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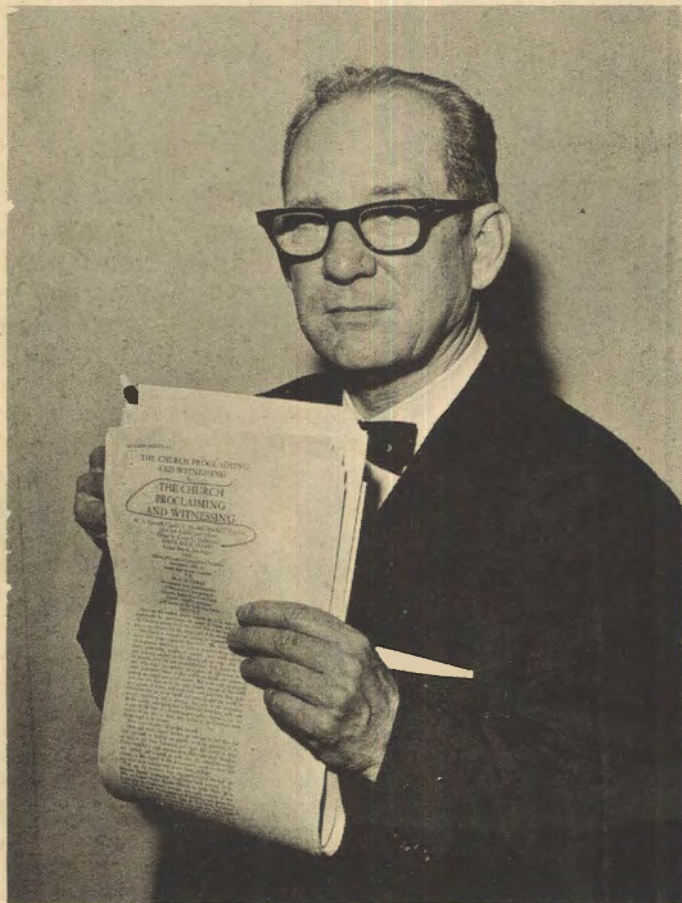


***Arkansas Baptist***

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# personally speaking



*New evangelism book*

## 'Church Proclaiming'

"YOU are not going to like this picture," my friend Owen Gunter, chief photographer for the *Arkansas Democrat*, said as he handed me the glossy print of the likeness reproduced here. "It doesn't flatter you."

But I do like it, for it is a good likeness of the proof of a new book, *The Church Proclaiming and Witnessing*, of which I am editor and which is to be off the presses of Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich., in the next five or six weeks.

A fellow feels about his book a lot like a grandparent feels about his grandkids. (Some of you are old enough to know what I am talking about.)

The way this new book is moving along makes me feel that surely the Lord is in favor of the project.

I got the idea for the book early in January as I sat in my study, out in Lakewood, North Little Rock, looking over a new evangelism book by one of our Bap-

tist seminary professors. Why not a book made up of messages to be given at the annual Arkansas State Evangelism Conference late in the month? I asked.

A few minutes later, after a conference by telephone with State Evangelism Secretary Jesse S. Reed, who was in charge of the program for the Conference, I was talking by long distance telephone with Editor Cornelius Zylstra of Baker Book House, whom I had become acquainted with through the publication of my book *75 Stories and Illustrations from Everyday Life*, back in 1964.

Mr. Zylstra was enthusiastic about the prospects for the proposed book. And while he could not guarantee that his company would accept the manuscript and publish the book, his encouragement was all I needed to go to work on the project.

About half the Conference speakers supplied me with manuscripts and I waded snow ankle-deep to record the others, during the Conference sessions.

As previously announced, the book is dedicated to Dr. C. W. Caldwell, who recently retired after nineteen

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## IN THIS ISSUE:

WHAT kind of men—what kind of ministers—disturb you? Perhaps they are the same types of parsons who "bug" Dr. C. DeWitt Matthews. The humorous article by the gentleman from Midwestern Seminary is on pages 6 and 7.

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THERE'S one paragraph in particular in Harriet Hall's column that we have enjoyed quoting. We'll let you read it for yourself on page 12, paragraph 4.

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### Involvement

ONE of the marks of the present generation is a widespread policy of non-involvement or of not "taking sides."

A neutral public stolidly stands by and sees a yegg committing murder and pays no heed to the pitiful cries of the victim for help.

It's a lot safer to blend into the background.

The one who stands up "to be counted" can easily become a target for those who do not like the way he votes or talks.

But ours is "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Each one is supposed to have the privilege of having his own views and of expressing them. As a democratic people, we are supposedly a people of reason. But so often there are those who think of "persuasion" and "force" as being synonymous. To "persuade" someone to change his views, some seem to think, is to resort to force in one form or another.

And those who do not like a particular viewpoint sometimes are not interested in the reasoning process but will move heaven and earth to keep such from being expressed. The only "argument" of some is the threat of bodily injury, property damage, or even death for the one who dares to be different from the pattern others may chart for him. And if one's livelihood depends upon a business or a profession, there is always the possibility of boycotting him to ruin him or "bring him under." If he depends upon employment, perhaps his employer can be influenced to "lay down the law" to him or to fire him.

Preachers and denominational and church workers are, in the minds of many, at the top of the list of those who are not to be involved in such things, for example, as social and political issues. They are just to "preach the gospel" and not worry about the application of Christianity to the everyday problems of life. This is because there can be no separation between the person as an individual and the person as a pastor, an education director, a minister of music, etc. And to take a stand in these areas might alienate some in the church or some the church is trying to reach.

But cannot Christian business men, lawyers, teachers—and all others—excuse their own involvement on the basis that there might be a carry-over alienation that would hurt them in their business or profession?

And if Christians are not to become involved in the issues of life, pray tell who is to become involved?

Is not Christianity itself a religion of involvement? (Read again Christ's story of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37.)

And where do we get the idea that above all the Christian is never to offend anyone? Did not Christ say: "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!" (Luke 6:26a)?

There will not be found in all of the New Testament any grounds for Christians becoming spiritual eunuchs whose chief concern is to live peaceably with the world.

Christ said: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). Surely that means involvement, as Christ-followers, in all the affairs of life.

### SBC membership

THAT the Southern Baptist Convention is primarily a missions and evangelism channel is shown in the way it is organized, as well as the way it functions. In the April issue of *The Baptist Program*, Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of SBC, writes:

"Membership in the Southern Baptist Convention is not determined by membership in some other general Baptist body. There are churches which regularly send messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention which do not belong to an association or state convention.

"To depend on membership in some other general body as a criteria would be for the Southern Baptist Convention to abdicate its right to determine its own membership. It would introduce an element of inferiority and superiority into our relationship inconsistent with the theological base upon which our polity is built.

"Actually, churches do not join the Southern Baptist Convention. Churches do not belong to the Convention. The Convention belongs to the churches. It is a channel which churches use to respond to the commission to bring men—all men—to God through Jesus Christ."

### Evangelism book:

(Continued from page 2)  
years as superintendent of missions and evangelism for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

The ten chapters of the book, and their authors, are: "The Power of the Preacher," by W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas; "Worthy to Reign," by Charles B. Howard, Bible lecturer, Buies Creek, N. C.; "Winning the World to Christ," by Harold Lindsey, of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta; "The Pattern of Evangelism," by John Bob Riddle, pastor of Central Park Church, Birmingham, Ala.; "The Shantung Revival," by John A. Abernathy, retired SBC missionary to China, now living in Hot Springs; "The Divine Side of Proclamation and Witnessing," by C. W. Caldwell; "What Hell Has That We Need," by Hugh Cooper, pastor of First Church, Melbourne; "Reaching the Lost," by the late James T. Draper, pastor of First Church, Warren; "Repentance—Why and How?" by George H. Harris, pastor of Dermott Church, Dermott; and "Through the Printed Word," by yours truly.

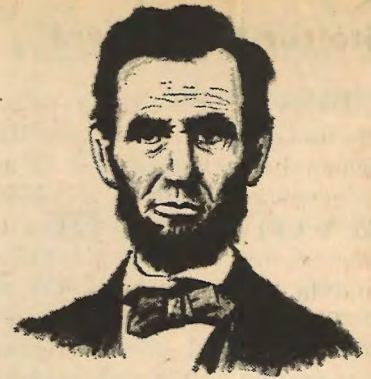
It is our prayer that this book shall be a blessing and a help to many whose compassionate concern is to see lost people saved.

*Edwin L. McDonald*

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# BULLET BULLET



## Bouquet for Dr. Hart

WE have just concluded a School of Missions in our church and one of our speakers was Dr. Clyde Hart, Director of Race Relations in our state. In my opinion, his message and the visual aids he utilized in the service presented the most comprehensive consideration and the most Christian-like perspective of the racial issue that I have heard or seen.

There can be little doubt that one of the great needs in our churches today is for a more wholesome consideration in this area. It seems that two extremes have existed in the manner of bringing this vital question before our congregations. One is the silent method where little if any thing is said and the other is characterized by more exhortation than factual information and obviously neither method makes for a very healthy atmosphere in the church.

Most of the problems concerning this matter are related to a lack of the real facts. We are simply not receiving a true picture of the situation through our news media. I believe that when Christian people are properly informed concerning the actual issues that they will respond in an exemplary way.

Dr. Hart is not only adequately equipped with the facts about the matter, but he can present them in the spirit that inspires to proper action. Among other things, he led many of our people to see that Negro Baptists of Arkansas, as well as across the nation, are our allies, not our opponents in this crisis, and there is a need for our wholehearted cooperation with them. Our people responded wonderfully well to his message and many expressed the fact that their eyes had been opened in many ways.

I would like to commend Dr. Hart for the vital work he is continuing to do as Director of Race Relations and furthermore would like to commend him to all our churches who have not heard him on this issue. In seeking the right answers to critical and sensitive questions, Arkansas Baptists need to avail themselves of this man's mature understanding, and vast experience in this area of our life.

Zane L. Chesser  
Pastor, First Baptist Church  
Norphlet, Arkansas

## Africa Baptists

ON April 14th. of this year 1966. Dr. William R. Tolbert Jr. Vice President of Liberia, and President of the Baptist World Alliance, is due to arrive in Nairobi, Kenya to attend the annual East African Baptist Assembly. He will also officiate at other important

IT was on Good Friday in April, 1865, that Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. The father of Emancipation was killed by a man enslaved to liquor. The bottle preceded the bullet.

Just one century ago, Robert E. Lee had surrendered and the Civil War was ended. Washington was awake with thanksgiving and celebration. President and Mrs. Lincoln had gone quietly into Ford's Theatre for a respite of relaxing comedy. Unprotected from attack this noted abstainer was killed by alcohol!

