leadership, friends, and business.

Your triumph should free you from worry, fear, frustration, and failure. In this triumph you may have the love and respect of your family, your church, your community, and yourself. It means that you have embraced the atmosphere of success and your life-long ambition.

What is your attitude toward your life work? Do you have a mountain to win or a mountain to lose, in your horizon? Your view of the mountains before you may determine your destiny. Those who believe they can remove their

troubles mountains, can. Belief and attitude are the driving forces in any life. Don't just stand there, believe that triumph is yours, and get into action. Those who believe they can conquer all difficulties on their field, have complete triumph in the bag. No one can win on any field with a losing spirit.

There are preachers who want big churches and there are churches which want big preachers. Those who have such high ideas might grow each other. If the farmer wants a big crop he must grow it. When a farmer grows a big crop he will be considered a big farmer. You need not expect to get into the big class until you have become a big producer.

You may pick out some pastor who is doing an outstanding job in leadership on an average field and follow his techniques. You may use as many of his patterns as you can weave into your own triumph system. You must have a pattern that will defeat all opposing forces on all fronts.

When you have decided your scheme of operation, it will win for you, but you are the workman, and action will make the difference. You must know that a positive approach will win and a neg-

The Easter story



When Mary came, that Easter Day,

And found the great stone rolled away—

"Fear not," the waiting angel said,

"Why seek the living with the dead?"

Your Christ is risen from the grave

And emptiness pervades the cave
Where His dear Body lay."

Again this Resurrection Day

The great stone has been rolled away,

And now, as then, the verdant earth

Rejoices in a sweet rebirth,

As fragrant lilies grow and bloom
Beside the long forsaken tomb

Where once the Savior lay.
—Etta Caldwell Harris, Hamburg

ative one will lose. Your attitude and your hard work will decide whether you will win or lose. If you have faith and you are willing to do hard work, triumph is right where you are.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON NEW EDUCATION BILL

BY W. BARRY GARRETT
BAPTIST PRESS STAFF WRITER

THE Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 has passed the House of Representatives by an overwhelming majority. The Senate will not waste any time to bring it to a vote. President Johnson has his pen poised ready to sign it. It could be law by Easter.

Much confusion is abroad about the bill. This brief question and answer article will attempt to clarify some of the misunderstandings about it.

Question: What are the provisions of the bill?

Answer: It extends the federally impacted area aid program for another two years. In addition it does the following:

1. It authorizes \$1.06 billion for public school agencies for the education of children of low-income families.

2. It authorizes \$100 million to state public education agencies for school library resources, textbooks, and other instructional materials for children and teachers in public and private elementary and secondary schools.

3. It authorizes \$100 million to public school agencies for the creation of supplementary educational centers and services available to all the school children in a community.

4. It authorizes \$100 million to be allocated by the U. S. Commissioner of Education to universities, colleges and other public and private research agencies to develop educational research and training.

5. It authorizes \$25 million for grants to states to strengthen state departments of education.

The total of these authorized appropriations is \$1.385 billion.

Question: Does the bill give aid to parochial schools?

Answer: The bill does not authorize any grant of funds or provide for services to private schools. All of the appropriations for elementary and secondary education are to public agencies.

Question: Does the bill give aid to parochial school pupils?

Answer: Yes. If the private school has children from poor families (\$2,000 or less annual income) the public school that receives aid from this bill must provide them "special educational services and arrangements (such as dual enrollment, educational radio and television, and mobile educational services and equipment)" in which private school pupils can participate.

Other aids to private school pupils are school library resources, textbooks and other instructional materials. The supplementary educational centers and services are also available to all school children in a community.

Question: Through what channels or agencies will these aids be available to private school pupils?

Answer: Only through public agencies. The bill requires that the local educational agency will maintain administration and control of the programs available to private school children. It also assures that the title to any property constructed or purchased shall be in a public agency and that a public agency will administer the funds and property for public educational purposes.

According to the report of the Committee on Education and Labor, under the provision for library resources, textbooks and other aids available to all school children, the bill assures that the funds "will not enure to the enrichment or benefit of any private institution" by the following:

1. Library resources, textbooks and other instructional materials are to be made available to children and teachers and not to institutions.

2. Such materials are made available on a loan basis only.

3. Public authority must retain title and administrative control over such materials.

4. Such material must be that approved for use by public school authority in the state.

5. Books and material must not supplant those being provided children but must supplement library resources, textbooks, and other instructional materials to assure that the legislation will furnish increased opportunities for learning.

For the supplementary educational centers and services the grants are made to a public education agency, the property is in a public agency and the program is administered by the public agency.

Question: Why is there such widespread belief that the new education bill gives aid to parochial schools as well as to public schools?

Answer: There are at least four clear reasons for this confusion. First, the bill approaches education aid on a new basis. It is a poverty bill as well as an education bill, and it is aimed at children rather than institutions. This shift from the traditional thought patterns of education is not quickly made by those who have thought only of aid to schools.

Second, the news media are not always precise in the language used in reporting. In efforts to simplify complicated matters and to shorten lengthy explanations it is easy to use misleading terminology. Such efforts have resulted in a misrepresentation of the bill in some instances.

Third, some of those who are opposed to federal aid to education have sought to use the religious issue to defeat the bill. When it was evident that all other tactics were failing, the opponents attempted to sidetrack it by the charge it provided aid to parochial schools. They did not succeed in convincing the religious leaders, the education leaders or the political leaders of the nation.

Fourth, the administration of the act will require private schools to cooperate with public schools to some extent if their pupils are to receive their aids. In some instances they may create community tensions and abuses if either the school board or the private school interests press for undue advantage.

Question: What has been the position of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs on the new education bill?

Answer: The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs neither endorses nor opposes federal aid to education. Neither can nor does the Committee attempt to speak for all Baptists on such issues.

However, the Baptist agency played an important role in this legislation. From the first it was evident that Congress would pass an education bill this year. The problem was to get the best bill possible from a church-state viewpoint. The executive director of the committee, C. Emanuel Carlson,

testified at hearings before both the Senate and House subcommittees on education. He made many constructive suggestions for the improvement of the proposed bill to safeguard the principles of religious liberty and separation of church and state.

Other organizations also testified and made suggestions for improvement of the church-state principles of the bill. The House subcommittee on education received these suggestions with an open mind and cooperated to the fullest in producing a bill that would be in harmony with the first amendment to the Constitution and in keeping with sound public policy.

Question: Will there be church-state problems arising in the administration of this bill?

Answer: No doubt there will be. These will be problems, however, that arise largely on the local and state levels. This will shift much of the debate on church-state relations in education from Washington out to the communities where the decisions will be made and the policies worked out. In cases where obvious abuses arise it may be necessary for complaints to be taken to the courts, if community dialogue and efforts toward acceptable practices fail.

