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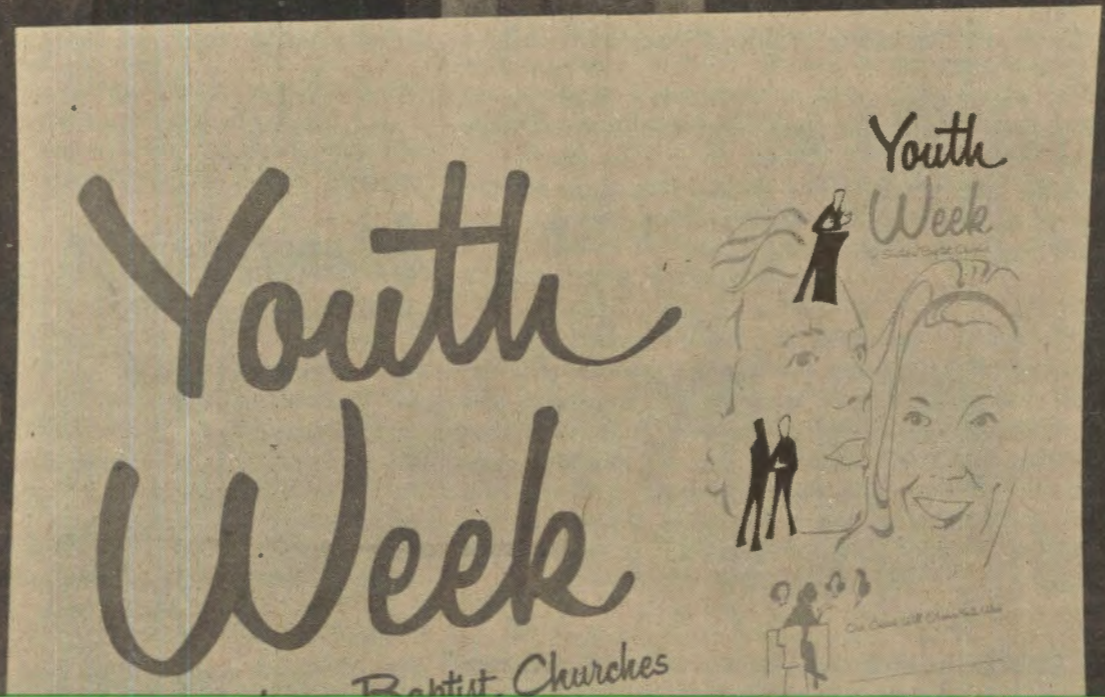
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personally speaking

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CIGARETTE smoking... is this a moral question for individual Christians? Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, gives you an excellent answer on page 8.

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BUSY day, busy day. They come to the office worker as well as to the tired housewife. Whichever you are, whichever you are married to, you'll enjoy 'Day in the Life of a Secretary,' page 8.

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'A MAN was going from his apartment in the project to his friends' house. While he was walking a couple of muggers jumped him in a dark place.' Sound familiar? It's the Good Samaritan story, retitled 'The Story of the Cool Square,' written by a Buffalo clergymen who is putting the parables of Jesus into modern lingo to make them more understandable for delinquent youths. The story is on page 9.

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'THE People Speak' on page 5 covers a variety of subjects this week, including freedom of the press, Baptist scouting, congratulations to the Editor on his election as president of the Baptist Press Association, and an earlier column of J. I. Cossey's.

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Bulletin; DP Daily Press; EP Evangelical Press.

Which is which?

TRUTH may sometimes be stranger or more interesting than fiction. But it is not always easy to distinguish between the two. For example, here is a story that has been going the rounds:

Two Negro women travelling in an automobile had a flat one day recently on a superhighway in Houston. Soon after they made an emergency stop, a white man, driving a pick-up truck, stopped to see if he could help them.

"Yes," one of them replied. "We are trying to get to the airport to catch a plane and we will appreciate it if you will stop at a service station and send someone out to put on our spare tire."

The man promised to do that. But as he started to drive away the thought occurred to him that he could change the tire for them before he could even find a service station. So he did.

The women were deeply grateful and they insisted that the man give them his name and address.

Two weeks later, a delivery truck stopped in front of the man's house. "Is this where Mr. So-and-So lives?" asked the driver, calling the name of the man who had helped the women.

"Yes it is," the modern Good Samaritan replied.

"I have a color television set for you," replied the deliveryman.

"You must be mistaken," replied the resident. "I have not ordered a TV set."

"This might clear it up," replied the deliveryman, handing over a card that had come for delivery with the TV.

Said the card: "Thanks for making it possible for my mother to be at my bedside during my operation." And the card was signed: "Nat King Cole."

THE friend who told me this vouched for its authenticity. But the thing that has me wondering is the different variations I have since heard. One who had heard it several days ahead of me had understood that the flat tire occurred in Paducah, Ky., not Houston. And still another version said the man who played the role of the Good Samaritan was a Methodist Bishop. So-o-o?

Well, its a good story anyhow. And it might have happened!

GETTING the facts and keeping them straight, even in this day of instant communication, is just about a full-time job.

Erwin L. McDonald

Hot Springs gambling

AS this was written, no show-down had yet come on the widely circulated charges that some of Hot Springs' "private clubs" are back in the illegal gambling business. Published reports of *Arkansas Gazette* news men who actually toured the "clubs" leave no doubt about slot machines being back in operation in the resort city.

Whether Governor Faubus will keep his promise to the people of Arkansas and carry out the clear mandate of the voters which they registered in their decisive defeat of the gambling amendment last fall remains to be seen. How about calling or wiring the Governor, or going to see him? We know from the past year of Arkansas history what the Governor can do about this if he will.

The education study

THE full-scale study of Baptist higher education, authorized recently by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, comes somewhat late, but, it may be, not too late to give us the perspective we need so sorely in plotting the future courses for our educational institutions.

Closely related to the top-priority question of how to assure adequate financing for our schools and colleges are other important considerations, all of which will have the attention, no doubt, of the survey team. Some of these are:

Why are Southern Baptists in the business of education?

Can Baptists afford to accept public tax funds for the operation of their private, church schools?

Should our colleges restrict their programs for the most part to the liberal arts fields, or should they expand their curricula?

What should be done in the face of the rapidly increasing college-age population—expand facilities and faculties or set a limit on enrollment?

In the event it becomes necessary to limit enrollment, should Baptist students be given preference?

One effect of the survey, which is being made by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, with the cooperation of the colleges and universities, may be to slow long-range planning of the institutions till the survey can be completed, two years from now. But the increased light the survey can be expected to throw on our education problems should be worth the wait.

'What can I do?'

THANKS to President Johnson, we are hearing much about a dream for a Great Society. Here is something tremendously worthwhile. But a truly great society cannot

be brought into existence by decree, by legislation, or even by the best of intentions. It must be built out of men and women of high ideals and noble character.

There are three great institutions to which a nation must look for the raw materials out of which to build its society: the church, the home, and the school. To be congratulated is everyone who is having a part, individually or with others, in making these safe and secure as the bedrocks of the nation, for the building of character in the lives of our boys and girls.

Whether one is primarily concerned with what is best for his country or for his own family, he cannot afford to be indifferent as to the quality of the church, the home, or the school.

We are fortunate to have a President who is genuinely concerned about the welfare of all people, regardless of their race, their religion, or their social or economic status. We all can help him to build the Great Society by bringing up our children "in the fear and admonition of the Lord"; by helping them to have a genuine, abiding love for all mankind; and by making it possible for them to acquire the best possible education.

In any serious asking of the question, What can I do to help to build the Great Society? one must face up to the fact that for the most of us our work is cut out for us in our own communities. As the local community goes, so goes the nation. And as you and I go as individual citizens, so go our home communities.

Love against hate

BAPTIST college students in Arkansas are joining with students of other denominations to do something personally and positively to help rebuild church buildings on the ashes of buildings which have been bombed or burned in the Mississippi race war. Among those serving on a newly formed Arkansas Committee of Concern for this compassionate undertaking is Jamie L. Jones, Baptist Student Union director on the campus of the University of Arkansas.



—From The First Baptist Church (Pine Bluff) Builder

'Say that again. I couldn't hear you for the preacher.'

According to press releases, the committee, made up of leaders of the various religious groups on the University of Arkansas campus, will enlist both money and student volunteer workers to go to Greenwood, Miss., during the spring vacation and help to rebuild a church. The fund goal has been set at \$2,500.

Already active in Mississippi is a Mississippi Committee of Concern, made up of leaders of the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths. This committee, supported from the first by Mississippi Baptist leadership, has set itself to the task of rebuilding all bombed or burned-out Mississippi churches. At last report, these totaled 33.

The Arkansas Committee of Concern will be working along with the Mississippi committee. In its letters to ministers of the various denominations, the committee says the purpose of the committee "is to provide the people of Arkansas the opportunity to express their identity with both the problem and the quest for a constructive way to answer the fear and prejudice that destroyed these churches." The letters call the burned-out churches "one more desolate monument to senseless hate and disregard for freedom of religion still standing in Mississippi."