The great champion of liberty on another Friday in 1847 had written an extraordinary pledge which he after signing himself asked his neighbors to sign. The occasion was his address at the South Forks Schoolhouse in Sangamon County, Illinois. The pledge:

"Whereas, the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is productive of pauperism, degradation, and crime; and believing it is our duty to discourage that which produces more evil than good, we therefore pledge ourselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage."

Through all the years of sober service for his country Lincoln had openly opposed drinking. But it was drinking by his official guard that allowed John Wilkes Booth to enter the President's unprotected box and commit a murder that shocked the world. The officer had stolen away to the near-by bar, from which the drinking Booth emerged. The door being unguarded, he entered and fired the fatal shot into the back of Lincoln's head.

The downtown corner saloon stood only one-half block from Ford Theatre. It was called "The Half-Mile Track." In the tavern, as late as 1916, there was a sign which read "Here the handsomest man in Washington took his last drink before killing the ugliest." When the old Methodist Board of Temperance informed city authorities that the sign was seriously offensive, the police removed it.

Abraham Lincoln had remarked at the cessation of war: "Slavery is abolished. After reconstruction the next great question will be the overthrow and suppression of the legalized liquor traffic, and you know that my head and my heart, my hand and my purse will go into the contest for victory" (Major James B. Merwin, *American Journal of Education*).

But the great reformer didn't live to conduct this crusade. The world's most respected abstainer was himself destroyed 100 years ago by his nation's most subtle foe—beverage alcohol.—American Council on Alcohol Problems

functional Baptist milestones. These will include the opening of another new Baptist High School at Nyeri, Kenya.

Already the news of his coming has been received by Baptists here with eager and prayerful interest. For it is confidently expected that this visit by the World Baptist leader will set new goals, chart new courses of action, engender new expectations and embody

new anticipations for East Africa's picturesque, fast growing Baptists.

We are proud to be your missionaries in East Africa and anxious to provide for you in every way we can, news of our Lord's great redemptive work here in Africa.—Eric H. Clark, Chairman, Publicity Committee Baptist Mission of East Africa, P. O. Box 697, Kisumu Kenya, East Africa

## Stetson takes grant

DeLAND, Fla. (BP)—Trustees of Stetson University, a Baptist school here, have voted to accept a government grant of \$501,926 for construction of a science building, Stetson President J. Ollie Edmunds has announced.

The grant, approved by the Florida Commission of Higher Education providing federal funds under the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, will be used to reduce an already approved federal loan of \$1,272,000 from the U. S. Office of Health, Education and Welfare.

Stetson becomes the second Baptist college within a year to accept a federal grant for a science building. Furman University in Greenville, S. C., accepted a grant of \$611,898 last fall, but the South Carolina Baptist Convention instructed Furman to return the grant and called on Baptists in the state to raise the \$611,898 instead.

The Stetson grant came at a time when a special committee of the Florida Baptist Convention was studying the church-state separation implications of accepting federal grants and loans by Baptist institutions.

Stetson University is a Baptist school, but technically is not owned, operated, and controlled by the Florida Baptist Convention. It is a Baptist, private school which receives much of its financial support from Florida Baptists.

Stetson's trustees are elected by the trustees themselves to form a self-perpetuating board. Under a written "agreement," however, a committee of the Florida Baptist Convention works with a committee of the Stetson trustees in suggesting a list of nominees for trustee consideration. Three-fourths of the trustees must be Baptists, but not necessarily members of Florida Baptist Convention churches.

The Florida Baptist Convention

# THE OFFICE

## *and the man*

—BY T. B. MASTON

PROFESSOR OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS, RETIRED  
SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY  
FORT WORTH

THE Southern Baptist Convention will elect a new president when it meets at Detroit. Will the office seek the man or will someone be elected who has sought the office? It should be the former; if some of my friends inform me correctly, there is a possibility that it may be the latter.

Spiritual democracy is threatened when men are elected to office in the local church or in the denomination who have consciously and deliberately sought the office. If Baptists become generally enough convinced that this is being done, they will lose their faith in the democratic process which has been one of the most distinctive characteristics of our Baptist way of life.

This danger is rather clearly recognized in most local churches. It is considered inappropriate if not positively wrong for any man to seek to be elected as a deacon or as any other officer of the church or its organizations.

### Spirit leadership

FURTHERMORE, the vast majority of church members believe that a church should seek a pastor, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, rather than for a preacher to seek the church. Few things will destroy more readily the faith of church members in a preacher than for them to become persuaded that he uses "political methods" to get recommended as the pastor of a particular church. If they ever believe that this is commonly done by preachers, they will tend to lose their faith in the leadership of the Lord in the work and life of both the preacher and the church.

The office should seek the man not only on the local church level but also on the denominational level. This should include the association, the state convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. The preceding does not mean that men will not be pleased and feel honored when elected to some office. It does mean, however, that they will not seek, however tactfully or adroitly, to be elected. They will not encourage their friends to put on a campaign for them. They will certainly not pull any tricks or make any trades in an effort to get elected. In so far as any of these things are done, our spiritual democracy is conforming to the patterns of the political order. In this area as well as others, we should not be conformed to this world but should be transformers of it.

May our heavenly Father help us to cherish and preserve our democracy in the local church and in the life of our denomination. One way to do so is to decline to "run" for any office. Let the office seek us if it will, but let us never seek the office!

allocated \$269,700 last year to Stetson through its Cooperative Program budget. Florida Baptists

gave the school about \$80,000 in additional financial support during the year.

# PARSONS WHO 'BUG' ME

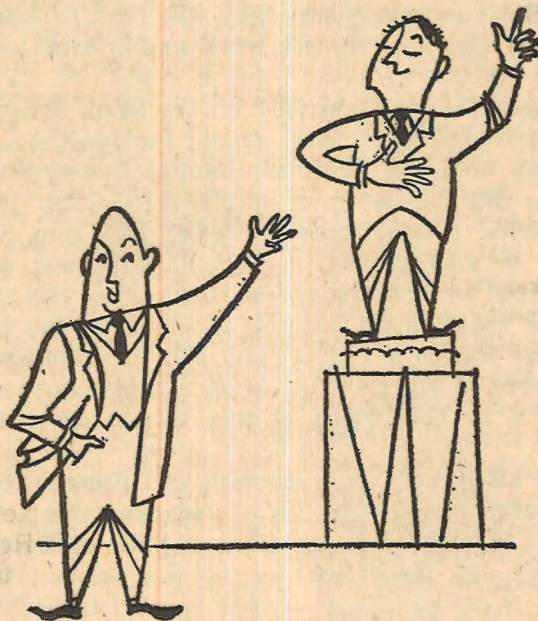
*By C. DeWitt Matthews  
Midwestern Baptist Seminary  
Kansas City, Missouri*

I KNOW a school boy who, when provoked by someone, will blurt, "O, quit bugging me." He has his own list of people who "bug" him the most.

Well, I've made me a list of parsons who "bug" me.



First is the minister who rarely is on time for his engagements. How many lives I've lived waiting for "the late Brother Smith!" His tardiness does not just say that the man is undisciplined, but it screams that he's selfish. He doesn't seem to care that he's inconveniencing others.



Another parson who "bugs" me when speaking is that one who uses ancient references exclusively. This quickly dates a man. But his chronological age is not what comes through loudest. It's, rather, his mental

and psychological stodginess. A good rule here is if you use an old incident, quickly throw up beside it another that is as new as this morning. Right here I'll risk being decapitated by saying that I tire of men, who, when citing preachers worthy of emulating, always name George W. Truett or John A. Broadus, or a few other such men of the past. These "giants" have had their day, and I reverence their memory, but a new generation would like to know also the names of great men closer to their time. Are there any?



Then, there's that preacher who is a member in good standing of the "Clergy Cliche Conference." How tired some of his words get! He says "toil or labor" when just plain "work" would do better. He tries to be overly specific by adding "each and every." Evidently, he doesn't know about redundancy. Still further, he's forever referring to the "world in which we live." But what other world does he know about first hand? Why won't he just say "this world," or "the current day?"

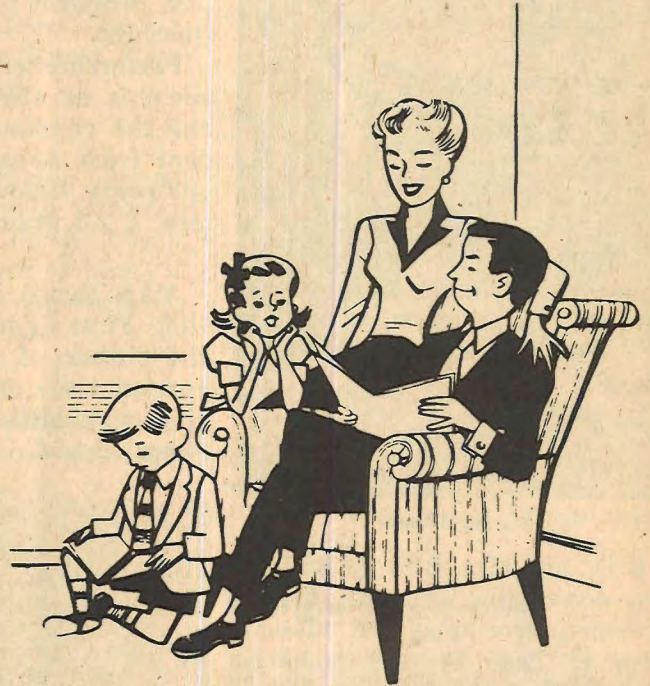


Still further, there's that man who eats up speaking time by talking about extraneous matters. He must tell about his hospital visits. But his faithfulness here has nothing to do with his assigned subject! Or, he relates wearisomely about the weather, a traffic accident he saw enroute to the engagement, or something he's read that he can't forget. If such items introduce the subject, well and good. But if they're just "fillers," then why let them rob the speaker and the hearer of listening time? As the impatient theatrical people say, "Man, get the show on the road."



Yet still another "bugger" is that minister who, when changing his subject at the last minute tells the audience the agony he went through trying to do it. Doesn't he know that if the change is valid and if he speaks well that the audience will rarely know that it happened? But even worse is that man who relates how he jotted down some "rambling thoughts" as he came into the church. Have you got any more time to squander on such carelessness?

A kinsman of the "rambler" is that Mr. Milque-toast-sort-of-preacher who says at the outset of his sermon, "I don't know how theological or homiletical this will be. But that doesn't really matter. I just want to talk to you out of my heart." He usually hasn't prepared. It's desirable that his sentiment and feeling be evident in his sermon but any ideas he's got must come through his head, and that doesn't happen unless the man has studied.



But how about the man who talks much in his sermons about his own children, or refers with syrupy sweetness to his wife sitting in the congregation, or echoes the plaint about how busy he always is? Does he not know that other people have children? Other men think their wives are sweet and faithful, too, but they keep the information for private enjoyment. Besides, most everyone that I know is busy, has schedules to formulate, deadlines to meet, and chores to perform. But the difference is that they just do what is necessary without crowing about it, or complaining how overworked they are.