Many of the possible abuses, however, may be eliminated by the administration regulations that will be worked out by the Office of Education of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Legislation cannot foresee or provide for every possible situation that might arise. Sound public policy, sensible public administration, and devotion to constitutional principles can solve many of these problems even before they arise.

From the churches . . .

Second Church, Van Buren

JIM Evans, Finus Batchelor Sr. and Russell Lingo were ordained as deacons Mar. 28 by Second Church, Van Buren.

Participating in the ordination were Clyde R. Smith, chairman of deacons; Rev. Paul E. Wilhelm, association missionary; Rev. George W. Domerese, pastor, Concord Church; Rev. George L. Lonsbury, former pastor at Van Buren; Rev. S. A. Haley, pastor, Mission Chapel; and Rev. Harold Clegg, pastor, Second Church.

First Church, Booneville

ACTION of the church in business meeting Mar. 17: The church voted to have Dr. John Abernathy as our Foreign Missions speaker Apr. 4, both services.

Beech Street, Texarkana

THE San Jacinto College Choir will be our guest Wednesday night, Apr. 21. We are expecting 36 young people for the prayer meeting service.

Central Church, Magnolia

AN article by our minister of music and education (Earl Bailey) appears in the April issue of *The Sunday School Builder*. The article is captioned: "Dees Every Church Need Separate Classes for Men and Women?"

Kelso Church

TWO were ordained as deacons by Kelso Church Mar. 14. They are Buford Conner and Percy Wargo.

Participating in the ceremony were Rev. Noel Barlow, Dermott; Rev. Jim Thrash, Watson; Rev. L. J. Toups, Tillar; and Rev. Ralph Libhart, Richland. Rev. Thomas G. Dater, pastor, Kelso Church, served as moderator.

First Church, Springdale

The pastor, Burton A. Miley, will be in revival with the Bethel Church, Salina, Kans., Apr. 19-25.

Bulletins wanted!

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For our new column "From the churches," we are scanning church publications to bring all churches of Arkansas the news you are making in Southern Baptist work.

WILLARD S. Campbell, educational assistant of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, will be the commencement speaker at the graduation exercises of the senior class of Altus High School, May 19.

Phelps resigns CUAG

DR. Ralph Phelps has released the following statement concerning his resignation as president of Churches United Against Gambling:

"I have today (Tuesday, March 30) submitted to the executive committee of Churches United Against Gambling my resignation as president of that organization. My reasons are two-fold. First, I have done and said everything that I can do or say in behalf of the law enforcement. Seeing that the laws of the state are enforced is the responsibility of elected officials, both local and state. A private citizen can do just so much; after that, his efforts are absolutely futile without the co-operation of officials who swore to uphold the law when they were elected.

"Second, the anti-gambling fight has required so much of my time that I have been forced to neglect my primary job, that of building a growing university. While my trustees have never objected even once, there are not enough hours in the day to hold two full-time jobs, and that is what I have been trying to do for the past eight months.

"Following the election in November, I asked CUAG to get another president. Their executive committee stated that since there would be nothing for the group to do after the defeat of proposed amendment 55, they would appreciate my retaining the title during 1965. Subsequent events have proved just how wrong their appraisal of the Arkansas situation was.

"I should like to stress that my resignation has not been produced by the harrassment, threats, abuse, and slander which I have constantly experienced since daring to oppose legal and illegal gambling. That situation is the same today that it has been for some time — no better and no worse. Whatever else the proponents of gambling are, they are certainly not good sports.

University of Arkansas Little Rock credit

WHILE Ouachita Baptist University does grant resident graduate credit for work being offered in the Little Rock branch of the school, at Arkansas Baptist Hospital, it is not the only school which offers such credit in the state's capitol city, Dr. Henry Lindsey, dean of OBU, has announced.

In an article appearing in the March 25 issue of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, Dean Mildred Armour of the Ouachita Baptist University School of Nursing indicated that the courses offered by the University of Arkansas count as extension credit only.

The University of Arkansas also offers graduate work in Little Rock and counts this as resident credit, Dr. Lindsey said. The confusion apparently arose over the definition of extension and resident credit, he indicated.

The *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* is happy to make this correction.

"One last thing I should like to make clear in resigning. I do not now have, nor have I ever had, any political ambitions which I have sought to further by my fight against gambling. Contrary to rumors which have been planted and spread by the gambling forces, I have not been working to try to be governor. The way I currently feel about the political situation in Arkansas, I would not run for governor even if I were the sole nominee of both the Democrats and the Republicans.

"While it apparently is beyond the comprehension of a good many people, my opposition to gambling is purely a matter of principle. I believe it to be morally wrong, politically corrupting, economically wasteful, socially hurtful, and educationally misleading. I do not believe it to be the proper foundation on which to try to build a community or a state. My convictions on this subject have not changed.

"I shall continue to work with CUAG, the Christian Civic Foundation, or any other group fighting for law enforcement. But until we get a great many more people aroused enough to make public officials enforce the law or until we elect some who will, we are going to continue to spin our wheels and to see laws openly flouted in a society which claims to be governed by law."

Keahey to Lufkin

REV. Henry L. "Hank" Keahey, formerly of Ft. Smith, recently joined the staff of the Herty Church, Lufkin, Tex., as Minister of Music, Youth and Education.



MR. KEAHEY

Before going to Lufkin, Texas, Mr. Keahey was music director of First Church, Lake Dallas, Tex.

He also served Faith Memorial Church, Denton, Tex., as music director, and, prior to that, was director of music, education and youth in First Church, Cisco, Tex.

Mr. Keahey was in the ministry for 17 years and served churches in Arkansas, Louisiana, and New Mexico as pastor. Pastorates included Mount Olive Church, Crossett, and Village Church. While pastoring Cavern Church, Carlsbad, N. M., he felt the call to go into the music and education field and has been in this work since 1956.

He is a BA graduate of Ouachita University, and graduated in 1953 from New Orleans Seminary with a BD degree. He also attended the Music School of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

OBU relays Saturday

THIRTY high school teams have entered the Ouachita relays to be held Apr. 10 at Ouachita University.

Entries in Division I (AAA and AA schools) include Arkansas High of Texarkana, Arkadelphia, Fairview of Camden, Watson Chapel, Hall High of Little Rock, Mabelvale, Sylvan Hills, Sheridan, Jacksonville, and Malvern.