Still another purpose, the letters say, will be to give non-Mississippi students a chance to discuss the civil rights problems with the families with which they will be staying, "in the light of a common religious commitment."

Headquarters of the Arkansas Committee of Concern is 814 West Maple Street, Fayetteville, Ark.

Here is something on which the people of different religious faiths can well afford to work together.

Pot-shots

BAD weather is a lot like your wife's ill health. It doesn't take much of it to keep you away from church.

WHY is it that bills aimed at civic and moral righteousness so seldom have more chance of survival in the Legislature than the proverbial snowball in Miami?

BEING "all dressed up with nowhere to go" doesn't seem to lighten the traffic any on the freeways.

—ELM

How to gripe

"IS there a place within a Christian community for the 'gripe'? If so, how . . . go about voicing . . . opinion?" asks Editor Richard Taylor of *The Gadfly*, student opinion publication issued twice a month on the campus of Southern Seminary, Louisville.

In an editorial entitled "The Handling of Frustration," in the Feb. 18, 1965 issue of *The Gadfly*, Editor Taylor deals specifically and helpfully with the various aspects of dissenting constructively and in a Christian spirit. He is concerned primarily with helping unhappy

students to resolve their frustrations, but some of the principles he highlights are worthy of consideration for general application. (Anyone who has been a seminary student or who has been a part of the administration at a seminary will know that a certain amount of frustration is normal and perennial in a seminary student body. But this is all the more reason for an enlightened consideration of "how to gripe.")

What can you do about it if you do not like something or someone with whom you are associated as a fellow Christian, in a church or a denomination? Editor Taylor illustrates three possible courses of action.

His first consideration might be designated—although he did not designate it in these words—the "I'll-take-my-ball-and-quit!" reaction. This is open rebellion. In the case of the student, as Taylor indicated, this might be to cut classes in defiance of what, let us say, the student might regard as a restrictive policy of penalizing grades for excessive cuts. Or the student might refuse to engage in missionary and field-work assignments required of all students. But, the editor points out, "He may not do this with impunity, for his protest is regarded as part of a totally rebellious personality, and the usual result for such open and dramatic dissatisfaction is rejection of the student, leaving the roots of his rebellion untouched."

The second possible course of action might be designated the "grin (or frown) and-bear-it" approach. The unhappy one keeps a tight lip and holds all of his resentment deep within himself. This, of course, solves no problems, personal or otherwise, and may result in deterioration of personality and eventual explosion.

The third and recommended course is worthy of our special attention: "The student [or any unhappy Christian] may seek to express his complaint by means of available channels. He may confront the professor [or anyone else with whom he is unhappy] whose teaching methods [or anything else] seem undesirable. . . He may seek to get vague . . . policies . . . clarified by seeking out the appropriate administrators. Certainly such efforts are much more in line with Christian thought than either of the other alternatives. . ."

Not only should lines of communication be kept open among Christians—they *should be used!* If the one who has caused the unhappiness does not know about the offense, he, naturally, cannot deal with it. If he is told about it, face to face, he can show that he has been misunderstood or misquoted or slandered, or, if he is shown he has been in error, he can repent.

The New Testament is primarily a book of Christian principles, not a rule book. But, in this matter of Christians getting along together and avoiding hard feelings and splits, it is pretty close to being a rule book:

"If your brother commits a sin, go and take the matter up with him, strictly between yourselves, and if he listens to you, you have won your brother over. If he will not listen, take one or two others with you, so that all facts may be duly established on the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, report the matter to the congregation; and if he will not listen even to the congregation, you must then treat him as you would a pagan or a tax-gatherer" (Matt. 18:15-17, *The New English Bible*).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the people SPEAK

THE spelling and sentence structure in this department are those of the writers. The only editing of letters to the editor is the writing of headlines and, occasionally, deletion of parts that are not regarded as essential.

To Dear ELM:

Some would have you on a leash
So you could be yanked back
From barking at some lonely-skunk
Onto some rabbit's track,

Or simply have you tied and bound
To slender running wire
Limited to certain space,
Forbidden to aspire.

Such there be who cramp my style
And make me want to yank 'em,
Or rather take 'em on my knee
And, father like, just spank 'em.

—A Reader

Baptist scouting

IN the February 25, issue of the Baptist Newsmagazine there appeared a letter extoling the merits of Girl Scouts as a means for training girls.

May I point out that Baptist have an organization within our own group that can do everything Girl Scouts can do for girls plus giving some Christ Centered, Church Centered, and Denominational Centered training that Scouts could never give. The Organization is the G.A. and Y.W.A. sponsored by the W.M.U.

There is also a Baptist organization for boys that will provide training in every area of growth and development plus the Christ Centered, Church Centered and Denominational Centered teaching that Scouts cannot give. The organization of course is the Royal Ambassadors.

Baptist Parents do not need to look outside our own group for an organization to help provide the material to Build a Bridge to the future. However, there is a need for parents to rally to the support of Baptist organizations and help support the G.A. and Royal Ambassador organizations. Parents with children who are members of churches that do not have these organizations for girls, and boys should take the lead in seeing that they are started and made available to their sons and daughters.

Yours for better G.A., and Royal Ambassador organizations in our churches.
—C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary, Brotherhood Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Little Rock

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to the Southern Baptist Press Association on their wisdom in electing you as their president for the coming year. Not only is this a recognition of your own excellent work, but of their judgment in selecting you to lead them. I shall look forward to working with you more closely in promoting the ministry of our Baptist state papers.—Herschel H. Hobbs, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City 3, Okla., and Chairman of SBC Committee on Baptist State Papers

CONGRATULATIONS on your being named president of the Association of Editors of the state Baptist conventions.

We are grateful for you and what you are meaning to Arkansas and Southern Baptists.—Merrill D. Moore, Executive Director-Treasurer, Stewardship Commission of Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

I APPRECIATE very much all that you are doing to help publicize the thing that we are trying to do in the field of evangelism. I thank God for editors like you.—C. Y. Dossey, Director, Division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, Tex.

Freedom of the press

SOMETIMES in always looking on the critical side of everyday life, we never come to appreciate, or express our appreciation, for the real good that we have around us all the time. So this letter is to express my appreciation to you for your leadership in what you have done, and are doing to make our paper one of the best in the south, for I believe that it is far ahead of all others in its presentation of all the interests of every person regardless of their belief. . . .

We realize that there are some who have closed their hearts to suggestions from anyone unless their beliefs coincide with what they believe . . . We preachers are bad in this respect, as long as our parishioners agree with us they are "fine fellows" but let one disagree, and we want to turn him out of the church for heresy, but sometimes this is a blessing in disguise, for it helps to keep us humble and to present a christian attitude at all times, even to those who criticize us.

Which inspires me to say, thank God for leaders who still claim one of the



NASHVILLE — Youth Week will be observed in many Southern Baptist churches March 14-21. At this time young people and intermediates will hold the official positions of church life from pastor to pianist, from Sunday School teacher to Training Union director. Youth Week is an opportunity for youth to learn by actually carrying on the work of the church. The Training Union department of the Sunday School Board has been promoting this emphasis through the churches for over 25 years.—BSSB Photo

few freedoms that we still enjoy, the freedom of worship, press, and speech. And while humble enough to say, "if I have offended you I am sorry, please forgive me," and yet strong enough not to compromise his convictions, with anyone, that we have a responsibility under God, to be christian at all times, even to those who do not understand and embrace our way of life.—Leslie J. Ready, Pastor, Northside Baptist Chapel, Eudora, Ark.

'The real problem'

THE J. I. Cossey column last week, "The Real Problem," was one of the funniest and most practical things I have ever read. How very right he is that most of us never get to the real issue of life. We spend our time and energy dealing with symptoms. I hope that the editors of several of the state papers will notice it and reproduce it over the country. It was a choice piece of prose.

My kindest regards to the brethren in Arkansas.—Bill G. West, Pastor, First Church, Okmulgee, Okla.

What to omit

BY J. I. COSSEY

WHEN one cannot do everything that needs to be done, what to omit is something to think about. Many people break under the daily pressure of the ever-present unfinished tasks. There are many things that may or may not be done. You may be classed as a master workman if you know what to omit.

Everything that clamors for a place in your daily schedule does not have to have it. Do the big things and the little things will weave into the fabric. We were taught to struggle through the big mud holes and jump the little ones.

Every work desk should be cleared daily. We should always do today's work today. The decision on what to omit today must be made today and must be final. When a new day comes, with it will come all that can be done on that day and what to omit will call for another brand new decision. But this mad rush with demanding decisions to be made all goes to make up the spice of life.

Every day should be met with a new look at new duties: "Old things have passed away, behold all things have become new." For the pastor, the preparation of a new sermon brings hope and promise. That sermon must be preached to see whether it is dead or alive. If that sermon does not click, omit it from future use.