But this "bugger" of a parson is unsatisfied unless he's relating such extraneous matters. Is he seeking sympathy for himself, or trying to "cash in" on his attractive family because he feels inadequate, or wanting desperately for his people to appreciate him more? Whatever causes him to do it, he's accomplishing just the opposite of his hopes. He gets no sympathy, but pity, not understanding, but boredom, not appreciation, but hostility.

This kind of parson truly "bugs" me. But, I'd better stop talking about it or I'll "bug" you. I can withstand almost any attack, except the swing of the flyswatter or the fumes from the exterminator's "gun."



### Arkansans to Togo



THE BULLINGTONS

REV. and Mrs. Billy L. Bullington, Arkansans who now live in Missouri, were appointed missionaries to Togo by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during its March meeting in Richmond, Va. They are the third and fourth missionaries the Board has assigned to Togo, a small West African nation.

Mr. Bullington, now pastor of Leeds Church, Kansas City, Mo., was born and reared in Charleston. Mrs. Bullington, the former Evelyn Robinson, spent most of her childhood in Russellville.

They met at Ouachita University, and, they told the Foreign Mission Board, it was during their 1956 summer vacation that they made separate decisions about missions.

He graduated from Ouachita with the bachelor of arts degree in 1957, having served during his last two years there as associate pastor of First Church, Bearden. Following graduation he served in the U. S. Army Reserve, Fort Benning, Ga., for six months and taught English at Delight (Ark.) High School for a semester. Then he entered Midwestern Seminary, where he graduated with the bachelor of divinity degree.

### OBU scholarship

THE Citizens National Bank of Arkadelphia has donated a \$250 scholarship to Ouachita University, according to Dr. Ben Elrod, vice president for development at Ouachita.

Preference will be given to Arkadelphia or Clark County youth, and the recipient must be a student from Arkansas with a demonstrated financial need and at least a 2.0 grade average.

VAN Evans, minister of education, First Church, El Dorado, is the author of an article in the current issue of *Church Administration*, published by the Sunday School Board.



**MISSION PASTOR** — *Daniel Hughes is the new pastor of community Mission, Beech Street Church, Texarkana. He began his new work Mar. 13. Mr. Hughes was ordained in 1926 and pastored a number of churches before retirement in 1965, when he was serving a church in Blytheville.*

He had two Missouri pastorates while a seminary student.

Mrs. Bullington graduated from high school in Arkadelphia and enrolled in Ouachita, where she studied education and home economics for three years.

She and Mr. Bullington have two sons, Phillip Kirk, six, and Bryan Lee, three.



DR. BEN F. PHILBECK JR.

DR. Ben F. Philbeck Jr., Memphis, accepted the pastorate of Lake Village church effective Mar. 23.

Dr. Philbeck began his preaching at a chapel on Front Street sponsored by First Church, Memphis.

In January, Mr. Philbeck was awarded the Doctorate in Theology by Southern Seminary. While there, he served for three years as an instructor in Hebrew Old Testament. Dr. Philbeck is also a graduate of Wake Forest College and Southeastern Seminary.

The new pastor comes to Lake Village from Sardinia Church, Westport, Ind. He has held other pastorates in Maryland, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Mrs. Philbeck, formerly Miss Jo Sloan of Charlotte, N. C., is a 1953 graduate of Memphis State University. The Philbecks have two sons, Richard Forrest, 10, and John Walter, 1½.

MRS. Edith Taylor, Ouachita University junior psychology major from Carthage, Tex., has been selected for "Who's Who of American Women." She has served on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce Managers and Directors of East Texas and the Texas Chamber of Commerce Managers.

## Student teachers

SIXTY-SIX Ouachita University students have been approved for student teaching during the spring semester, it has been announced by Dr. A. B. Wetherington, director of Teacher Education.

They include the following, listed by name, home towns and teaching fields, under the schools in which they will practice:

Arkadelphia: Phillip R. Johnston, Miami, Okla., elementary, sixth grade; Marilyn Matlock, Little Rock, home economics; and Mary Sue Rettstatt, Paragould, elementary music.

Bauxite: Rozanne Eubanks of Pine Bluff and Linda Lawrence of Russellville, both home economics; Pat Turpin, Pine Bluff, elementary, third grade, and Wanda Rice, Little Rock, elementary, second grade.

Benton: Judith Branch, Wynne, mathematics; Linda Casey of Mansfield and Carol Christilles of Texarkana, both elementary, third grade; Brenda Cash, Lonoke, elementary, second grade; Cheryl Conway, Mansfield, elementary, fourth grade; Nick Lanpher, Painton, Mo., physical education; Annalene McDonald, Paragould, secretarial science; Barbara McKinney, Little Rock, English; Linda White, Texarkana, elementary, second grade; and Ruth Wilkerson, Pine Bluff, home economics.

El Dorado: Kenneth Andrews, Searcy, biology; Harriet Gabbie, Dumas, speech and drama; and Freddie McKinley, Murfreesboro, physical education.

Hope: Melissa Carter, Springdale and Frances Goacher, Hughes, both elementary, second grade; Sara DeClue, Mineral Point, elementary, sixth grade; and Mary Bell High, Hope, English.

Hot Springs: Johnita Higginbotham, Batesville and Janet Stanfield, Painton, Mo., both elementary, third grade; Doyle Combs, Texarkana, band; Jean Jinks, Pine Bluff, elementary, sixth grade; Barbara Luckie, Reydel, elementary, fourth grade; Phillis Mosely Stallings, Little Rock, choral music; Patricia N. Rose, Waldron, elementary music; Frank Spainhour, physical education; Donna Chatman, Poplar Bluff, Mo., elementary, second grade; and Sharon D. Rogers, El Dorado, English.

Little Rock: Judy Pat Neely, Warren, French; Suzanne Russell, Warren, English; and Sharon Smith, Duncanville, Tex., speech.

Mabelvale: Brenda Sullivan, Lonoke, English.

Magnet Cove: Annette Brosius, Malvern, English and speech, and Emily Parker, Hot Springs, social studies.

Malvern: Velma Jean Brinkley, House Springs, Mo., secretarial science; Melba Calhoun, Hope, physical education; Emily Coker, North Little Rock, biology;

## Concord Ass'n notes

VACATION Bible School clinic will be held at Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, Apr. 4, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and dismissing at 2:30 p.m. A nursery will be provided and lunch will be served with a charge of 50 cents and 25 cents. Rev. Orville Haley, association Vacation Bible School director, will be in charge.

### Lerch at Tulsa

SINCE last June, Berean Church, Tulsa, where Norman Lerch, formerly of First Church, Booneville, is pastor, has had 112 additions, the most of them by baptism.

### Vounteers wanted

M. C. MILLER, Booneville, associational Brotherhood president for Concord Association, is interested in hearing from men interested in association Brotherhood work. He may be addressed at R.F.D. 1, Box 180A.

### Featured speaker

DR. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was the guest speaker for the March 7 meeting of the Concord Association Workers Conference, at Trinity Church, Ft. Smith.

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Sandra Cowling, Mineral Springs and Susan Ritter, Camden, both home economics; Carolyn Crutcher, Ft. Smith and Gloria Davis, Hot Springs, both elementary, second grade; Eva Gamble, Grand Cane, La., biology; Ruie Hazelrigs, Gainesville, Tex., elementary, fifth grade; Anna W. Hoover, Miraleste, Calif. and Glen Jent, Neosho, Mo., both English; and Janie Taylor, Malvern, elementary, first grade.

Pine Bluff: Bobbie Benton, Helena, and Dian Sadler, Portland, both secretarial science; Linda Harris, El Dorado, physical education; Margaret Price, Pine Bluff, Spanish; and Lynne Thompson, Pine Bluff, speech.

Prescott: Freddie Gay, Turrell, elementary, fifth grade; Cheryl Rodgers, Waldron, biology; and Ronnie Winstead, Parma, Mo., social studies.

Smackover: George Smith, Camden, biology.

Texarkana: Sharon Carwile, Jefferson City, Mo., and Linda Ream, Sedalia, Mo., both English; Shirley Hilton, Kansas City, social studies; and June Self, Texarkana, speech.

## Revival news

EL DORADO Caledonia Church, Mar. 17-20; Keith Shelton, missionary appointee to Peru, and formerly of Valiant, Okla., evangelist; R. C. Taylor and Larry Hall, song directors; 1 by letter; Hugh Nelson, pastor.

CASH Church, May 4-8; Nelson Tull, evangelist; Carl White Pastor.

MALVERN Gilead Church; Mar. 13-20; Theo Cook, North Little Rock, evangelist; Jay Miller, Ouachita University, singer; 2 on profession of faith, 18 for rededication. Frank Taylor, pastor.

EL DORADO Calvary Church, Apr. 3-10; Theo Cook, North Little Rock, evangelist; Harold Wilson, pastor.

DEQUEEN First Church, Charles Massegee and Jimmy Snellen, evangelists; 20 additions; E. Butler Abington, pastor.

BEARDEN First Church, Apr. 10-17; Walter Ayers, Little Rock, evangelist; David M. Tate Jr., First Church, Camden, music director; Homer Halton, pastor.

## Resigns pastorate



HUGH MCGEEHEE

HUGH McGeehee, pastor, Caudle Avenue Church, Springdale, for almost three years has resigned his pastorate effective May 15. He is available for pastoral or interim pastoral work and can be contacted at 215 Sunset Avenue, Springdale.

Any church desiring information or references can write Dr. Alexander Best, Superintendent of Missions, Box 299, Fayetteville, or Rev. Jay W. C. Moore, Box 757, Ft. Smith.

# From the churches . . .

## Bentonville First

HARRY Puryear recently received a 12-year bar for perfect Sunday School attendance. Mr. Puryear is an active deacon and serves as the superintendent of the Adult Department.

Julius Priest is superintendent of the Sunday School and Paul Myers is pastor.

## Cash

WE are scheduling three special services during the Easter holidays: Apr. 8, "The Death of Jesus and Its Meaning to Us;" Apr. 9, "The Burial of Jesus and Its Meaning to Us;" Apr. 10, sunrise service, "The Echoes of the Resurrection."

## Little Rock Archview

DAVID Bowden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney O. Bowden, served as Youth Week pastor Mar. 6-27. He assisted

Pastor Andy A. Kerr during services and spoke the evening of Mar. 27.

A youth-led revival marked the half-way point Mar. 18-20, conducted by Russ Arnold and Davis Wallace, Ouachita University students. A retreat was held for the youth of the church

at Camp Paron Mar. 25-26.



## Lavaca First

THE church honored its pastor and family Mar. 13 with a silver service on the occasion of the pastor's silver anniversary in the ministry. Following the presentation the membership was served a dinner at the church.

Mr. Lumpkin has served the Lavaca Church since January, 1963, during which time there have been 189 additions to the church.