Entries in Division II (AA and B schools) include Carlisle, Clarendon, Lonoke, Gurdon, White Hall, Nashville, Bauxite, Horatio, Plain Dealing, La., Dewitte, Magnet Cove, Elaine, Murfreesboro, Bryant, Ashdown, Mena, Idabel, Fordyce, DeQueen, and Augusta.

At press time last week two others were expected to enter, El Dorado and North Little Rock. The defending champion, Pine Bluff, will not be back this year.

Students honored

TWO Ouachita University students received honors at the Arkansas Student Education Association meeting at Harding College, Mar. 26-27.

Tommy Carroll, a sophomore speech and art major from Dallas, was chosen from 12 applicants to receive the \$150 Emma Scott Memorial Scholarship awarded each spring to outstanding students who wish to train to be teachers in the public schools of Arkansas.

Barbara Luckie, a junior education major from Reydel, was elected to a state office of college-member-at-large.

Mrs. Goodier hurt

MRS. GORDON GOODIER, wife of the pastor of Pacific Beach Church, San Diego, fell recently and broke a leg. Complications set in when a pin was inserted in the bone and she was in quite serious condition for several hours. She is reported now to be recuperating satisfactorily.

Pastor Goodier is a native of Dardanelle and a graduate of Ouachita College.

At book store

MISS Frances Lee, library consultant of the Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be in the Baptist Book Store, 408 Spring Street, Little Rock, during the day, Apr. 16.



MISS LEE

Miss Lee will be available to consult with the pastors and church librarians of those churches who already have established church libraries. Of special interest to Miss Lee will be the pastor and interested persons of churches who are anticipating a church library.

Miss Lee comes to Arkansas for National Library week. The theme this year is, "Know what you're talking about—read."

A special free library offer is made for those churches beginning a church library for the first time during April and May, 1965. Too, she has a special to offer the church with an established library during National Library Week on Sears List of Subject Headings.

Ballentine to Rudd

THOMAS Ballentine has accepted a call as pastor of Rudd Mission of First Church, Green Forest.

Mr. Ballentine was born in Hunter, and reared in Texas. He attended Southern College, Walnut Ridge, the University of Houston and Ouachita University.

Rowell at Parkin

BEN Rowell, Crawfordsville pastor for eight years, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Parkin. His first Sunday there was Mar. 21.

A native of Morrilton, Mr. Rowell is married to the former Miss June Matlock of Morrilton. They have a daughter, Karen Jo, 6.

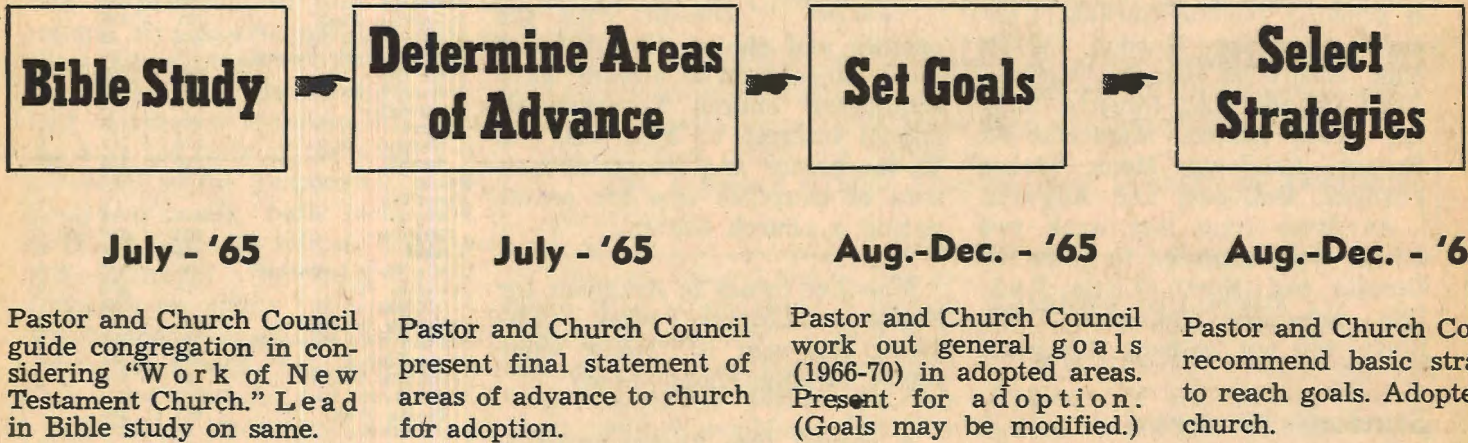
Attendance Report

Church	March 28, 1965		
	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adns.
Berryville Freeman Heights	176	65	
Blytheville			
First	714	245	4
Chapel	59	37	
Gosnell	270	105	
Camden			
Cullendale First	397	158	
First	505	128	
Conway Pickles Gap	85	47	
Crossett First	504	136	2
Dumas First	325	79	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	42	33	
East Main	327	106	
Ebenezer	176	82	
First	836	628	
Parkview	205	70	
Trinity	232	129	
Greenwood First	301	135	
Gurdon Beech St.	148	62	
Harrison Eagle Heights	277	96	
Hope First	500	142	2
Huntsville Calvary	51	32	
Jacksonville			
First	472	124	2
Marshall Rd.	176	110	5
Second	255	105	10
Jasper	69	38	
Jonesboro			
Central	510	186	
Nettleton	292	140	3
Lavaca	246	148	1
Little Rock Immanuel	1,216	482	5
McGehee First	435	192	15
Chapel	69	37	
Magnolia Central	766	247	1
Marked Tree Neiswander	159	94	2
Mena First	342	122	2
Monticello Second	254	108	2
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	691	183	
Southside	50	39	
Camp Robinson	16		
Calvary	416	111	2
Central	258	91	2
Forty-Seventh St.	220	103	4
Gravel Ridge First	203	89	3
Runyan Chapel	65	40	
Levy	536	180	3
Park Hill	747	225	
Sherwood First	194	87	5
Sixteenth St.	23	25	
Sylvan Hills First	316	106	1
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	197	95	
South Side	694	250	3
Tucker Chapel	28	20	
Watson Chapel	163	77	3
Siloam Springs First	331	200	19
Springdale First	461	165	
Star City First	233	88	
Van Buren			
First	464	200	
Second	76	53	
Ward Cocklebur	68	42	
Warren			
First	439	115	10
Southside	72	69	
Immanuel	304	94	1
Westside	98	58	5

DR. Andrew M. Hall, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, served as one of two guest lecturers for Religious Emphasis Week at Southern State College Mar. 8-10 with Dr. B. O. Oslin of the Evangel Temple, Fort Smith.