What names to omit from the list to be visited on visitation day is most important. The sick people and those at the point of deciding for Christ should be on today's list. The list of church prospects should ever be in the center of the worktable. The names of prospects may be deferred from today's visitation, but never omitted from the list.

There are some things on the pastor's schedule that cannot be postponed. For instance, the funeral that you did not have on your schedule must be preached today. Every person must know

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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

Arkansas Baptists support Foreign missions

THE first organized effort of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to promote Foreign Missions was an offering taken at the 1871 session in First Church, Monticello. They received \$65.25. Other sources had contributed to Foreign Missions before this.

Twenty-five dollars of this offering was designated to the new mission in Rome.

A standing committee consisting of J. B. Searcy, T. B. Espy and R. M. Thrasher was appointed on Foreign Missions. This committee reported next year that the Convention had collected \$150 for Foreign Missions.

At the 1872 Convention, with the Austin church, Lonoke county, A. D. Phillips, returned missionary from Africa, spoke on Sunday morning. He discussed the work of Sunday School where he had been serving and took up an offering of \$23.16 for it.

Arkansas Baptists must have been stimulated by the report of the 1877 session. The Committee on Foreign Missions pointed out that more work had been done that year than any since the Civil War. At that, only \$400 had been contributed by Arkansas Baptists. The Committee felt this indicated little interest in regions beyond.

The committee sought to lay missions on the heart of the people. They recommended that: (1) Pastors bring the subject of Foreign Missions to their people's attention; (2) Collections be taken at stated intervals throughout the year; (3) The amounts be sent to the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., immediately upon collection.

To spur this idea on, Rev. E. Z. Simmons, returned missionary

how to choose the things that must be done now and the things that may be done at some future time.

from China, spoke on the work on his field. A collection of \$60 was taken, and \$12.10 was made in pledges.

A high light in the 1880 Convention, meeting at Russellville, was the presence of R. H. Graves, missionary to China. Minutes of this meeting said "he greatly stirred" the Convention.

A strong appeal was made for Foreign Missions at the 1881 Convention and messengers, about 100, gave from two dollars to fifty dollars each.

Next year the church gave \$379.32 for Foreign Missions.

Bar tongues' advocate

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP)—Pastors who promote "speaking in tongues" will be barred from the clergy roster of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, according to a decision of the association's board of administration.

The board also urged congregations in the association to be "alert to all the theological pitfalls of our day" and to exercise care before applicants are admitted to membership in congregations.

'World of religion'

NEW YORK (EP)—A new national weekly half-hour series exploring developments, trends and events in religious life was launched by CBS-Radio on Feb. 13.

Titled "The World of Religion," the program includes news reports, interviews with religious leaders and documentaries.

Noted CBS news correspondent Douglas Edwards will serve as anchorman on the series, says Arthur Hays, CBS-Radio president.

Are You Moving?

Please give us your new address before you move! Attach the address label from your paper to a postcard, add your new address including the zip code, and mail the card to us.

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The way of the Lord more perfectly

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Past President, Southern Baptist Convention
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"AND he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Acquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly" (Acts 18:26).

APOLLOS was a gifted and enthusiastic young preacher, a native of Alexandria, Egypt. He was "mighty in the scriptures" (v. 24), meaning the Old Testament. He both knew them and was skilful in using them. He had committed himself to Christ, having been instructed concerning Him by word of mouth. It would appear that this had been done by a disciple of John the Baptist. For he knew "only the baptism of John."

John the Baptist had proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom of God, preached repentance and baptism as an evidence of such and to show a willingness to participate in the kingdom. He had presented and baptized Jesus as the Christ. It would appear, therefore, that this was the sum-total of Apollos' knowledge of Christ. He knew nothing of His death, resurrection, or of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (cf. Acts 19:1-5). He was doing the best he could with what he knew.

But when Acquila and Priscilla heard him preach in the synagogue in Ephesus they took him home with them after the service, probably for a meal. They welcomed him as a home and heart companion. They "expounded" to him or set forth in a deliberate and detailed way the full gospel of Christ. They did it "more perfectly," "more carefully," or more accurately than he already knew. They did not scold or criticize him for his ignorance. They took him under their wing and lovingly taught him all that they knew about the redemptive work of Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit in power. It is wonderful

to see mature Christians teaching immature ones. It is equally wonderful to see the immature willing to be taught.

And, Apollos believed and followed that which was taught him. For later in Greece, using his knowledge and skill in the Old Testament scriptures and the knowledge received from Acquila and Priscilla, he powerfully convinced the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. He was a better preacher because someone loved him and patiently taught him.

Down in Arkansas

WHEN GIVING WAS GOOD

—BY JOHN D. FREEMAN—

AT Horatio during the spring of 1917, a special meeting was held by a state missionary with the Baptist church (now First Baptist). The work of the Executive Board was explained and its missionary outreach was magnified.

During those days, before the Co-operative Program came to us, funds for all denominational causes were raised by special offerings. An urgent appeal was made to the Horatio audience for one such cause and everyone was encouraged to make a gift, either in cash or by a pledge to be redeemed the following week.

Imagine the missionary's surprise next morning when he found a junior lad awaiting him in the hotel lobby when he came down to pay his bill before catching a train. The boy was holding in hand the visitor's suitcase, and standing beside the door, a grin on his face.

"I'm being your redcap this morning," he explained, "You see, I pledged a quarter last night and I've got to earn that before Sunday."

It took a lot of self-restraint to watch that lad as he lugged the somewhat heavy bag two long blocks to the depot. But when the task had been finished and the boy held a quarter in his hand, it paid off. "Thank you, Mr. Freeman," he said with enthusiasm; "now I am ready for Sunday."

I am sure God witnessed no more generous or hilarious giving the next Lord's Day in Horatio than when that boy laid his quarter on the altar of the then small meeting house. I often wonder if he, now beyond middle life, remembers, and if he still finds joy in making a pledge to the Lord's work and in earning the funds with which to pay it.

The way of the cross

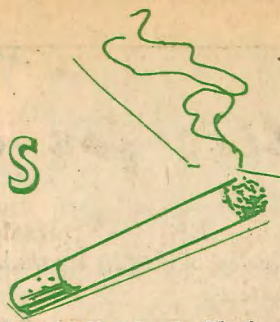
SO many people are going their way,
Like a ship that the seas have tossed,
Not stopping to think of salvation,
Which comes by the way of the Cross.

You may have all of this world's treasure,
Never counting this world's gain as loss;
But you'll never reach Heaven's fair portals,
"Till you come by the way of the Cross.

The world keeps calling its children,
To live without counting the cost;
But too late they find there is only one way,
And that is by way of the cross.

Too soon the tides of life recede,
And on the ebbing waves are tossed
The souls of those, alas, who failed,
To follow the way of the Cross.
—Ernest D. Justice

CIGARETTES



IS there a moral position for individual Christians to take regarding cigarettes?

There is.

It is not a position based on time-worn cliches,

CANCER

or an appeal for the abandonment of smoking just because it looks worldly, or the frugal reminder the habit is extremely expensive over a long period of time. The position of abstinence from cigarette smoking for the Christian is now clearly called for on the basis of physical health.

The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and a responsible stewardship of the body demands a clean break with that which harms the body and destroys health. The Christian is also concerned with setting the right kind of example so that the young and the weak are not made to stumble through an irresponsible insistence on "rights" and "freedom."

Christians have special reason to heed the advice of Surgeon General Luther L. Terry, "Speaking as a doctor, I would tell a youngster not to begin smoking. I would tell an adult smoker to stop smoking."

Christian citizens can unite in a purposeful assault on this harmful habit that has victimized an estimated 70 million Americans. They can support a strong legislative program which will protect the young from being victimized through false misleading, conscienceless advertising.

AND CHRISTIANS

BY FOY VALENTINE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

They can give intelligent support to governmental activity which will rehabilitate those farmers and businessmen who now need a new and less hazardous means of livelihood than growing and selling the noxious weed from which lung cancer comes. They can throw the weight of their great influence behind a program to make the smoking of cigarettes socially unacceptable.

The breaking of the cigarette habit among Americans will come neither quickly nor easily. The government has strongly called, however, for such a break. Christians can ill-afford to lag behind Caesar in rendering to God the things that are God's.

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SECRETARY



"YOU'RE on the wrong end!"

Bursts of laughter.

A child had a gun pointed straight at me while I eyed him and tried to type a lengthy letter at the same time.

Lights were flashing, phones ringing and the intercom jumping.

The water fountain was on the blink and I was about to lose my mind.

A line formed at the desk and the bookkeeper stayed glued to her chair.

Appointments were booked for days ahead and if the bosses ever got a vacation, something had to give.

Four pennies lay about me that an angry beggar had tossed back.

If that kid with the gun spouted water in my eye, I was ready for him:

The girls in white were running helter skelter and the new Federal building injuries were also keeping the place busy.