In addition to his pastoral duties Mr. Lumpkin also serves the 188th TAC RECON GROUP (ANG) of Ft. Smith as chaplain.



## Clarksville First

"THE Long and the Short of It," according to Pastor Carroll Caldwell.

The lady in the center, Mrs. James S. Hardin, has completed 24 years of perfect Sunday School attendance. The

little girl, Lisa, being held by her mother, Mrs. Dan Smidgen, has completed two years of perfect attendance and is only a little more than two years old.

At the right is Ira Phillips, Sunday School superintendent.

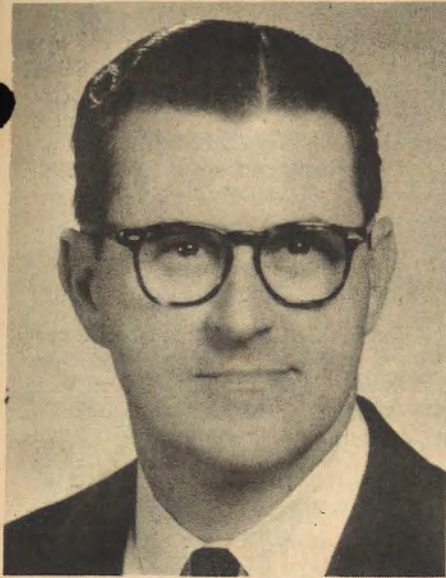
## At Texarkana church

WILLIAM McGibney has joined the staff of Beech Street Church, Texarkana, as minister of music and youth.

Mr. McGibney will commute from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, each week end through May. In June, Mr. and Mrs. McGibney and infant son, Bill Jonathan, will move to Texarkana.

MRS. Fred E. Love, Norphlet, was scheduled to attend the annual conference of writers of curriculum materials for *The Beginner Leader* and *Every Day with Beginners* Mar. 21-25 at the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. A public schoolteacher, Mrs. Love is an experienced leader in beginner departments at Ridgecrest and Glorieta assemblies.

## DEATHS



DR. JAMES T. DRAPER

Dr. James T. Draper, 52, pastor, First Church, Warren, Mar. 22 of a heart attack.

A native of Grant County, he was a graduate of Ouachita College and received his master of theology degree from Southwestern Seminary and his doctor of divinity degree from East Texas Baptist College in Marshall.

He formerly held pastorates at Clarksville, Bay City, Tex., Jacksonville, Tex., and Houston, Tex. He was district mission secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas from 1956 to 1963.

Funeral services were conducted Mar. 25 from the church by his three sons. James T. Draper Jr. delivered the address. He is now pastor of Red Bridge Church, Kansas City, Mo. He was assisted by his brothers, George Leonard, student at East Texas Baptist College, and Charles William, student at Ouachita University. Also taking part in the services was Dr. J. I. Cartledge, Gilmer, Tex., who was holding revival services at the church. At the request of the family, the revival continued as planned.

Dr. Draper also left his wife and three grandchildren.

Marvin Lee May, 53, Paragould, pastor of Immanuel Church, Mar. 23.

He attended Southern College and Ouachita University. Mr. May was a veteran of World War II and had served churches at Marmaduke and Pine Bluff.

Ragsdale N. Primm, 56, El Dorado, Mar. 21.

He was an oil field worker and a member of Immanuel Church.

Bert Lawson Herring Sr., 42, Sheridan, Mar. 22.

A shipping clerk for W. A. Manufacturing Company, Pine Bluff, he was a member of Dollarway Church.

Miss Ruth Pettigrew, 76, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary, Mar. 19 in Hong Kong Baptist Hospital, where she had been for several weeks. Miss Pettigrew served as a missionary in

China and Hong Kong for 39 years. At the time of her retirement in 1959 she visited the States for a few months and then returned to Hong Kong.

John Abner, 58, Route 2, Little Rock, formerly employed by Big Rock Stone and Material Company, Mar. 21.

He was a member of Arch View Church and a veteran of World War II.

Edgar Hayden White, 56, Little Rock, a machinist for Missouri Pacific Mar. 21.

He was a member of Ironton Church.

Thomas Harvey Smith, 86, Mansfield, a retired farmer, Mar. 21.

He was a member of Mansfield church.

Milburn H. Kea, 67, Rison, Mar. 20.

A retired farmer, he was a member of Rison Church.

Robert Tony Evans, 75, El Dorado, Mar. 19.

A native of Hempstead City, he had lived in El Dorado for 42 years. He was a member of West Side Church and a retired employe of Lion Oil Refinery.

Mrs. Anna Mae Brown, 62, North Little Rock, Mar. 20.

She was the wife of Ezra T. Brown and a member of Baring Cross Church.

Mrs. Ruth Lee Koon Harper, 64, Sheridan, Mar. 23.

She was a retired schoolteacher. She was a member of First Church, the Arkansas Educational Association, the NEA and the Sheridan chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Mrs. Olivia Allbright Williams, 75, Pine Bluff, widow of J. Pink Williams, Mar. 23.

She was a member of Second Church.

Hearin Jolley, 65, El Dorado, Mar. 21.

He was a lifelong resident of Union County, a member of East Main Church and a recently retired fireman at Monsanto Chemical plant.

I. J. Cannon, 75, Jonesboro, Mar. 21.

He was a salesman, a veteran of World War I and a member of First Church.

## Minister ordained

WILFRED Jenkins was ordained to the ministry Mar. 20 in Rudd Mission, where he is now pastor. Rudd is a mission of First Church, Green Forest.

Pastors and deacons from Boone-Newton and Carroll County Associations participated in the service. The elected officers of the ordaining council were: James McBee, Alpena, moderator; Bob Batchelder, Harrison, clerk; Sardis Bever, Green Forest, interrogator; ordination sermon, Roy McLeod, Batavia; ordination prayer, Herman Ballentine, Grandview; presentation of the

## Wins scholarship

BOBBY Stover of Dermott has been awarded a \$100 journalism scholarship from Ouachita University.



BOBBY

with the *Dermott News*.

Stover who will enter Ouachita as a freshman this fall, is presently assistant editor of the Dermott High School newspaper and the Press Club, and has worked

## April honor emphasis

THE Baptist History Commission, in keeping with the program adopted by the Arkansas State Convention in 1965, recommends that each association give a place on the program of its April workers' conference for honoring the first church among its members that had organized woman's work. A short history of the beginnings, including the persons responsible, prepared by one who was in the organization or by a close relative of a charter member would add human interest to any program. Highlights of the development of woman's work on the association level would also make good points of emphasis in a program for honoring the leaders in woman's work.

The Commission offers the services of any of its members in assisting any association in this emphasis and requests a copy of the message given.

—George T. Blackmon  
Executive Secretary  
History Commission

## Caroline

DES ARC Church dedicated its new auditorium Mar. 6.

Cocklebur Church dedicated its new educational building Mar. 6. The church has recently added nine Sunday School rooms and built a baptistry. The exterior has also been finished.

Bible, Joe B. Powell, deacon from Green Forest.

## Feminine philosophy -- or intuition

BY HARRIET HALL

### A week on campus

RECENTLY I had the unusual opportunity of spending a week on the campus of William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo.

As a member of the Religious Focus Week team, my assigned topic for emphasis was "Christian Concepts and Attitudes in Courtship and Marriage."

The college campus scene is always an enjoyable one. There is a happy combination of light talk and serious talk. Conversational topics ranged from space trips to the moon to "What's your opinion of Batman?"

I learned rather quickly that landing a man on the moon isn't bothering a lot of girls half as much as landing a man on earth.

We had dorm discussions, seminars, vesper services, and chapel messages, but perhaps the most enjoyable and profitable time was that spent in individual discussions. The other meetings served as springboards for the informal discussions and private conference time.

One girl confided, "My boy friend of several years now tells me that he's sure he is going to be a minister. I just don't know whether I can fit the pattern as a minister's wife."

Another confided, "I am deeply in love with a graduate student—but he has never told me that he loves me. I had planned to go to another school next year but I am fearful of losing him."

Still another said, "A graduate student is in love with me and he is ready for marriage. I feel that I'm too young to marry and that he is rushing me. But I'll admit that I 'set my cap' for him."

A young man said, "I have dated several girls. My problem is that after several dates with a

## Please answer this mail

BY this time hundreds of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* subscribers should have received a questionnaire asking them their opinions about the paper—what they like and what they do not like.

This is a part of a reader test which is now being sponsored by Southern Baptist state papers. A similar survey was made several years ago with about one-half of the papers participating. This year three-fourths of them are engaged in this effort.

The papers are not making this survey. Rather, it is being conducted by the Research and Statistics Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville. They formulated the questionnaire. They do the mailing. They will classify and compile the results and eventually submit their findings to the papers. The results will be studied and used in charting plans for the future. The papers' part in this project consists only in providing the mailing list.

Those who fill out the questionnaires are requested not to sign them. This will enable them to be completely objective and frank in their answers. No stamp is necessary.

Our readers who receive this mail are respectfully urged to give attention to it. The effectiveness of the survey will depend upon the number who respond. The study will render a real service to *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, as well as to all other state papers. May we count on you for a 100 percent return of the questionnaires received.

girl she thinks I'm wanting to go steady, and I'm not ready for that yet."

One girl said, "My boy friend is in the service. He writes regularly but he never acknowledges the gifts I send him."

Another young man said, "I've been dating the same girl for five years. I'm ready for marriage, but she still thinks we should wait a while."

One coed said, "My boy friend and I have dated for a year. We have never done anything but kiss each other, but his fraternity brothers think he's crazy for 'settling for so little!' We think we ought to save some things for marriage."

"More power to you!!" was my comment to this attractive girl. To each of the others I tried to offer what help I could. There were many others but the above comments give a random sampling of some of the things that were on the minds of some of these

fine young people.

I told Dr. Guy Moore, the president of William Jewell, and Dr. David Moore, Bible professor, that I was truly impressed with the intelligence and the sincerity of attitudes expressed by many of these young people. After visiting this campus and adding to it the memory of the recent visit to our own Ouachita campus, plus my continual acquaintance with some of our fine Christians attending the U. of A., I am convinced of one thing: The young people are not *all* going to the dogs. We should be grateful to God that many of these college students are seeking each day to find God's presence and His will in their lives.

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Comments, questions, or suggestions may be addressed to:

Mrs. Andrew Hall  
Mt. Sequoyah Dr.  
Fayetteville, Ark.

# Departments

## Brotherhood

### Prepare now

WHAT to prepare for? Prepare to attend the State Royal Ambassador Congress on May 6-7, at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock. The first session of the Congress will begin at 6:50 on Friday evening. The Saturday morning session will begin at 8:50. The Congress will close at noon on Saturday.



MR. SEATON

The general theme of the Congress will be "Boys Proclaiming The Message of Christ." Interesting program features built around

this theme are being planned for each session. Each session will include good singing, special music, and a visual presentation.