WALTER K. Ayers, staff evangelist, First Church, Little Rock, is in a tent crusade at Stuttgart this week. Other April engagements are at First Church, Norphlett, Apr. 12-18, and Springdale Church, Tulsa, Okla., Apr. 19-25.

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1. Use out

- Strategy:**
1. Use church outreach organizations
 2. Use pastor's ministry
 3. Use special mission action

Sunday School respo

Training Union respo

Revivals

FIRST Church, Brinkley, Mar. 15-21; Walter K. Ayers, staff evangelist First Church, Little Rock, evangelist; Pat Mahaffey, Bisco, singer; 24 by profession of faith; 4 by letter; Larry O'Kelley, pastor.

FIRST Church, Crawfordsville, Mar. 1-7; Walter K. Ayers, staff

evangelist, First Church, Little Rock, evangelist; 4 by profession of faith; 1 by letter; Ben Rowell, pastor.

FIRST Church, Marmaduke, Mar. 14-21; Rev. Lyn Claybrook, Memphis, evangelist; 1 conversion, 1 rededication, 3 joined the church; Guin Renshaw, pastor.

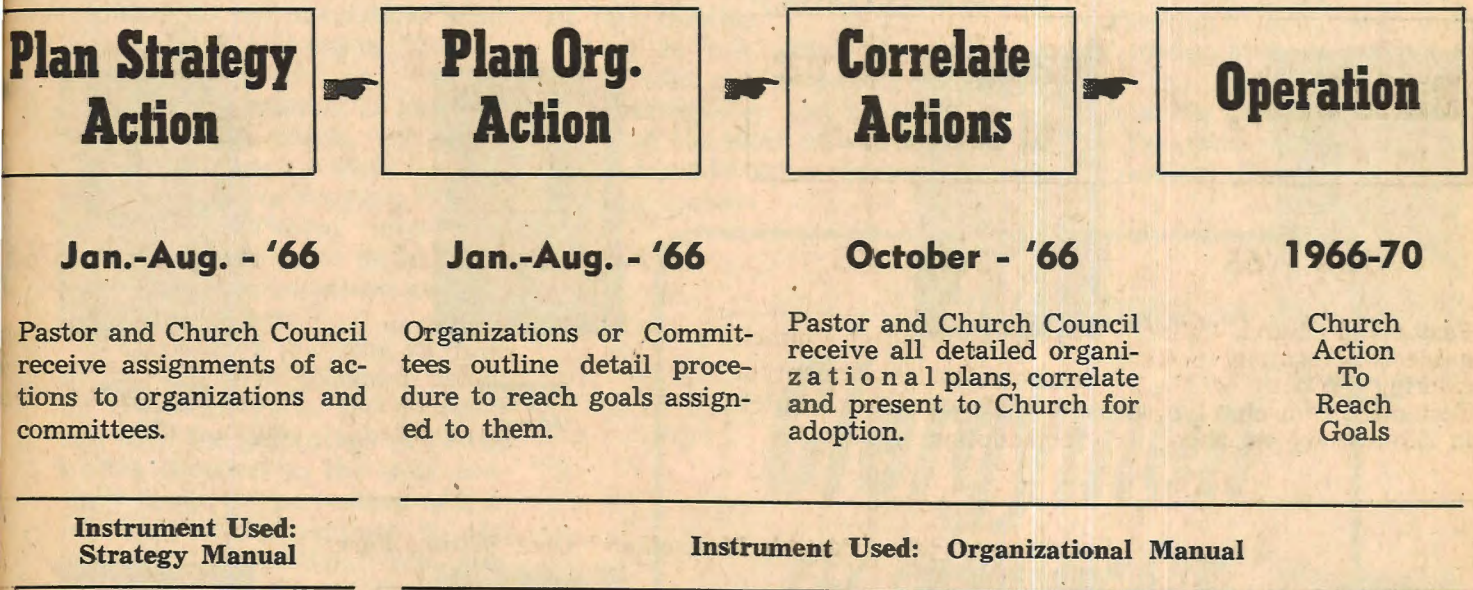
TEMPLE Church, Crossett, Mar. 21-28; Homer Bradley, pas-

tor, First Church, DeWitt, evangelist; Gary Bond, music director, Temple Church, singer; 9 for baptism, 6 by letter; 23 rededications; J. W. Buckner, pastor.

FIRST Church, Sherwood, Mar. 21-28; Jack Thompson, Ft. Smith, evangelist; Morris Ratley, Levy Church, North Little Rock, song leader; 5 for baptism; 55 rededications; Gerald Taylor, pastor.

Christ's Commission"

Plan for Advance



PLANNING PROCEDURE

Action: 1966

organizations
for planning outreach
for training outreach workers

Plan Organizational Action: 1966

1. Locate prospects — Sunday School take census; Training Union train census takers
2. Visit prospects — Sunday School officers and class officers
3. Training Union provide unit for study on witnessing

AMBOY Church, North Little Rock, Apr. 12-18; Rev. Harvey Elledge, Oklahoma City, former pastor of Baring Cross, North Little Rock, evangelist; John Baw, music director; Arnold Teel, pastor.

FIRST Church, Sheridan, youth-led revival, Dean and Doug Dickens, students, Ouachita University, evangelists and singers; 3 for baptism, 1 by letter.

Missionaries Safe

ALL Southern Baptist missionaries in Chile are safe following the severe earthquake which shook and shattered a 1,200-mile-long strip of the country at noon March 29, killing several hundred and leaving thousands homeless and injured. This news came to the Foreign Mission Board by cable from Dr. H. Cecil McConnell, mis-

sionary stationed in Santiago.

There were no Southern Baptist missionaries living in El Cobre, the small mining village which was buried in the tragedy.

MISS Marjorie Stobaugh, a freshman voice major at Ouachita University, has won a full scholarship, valued at \$300, to attend Inspiration Point at Eureka Springs this summer.

ARKANSAS' SUMMER MISSIONARIES



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Arkansas State
Seattle



Shirley Smith
Arkansas State
Colorado

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Hawaii



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California



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Cooperative Program

WHEN BAPTISTS use the term, "The Cooperative Program," they refer to our Baptist way of working together in a world-wide mission effort.

The name, "Cooperative Program," has become a "slick-nickel" term to many of our Baptists and really thousands of church members do not understand what is involved in the words, "Cooperative Program."

In a recent meeting of about 50 Baptist young people, we asked, "What do we mean when we say, 'The Cooperative Program?'" We wrote the different interpretations that they gave on a blackboard and not one person gave an intelligent answer.

We explained the term to them by showing how money is given by the members to the churches and then the percentage of giving by the churches to the state convention and the percentage of giving by state conventions to the Southern Convention. We also gave examples of what the money does in our state and around the world.