Suddenly, I thought to myself, What is the use of all this? The two men who hired me had large families and had to make a living the same as anyone else. But here I was beating my brains out trying to help put a boy through school, when it dawned: Why?

One of my bosses was a Bible reading man. In fact his Bible usually stayed open at certain passages. That very morning I was first to work and while tidying up a little, ran across the hidden Book, while placing articles in the desk drawer. My eye lit on the words: "They shall rise up as eagles..." Somehow in all this melee, this verse crept into my mind, quieting the clack of the typewriter and bestowing a faint smile on pistol Pete!—S.C.O.

The Bookshelf

Pilgrimage to Utopia, by Dr. James Drane, Bruce, 1965, \$3.95

Dr. Drane, a member of the faculty of St. John's (Catholic) Seminary, Little Rock, has produced a book here that should be of interest to all who are concerned with the world background that brought communism into existence and has made it possible for it to spread over so large a part of the world of our day. The author not only deals with the purposes and ideals of communism but, largely on personal experiences of his in a visit to Russia, he shows how far short the Communist Party falls from attaining its goals. But he emphasizes that we can not ignore the Communist movement. Some things he says about Communist youths are worth our careful consideration:

"The Communist youths are not afraid of sacrifice. They pride themselves on their durability and dedication. They like to contrast themselves with the soft and easy living of young people of other countries—especially those of America. When Khrushchev went before the nation to explain the food problem and the necessity of sending workers to Siberia to plant and cultivate virgin lands, thousands of Russia's young people signed up to make the sacrifice.

"Most Russian youths are moral and dedicated. They have a great sense of modesty and strict moral codes. There are no such things as sex plays or pantie raids in Russia. Russia's strong Christian tradition has not completely disappeared. Especially in the area of sexual morality the Communist Party has enforced the traditional norms and values. When Khrushchev told the world that he was shocked by the sexy dance that Hollywood put on for him, he wasn't kidding; this violated his standards, which reflected those of his people.

"The Russian young people go out of their way to show genuine courtesy and generosity to other races. They have little race prejudice; they treat the colored with exceptional kindness so as to contrast themselves with American students, whom they are told spit and kick at innocent colored girls trying to attend a previously all-white school. Certainly it is easy for them since they have no race problem; but the Africans don't realize that. All they see is the difference in treatment.

"We are a Christian nation—Christ is supposed to be our Ideal and our Model. Actually, however, our youths (following the example of our society) projects itself as very materialistic. It has given the world the impression that its main interests are cars, clothes, parties, and other pleasures. Russia is an atheistic nation—Marx and Lenin, both materialists, are its model. In practice, however, Russian youth is anything but materialistic. It is interested in culture, reading, human perfection, ideas.

Parables for delinquents

Buffalo, N. Y. (EP)—A Buffalo clergyman has re-written some of the parables of Jesus to make them more understandable to delinquent youths.

The Rev. Carl F. Burke, director of social service for the city's council of churches, said he has found in working with boys at the Erie County Detention Home that many were unfamiliar with agrarian language of the Bible.

"Some of the boys never saw sheep and don't know what a shepherd is," he said. "Biblical allusions to these make no sense."

Mr. Burke sat down with several of the youths, studied their "thought patterns" and developed a "new vernacular."

An example of his effort to bring the word of God to youths, most of whom are ignorant of the Scriptures, is the parable of the ninety and nine. The King James Version of Matthew 18:12, 13 states: "How think ye? If a man have an hundred sheep and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine and goeth into the mountains and seeketh that which is gone astray?"

"And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray."

Mr. Burke has re-written it:

"There was a used car lot at the corner. The owner had 100 'heaps' on it. If one of the 'heaps' was snatched would the owner go and look for it? You bet he would. He would never give up looking till he found it."

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:33-37) has become "The Story of the Cool Square" in Mr. Burke's version:

"A man was going from his apartment in the project to his friends' house. While he was walking a couple of muggers jumped him in a dark place.

"He didn't have very much so they took his wallet and clothes and 'beat on him' and 'stomped on him.' They almost killed him.

"Before long a 'hood' came by, but he didn't give a care. Besides, the cops might ask him questions, so he beat it out of there.

"Next came a 'squeak' who never gave the poor guy a second look. After a while, a 'real cool square' comes along. He sees the character, feels sorry for him.

"So he puts a couple of bandages on, gives him a drink and a lift in his car. The 'square' even put him up in a room some place. Cost him two bucks.

"So who do you think the best guy was? Well, you got the message, Bud. But you don't have to be a 'square' to show love and to be sorry for someone and to help a guy. But get with it, Man—this is what God wants you to do."

Assisted by Detention Home youths, Mr. Burke also has re-written The Prodigal Son, the Parable of the Talents, the Christmas Story and several psalms.

"Whether the youth of America realize it or not, it has been challenged. Communist young people are asking the world to judge them by their fruits. 'Look and see what we are and what we do,' they declare, 'and then compare this with America!' The first reaction of the American youth might be to protest this challenge, to deny that this

is a race or a fight. He might prefer to live and let live, but he has no choice. It just takes one to start a fight.

"American youth has a job on its hands, and if it does not answer the challenge of its Russian competitors now, it could well happen that it will find the Russian language a required subject at some future date."

Religious census results revealed



SURVEY TALLYING: Mrs. Ward Newkirk, a member of Second Church, Little Rock, (at typewriter), and Mrs. James R. Wheeler, a member of Pulaski Heights Church, were among hundreds of volunteer workers who assisted in the Little Rock Religious Survey recently.

CHURCH members make up 72.6 per cent of the Little Rock area's white population — well over the national average of 64 per cent—a religious survey conducted in February revealed.

The results were released last week by Rev. O. D. Morris, Atlanta, a Southern Baptist Convention statistician who supervised the survey by 40 churches of six denominations.

More than 73,300 persons were asked by volunteer workers for information on church membership and church attendance habits.

The survey revealed that:

Baptists (all types led the denominations with 38 per cent claiming membership or preference. Other denominations were: Methodist, 21 per cent; Roman Catholic, 9 per cent; Presbyterian, 7 per cent; and Church of Christ, 6 per cent. Six per cent, or 2,794 persons, claimed no preference.

Pulaski Heights recorded the highest church membership (80 per cent). The lowest was in Geyer Springs (60 per cent).

Highest attendance was in the area west of University Avenue and north of Markham Street where three out of four persons attend church weekly. Less than half of the residents east of Interstate 30 near Adams Field reported regular church attendance.

Eighty-eight per cent of the children living south of Markham Street and west of University Avenue attend church at least once a month. Lowest attendance among children was found east of Elm Street and south of Eighth Street.

Mr. Morris said the results showed more activity and higher attendance and memberships in the suburbs with some exceptions.

Churches in the suburbs usually offer more attractive facilities which draw the people moving

outward from the city's center, he said.

The transient nature of residents in the older sections of Little Rock contributed to the lower church activity there, Mr. Morris said. A large portion of the central city residents, Mr. Morris said, are young couples who will move to the suburbs as they establish families and persons who live there temporarily after moving to Little Rock from rural areas.

Convention postponed

THE Arkansas state Brotherhood Convention, which was to have been held on Friday and Saturday of last week but was postponed because of bad weather, is being rescheduled for June, Nelson Tull, Brotherhood secretary, has announced. The exact date for the convention will be announced later.

Mrs. Geren dies

THE Arkansas Baptist News-magazine has just been informed of the death Jan. 22 of Mrs. Julia Goodwin Geren, widow of Rev. H. M. Geren, of El Dorado.

Mrs. Geren was the daughter of the late Hugh and Ida Langford Goodwin. She was a native of El Dorado, and had made her permanent home there.

The late Mr. Geren served, among other Arkansas pastorates, First Church and Second Church, both of El Dorado. His service with Second Church was from 1931 to 1941. Mrs. Geren had retained Second Church as her home church.

Funeral services were January 25 at Second Baptist Church of El Dorado, with the pastor, Tom Bray, officiating.

Mrs. Geren is survived by five children: Mrs. Marian Geren Blyton, Lexington, Ky.; Dr. Paul Geren, Washington, D. C.; Hugh Geren, Shreveport, La.; Rev. Bill Geren, East Point, Ga.; and Mrs. Ruth Geren Lacey, San Rafael, Calif.

Other survivors include three sisters, Mrs. J. B. Wharton, Mrs. Nat T. Dyer and Miss Alta Goodwin, all of El Dorado.

Missionary child dies of injury



STEPHEN CAREY HAMPTON

STEPHEN, six, son of Rev. and Mrs. James E. Hampton, Southern Baptist missionaries to East Africa, died Tuesday afternoon, March 2, in Polk County Memorial, Mena. He had injured himself late the day before in a fall on a pair of scissors.

Stephen was born in Mombasa, Kenya, during his parents' first term of missionary service. Now on furlough, the family had been planning to return to East Africa in a few weeks but their departure has been postponed.