The missionary speaker for the Congress will be Rev. Melvin K. Wasson, missionary to Nigeria. Mr. Wasson is a man with many jobs on his mission field. He is the pharmacist at the Baptist Hospital in Ogbomoso, where he prepares and dispenses all medicines for patients. Some days it is necessary for him to prepare 1,200 or more prescriptions. In addition, he serves as advisor to 26 churches and preaching points in the area and is chairman of the committee that makes grants for churches in 17 associations. Mr. Wasson will have many interesting things to share with us.

The inspirational speaker will be Rev. Don Moore, pastor, Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro. Mr. Moore has recently returned to the state from a pastorate in Lou-

isiana. He has been active in Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work. Before going to Louisiana, Brother Moore's church had one of the most active Royal Ambassador programs in Arkansas. Boys from every church in Arkansas will profit from hearing these two speakers. Information regarding the Congress is being mailed to all counselors and pastors.

Oh, yes! it isn't too early to begin making plans for State Royal Ambassador Camp. Camps are planned for June 6-10, June 13-17, and June 27-July 1. The first week will be for all ages, 9-17 years. The second and third weeks will be for boys age 9-14 years. More camp information and registration forms will be mailed to all counselors and pastors soon. Plan now for camp. State Royal Ambassador Camp can mean much in the life of any boy.—C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary

## Sunday School

### Simplified records

NASHVILLE—A new simplified system of keeping records of Church Study Course awards went into effect Oct. 1, 1965, through the Sunday School Board's awards section.

The board continues to issue book awards, but churches or individuals are asked to accumulate book credits in multiples of five and send these awards in exchange for diplomas and seals. Names will be added to the master files only when a multiple of five book awards will have been earned and returned.

Formerly, a record was kept of each book award issued, and each individual who had received one or more book awards.

Under the new system, the master files in the awards section include: (1) names of all indi-

viduals with five or more book awards, (2) the total number of book awards issued each person, and (3) book code numbers for all Category 1 book awards earned by individuals.

A print-out of all individual records as of Sept. 30, 1965, is being made in duplicate. One copy will be kept as the Board's permanent record, and each church will receive a copy of its record. Distribution is expected to be completed within six months.

The new system of record-keeping will place more responsibility with the local church.

Versil S. Crenshaw, consultant, general administration section of the board's Training Union department, said, "Since the Training Union is the church's organization for training, the Training Union director or the director of training is the logical person to supervise the maintenance of church study course awards records."

Records of juniors and intermediates will not be kept in the master files. Churches will maintain the records for these age groups.—Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary

### New Arkansas Baptist subscribers

Church	Pastor	Association
New budget:		
First, Plumerville	Bill Brown	Dardanelle-Russellville
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*Beacon Lights  
of Baptist History*

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

**Missionary prayer  
calendar**

PRAYER is an integral part of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. It might be said their work was conceived in prayer. Mrs. Ann Graves, mother of missionary R. H. Graves, invited the women attending the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Baltimore, 1868, to a prayer meeting in the basement of the church. They prayed, conversed, and passed on missionary information. Thus began the work of the women among Southern Baptists.

Mrs. Wilson of Georgia in June, 1884, called on the Missionary Society to remember home and foreign missions in secret prayer on the first Sunday of each month. Many adopted this plan. The Maryland Mission Rooms prepared prayer cards which mentioned a different mission field each month. Many were sold.

A further step in systematic prayer habits was taken in 1891 when the women recommended these prayer cards become a part of the daily private and family devotions. The noon hour was suggested as the best time to pray for world missions.

In 1889 the union suggested not only the first Sunday of each month be set aside for missionary prayer, but that the first week of each year be designated for this same purpose.

During the centennial year of missions, 1892, the first week of January was officially set apart for missions, and a week in the early spring for home missions. In 1926 the week in January was changed to December. Special information and studies were printed, and still are, for these occasions.

A daily missionary prayer calendar was begun in 1905, and was published until 1928, when it was included in the *Royal Service*

Church Music

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**Junior Choir Festivals - April 16**

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Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Association \_\_\_\_\_

Director \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of person sending fees (\$2.00 per choir) \_\_\_\_\_

Which festival will you attend:

Warren \_\_\_\_\_ Fort Smith \_\_\_\_\_ West Memphis \_\_\_\_\_ Conway \_\_\_\_\_

Benton \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending festival \_\_\_\_\_

Selections to be sung: 1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

(rural, village, city)

Tell us something about your choir. How long has it been organized? Do you have weekly rehearsals? Have you participated in the festivals before? What cantata or other unusual activity have you done this year? What other choirs do you have?

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Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

magazine. In 1952 the Inter-Agency Council of the Southern Baptist Convention agreed that the WMU and Training Union publications would print the names of home and foreign missionaries on their birthdays.

The emphasis of missions in the form of prayer calendars follows a noble heritage. Luther Rice, missionary organizer, was a man of prayer and stimulated others to remember missions in their prayers. And he was strongly influenced by the London Missionary Society.

In his journal of the voyage to Burma, Rice records the fact of a

"missionary prayer meeting" on Monday, Mar. 2, 1812. He said the London Society met the first Monday of each month for prayer. Though seasick he joined the small band of missionaries on board who united their hearts and interests with those of the London society. He records this special meeting each month throughout the long voyage.

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# STATE YOUTH CONVENTION PROGRAM

Immanuel, Little Rock, April 8, 1966

ROGER HARROD, OBU, PRESIDENT

## Friday Morning

- 10:00—Worship  
Wayne Echols  
Rev. J. T. Elliff  
Mark Milosevich
- 10:20—"The New Look in Training Union"  
(1) J. T. Elliff Interviews Ralph W. Davis  
(2) James A. Griffin Interviews four Young People
- 10:50—State Sword Drill—Ralph W. Davis
- 11:20—Boys Quartet  
"You're a Christian? So What!"—Dr. Bill Pinson
- 12:00—Adjourn for lunch

## Friday Afternoon

- 2:00—Song Service  
2:20—Boys Quartet

## Woman's Missionary Union

### Happy opportunity

"... to lead others and to teach  
Is privilege not given without  
earning,  
And those who hope to open doors  
to knowledge  
Must constantly themselves be  
learning."

HOW good it is to be a teacher,  
a leader of children! How eagerly  
we need to be on tip-toe for every  
opportunity to become worthy, ef-  
fective, trained leaders.

For that Nursery, Beginner,  
Primary leader in Sunday School  
music ministry, Woman's Mis-  
sionary Union (Sunbeam Band)  
or Training Union who wants to  
learn, the elementary workshop is  
the opportunity. How to use the  
story, creative activities, music in  
teaching the child great Christian  
truths and in guiding his spiritual  
growth... how the tiny child,

still in the crib, or toddling around  
the room, learns and begins the  
climb to spiritual maturity...  
these are some of the answers to  
be found at the elementary work-  
shop.

Note the dates and places and  
choose the workshop most con-  
venient for you:

- Apr. 25—First Church, Hope  
Apr. 26—Grand Avenue Church,  
Ft. Smith

Apr. 28—First Church, Para-  
gould.

Apr. 29—First Church, Pine  
Bluff

The time is 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
at each workshop. Bring a sack  
supper (the church will have cof-  
fee or cokes you may buy). The  
Nursery will be open. Come for a  
happy learning experience...  
come to become a better teacher  
of the child.

"Hitch Your Wagon to a Horse"—Dr. Bill Pin-  
son

- 2:50-4:20—Alternate Vocational Conference  
2:50-4:20—Drama conference for adults and older  
young people  
2:50-4:20—Elimination speakers' tournament  
4:20—Adjourn for afternoon

## Friday Night

- 6:00—Song Service  
Solo
- 6:20—Speakers' Tournament Finals—James A.  
Griffin
- 7:00—Song  
Report of Judges  
Awarding of scholarship by OBU
- 7:10—Drama: "So Send I You"—Second, Little  
Rock Youth and 150 from combined youth  
choirs
- 8:00—Adjourn

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# The time of your life

BY JESSE MOORE  
LITTLE ROCK

*"My beloved spoke up, and said to me:*

*Rise, my love, my beautiful one, come away;*

*For, see, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;*

*The flowers have appeared on the earth, the time of song has come;*

*And the call of the turtle dove is heard in our land;*

*The fig tree is putting forth its figs, and the blossoming grapevines give forth fragrance.*

*Rise, my love, my beautiful one, come away.*

—SONG OF SONGS 2:10-13

AT this season of the year we cannot help but see, hear, smell and feel all nature responding to the warm, life-giving sunshine of springtime. Take a walk almost any day now along a country lane scented with sassafras and wild locust; view a hillside dotted with dogwoods in full bloom; wander by a brook's side, fringed with blooming redbuds; listen to the trailing notes of the orioles; taste the juicy lusciousness of ripe, wild strawberries; then you will know what I mean. This is the time when everything is alive. The good earth is teeming with life, throbbing and pulsating with living things. While courting and mating, birds with bursting throats are singing their songs of joy and love to all the world about them. They are so glad to be alive that they simply bubble over with the ecstasy of it. Gay colored flowers nod dainty heads at every passing breeze, while others fill the sweet tooth of the vagrant bee. And,

"See that flash,

Hear that splash,"

is the fisherman's cue that,

"Spring has come,

Most surely come."

You may not live where the hermit thrush, maybe not where the more common wood thrush, can be heard, but surely you are in chirping distance of the robin. Maybe you do not know the call

## The Cover



—Luoma Photo

of the bobwhite that makes many a country-bred person, living in the city, homesick, but certainly you know and appreciate the lowly dove. If you do not live where you can see the gorgeous lady's slipper or smell the fragrance of the wild plum, surely you can see the purple hue of the violet and enjoy the sweetness of the wisteria.

But the birds and flowers are not the only ones that know it is springtime. All about us the voice of spring is heard in the children's laughter as they play. We hear it in the whisper of the breeze through the branches just greening out. The softness of her voice is distinct and soothing in the rhythm of the rain.

Spring is also seen and heard in the storm and flood. Being full of overflowing, abundant life and being filled with bounding and unlimited energy, spring often-times releases itself in wild violence. We do not, to be sure, appreciate and enjoy altogether this side of her character. But it is, nonetheless, a part of her unfolding, a phase of her growth and expansion.

O, how we marvel at the return of spring as an indescribable joy lifts our hearts at every sign of

winter's end. But most marvelous of all is the thing that is taking place in our minds, hearts, and lives. We literally come to life; our spirits leap and bound with almost unlimited energy. It is so good to be alive. No wonder we love this time of the year that gives us Easter and its truth of the Resurrection; that demonstrates our only hope of a happy, abundant, eternal life through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is He who gives meaning to Easter, to springtime, to life, to everything that touches our lives.