We told of conducting a revival recently in a young church in Hamburg where there were 22 additions. The church was started as a mission by First Church, Hamburg, under the leadership of the pastor, E. E. Griever. The Missions Department of the state convention gave \$500 of Cooperative Program money to help buy the property. Brother Raymond Carpenter was called as mission pastor and in a few months the mission became the Gardner Church and called Brother Raymond Carpenter as pastor. Now, after one year, the church has 185 enrolled in Sunday School and about 215 members with weekly offerings of approximately \$200. The church gave \$255.24 through the Cooperative Program for the first three months of this year.

I also told them that the Cooperative Program helped Baptist young people get an education by

supporting colleges and seminaries and after the students graduate and answer calls for mission service their salaries were paid by Cooperative Program money on home and foreign mission fields.

I gave them examples of Arkansas people (called their names) who are now serving under appointment of the Home Mission Board and reminded them that Cooperative Program money made all this possible.

Many in this group of young people told me personally after the meeting they had never realized that the most of our Baptist work depends upon Cooperative Program money.

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This experience made me wonder if perhaps some young people grow up without knowing the significance of the term "Cooperative Program" and are now church leaders and who do not feel nor see the need of giving to world missions through the Cooperative Program. — Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary



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Missions Committee approves aid for missions and churches

BY DR. C. W. CALDWELL, SUPERINTENDENT

THE Missions Committee which considers all applications for aid on church buildings, pastor's salary, associational missionaries and new mission sites is: Hoyle Haire, Marianna, chairman; Vernon Dutton, Pine Bluff; and John Holston, Batesville. These men give due consideration to every request and carry their recommendation to the Operating Committee for approval.

Most of the applications for pastoral and missionary aid are made annually and are approved in December for the ensuing year. The Missions Committee meets quarterly, however, to pass upon new requests and to give consideration to emergencies which arise. The committee met Monday, Mar. 29, and I would like to give you some of the considerations they dealt with.



DR. CALDWELL

Pastoral aid

BERNICE Mission, of Russellville, had failed to get their application in for the annual meeting and were requesting continued supplement on pastor's salary. First Church, Russellville, has done a good job in establishing this mission and building their place of worship. We had thought this mission would be self-supporting a year ago, but many of their attendants are welfare recipients, and they feel that they need assistance a little while longer. The committee approved \$45 per month on pastor's salary.

In 1954, Pleasant View Church, north of Russellville, was organized following a revival meeting conducted by Jesse Reed. The Mission Department gave a little financial help on their building program. They have now reached the place where they want a full-time pastor living on the field. Both church and pastor are enthusiastic about the possibility of his giving full time to the church work and visiting the prospects. The Committee approved \$100 per month to make it possible for this church to launch into a full-time program with a resident pastor.

In 1959, Leonard Street Church was organized in Hot Springs. The Department of Missions gave \$2,000 for property where their first unit was built. The church made splendid progress for the first few years and then launched out into their second building program, which was completed and now has an evaluation of \$58,000. The second building loaded the church with a debt which they were unable to carry. They voted recently to ask Second Church, Hot Springs, to take them over as a mission and receive all of their church property and give guidance to their future work and as much financial assistance as possible. In view of the emergency which the church is facing, and in cooperation with Second Church, Hot Springs, which is willing to assume leadership, the Missions Committee voted to grant \$75 per week on pastor's

salary. It is believed that within six months all problems can be solved and the church or mission move forward again.

Pastoral aid was also approved for Westside Mission in Warren for \$42.50 per month. This mission has been very successful in reaching people and was constituted into a church April 4. The Missions Committee was willing to help them for a few months.

Building aid

MORNING Star Mission, six miles north of Marshall, has great potential. The mission has been meeting in an old schoolhouse which is in a bad state of repair, and yet has been very successful in reaching people. The attendance has been running above 40, and last Sunday there were 5 professions of faith in a service conducted by Missionary J. D. Seymour. There are about 200 prospects. The Missions Committee approved \$1,000 for the purchase of property on the highway and \$5,000 for a building which will be the first unit of their building plans.

The committee also approved approximately \$500 as building payments on the Bull Shoals Mission near Mountain Home. We have a very beautiful building at Bull Shoals, where M. E. Wiles is now serving as interim pastor. The monthly payments on their building note at the bank is \$75 per month. Many tourists attend the services during the summer months and are usually very liberal in their offerings. The tourists from many states express appreciation for the beautiful place of worship, and the mission has no trouble meeting its financial obligations during summer and fall. It is during the winter months when there are no tourists in the area and the attendance is small and the finances meager. The Missions Committee felt that Arkansas Baptists would gladly help in this brief period of time with a special gift.

The Missions Committee considered the crisis which Westside Church, Mag-

nolia, is facing. They built a beautiful church house through a bond program, and later many of the members went out to form another church. Over \$4,000 in bonds came due, and the church could not raise the entire amount to pay the bondholders. The pastor and people indicated that if this emergency could be met their financial program could be rearranged so that in the future they could take care of the bonds as they come due. The Missions Committee voted to grant \$2,000 to this church.

About two years ago, Norfolk Church in White River Association secured a new location and, with some mission aid, built a nice, beautiful place of worship. When the new site was secured it was thought then that the adjacent property, which had two little dwellings on it, next to the state highway that passed through the town, should be secured by the church, also. It could not be bought at the time but the church and the Superintendent of State Missions felt that, if it ever could be secured, the church, by all means, should get it. It would extend the church property to the highway with a very nice arrangement for parking and entrance to the church building. The owner of the property recently decided to sell in order to buy another dwelling, and she offered the property, with houses, to the church for \$2,700. The church has an obligation of \$10,000 which they are meeting and did not feel that they could make the additional purchase without assistance from the Mission Department. The Mission Committee voted to grant the amount to secure the additional property and dwellings, which the church may make use of.

Associational aid

BIG Creek Association has been without a missionary for a number of months. Recently, they elected A. F. Muncy for a period of three months. The Mission Department agreed to supplement his salary \$150 per month for three months. It is believed that this association will begin to move forward and solve many of its problems.

The Committee also voted to increase the supplement to Little Red River Association from \$150 per month to \$175 per month. This association, also, has been without a missionary for a number of months. Some men have been contacted, but they have been unable to secure a missionary due to their limited funds and small salary. The Mission Committee felt that, in view of the fact that we had not paid out anything at all to this association during the first three months of this year, we could increase the allocation \$25 per month for the rest of the year. This is one of the small associations. They have a great fellowship and are doing their very best in associational work, and, no doubt, Arkansas Baptists are glad to help a weak association that has such good fellowship and is trying to do a good job for the Lord.