In addition to his parents, Stephen is survived by two sisters, Connie, 10, and Laura, 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Hampton may be addressed at 1210 Port Arthur, Mena. Both are natives of Arkansas. Mrs. Hampton is the former Gena Ledbetter.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at First Church, Mena, with Pastor Dillard Miller in charge. E. L. Wright, business manager of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., and Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, president of Ouachita University, assisted in the service.

In attendance were the following missionaries, now in the States on furlough:

Kenya: Will and Marie Roberts; Walter and Billy Allen; and Marshall and Margie Duncan.

Uganda: Jim and Peggy Hooten.

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Conger portrait presented to OBU



OBU's past and present presidents

A PORTRAIT of Dr. J. W. Conger, the institution's first president, has been received by Ouachita University.

Painted by Faunt B. Smith, Camden, the portrait was made possible by a bequest from the late Mrs. Jane Flippin Perrin, a niece of Dr. Conger who lived in his home while attending Ouachita.

Mrs. Perrin left \$5,000 for the painting of the portrait, but Smith, a 1939 magna cum laude graduate of Ouachita, has given his commission to the university to establish a music scholarship for advanced music students in memory of his mother, Mrs. Steve

Brazil: Glendon Grober.

Tanzania: Russell Morris.

Former missionaries Clarence and Alta Allison, who served in what is now Tanzania, but who are now located in Arkadelphia,

Gresham Smith.

"This is a very generous thing that Mr. Smith has done and a very meaningful one since his mother was such a close friend and strong supporter of Ouachita until her death," said Dr. Ralph Phelps, Ouachita president.

Honorary trustees

MR. and Mrs. W. Clement Stone, Chicago, have been made honorary members of the Board of Trustees of Southern College, Walnut Ridge. Mr. and Mrs. Stone have contributed toward the building of Felix Goodson Library, which is under construction at the college.

were also present.

Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Maddox, of Ft. Worth, Tex., where Dr. Maddox is a physician, were present. The Maddoxes are honorary missionaries to Tanzania.

Tiger schedule

OUACHITA University's 1965 football schedule, which includes three out-of-state foes, has been released by athletic director Rab Rodgers.

The three non-conference games will be with Southeast Oklahoma, Northwest Louisiana, and Millsaps College of Jackson, Miss. The agenda has six home games with the last two (Millsaps and Henderson) being afternoon dates.

Sept.		
17	Southeast Oklahoma	Home
25	Ark. State Teachers	Home
Oct.		
2	Harding	There
9	Ark. A & M	Home
16	Northwest La.	There
23	Ozarks	Home
30	So. State	There
Nov.		
6	Ark. Tech	There
13	Millsaps	Home
25	Henderson	Home

MEMBERS of the Brotherhood of Gravel Ridge Church are contributing labor on a new building under construction for the church's Runyan Mission.

Begins 6th year

SUNDAY, March 7, Dr. E. Butler Abington began his sixth year as pastor of First Church, DeQueen. During the five years of this ministry 245 people have been baptized; the total church membership has increased from 714 to 951; the Sunday School enrollment has increased from 491 to 794; the Training Union enrollment has increased from 179 to 426; a total of \$255,182.06 has been raised for all purposes; mission contributions have amounted to \$66,468.08. All property has been improved, at a cost of \$120,000, including the erection of a two-story education building.—Reporter

Rev. A. B. Cooper

REV. A. B. Cooper, 66, former pastor of First Church Brinkley, died Feb. 20 at Houston, Tex.

Mr. Cooper made his home at Charleston, Mo., at the time of his death. Services were conducted there from First Church.

He leaves his wife, six daughters and two sons.



LARRY Neal Dickson recently began his work as Minister of Music and Youth at First Church, Smackover. A native of Loving, Tex., he graduated from Texas Technological College at Lubbock. He has completed his residence work toward the MCM degree at Southwestern Seminary. His wife, Edlyne, is a graduate of Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn., and Southwestern Seminary. The Dicksons have one boy, Tim. Mr. Dickson came to Smackover from Forest Park Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

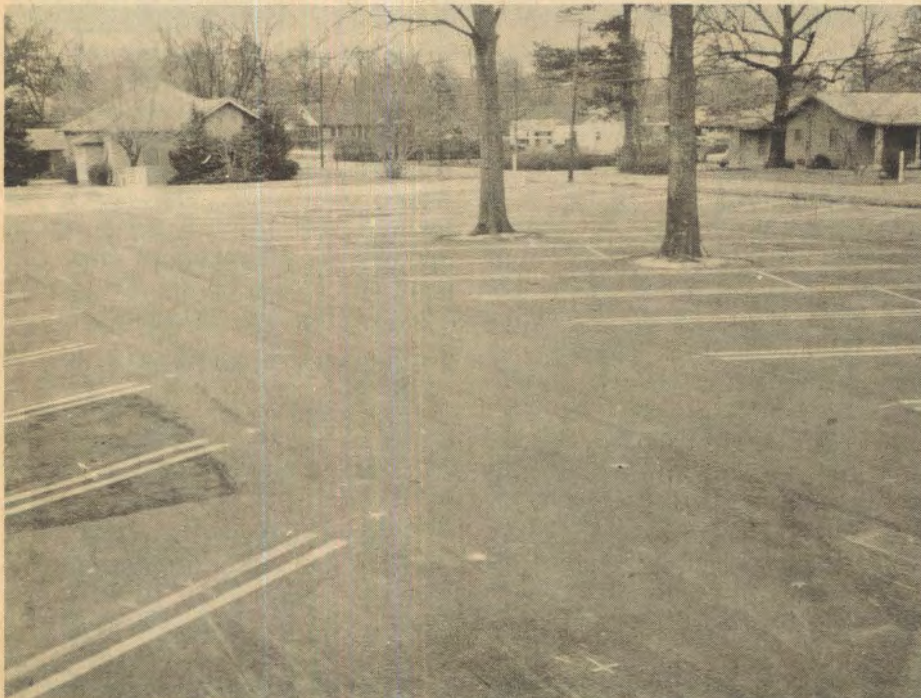
445 at Southern

THE cumulative enrollment of Southern College for 1964-65 is 445. There were 60 new students enrolling at mid-term. The first semester there were 385 enrolled.

According to advanced enrollment which is already going on for next September, the enrollment is expected to be larger next year.

Southern College is planning soon to start construction of another dormitory for men. This building will house 128 men. It will be built in suites and will be fire proof. The new building will be valued at \$250,000.

Also, the fourth unit, which is the final wing of the women's dormitory, will be completed soon.



SOUTH Side Church, Pine Bluff, has provided a new parking lot adjacent to the church which will provide space for 55 additional cars. The area is 150x154'. The Parking Committee, headed by L. D. Davis, purchased a house and four lots, cleared and paved the area. Dr. Tal D. Bonham is pastor of South Side.



JAMES DAVID HART

David Hart ordained

JAMES David Hart was ordained to the ministry by Number Nine Church, Feb. 14.

The ordination council was composed of Rev. James Clyde Miller, pastor, who served as moderator and delivered the message; Rev. Cooper Reid, clerk; Rev. George Nichols, questioner; Rev. Bert Thomas, Charge to Faithfulness; Rev. Eugene Ray, Ordination Prayer; Rev. John Gearing, Associational Superintendent of Missions; Roy Tims and Raymon Whittle, deacons.

Mr. Hart is a student at Southern College and is serving as pastor of Cottonwood Church, Cottonwood, Mo.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lee Hart, of Number Nine Community.

Association history

A History of the North Pulaski Baptist Association, by W. B. O'Neal, 1964, is just off the press. The 65-page book was printed by a firm in Louisville, Ky.

In addition to the history of the association itself, the paperback book includes histories of the churches making up the association.

Author O'Neal reports that copies of the book have been given to all of the departments of the state work, to the Arkansas and the Southern Baptist Historical Commissions, to Ouachita University, and to Southern College, Walnut Ridge.

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Vaught to Dallas

DR. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, will be in Dallas, Tex., for a revival at First Church, March 17-28.

In making plans for the revival, Dr. Vaught is asking the church to come together without inviting visitors or the unsaved during the first three nights. The services for those nights will be planned especially for the church members. The evangelistic emphasis will begin Sunday, March 21. Music for the revival will be directed by LeRoy Till, of the church staff, who will have a choir of 125 voices for the revival services.

In several special meetings Dr. Vaught will show pictures of his trip around the world, particularly pictures of Russia.

Dr. Vaught extends a special invitation to any Arkansas people who may be in the Dallas area at the time of the revival to attend the services.

Razorback chaplain

EVANGELIST Walter K. Ayers, of the staff of First Church, Little Rock, a former University of Arkansas football player, has been designated chaplain of the 1964 national championship Razorback football team of the University of Arkansas.