"In Him we live and move, and have our being." What a glorious, thrilling, and triumphant life we can and should live as followers of our Lord! Never can we exhaust the love and matchless grace of Christ. Everything about Him is eternal and unlimited. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

With the Christian it should always be springtime, it should always be Easter; always it should be a time of resurrection; it should ever be a time when Christ is alive in each born-again soul. No person is really alive, neither can he be unless Christ lives in his or her heart. Jesus once said, "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Then He adds a very heart searching question, "Believest thou this?" Do you really believe that Christ is the resurrection, that He is the life? Then why is it that you and I sometimes live as though we do not believe it? God, our Father, wants his children to be really alive, full of energy, enthusiasm, and vitality. That is why he "gave his only begotten Son," that we, his children, should have, first of all, eternal life, and then the abundant, radiant life. It is wonderful to be alive all the way through, down to the core of our being. Every one of us can

live this way if we abide in Christ Jesus.

Paul once said, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Paul, I am sure, was not just a living organism with a mere existence, moping through each day as though it were drudgery; neither was he always worn to a frazzle, like many of us are today. Living every moment intensely, he was a vibrant personality, alert and responding, for the most part, to all and everything about him joyfully and enthusiastically. To him life was a great, big, jam-packed adventure. Inspired and motivated by the Spirit of Christ he lived life to its fullest, accepting all his Lord had to offer.

Now what about you? Are you a throbbing, pulsating being, eagerly reaching out for the abundant life? Is life for you a thrilling adventure? Do you live and move and have your being in Him Who is the giver and source of all life? Really, just what are you living for?



by Robert J. Hastings

## God and creation

AS daring and bold as the exploits of our astronauts are, their trips are like going around the corner for a loaf of bread compared to the far reaches of our universe. We used to think our universe was big when astronomers said it would take 1,200,000 of our earths to equal the size of the sun.

But astronomers continue to push back the curtain that veils the glories of outer space. As recently as 1960, astronomers sighted the first "quasars," believed to be as far as 4 billion light years away. (A light year is the distance light can travel in a year at 186,000 miles per second.)

This means that when an astronomer studies the light from a quasar, he is looking billions of

# The Bookshelf

**Jesus of Nazareth**, by Norman Vincent Peale, Prentice-Hall, 1966, \$3.95

Dr. Peale attempts here to reflect as vividly as possible the amazing effect Jesus must have had on the people of his time in his daily contact with them. The story is built around two fictional characters, Joshua, portrayed as the son of the disciple Andrew and nephew of Simon Peter, and his friend Benhadad, son of Ishmael, a prominent and wealthy citizen.

The author states that he wrote the story in this particular style "in an attempt to bring Jesus out of the mists of unreality and cause him to live in our time."

**The Christian's Home in Glory**, by J. Guy Cothran, Exposition Press, 1966, \$3

What happens to the soul after death? This has been the question asked by man across the centuries.

The Bible tells us that God has provided a heaven in which the faithful are gathered. What is this heaven? Where is it? Will we meet our loved ones there? What activities will take place in this realm? These are some of the questions that are dealt with by J. Guy Cothran, a former pastor in Arkansas, now living in South Carolina. Dr. Cothran discusses the way there, the attractions and rewards of heaven,

years into the past. If, as some believe, the universe is about 10 billion years old, then we are getting relatively close to seeing some of the universe as it appeared near Creation.

The behaviour of these quasars affirms that the universe had a starting point; (in contrast with the theory that it has always been here). The reason is that these far-distant quasars become less numerous and move slower with the passing of time. Compare an exploding firecracker. Near the impact, there are more shreds of paper and they are moving faster. Further away, the fragments thin out and slow down. If the universe—as some scientists believe—started with a tremendous explosion of densely compacted matter, the newly discovered quasars fit into that pattern.

How will space travel and our expanding knowledge of the universe affect our faith in the Creation story in Genesis? The truth is that Genesis does not teach how

the state of the physical body in its heavenly existence, and many other questions that have long puzzled Christians.

Dr. Cothran defines as his motive in writing this book "The bringing of new light and comfort to those who sorrow after the loss from earthly life of relatives or friends."

The book may be ordered directly from Exposition Press, Inc., 386 Park Ave., S., New York, New York 10016.

Mr. Cothran is also the author of *The Victorious Christian Life*, also published by Exposition Press. This book sells for \$3.50

Twenty cents should be added for postage and handling for one copy or 30 cents for two copies.

**If Ye Continue**, by Guy Duty, Bethany Fellowship, 1966, \$2.95

We Baptists believe that salvation is eternal and that the Christian's "holding out" in the Christian faith depends, as the experience of the new birth, upon God through Christ. We believe the Scriptures teach that God not only saves the souls of those who repent of their sins and trust in Christ, but that he also keeps us for all eternity.

The author of this book believes salvation is conditional throughout the earthly life of the Christian and that there is the real prospect the believer may be lost at any time up to his physical death.

or when the universe started. Genesis tells the Who of creation, not the how.

The basic truth of Creation is Hebrews 11:13, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

Our Christian faith teaches us that the original act of creating what we now see was done without the aid of anything we now know about. We believe the Agent was God. How or when we do not know—yet. But the Whom we know as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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BY LUCILLE J. GOODYEAR



THOMAS Sullivan was going through the day's orders for tea. He went over them again with disbelief. Instead of simply stating the type of tea or blend desired, the orders requested individual tea bags.

Today these requests would not be unusual, but to Sullivan they were astounding. He had never intended for small, bagged packages of tea, as such, to become a stock item. He had packaged tea in this manner primarily to give his customers samples of the tea available at his shop.

In 1908, Sullivan was operating a small, wholesale tea and coffee shop in the heart of Manhattan's spice district. As a promotional idea, as well as for convenience,

## Bible Word Square

BY CARL H. ZWINCK

1	2	3	4
2			
3			
4			

WITH the correct answers, the words will read the same across and down.

1. The continent on which most Bible events took place
2. Powdered rock (Genesis 32:-12)
3. An Indian from Peru
4. The first man

### ANSWERS

1. Asia, 2. sand, 3. Inca, 4. Adam

he had initiated the practice of giving all prospective tea buyers small samples of the different blends or types of tea. These were neatly packed in small silk bags.

Sullivan expected his customers to open these samples and brew the leaves in the conventional teapot. Instead, they were dropping the tea, bag and all, into cups of hot water for individual servings.

So it was that the dealer suddenly found himself faced with a steady demand from distributors who served hotels, restaurants, and institutions. They had found the packets a most suitable and handy way of handling individual servings. Many orders also came from customers who desired the tea bags for their own use. The demand made it necessary for Sullivan to hire additional help. Packing and preparing the correct number of tea bags to fill all the orders had become quite a task.

Thomas Sullivan possessed a spark of ingenuity that often is associated with Irish-Americans.

Immediately, he set out to find a more practical and less expensive bagging material. Cheesecloth seemed most satisfactory. It was less costly and it allowed for better filtering. In 1919, when the first tea-bagging machine was invented, Sullivan replaced this with a tasteless gauze. Thus he paved the way for the future of tea bags.

In 1940, a satisfactory thin filter paper was developed. This made it possible for the tea bag to be offered at a price low enough to win the wholehearted approval of the American housewife.

Today's bagging machine is a complex piece of machinery. As the tea passes from storage tanks, the machine carefully weighs out the exact amount of tea to be placed in each bag. It cuts and seals the bag, staples string to the bag and a tag to the string. Then the bag is ejected from the machine. The bags are gathered, inspected, and packaged for shipment.

Today tea bags form approximately 40 percent of the total output of tea in America. The principle is in itself 100 percent American. Only in the past few years have other countries begun to take a noticeable interest in the idea.

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# ABMC Eye Center Opens Patient Section

## Seventh Story Set For Medical Building



The new nursing station on two east in the recently opened Eye Center is shown here. Behind the desk, from left, are Miss Perry Brown, aide; Mrs. Carol Mayhugh, R.N.; and Mrs. Doris Major, supervisor of the new Center.

The patient section of one of the finest Eye Centers in the Southwest was officially opened February 14 at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center.

Completed at a cost of \$105,000, the Center offers services to eye patients that are not available elsewhere in Arkansas. The surgical section of the Center was opened two and a half years ago with two operating rooms and a treatment room. The new patient section includes space for 16 eye patients located adjacent to the surgical suite in the east wing of the south building.

The Eye Center was set apart from the rest of the hospital for several reasons, according to Mrs. Doris Major, unit supervisor. One was to insure a quieter place for the patients to recuperate. Another was to have the patient rooms near the eye surgery section so that the patient would not have to be moved so far and the last reason was to keep eye patients apart from other patients to keep down the possibility of infections.

The nine ophthalmologists on the ABMC staff have played a major role in the planning of the new section and they feel that they now have an ideal arrangement for patients, Mrs. Major said. Dr. Forrest Henry is chief of eye surgery this year. Dr. Billy Chandler, a resident from the University of Arkansas Medical Center, is also associated with the section. Mrs. Carol Mayhugh is head nurse and five other nursing service employees staff the section. Mrs. Major said the extra number of people were necessary because so many of the eye patients are unable to feed themselves.

Mrs. Major said that 375 cataract operations were done in the Eye Center last year and 704 eye operations were performed in all. Ten years ago operations for detached retinas were very rare and not done at all on this area but Mrs. Major said that 38 were done in the Eye Surgical Section last year.

She said that new precision instruments and other new equipment made a high percentage of the operations successful. Several operations are now done for glaucoma which can relieve the pressure and preserve the sight and some types of congenital eye disorders can be treated successfully.

She said the eye magnet had several eyes injured in accidents where a metal splinter had pierced the eye. The magnet pulls it back out through the same opening it made going in so that the doctor does not have to probe for it.

The newest technique in use in the Eye Center is the saving of corneas and sclera (the white part of the eye)

A seventh story will be added to the Medical Arts Building and the sixth floor completed to make further office space for the Olin Mathieson Company.