RA Congress

"CHRIST in our hearts, the hope for tomorrow" will be the theme for the twelfth annual state



MR. SEATON

Royal Ambassador Congress. The Congress is scheduled to be held on May 7-8, at Second Church, Little Rock. Program plans for the Congress are just about complete.

Rev. H. L. Adams, missionary in Nigeria, will be the inspirational speaker for the Friday evening session of the Congress. Brother Adams and family are making their home in Camden, while on furlough. Brother Adams has been busy in mission meetings and has just recently returned home from a ten-week series of Schools of Missions.

His messages are a blessing and a challenge to the heart and life of those who hear him.

The missionary speaker for the Saturday morning session will be Rev. Alvin Hatton, missionary in South Brazil. Brother Hatton, and family are living in Warren while on furlough. Brother Hatton, a former Royal Ambassador worker in Arkansas, is the director of Royal Ambassador work in Brazil. His message will be a blessing to all who hear him.

The program for each of the three sessions will include inspiration, information, and a call to dedication and will be a blessing to all boys and men from every church. Make plans to have boys from your Royal Ambassador chapters and church attend the Congress. Information regarding the Congress was mailed to all pastors and counselors some weeks ago.

Three state Royal Ambassador

Forward through WMU!

IN REPORTING at the 76th Annual Meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union at Beech Street Church, Texarkana, Apr. 5-7, many accomplishments were recalled by the executive secretary, Nancy Cooper, the WMS director, Mrs. R. E. Hagood, and the YWA-Sunbeam Band director, Mary Hutson.

Comparative figures covering a few continuing phases of work during the last two decades were given. Notable was the 150 per cent increase in organizations which now total 2,907 in 715 churches. During this period — 1944-1964 — the three special mission offerings promoted by the organization have become church-wide in emphasis which is reflected in an increase of 670 per cent. They are the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions, the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions and the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Mis-

Camps are scheduled for the month of June. The first camp is June 7-11, and will be an all age camp for boys 9-17 years. The second camp June 14-18, will be for Crusader age boys 9-11 years. The third and last camp will be for Pioneer age boys 12-14, will be June 21-25. All camps begin at 2 p.m. on Monday and close at 1 p.m. on Friday. Special camp information has been mailed to all counselors and pastors. Do your boy a favor; send him to state Royal Ambassador Camp.—C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary

sions. These totaled \$420,087 in 1964 and were distributed as follows: \$297,817 for foreign missions; \$78,640 for home missions; and \$43,630 for state missions.

According to figures gleaned from church letters, membership totaled 36,615, which is a decline of 1,120 over last year's enlistment report. No records are available on enrollment of organization-by-organization so this decline cannot be pin-pointed. However, it is anticipated that the larger percentage was in WMS due to the unprecedented number of women who are now employed outside the home and who have not continued their affiliation with the organization.

A total of 753 organizations were recognized for attainment on Aims for Advancement. Nine churches had Honor WMUs. They were: Camden Calvary; Carlisle First; Cotter; Decatur First; El Dorado First; Fordyce First; Luxora; Ozark First; Piggott First.

Ten associations were Honor: Bartholomew, Benton County, Carey, Caroline, Clear Creek, Mississippi County, Mt. Zion, Red River, Liberty, Conway-Perry.

In the realm of stewardship half or more of the membership were reported tithers in 65 per cent of the Missionary Societies, 71 per cent of the YWAs and 61 per cent of the GAs.

GIRLS' AUXILIARY

Attendance of the five camps held at the new camp site at Paron totaled 973. Attendance of two YWA Houseparties held at Ouachita College totaled 361. The first Workshop for leaders of Sunbeam Bands was attended by 111.

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SPEAKER: DR. C. A. ROBERTS**

1. Dr. C. A. Roberts, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Florida, is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will speak on the following subjects:
 - 11:20 A.M. "The Problem: A Split Level Society"
 - 2:20 P.M. "The Call: Unhidden Persuaders"
 - 7:10 P.M. "The Way: Formula for Christian Growth"
2. State Sword Drill will be conducted at 10:50 a.m. All participants will meet with Bob Taylor in the Choir Room at 9:45 a.m.
3. Speakers' Tournament (Elimination) will be held during the conference period, 2:50-4:15 p.m., with the finals at the evening session which begins at 6:00 p.m.
4. Jon Stubblefield, U. of A. will serve as Convention President and will preside over the three sessions.
5. Convention theme will be: "His Way My Way."
6. Five Young People will be interviewed by the State Training Union Secretary, followed by an evaluation of our "Youth Program."
7. About 1400 Intermediates and Young People (members of Training Union) are expected to attend.



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Junior Choir Festivals

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Festival Selections:

Taken from Oct., Nov., Dec., 1964 issue of Junior Musician:

My Singing Is a Prayer
Hear Us, Blessed Jesus
Kelley's Carol
They Came With Haste

Taken from Jan., Feb., Mar., 1965 issue of Junior Musician

Awake, Awake to Love and Work
Tell the Blessed Tidings
O Lord We Worship Thee
My Master Was so Very Poor

Festivals begin at 9:30 and adjourn at 2:00.

Choirs will learn all the music for the massed chorus.

Choirs who are able will learn harmony parts and descants.

For adjudication, choirs will sing one selection from the festival list, and one selection of director's own choosing.

Children will bring a sack lunch.

Attention:

There will be a \$2.00 registration fee for each choir. Every choir must register to participate. Registration for Junior Festivals will not be accepted after April 1.

Doctrinal preaching

By NEWMAN R. MCLARRY

LAST year over 40,000 known Southern Baptists defected to other denominations. We gained 24,000 from other denominations. This is 16,000 net loss. We have ways of knowing exactly how many come to us. However, many defect and we do not have records advising us. They move to other areas, join other denominations and remain on our growing non-resident files. A Southern Baptist leader has estimated there are at least 20,000 in this group which means a defection of approximately 60,000 yearly, or a net loss of 36,000 to other denominations.

Many believe it is due partly to a significant decline in doctrinal preaching. Our people may not be able to hear positive declaration of great doctrines amid the confusion of doubtful tongues.

We may be getting so "fair-minded," "so dialectical," so anxious to present all the negative sides of the issues, so anxious to preach our question marks and our critical and intellectual doubts, that we have failed to preach and teach our people the great positive doctrinal truths. In fact, we may be in danger of developing what one professor called an intellectual but "doctrinally illiterate" membership.

Whenever there is strong doctrinal preaching, there is usually a healthy and virile church. The sermons in the New Testament (largely evangelistic) were fraught with great doctrines: the fact of Christ, the death of Christ, the resurrection of Christ, the return of Christ, the redemptive power of Christ, the sinfulness of man, man's need of a Saviour, and an urgent appeal in invitation to commit oneself to Him as Saviour and Lord.