This honor was conferred upon him on Feb. 9, at which time he preached to the Razorbacks. In a letter to him dated Feb. 12 and signed by Coach Frank Broyles, Coach Jim Mackinzie, Coach Wilson Matthews, and all of the members of the Varsity team, he is commended for his "outstanding work in the area of Christian living," and for his "influence on many hundreds of young men."

The letter states that he is being designated chaplain of the Razorbacks "in recognition of your tireless and dedicated work."

Clear Creek notes

JEP McAnally was ordained a deacon by Clarksville Second Church recently.

Concord Church ordained as deacon Bill Reichert.



PROFESSOR SHELL

Joins faculty

FRANK SHELL has been added to the faculty of Southern College as professor of Social Science. Mr. Shell is a native of Melbourne.

He is a graduate of Arkansas State Teachers College and Southwest Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He has completed resident requirements for a master's of American Studies at Ouachita University.

Mr. Shell is married to the former Miss Carolyn Southerland of Batesville. They have two children.

While in college Mr. Shell was an outstanding baseball player.

He is serving as pastor of Cash Church.

Honor students

DEAN Woodrow Behannon of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, announces that the following students have made a 3.5 average out of the 4-point grade system used at Southern for the first semester of 1964-65:

Harvey Hoppis, Harrison; Dottie Eubanks, College City; Rita Atkins, Viola; Kathy Perkins, Blytheville; Gayle Cannon, Biggers; Maria Wood, Arbyrd, Mo.; and Max Oakley, Pocahontas.

REV. and Mrs. W. B. O'Neal, of the Gravel Ridge community, North Little Rock, observed their 55th wedding anniversary March 3. A retired Baptist minister, Mr. O'Neal is "The Preacher Poet" of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

SBC News and Notes

By the BAPTIST PRESS



FREEDOM BOUND—John Carpenter (seated, left) is the fulfillment of many prayers by Mrs. Eliza Davis George (center), for help in her chosen task of telling the residents of isolated jungle villages in Liberia, West Africa, about Jesus Christ. Carpenter, a Southern Baptist missionary, and Augustus Marweih, dean at Rick's Institute, Monrovia,

talk with the 85-year-old "Mother George" about her 50 years as a missionary as Truett Myers of Southern Baptists' Radio-Television Commission, films the scene for "Freedom Bound." See this thrilling documentary account of missions in action on "The Answer" television series Sunday, March 14, over station KTHV, Little Rock, 12:00 noon.

FORT WORTH (BP) — The continent of Africa is the site for two documentary films being produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission on the general subject of missions and missionaries. A movie production team is now at work in Egypt and Nigeria on filming the two movies—one on Baptist missions in Egypt and another on the African's response to Christianity as presented by Southern Baptists.

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptists need to put aside provincialism and narrow thinking and

consider their contribution to solving the nation's race problem. This was stated here by Arthur B. Rutledge, Atlanta, who this year became executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board. Rutledge told the annual meeting of the Advisory Council of Southern Baptists for Work with Negroes that Baptists "are a significant group in the life of the nation (and) have a very heavy responsibility."

ATLANTA (BP) — The Home Mission Board of the Southern

Baptist Convention approved a 10-month, \$10,000 study to determine needs and guidelines for a national ministry to ex-prisoners. "More than 100,000 prisoners are released from state and federal prisons annually," L. W. Crews, Atlanta, told the mission agency in asking for the study. "More than a third of them return to prison. These prisoners and their families receive little assistance from the churches, and in a preliminary survey we found no national ministry by a religious group."

Goal set

DALLAS (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention's nation-wide evangelism leaders have set a goal urging Baptists to win 424,000 new converts during 1965.

The goal for 1965 would be an increase of 34,000 over the projected number of baptisms (converts) anticipated for 1964.

The goals, set by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Division of Evangelism here, also include reducing the ratio of converts and church members to one baptism for every 25 church members, and enlisting a million Baptists who will pledge to be soul-winners during the year.

SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP)—Dr. W. Forbes Yarborough, distinguished service professor of religious education at Oklahoma Baptist University here, died Feb. 20 at Broadway Hospital, Shawnee, following a stroke suffered three days earlier. He was 67. Dr. Yarborough had been on the school's faculty since 1925, serving first as professor of religious education and later as head of that department.

ANNUAL meeting of The Southwestern Baptist Bible Teachers' Association is scheduled for Friday, March 12, at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. The association will convene at 9:30 a.m. and will adjourn following the evening meal at which the association's members will be guests of President Robert Naylor and the seminary staff and faculty.

NASHVILLE — The filming of "Bill Wallace of China," the first Broadman Press book to become the subject of a commercial motion picture in color, has been tentatively set to begin October 1965. Announcement of production schedule was made by Gregory Walcott, executive producer of Logos Motion Pictures, Inc., Canoga Park, Calif. He says the tentative release date of the film is summer of 1966.

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptist leaders attending a series of denominational meetings here commemorated the founding of the Cooperative Program 40 years ago. W. L. Howse, Nashville, director of the education division of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board, said the first book defining and explaining the Cooperative Program will be issued in August by the Sunday School Board. The book is *Our Cooperative Program*. William E. Grindstaff, director of Cooperative Program promotion for the SBC Stewardship Commission here, wrote it.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Dr. Eugene N. Patterson has resigned as president of Grand Canyon College here to accept the position of promotional secretary of Baldwin County Baptist Association in Alabama. He has been president at the college since Aug. 1, 1959. Before coming to Arizona he was a professor in New Orleans Seminary for 14 years.

NASHVILLE — "Proclaim the Word" by Talmage W. Dean, a cantata written to promote the Southern Baptist Convention emphasis on proclamation in 1965-66, has been published by Broadman Press, Nashville. The cantata will have its premiere performance by a thousand-voice youth choir June 4 at the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas. Dr. Dean will conduct the choir, accompanied by a brass choir from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, and organ.

LOUISVILLE (BP)—The president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, Dr. Duke McCall is planning to take a semester off for study. Two years ago, Southern Seminary trustees extended the study leave policy to cover administrative personnel who have academic responsibilities. The administrative personnel get a half year for study every seven years, called a half sabbatical. Teaching staff get a year.

Medical men meet

DALLAS (BP)—Do Southern Baptist physicians in foreign mission fields primarily preach the gospel, perform surgery, or deliver babies, or do some of all three?

Are there Baptist missions in foreign countries where dedicated Christian dentists can work during their vacations to treat patients?

How critical is Southern Baptists' need for physicians, dentists, hospital administrators, chaplains, nurses and other members of the healing arts in foreign missions?

These and other pertinent questions will be answered at a medical personnel conference June 2 here. The conference is one of several planned in connection with the 1965 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

SALT LAKE CITY (BP)—The Utah-Idaho *Southern Baptist Witness* will serve the new Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention as a twice monthly periodical. *The Witness*, published here, originated as the paper of Salt Lake Baptist Association in the Utah capital. It was put out by Charles Ray, area missionary, for seven years. During this time, Utah and Idaho were a part of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention which publishes the Baptist Beacon weekly. On Jan. 1 Utah and Idaho convention became an independent body. Charles Ashcraft, Utah-Idaho convention executive secretary with offices here, will edit *The Witness*. It will print 3,000 copies and make subscriptions available through the churches at \$1 per family per year.

BAGDAD, Ky. (BP) — Phillip T. (Phil) Card, student director for the Colorado Baptist General Convention, Denver, has been elected president of the State Baptist Student Directors' Association. The student directors, holding their annual meeting at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly here, elected Clyde Clayton of Oklahoma City as secretary of their association. He is director of student work for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Church Music

Executive Board

Tithe Now Kit

MANY churches have set a tithers goal for 1965. This means that these churches will present the Bible plan of tithing and try to enlist a definite number of tithers.

We have mailed a letter to every pastor in the state and enclosed a card to be filled out and returned to our office. As soon as we receive the card, (filled out completely) we will mail the church or pastor a Tithe Now Planning Kit.

There is a pamphlet entitled "How To Do It" in the kit which explains how a church can properly challenge all the members to tithe. This kit also contains many other valuable stewardship pieces.

This plan is not a gimmick but a concerted effort to help Baptists become better stewards of their money. It is an educational approach, which means that it will take some time. Therefore it is a 12-month effort, beginning Apr. 1, 1965, going through Mar. 31, 1966.

We urge church members to visit the non-attending Baptists; we have classes for new church members in order to get them orientated; we hear much talk about absentees and spend much time trying to reach attendance goals: now, don't you think it is time to help the ones who have been missing the joys and blessings of giving? Many think so and are planning to help.

Pastors, please return your goal cards and receive one of the tithers kits so that your church can start helping the non-givers. —Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

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Director: Mrs. Frank Baker, Pine Bluff

Festival Selections:

Taken from "Songs for Primaries" (Broadman Press)

No. 34 For the Fruit Upon the Tree

No. 64 There Are Wonderful Things

No. 71 God Is Near

No. 77 Christ Is Born

No. 105 The Word of God

No. 101 Once There Was a Garden Fair

No. 128 When In the Quiet Church I Sit

Festivals begin at 9:30—adjourn at 1:30.