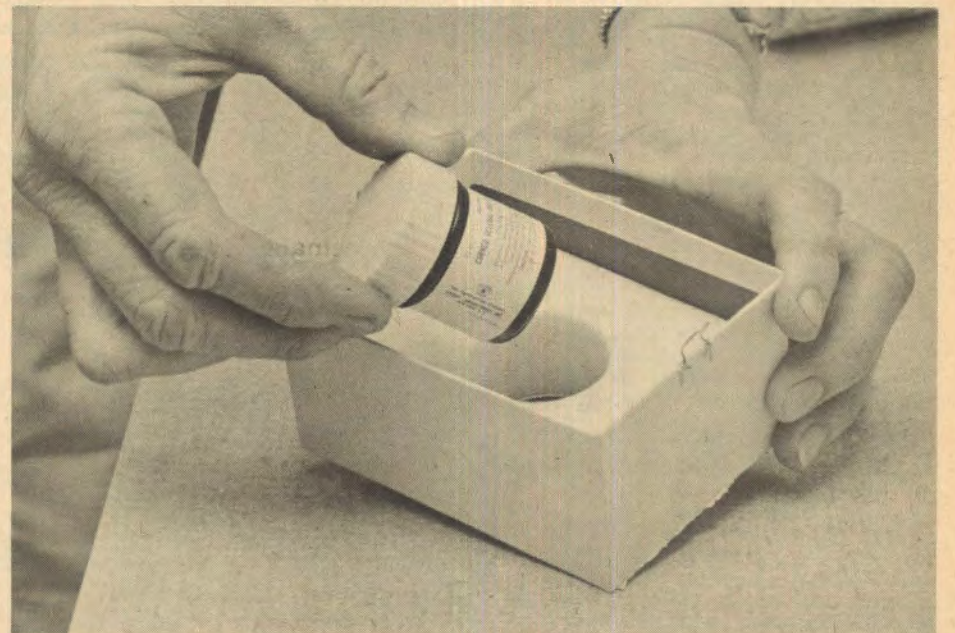
A construction contract for \$252,011 was signed with the Baldwin Company, contractors for the original building. Erhart, Eichenbaum Rauch and Blass were architects for the new addition. It will add approximately 10,000 square feet of office space to the building.

The work is scheduled for completion in the fall.

indefinitely in a kit developed by the Ayerst Laboratory in Dallas. The parts of the eye are put into glycerine which dehydrates them, then they be rehydrated by soaking them in an antibiotic and saline solution for 10 minutes. "This allows us to have our own eye bank with corneas and sclera on hand at all times," said Mrs. Major. It is no longer necessary use eyes within hours after they are removed. She said that some eyes in the eye bank come from glaucoma patients whose eyes were healthy but who, because of the pain caused by pressure of fluids, chose to have them removed to get relief.

The surgical procedures done here include corneal transplants, scleral transplants and an auto-corneal procedure. In the latter, an incision was made and the cornea literally turned around so that scarred tissue at the bottom which caused partial loss of sight was turned around and put at the top. This made it possible for the patient to have more vision and see whole objects at a time instead of only part of them.

"We feel our work here is cutting down on the incidence of blindness in Arkansas," she said.



This tiny bottle contains a dehydrated sclera, which is the white part of the eye, and the sclera can be rehydrated in minutes for use in eye surgery. This small unit serves as a miniature eye bank on hand whenever it is needed.

# Ministers Tour Arkansas Baptist Medical Center February 8



A group of ministers, some of whom are new in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and some of whom serve on the Convention Executive Board, were guests of the Medical Center for an orientation February 8.

The ministers were divided into three groups and taken on an extensive tour of the Medical Center and Memorial Hospital in North Little Rock. They were guests of the Medical Center for lunch. While here they were briefed on new services, new equipment and construction programs.

Attending the one-day session were: John W. Cutsinger of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; Rev. Bob Holland of Heber Springs; Rev. L. Alfred Sparkman of Levy; Rev. C. E. "Bill" Whitman of Moro; Rev. Jerry M. Wilson of El Dorado; Rev. Delbert McAtee of Smackover; Rev. Andrew Setliffe of Fort Smith; Rev. Harold Hightower of Little Rock; Rev. Dean Newberry of Rogers; Rev. Leslie Rihard of Newport; Rev. Truman Sprugin of Waldron; Rev. Sardis Bever of Green Forest; Rev. Carl Overton of Benton; Rev. Eugene Moore of Fort Smith; Rev. R. C. Johnson of Paragould; Rev. Phil Beach of Rison; Rev. John Holston of Batesville; Dale Ward of Little Rock; Rev. Sam Whitlow of El Dorado; and Charles Bernard of Earle.

## Library Gets New Cabinet, Gift Books

By Ruth A. Leveck

Growth in the professional library is marked by the addition of a new cabinet for the six catalog-card units which serve hundreds of employees, students in the five schools and doctors on the staff. The cabinet is of birch, to match the other library furniture, when aged, and holds the 24 card drawers which index the library's holdings. The shelves below are used for storage. The new piece of furniture was built by the maintenance department, who also designed and produced the original tables, chairs and racks.

The library's holdings of 4500 books have been enhanced by memorials and other gifts. Since the last report to the **Buzzer**, library shelves have received multiple memorial books to Mrs. Candice Shuffield, Mrs. Lucille Meeks, Mrs. Jamie Pugh, Mrs. Minnie Blackburn Norton, Mrs. Thelma Gartrell Harrison, Mrs. Cordia Holland Davis, Mrs. Barbee Straubie, Mrs. Julia Rogers, Mrs. Connie Peters, and Mrs. Cora Teeter; to A. B. Cobb, James Riggan Mitchell, Dr. Ralph M. Sloan, Herbert G. Leveck, Patrick Pridgen, John Wesley Parker, Wallace M. Wilbourn, Dr. T. J. Raney, Dr. William I. Porter, Dr. R. M. Eubanks, and Dr. Harlan H. Hill. Donors include: Mdes. Hettie Jewett, Helen Sansovich, Faye Clifft, Berniece Wright, Jacqueline Balmat; Misses Elva Holland, Juanita Straubie, Louise Lynch, and Sarah Fuller. Other recent book memorials came from: Michael Wright, Ruth and Don Leveck, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seidenstricker, Dr. and Mrs. M. D. McClain, ABMC Auxiliary, ABMC Alumnae, nurses on Maternity

School of Practical Nursing, Christian Focus Week committee, Obstetrical department, 4th floor; Freshman Class, ABMC, 1963/64, and others.

The following gave books recently to our library: Mildred Armour, Hettie Jewett, Charlene Holland, Jamie Gunter, W. D. Pye, Jean Rickett, Harry Lasket, Lily M. Carmichael, Clara Wishard, J. H. Rampey, John Ostner, Violet Page, Gay Richardson, Federal

Reserve Bank, ABMC Auxiliary, Arkansas Gazette, Arkansas Library Commission, Dr. Harry Hayes, Jr., Marion E. Parker, Flynt L. Leverett, Mr. and Mrs. Don Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fuller and Mrs. W. R. Brown.

The library has also installed 84 feet of new shelving which attests to its rapid growth. The library committee of the Medical Staff is Dr. Howard Armstrong, chairman; Dr. Henry Good; and Dr. George Mitchell. The faculty library committee includes: Ruth A. Leveck, chairman; Kathryn Little; Maxine Cazer; and Elva Holland.

Student Carolyn Beck, a Junior, is shown using the new catalog cabinet where books are listed in the ABMC library.



## Degree Program Scheduled for Accreditation

The Ouachita Baptist University School of Nursing's four-year degree program has been granted "reasonable assurance of accreditation" by the National League for Nursing, according to a letter received by Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., Ouachita president.

Dean Mildred Armour heads the School of Nursing which operates in conjunction with Arkansas Baptist Medical Center. The nursing student spends her first two years at Arkadelphia and the last two at ABMC before receiving a B.S. in nursing.

The accrediting agency is the Na-

tional League for Nursing. Final accreditation cannot be given until the first class is graduated but interim accreditation will allow nursing students to participate in programs available in accredited school.

"In light of the fact that Arkansas rates last among the states in nurses per 100,000 population, progress in the field of nursing is sorely needed," Dr. Phelps said. He said that since the trend in nursing is toward degree programs, Ouachita is attempting to meet one of the state's basic medical needs with the new program.

## Choral Club's Busy Season

The ABMC Student Choral Club will appear at the First Baptist Church at Hamburg on March 20 for the Sunday evening service and they are scheduled to sing at Rison Baptist Church at Rison on May 1.

During February the group sang at South Highland Baptist Church at Little Rock on February 13 and at First Baptist Church at Newport on February 27. The choral club also sang at the First Baptist Church at Jonesboro on March 13.

The group will go to Dallas, Tex. May 20-22 to visit Six Flags Over Texas and to hold its annual banquet.

## ABMC Installs Amateur Radio Set In Chaplain's Office

"WA5ORE" are the call letters for the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center amateur radio station which Dr. Don Corley, head of the Department of Pastoral Care and a licensed ham operator, has set up in his department. He said that this would give the Medical Center complete emergency radio coverage with the citizens' band and Civil Defense radio system which it already has.

Assistant Administrator W. H. Patterson has a set which is a part of the hospital intercommunication network which is set up for use in case of disaster. Dr. Corley said that with the Medical Center's auxiliary generator to furnish power in the event of an emergency, the radio system here could continue to operate.

He pointed out that during Hurricane Betsy in New Orleans, La., when the city was without other means of communication, amateur radio operators relayed many important messages to aid the rescue operations. The

Medical Center "rig" as the equipment is called, could be used for similar emergency work if the need every arose.

The equipment in Dr. Corley's office is hooked up to an all-band antenna on the roof of the fourth floor of the surgical building by means of a cable running up the elevator shaft. He pointed out that it had many uses other than those in times of community disaster.

For instance, an eye bank network serves the United States on amateur radio. The ABMC set could be hooked into this to secure eyes for transplants and replacements in eye surgery which often must be secured quickly.

Sometimes when Medical Center officials are out of town, they can contact the Hospital for information which they need by getting a telephone hook-up to an amateur radio ham in the city where they happen to be who in turn contacts WA5ORE.

Not long ago, Dr. Corley took a message from a man aboard a ship in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Mexico and relayed it to another ham operator in Conway who in turn sent it on to the man's family. The 300-watt set can establish contact with other operators anywhere in the world.

Other hospitals anywhere in this country or elsewhere which have amateur radio sets can be contacted directly. Dr. Corley said that contact was made several times a week with a Fort Smith Hospital which has a set and that the Medical Center had also gotten in touch with a Board member who has his own set on official business on more than one occasion.

Dr. Corley began operating his own set two years ago at his home. The set at the Medical Center was purchased second hand from a person in Fort Smith for \$500. and would cost approximately \$1,000 new, he said.

## New Hostess



Maudine Julian, formerly a switchboard operator, is a new hostess on the front information desk. Miss Julian is a native of Augusta and she first worked at ABMC as a part-time hostess, then became a switchboard operator. She became a full-time hostess in January. She lives at 629 South Elm.



Dr. Don Corley is shown at the controls of amateur radio station WA5ORE, the official ABMC unit located in the pastoral care department. It was installed to be used as an emergency unit.

## WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S MISSION ?

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.\*

TEXTS: ACTS 13:1-4; II CORINTHIANS 5:16-21; EPHESIANS 3:7-13  
APRIL 3, 1966

A JEWISH merchant in a neighborhood in which there was located a Christian church given to much shouting and loud singing was approached by a committee attempting to get an injunction against the congregation's noise-making. Asked to sign a petition to this effect, the merchant flatly refused and said, "If I believed what those people believe about a Messiah, I would be standing on the roof-top shouting the news to all the world."