There is a need for evangelistic preaching that has the depth and force of great doctrinal content in it. The Holy Ghost will use it to convict of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment. Perhaps He will use it to bring revival in our land.

The Easter lily

BY MARY TAYLOR



BY THELMA C. CARTER

TALL, stately Easter lilies, with their satiny, white blossoms, decorate our churches, homes, and gardens at Easter time. We can see why these beautiful flowers have been favorites since ancient times.

Bible history tells that these trumpet-shaped or bell-shaped flowers grew in the gardens of the kings. Lilies of different colors — white, red, yellow, and orange—grew in the open fields of Judea and in many other areas of Palestine. These beautiful flowers still bloom in early springtime in the Holy Land.

We have difficulty believing that lilies belong to the same plant family as the onion, leek, garlic, and asparagus. Also included in the lily family of plants are the tulip, the hyacinth, the snowdrop, and the star-of-Bethlehem.

Most surprising of all is the fact that the Easter lily comes from the same plant family as the great yuccas and Joshua trees. These big plants, with their torches of white flowers or their big, white trumpet flowers, grow in the American deserts.

All over the world the lily plants unfold their big blossoms when the warmth of springtime comes into the world.

CAROL finished the last arithmetic problem and slipped her notebook back into her desk. Through the schoolroom window she could see the rain still peppering down. The wind was blowing, too.

Carol sighed. She had her big blue umbrella, but she still dreaded the long walk home through the rain. If only there were some way . . .

Her face brightened as she noticed Sylvia still working on her arithmetic. Sylvia's mother came for her in the car every afternoon after school. Carol didn't really care too much for the new girl. She always had her nose in a book. Although she didn't seem too friendly, Carol thought a ride home would be nice.

Carol raised her hand. At a nod from her teacher, Carol slid into the seat beside Sylvia. The new girl looked up in surprise.

"Want some help?" Carol whispered.

Sylvia nodded shyly.

Together they finished the last problem just as the bell rang. They hurried to the cloakroom to get their jackets.

"Thanks so much," Sylvia exclaimed. "I hate to be so stupid. Changing schools and getting new books and everything put me pretty far behind."

"That's all right," Carol answered.

She was feeling rather guilty. She had just noticed that another friend, Janie, didn't have an umbrella today. Outside, the rain seemed to be coming down even harder than before.

Janie was almost out the door before Carol made her decision.

"Wait!" she called suddenly, running after the other girl. She caught up with Janie in the hall.

What kind of friend would I be, Carol thought, letting her go off alone in the rain?

"You were smart this morning," said Janie, nodding toward the umbrella. "I forgot mine."

"We can share this one," Carol told her. "It's big enough for two or three."

The girls paused outside on the steps while Carol raised the umbrella. Just as the two started on, Carol noticed Sylvia was starting down the steps alone.

"Your mother must be a little late," Carol called back.

Sylvia shook her head. "She isn't coming for me today," she explained. "The car is in the shop."

"Would you like to walk with us?" asked Carol. "We have plenty of room under this umbrella."

"Oh, yes," laughed Sylvia, hurrying to catch up. "This is fun," she added as all started down the walk together.

Why, she isn't unfriendly after all, Carol thought. She is just a little shy. She has to study hard because she changed schools. How would I like to go into a new school where I didn't know anyone?

"I'll help you with your lessons all I can, Sylvia," she promised.

"Me, too," offered Jane.

"Thanks," Sylvia accepted. "After I catch up, I'm going to walk home when the weather is good. When it's rainy, I'd like for you two to ride with me."

"Great!" Carol and Janie said together, and all three laughed.

"I'm glad it rained today," Carol added. "Otherwise Janie and I might not have made a new friend."



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The crucifixion

DR. CHARLES THOMPSON, PASTOR
FIRST CHURCH, RUSSELLVILLE
MATTHEW 27:33-50
APRIL 11, 1965

THE details of horror which are included in Matthew's account of the crucifixion are so well known that they need neither explanation nor elaboration. They have no special significance so far as crucifixions are concerned. The other two who died on the hill shaped like a skull that day suffered some of the same horrors. The unique horror which Jesus suffered must be seen in the outcry of Jesus Himself: "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" What we make of these words determines in large measure what we will understand the cross to mean. It is also true that what we think about God will determine what we make of these words.

Two truths seem to be evident. These words indicate that Jesus suffered a terrible aloneness on the cross. But when we remember what we know about God we have to conclude that God was there. Sometimes we try to see one without the other. But there is no way to leave God out of this. For if God had not been there, then, the crucifixion would have been the end.

The Terrible Aloneness

THAT this cry expresses the solitary experience of Jesus ought not be denied. True man was dying there. The cry was also a quotation. The first line of the classic song of Messiah came naturally to the lips of this perfect man who was also a devout Jew. The song was known well to every devout Jew. We know it, too, for it is preserved for us in Psalm 22. The real humanity of Jesus is beautifully reflected in the quotation.

On the cross Jesus shows us two important facts about man. He shows us that His own humanity was real. But He shows us just where man stands when left to his own resources. Man never likes to admit it, but sin brings us all to death. Jesus had been forsaken by every earthly friend hours before this cry was uttered. At the moment of the utterance, He experiences in solitary aloneness just what it means to die for our sins.

He was not playing a game there. Nor was He satisfying any demand for a pound of flesh. He was identifying Himself with man. He was showing man that He is for man. He is showing us that His love for us drives Him to the absolute depths of sin in order to redeem us. He was not dying because we cannot or even because we will not. He was dying to show us that we *must* die with Him for our sins.

Jesus, the perfectly innocent man, alone could ever know the unspeakably terrible aloneness of the cross.

But God was there

NOBODY seemed to know it, but God was there. This seems strange to us as we look backward and gaze upon that hill. Surely the Jews should have recognized the first line of their classic song of Messiah. Nevertheless, they did not. When He called, some of them answered that he wants Elijah. They substituted the Eternal Wanderer of Jewish myth for the eternal God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob. If they had remembered their song, they would have known better. Every Jew should have known that it started with "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" They also should have known that it did not end that way. Instead, it ended with: "But be not thou far from me, O

Lord: O my strength, haste thee to help me."

We should know that, too. Perhaps Jesus was not so much trying to tell God something as He was trying to tell us something. Could this be? Just maybe He was telling us that when man comes to the end of sin there is only one appeal left. You cannot appeal to family, friends, church officials, civil authorities, or anyone else on earth. When you come to the end of sin you must say to God, "Haste thee to help me."