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Words about Siloam

THE following is a testimony about Siloam by Mason Bondurant, First Church, Dumas:



MR. BONDURANT

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I love you Siloam.' Many are the precious memories from years past. I have seen many improvements take place during this time. Last year my wife and I stayed in a 'deluxe' cabin which was truly deluxe compared with the facilities of a few years ago.

"In the past we have thought of Siloam as being only for our youth, and this has certainly been kept in mind. I have been impressed with the effort being made to make this a leadership time also. The time can now be well spent by a pastor taking his young people to our state assembly. The spiritual high times we had especially in Brother Elliff's classes were so helpful. I felt a challenge to make my own life more spiritual.

"We have taken our bus all the way from Dumas the past two years, and it is our hope to do so again this year. This is a long trip on a bus, but it is one we all look forward to each year."—J. T. Elliff, Director

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'Week of concern'



WILLIAM ECHOLS

AS president of the Baptist Student Union of Arkansas, I call on each of our 17 local Baptist Student Unions to prayerfully consider financial and personal participation in helping to rebuild the Negro churches recently burned in Mississippi.

Baptist and other religious student groups in Arkansas are setting a goal of \$2,500 and are seeking to send eight students during the Easter holidays to help in the rebuilding of one of the churches. The students will be housed in the homes of white people in the community.

May we set aside the week of Mar. 15-22 as our "week of concern" and may we sacrificially give of our means and human strength to provide places of worship which have been destroyed.

Sincerely,
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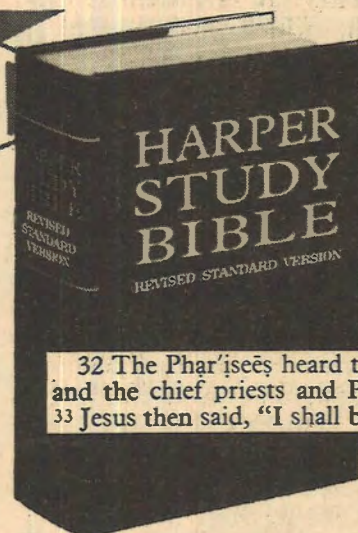
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Did Jesus organize a church? If so, where and when?

ACCORDING to Paul, Eph. 2:19-22, the structure of the church rests on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Yet the same Paul says, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 3:10, 11).

In one instance Paul is referring to those individuals responsible for laying or establishing the foundation and in the other case he is speaking of the form and substance of the foundation, which is Christ.

Now, Jesus himself said, "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). He was not speaking of a person, not even of himself, as the foundation, but he was considering a principle, a state, a condition on which the church should rest and survive against and in spite of death.

But we are here concerned with the question, "Did Jesus organize a church? Did he call a group together and form them into a body, a unit, and refer to that body as the church? If so, then where and when did it happen?"

We know that a church, a local, visible church existed before the crucifixion. For Jesus instructed

his disciples when to refer a matter to the church and, moreover, he gave them what attitude the church should take in case one refused to comply with the decision of the church (Matt. 18:15-17). So we raise the question, "When and where was this church organized?"

I. The time of the organization was on a day following an all-night prayer on the part of Jesus, Luke 6:12. Our Lord felt that the importance of the step he was about to take demanded tremendous concern. He therefore prayed all night.

II. The place of the organization was upon a mountain, Mk. 3:13, and possibly Matt. 5:1. It is possible and highly probable that the "Sermon on the Mount," Matt. 5, 6, and 7, was delivered to the newly established church.

Out of the crowd before him, Jesus "Called unto him whom he would." Although the term *church* means assembly, the requirement of the Lord's church applies to "the called out," those called by name: "And called unto him whom he would, and they came unto him." The church he established was made up of those who heard his call and who responded.

III. Of those he called, he "ordained twelve to be with him." These twelve are here named and listed as the twelve apostles. So we see that Jesus not only that day organized the church but that he gave the church its first officials; first in time and first in importance. (See Luke 6:13, Eph. 4:11, I Cor. 12:28). The list of officials given to the church is headed by the apostles.

Other officials were given as the needs arose and all officials were given "for the perfecting of the saints. . . unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." And Jesus at first laid this great responsibility upon the shoulders of twelve men.

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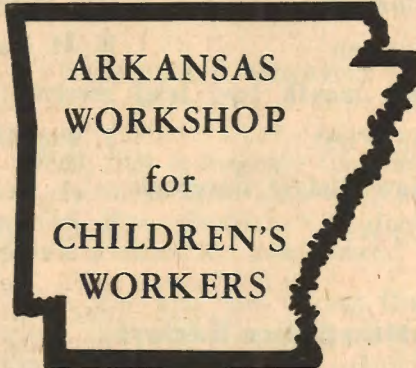
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Training Union

'His way, my way'

FOURTEEN hundred young people and Intermediates are expected to attend the State Training Union Youth Convention at First Church, Little Rock, Friday, Apr. 16 (Friday before Easter). "His Way, My Way" will be the convention theme. Dr. C. A. Roberts, pastor of First Church, Tallahassee, Fla., will be the inspirational speaker. His three messages will be: 11:20 a.m.—"The Problem: A Split Level Society"; 2:20 p.m. — "The Call: Unhidden Persuaders"; 7:10 p.m. — "The Way: Formula for Christian Growth".

The Convention will begin at 10 a.m. and close at 7:45 p.m.—
Ralph W. Davis, Secretary



THE Ouachita University Tigers won the AIC invitational tournament and the District 17 playoff with conference champions, Arkansas State Teachers. This entitled them to the right to play in the NAIA tournament in Kansas City March 8-13.

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Attendance Report

February 28, 1965

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Addns.
Berryville, Freeman Heights	171	63	
Blytheville			
First	663	197	1
Chapel	55	37	
Gosnell	307	106	2
Trinity	230	95	4
Camden			
Cullendale, First	463	161	2
First	490	171	
Conway, Pickles Gap	69	44	
Crossett			
First	502	124	1
Mt. Olive	217	95	
Dumas, First	320	74	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	40	37	2
East Main	318	82	
Parkview	215	70	
Trinity	209	108	
Foreman, First	166	59	
Forrest City, First	587	178	1
Greenwood, First	247	94	2
Gurdon, Beech St.	144	58	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	265	106	4
Hope, First	441	106	
Huntsville, Calvary	39	24	
Jacksonville			
First	504	154	3
Marshall Road	161	94	
Jasper	75	42	
Jonesboro			
Central	503	183	2
Nettleton	302	100	
Little Rock			
Immanuel	1,252	489	5
Rosedale	270	90	1
McGehee, First	387	135	
Chapel	72	47	
Magnolia, Central	605	215	
Marked Tree, Neiswander	136	73	5
Monticello, Second	271	152	1
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	691	173	
Camp Robinson	27		
Southside	59	35	3
Calvary	420	103	2
Central	282	91	
Forty-Seventh St.	215	95	
Grace	98	41	
Gravel Ridge	178	84	1
Runyan Chapel	65	48	2
Levy	508	227	2
Park Hill	829	224	1
Sixteenth St.	33	32	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	220	86	2
Matthews Memorial	302	104	3
Second	192	83	1
South Side	732	251	3
Tucker Chapel	21	16	
Watson Chapel	165	79	
Siloam Springs, First	264	169	1
Springdale, First	466	156	2
Star City, First	269	95	
Van Buren, First	446	153	4
Second	83	53	
Vandervoort	54	26	
Ward, Cocklebur	54	30	
Warren			
First	484	105	
Southside Mission	65	66	7
Immanuel	267	82	
Westside Chapel	74	28	
West Memphis			
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'Police state' powers

SYDNEY (EP)—A Protestant minister, returning from a ten-day fact-finding tour of the continent's western area, charged that aborigines in that part of Australia are living in a "semi-police state" and are victims of "very strong" racial discrimination.

The Rev. Frank Roberts, an Assemblies of God clergyman and an aborigine himself, said he found the "most deplorable conditions I have ever seen."

Natives, he contended, are living in "hovels that are often not much more than just a blanket or a piece of tin on a couple of sticks."

He said the aborigines have "greatly restricted freedom of movement," and live under a Western Australian State government that rules life as a "semi-police state."

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"By the way, Fred," interjected his father, "those footprints told Crusoe that another human being was living on that island. You said yesterday your teacher was casting doubts in your mind about God's existence. All Crusoe needed to prove that another person existed were those footprints. How blind must be a person who sees God's footprints all about him in nature and yet denies God's reality!"

"Say, Dad, I must ask the professor what he thinks about that," said Fred.

"Talking about nature, aren't we due for another Saturday nature hunt?" asked Jean.

"Let's get our chores done in the morning and we will all go. How about it, Mother?" suggested Mr. Smith.