The Christian church has a message which needs to be shouted to all the world, but all too often it appears that it is engaged in playing "I've Got a Secret—and I'm Going to Keep It That Way!" When this attitude prevails, the church is not New Testament in spirit or program. The church of our Lord is to be much more than a holy huddle; in fact, if the players do not leave the huddle and actively enter the contest for the souls of men, the church's foremost intent will be thwarted.

Shortly before his ascension, Jesus commanded his followers, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19, 20). To be sure that they would not be provincial in their execution of this commission, he ordered more specifically, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

That his followers took seriously this obligation is apparent from even a casual reading of the New Testament following the Gospels.

### I. An outreaching mission, Acts 13:1-4.

THE church at Antioch had in its fellowship several prophets and teachers, men who evidently were spiritual in nature and receptive to the Holy Spirit's leadership. After they had been told by the Holy Spirit, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them," they fasted, prayed, laid their hands on the chosen two, and sent them away on what was to become known as Paul's first missionary journey.

Note that this outreach toward the Gentile world was the result of the Holy Spirit's work (13:4). There could be no clearer indication of God's intent for the church to share their victorious message with all the world, not just with the neighbors next door.

The misguided person who opposes world missions by saying, "Why should we try to win the

### CORRECTION

A TYPOGRAPHICAL error in the Mar. 10 issue left the last paragraph of the Sunday School lesson on "Living with Others" reading: "It is impossible, from the New Testament, to justify being on good terms with his fellow man."

The paragraph should have read: "It is impossible, from the New Testament, to justify being on good terms with God when one is not on good terms with his fellow man."

world when we haven't won our own town?" ignores New Testament precepts as well as commissions. The church at Antioch did not wait until everybody in town had been won before sending missionaries abroad. Local and world missions are not an "either-or" proposition but a "both-and" obligation.

### II. A reconciling mission, 2 Cor. 5:16-21.

TO the church at Corinth Paul wrote that God "has made us agents of reconciliation" (5:18—Phillips' translation). God in Christ personally reconciled the world to himself—"not counting their sins against them"—and then commissioned those whom he had redeemed to proclaim this message of reconciliation. What Paul refers to here is not man's reconciliation to his fellow man, needed as that may be, but man's reconciliation to the eternal God. This vertical relationship is the basis for any genuine horizontal or man-to-man relationship, as well as being an absolute prerequisite to eternal life.

Paul uses the term "ambassadors for Christ" to describe the duty of Christians to say to the world, "Make your peace with God." An ambassador was a representative of his sovereign in a foreign land. This is what a dedicated follower of the Lord should be.

One of the basic meanings of the word "reconcile" is "to bring back to harmony," according to Webster. A part of the church's mission is to bring back into harmonious relationship man, whose sin has come between him and God, and his sinless Creator. In proclaiming Christ the church offers the world the means of reconciliation with God.

### III. A revealing mission, Eph. 3:7-12.

NOT only did God include the Gentiles in his redemptive plan; he also made provision for a revelation of that redemption to them.

Paul said, "I was made a min-

ister . . . that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ" (3:7, 8). The word "unsearchable" is one used to describe a forest trail which loses itself so that you cannot trace it to its end—hence, untraceable.

Paul's task was "to make plain to all men the meaning of that secret which he who created everything in Christ has kept hidden from the creation until now" (3:9). Through the church the complex wisdom of God's plan is being worked out and made clear. The focal point of the whole plan is "Christ Jesus our Lord."

Missionaries sent out by a church, as was Paul, and the church itself are media God uses to reveal his redemptive purpose.

How outreaching, reconciling, and revealing of God's purpose are our churches today? In the minds of the world, are they centers of redemption and projectors of Christ; or do they appear to be fight arenas, gossip centers, debating societies or sacred societies for snubbing sinners?

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## A Smile or Two

### She got the bird

A RATHER stout schoolmistress was talking about birds and their habits. "Now," she said, "at home I have a canary, and it can do something I cannot do. I wonder if any of you know just what that thing is?"

Little Eric raised his hand. "I know, teacher," he said. "Take a bath in a saucer."

### Well, thanks!

AUNT Sophie (who lives in the city): "And what brought you to town, Henry?"

Henry (from the country): "I jus' come to see the sights and I thought I'd call on you first."

### Ho hum

WHAT is a tactful way for a girl's father to let her boy friend know it is time to go home?

He may casually pass through the room with a box of breakfast food.

THE foreman at the garage said: "Listen Smith, if I give you the day off I'll have to do the same for every one of the mechanics whose wife has quadruplets." —*First Baptist Voice, Fayetteville*

### Food for thought

IN a travel agency the clerk was trying to convince a nervous woman of the safety of air travel.

She remained unconvinced until he clinched the argument by saying, "Madam, if it wasn't safe, would we be using the fly-now-pay-later plan?"

### Bedside manner

"I FEEL so bad, doc," said the patient, "that sometimes I think of making an end of it all."

"Now, now," soothed the doctor. "You just leave that to me."

## Attendance Report

Church	March 20, 1966		
	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adms.
Alzheimer First	146	65	
Berryville Freeman Heights	171	66	
Bigelow	73	35	
Blytheville Gosnell Camden	364	132	6
Cullendale First	414	123	
First	511	121	3
Crossett First	473	118	
Dumas First	268	71	2
El Dorado			
Caledonia	40	37	1
Ebenezer	155	67	2
First	744	534	
Immanuel	506	170	5
Trinity	205	83	
Ft. Smith Towson Ave.	169	66	
Greenwood First	239	114	1
Gurdon Beech St.	178	76	2
Harrison Eagle Heights	301	91	2
Imboden	135	62	1
Jacksonville			
First	459	147	4
Second	258	99	4
Jasper	62	28	
Jonesboro			
Central	546	167	1
Nettleton	301	127	2
Lavaca	262	113	1
Little Rock			
Immanuel	1,224	404	7
Rosedale	267	105	
McGehee First	367	137	
Chapel	74	30	
Magnolia Central	635	240	
Marked Tree Neiswander	139	74	
Marvell First	139	53	4
Monticello Second	243	103	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	678	197	4
Southside	62	27	
Calvary	437	105	
Forty-Seventh St.	201	83	
Gravel Ridge First	207	89	
Runyan	69	35	
Levy	459	156	5
Park Hill	914	267	4
Sixteenth St.	36	30	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	226	87	
First	374	156	
Green Meadows	67		
Second	217	77	2
South Side	563	239	1
Tucker	27	15	
Watson Chapel	163	74	
Springdale First	474	137	2
Sylvan Hills First	278	103	
Texarkana	491	144	4
Community	34		
Van Buren			
First	489	160	8
Oak Grove	200	124	2
Second	63	34	
Walnut Ridge First	324	82	4
Ward Cocklebur	51	32	
Warren			
First	486	120	
Southside	77	55	
Immanuel	262	71	
Westside	102	42	4
West Memphis			
Calvary	267	123	4
Ingram Blvd.	210	116	2

### Look down

A MARINE lieutenant, straight from his platoon leader course, took over a battle-experienced platoon on the main line of resistance in Korea. On the first night of his command he saw that his men were beginning to dig their foxholes, and the green lieutenant asked the platoon sergeant, "Sergeant, where is my foxhole?"

Replied the sergeant, "You're standing on it, sir. You just have to move the dirt."



# Religious News Digest

By Evangelical Press

## Sees literacy goal

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP)—Missionaries must help teach illiterates how to read if Christianity is to make progress in African countries like Kenya, according to a Billy Graham Association official who visited Africa on a "literacy mission."

George M. Wilson, vice president and treasurer of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, said fewer than 1,000 of the 36,000 "Bible-teaching" Christian missionaries in the world are trained to teach reading and writing in native dialects.

"The other 35,000 are ministering with linguistic handicap to nearly half the world's population," Mr. Wilson wrote in *Decision*, publication of the Graham association.

Mr. Wilson said he found Kenya 70 per cent illiterate and composed of 15 tribes each speaking a different dialect.

## 'Wets' winners

AUGUSTA, Maine (EP)—Maine's "wets" apparently won the Feb. 21 referendum authorizing the Sunday sale of liquor and beer by 132 votes. Secretary of State Kenneth M. Curtis said his official tabulation shows 101,805 votes favoring the sale and 101,673 votes opposing it.

Unofficial election night returns collected by the Associated Press and the United Press International had shown the "drys" winning by about 1,700 votes.

Maine Christian Civic League Supt. Benjamin C. Bubar Jr., a leader of the opposition, said that a recount probably will be sought.

# In the world of religion

... TEN of 250 books added to the White House library by the American Booksellers Association deal with the field of religion. For more than a century, the White House did not have a library. The late President Hoover, in 1929, felt the need for one. Since then, publishers and civic groups have contributed volumes. Today the library has 2,350 volumes.

... The Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, Dallas, Tex., has reported that a record 1,921,055 persons were helped in 1965 by the 280 health and welfare institutions of The Methodist Church.

... Japan received the largest portion (\$1,258,750) of nearly \$5 million in Lutheran Church in America world missions expenditures in 1965. The Church's Board of World Missions has overseas projects and personnel in fourteen countries.

... Roman Catholics may now, without violating Church law, eat what they want on all but two days of Lent. Also, fish on Friday is no longer obligatory on children until they have reached the age of 14.

... A committee has been formed in Cochin, India, to celebrate the nineteenth centenary of the arrival of Jews in India and the fourth centenary of a synagogue there. The celebrations, scheduled for 1968, will include a seminar and an exhibition. The number of Jews in India has steadily declined since an exodus to Israel began about twelve years ago. Today, they are estimated to number about 15,000.—The Survey Bulletin

## Christianity enemies

PRINCETON, N. J. (EP) — Conservative Christians were urged by the newly-elected head of the World Council of Churches to link their defense of Christian faith and American ideals with an attack on the attitudes and social and economic conditions that were described as the real enemies of Christianity.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, secretary general-elect of the WCC, devoted most of his James J. Reeb Memorial Lecture at Princeton Theological Seminary to an appeal to conservatives in the church to become "militant Christians" in the attack on such problems as racial injustice and poverty.

He also called for defense of "the truth and the values of the past" and "the best of the heritage of our nation."

## Press freedom in Spain

MADRID (EP)—Press censorship may end soon—with one notable exception—in Spain.

A measure which has won approval from the Franco regime is expected to receive passage from the Spanish Cortes. When passed, it will end a 27-year reign of censorship which exempted only the government control.

The bill now up for vote in the Spanish parliament covers all phases of the press, less the Catholic press. If the church newspapers and magazines were to be affected the government would be forced to renegotiate the concordat signed by the Vatican and Spain. Since the advent of Generalissimo Franco to power, only one new newspaper has been founded.

In one respect the new law would permit powers to newspaper publishers not now accorded to the Vatican itself. It would permit publishers to choose their own editors. Until now, a publisher was required to name three nominees for editor; the government could select one or reject all his candidates.

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