We need to remember that just a few hours before the cry which we have been considering there was another cry. Jesus had prayed to the Father about the cup. God heard Him when He prayed in the garden. According to John's gospel, in just a few minutes after the cry of aloneness Jesus is to cry "It is finished." God heard that cry. Why then must we see only the aloneness of the middle cry and not also the nearness of God?

The Lesson of the Cross

THE supreme lesson of the cross is that God loves men. He loves them so much that even the cross is no obstacle. In fact, it becomes the means by which He shows His love for sinners. Jesus died for us. But He died for us in order that we might die with Him to our sins. This cannot be done by man alone. Somehow man must accept the truth that salvation is provided through the atoning work of God. The crucifixion shows us what has to be done. The resurrection shows us how it can be done in man. But that is next week's lesson. What we are con-



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cerned to show now is that the cross is the means of God for showing His love for the world.

The cross has been explained to some extent by the various theories advanced by the theologians. No single theory is completely satisfactory. Whatever truth there may be in a theory of atonement may certainly be accepted. Such truth is helpful to us as we seek to understand the crucifixion. Nevertheless, something must be said about theories of atonement.

In the first place, theories of atonement never saved anyone. It is always fatal to commit ourselves dogmatically to one theory of atonement. The dangerous tendency to make our favorite view of atonement the criterion by which to judge all that is said about the redeeming work of God in Christ leads very often to the ridiculous position of making the Bible mean what the theory demands. Dogmatism at this point restricts the truth about atonement to a certain statement worked out in advance. It is not possible then to move on to new and fresh understanding of God's redeeming work through the cross.

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Wrong diagnosis

AN OLD doctor in a small upstate New York town finally took a vacation. He assigned his youngest son, not long out of medical school, to look after his practice. When the father returned, he asked his son if anything unusual had happened in his absence.

"I cured that indigestion Mrs. Framston had been suffering from for 30 years," the son proudly announced.

"You idiot," his father stormed. "That indigestion put you through prep school, college and medical school."

I WOULDN'T worry too much about the younger generation turning into beatniks because the beatnik is rapidly going the way of the American buffalo—to which he bears a strong resemblance!

Without representation

PROFESSOR of Economics: "Give me an example of indirect taxation."

Freshman: "The dog tax, sir."

Professor: "Explain."

Freshman: "The dog doesn't have to pay it, sir."

Hup, two, three . . .

"PARDON me for a moment," the dentist said to his patient. "Before beginning this work I must have a drill."

"You mean," the patient asked irritably, "that you can't fill a tooth without a rehearsal?"

It went thataway

AT a book and author luncheon a guest asked: "I wonder where the dime novel has gone?"

A bookseller replied: "It's gone to \$3.95."

Absence makes . . .

"DOLL baby," said the Romeo, "did that kiss I just gave you make you long for another?"

"It sure did," she replied, "but he's out of town right now."

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LITTLE old lady to income tax clerk: "I hope you'll give my money to some nice country."

DEFINITION of nerve: A man seated in a bus, and flirting with a woman who is standing!

TAXES are just like golf. You drive your heart out for the green, and then end up in a hole.

Religious News Digest

By Evangelical Press

Accredit journalist

MADRID, Spain (EP)—The Rev. Jose Cardona Gregori, executive secretary of the Evangelical Defense Committee and a Baptist minister, has been accredited as a journalist in official circles here.

With this official accreditation announced by the general press director of the Ministry of Information and Tourism, Mr. Cardona will have access to primary sources of information. He will also be able to exercise an informative service in regard to the work of evangelical churches. This accreditation is open usually only to graduates of the University Journalism School.

The accreditation of Mr. Cardona came as an unexpected move on the part of the Spanish government.

'Unreasonable force'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—State troopers, local police and other law enforcement officers who violated federal laws in suppressing with undue or unwarranted force a civil rights march in Selma, Ala., on Sunday, March 7, will be prosecuted by the Justice Department.

Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach said here that FBI agents and lawyers have been working in the strife-torn Alabama city seeking evidence and positive identification of those participating in the bludgeoning with nightsticks and whips and the tear-gasing of white and Negro marchers.

Scores of demonstrators were sent to hospitals for treatment and many others less seriously hurt when troopers and police used force to break up a scheduled march to the state capitol in Montgomery for the right of Negroes to vote.

In the world of religion

.... OPENING of a new million dollar addition to the headquarters building of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., was scheduled April 2. The annex—named for Bishop and Mrs. W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, president of the evangelism board for twelve years, has about 45,000 square feet of floor space and an auditorium seating 400.

.... Although 18 million copies of the Holy Scriptures were distributed in the United States in 1963 and distribution more than doubled in the past five years, 50 million Americans are without a Bible. Cost of producing Bibles in Braille, for the yearly total of 30,000 Americans who lose their sight, is \$90 each.

.... Contributions of commodities and cash to CROP, the community appeal program of Church World Service, reached a record total during 1964 of \$1,566,235, which is 7 percent greater than 1963 contributions. Commodities donated through the 18-year-old program included various grains, meats, beans, milk, and milk products. They came from farmers in 25 states.—Survey Bulletin

Clergy and civil rights

WASHINGTON (EP) — Religion and religious leaders are exerting a strong influence in the national upsurge to guarantee voting rights for all citizens.

President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his address to the joint session of Congress on his proposed voting bill, reflected the impact of this pressure. He said, "I speak tonight for the dignity of man and the destiny of democracy."

The President called the current upheaval for voting rights "the outraged conscience of the nation." He said that the crisis is a challenge "to the values and purpose and meaning of our nation."

Then he asked a biblical question: "For with a country as with a person, 'What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?'"

Clergymen of the nation's religious groups have rallied to the cause of equal rights for all citizens. Protestants, Catholics, Jews have merged into one concerted effort to put moral and religious pressure on governmental officials.

Communications workshops

CHICAGO, Ill. (EP) — Two free-tuition summer workshops on Christian Communications will be held June 21-July 9 at Moody Bible Institute here. One will deal with writing, publishing and marketing of religious literature. The other will offer the fundamentals of Christian radio broadcasting.

Bible distribution

LONDON (EP) — During 1964 the United Bible Societies distributed four million complete Bibles, an equal number of New Testaments and 62 million Biblical excerpts throughout the world.

The organization's annual report disclosed that 95 per cent of the world's people have at least a portion of the Bible available in a language intelligible to them. Translations have been made in 1,232 languages, but the entire Bible is available in only 235 languages.

In Africa alone there are 411 translations; in Asia, 333; and in the Americas, 187. Nevertheless, it is estimated that there are still a thousand "mutually unintelligible" tongues into which no portion of the Bible has been translated.

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