"Yes, indeed, and let's see whether we can find my favorite tree," she replied.

Driving out of the city, Mr. Smith parked the car in a state park noted for its great variety of native trees. The group had one objective — to find a sassafras tree.

"Mother, what's so special about this tree?" asked Fred. "I know its roots are delicious. Mr. Clarke has a pile in his drugstore window every spring. Tell us what else makes it important."

"Well, this is the only tree that has three distinct leaf shapes," replied Mrs. Smith. "Oh, look, there's a sassafras over there."

Soon the four had leaves that looked like mittens. They found other leaves that had double thumbs. Still others were a simple oval shape. While all were hunting leaf forms, Mrs. Smith was telling many more interesting things about this tree.

"Sassafras tea and oil are made from the roots. In the winter, people nibble the green buds. Autumn birds have a real feast on the blue berries found on its red stems. No sight is lovelier than the myriads of color on the shining treetop of the sassafras in the late fall."

"Remember when you look at this tree, you are simply seeing one of the many footprints of nature that tell all intelligent people that God is real," said Mr. Smith.

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Double crossword

BY MARGARET MURRAY RIDENOUR

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THIS last week of the life of Christ was filled with busy moments as Jesus asserted His Messiahship. There was His Triumphant Entry with the people proclaiming "Hosanna to the King." Next was the cleansing of the temple.



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The court of the Gentiles had become a market place for the oxen, sheep, and doves which the worshipers needed for their various sacrifices. The money-changers had established themselves there that the foreign money brought by the worshipers from their foreign lands might be exchanged for the sacred shekel of the sanctuary, which only was accepted in the temple. This being Passover week, the traffic was heavier, the noise greater, and the bargaining more eager than at more normal times. This was a sad scene. The Saviour's heart was moved as He saw God's house turned into a sale barn. Moved with righteous indignation, He drove out those who sold and bought, turned over the money-changer's tables, and declared, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it, a den of thieves" Matt. 21:13.

The next day, as He was teaching in the temple, the chief priests challenged His authority for doing these things. Jesus countered with a question, which, He said, if they would answer, He would tell them the source of His authority. He asked them if John's baptism was of heaven or of men. They knew that if they said of heaven, He would ask them why they had not accepted it; and if they said men, they feared the people because

they looked on John as a prophet. They answered that they could not tell. Jesus said, "Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things."

Then, in the parables of our printed lesson, Jesus brings them face to face with the fact of their self-righteousness and the need for genuine, humble repentance to qualify for entrance into the kingdom.

1. The two sons (Matt. 21:28-31)

WHEN the father asked the first son to go work in his vineyard, the son refused, but afterward he repented, and went to work.

Repentance is the doorway into the kingdom. No one ever has, or ever will, enter without first being truly repentant in his heart. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). "The Lord — is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9).

Repentance is not all emotion. However, I do not believe that anyone can look upon his sins which have robbed him of his best and have kept him from God, and can be genuinely sorry for them to the point of repentance and not be moved emotionally. He may not make an outward demonstration that the world can see, yet he feels something inside that moves him.

Repentance is not just sadness over sin. It does involve sorrow for sin and failure, but it does not stop there. Meaningful repentance does not leave you in the pignen disgusted with yourself; it leads you to the Father's house with joy. "Then they that *gladly* received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand

souls" (Acts 2:41). The eunuch, after his experience with Philip, "went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:39).

Repentance is a change of mind, a change of purpose, a change of direction, a change of attitude toward sin, toward God and His Son. It leads to a complete transformation of life, with eternal life as God's gift through Christ.

The second son, promised his father to go work in the vineyard but failed to keep his promise.

Jesus was teaching the Jews that they had promised God to be His servants, but they were proud, self-righteous, and self-centered. They refused to admit or even believe that they were lost. They were Abraham's children. But Jesus said the son that repented represented the publicans, sinners, and harlots who heard Him gladly, repented, and followed Him. They would enter the kingdom before these leaders of the Jewish religion, who did not practice what they were preaching and did not keep their promise. They performed their religious duties before men to be seen of men; what God saw or thought didn't matter!

II. The Wedding Feast (Matt. 22:1-14)

THE guests were invited to the wedding feast and when the date for the feast arrived the king's servants went to inform the invited guests the wedding feast was now ready. But the guests refused to come. They made many excuses, giving business and other reasons for not accepting the invitation.

The point Jesus is making is clear. The Jews, being God's chosen people, were told by the prophets of old that the Messiah would come. He is here, but they refused to accept Him or even recognize Him!

They refused to believe John the Baptist, and he was killed. Now they were planning to kill Jesus.

Jesus tells us that the king informed his servants that the guests who were invited first were unworthy to sit at his table. The servants were instructed to go out

and invite all who would come. Jews refused God's invitation, now God is calling all races and colors to come into the kingdom as His guests. This group is entering the kingdom before the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

When the second invitation had been extended and the guests were assembled, the king went into the banquet hall to view and greet them. He saw a man without the required wedding garment. He inquired of the man the reason for the omission, and the man was speechless.

This teaches us the qualification for fitness to enter the kingdom.

Why did not the man have on the proper garment? Not because he didn't know the custom. No man who has heard the gospel preached can plead ignorance of the plan of salvation and the robe of righteousness that Jesus has prepared for each one who accepts Him as Saviour. This man could not plead that there were not enough garments for him. Jesus came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. There is enough of His grace to cover every soul that will repent and have faith in Him.

Neither could the man say he would supply his own. Adam and Eve tried that in the very dawn of human history when sin caused the fall of the human race, but it was not sufficient. God had to supply them with garments that would meet his demands.

The man was speechless. He had no reason for not having met the requirements of the social demands of his day. He was cast into outer darkness, which is typical of the judgment that waits those without the Robe of Righteousness.

Christ wants us to do more than just talk religion. He demands that we live in the will of God.

A Smile or Two

Diplomacy

THE suave, gray-spatted North American diplomat was a great story teller. On a visit to Africa, he related a lengthy anecdote.

His interpreter said four words, and the natives laughed.

"How could you tell the story so quickly?" asked the diplomat.

"Story too long," replied the interpreter, "so I say, 'He tell joke—laugh.'"

Nose for news

THE woman reporter in a small city was asked the secret of her journalistic success.

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A SCOTSMAN who had worn the same hat for 15 years decided with a heavy heart that it was at last necessary to buy a new one.

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Fair game

AT a convention a sign was erected near the speakers' platform for the benefit of press photographers. It read: "Do not photograph the speakers while they are addressing the audience. Shoot them as they approach the platform."

Knows the angler

TOURIST: "Good river for fish?"

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'We are in a mess'

HONOLULU (EP) — Evangelist Billy Graham called for prayers for President Johnson to help him lead the U. S. out of the "mess" the country is facing in South Vietnam.

The evangelist addressed a capacity crowd of 8,360 persons jammed into the Honolulu International Center Arena. He was to hold nightly rallies for a week and then move on to some of the other islands making up the 50th state, for single meetings.

Dr. Graham, said the U. S. "is on the horn of one of the greatest dilemmas in its history in Southeast Asia."

He asserted America faces "an all-out war with Red China or a retreat that will cause us to lose face throughout Asia. Make no mistake about it. We are in a mess."

Dr. Graham, however, was quick to caution: "Don't blame President Johnson for the mess. He didn't start it. He inherited it. He needs our prayers that God will give him wisdom."

Churches, not missions

EDINBURGH (EP) — The Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) has announced plans to establish new bases for relationships with Churches in Africa, Asia and the West Indies which have developed under its auspices during the past century.

A statement issued here said that in the future the relationship between the churches will no longer be that of "church" and "mission" but of independent churches. The "foreign mission" relationship, it stressed, no longer exists.

It said the end of the conception of "foreign missions" will be marked in September at a consultation at St. Andrews University.

In the world of religion

.... A NEW Encyclopedia of the Lutheran Church—more than a decade in preparation and totaling 2,500 pages—will be published in three volumes next October 31. The work will be published by Augsburg Publishing House of the American Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, with a first edition of 10,000 copies. Price of the three-volume set will be \$37.50.

.... Assemblies of God youth have distributed more than nine million gospel tracts during the past two years in a concerted literature evangelism thrust promoted by the denomination's Christ's Ambassadors (youth) Department. Five nation-wide crusades have been conducted since January 1963, under the emphasis "Truth for Youth," with an additional campaign to be launched May 16-23.

.... Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, will publish a book entitled *The Two Johns of the 20th Century*. The book will be published November 22, on the second anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The subjects of the book will be Mr. Kennedy and the late Pope John XXIII.

.... Members of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. gave \$30,561,721 in 1964 for the denomination's general mission program—a gain of \$604,366 over the previous year. While the total marked the first time missions giving exceeded the \$30-million mark, the percentage increase of 2.02 was smaller than the 3.5 gain registered in 1963.

.... A National Council of Churches Survey reveals that 15 percent of 5,623 ministers responding to questionnaires augment scanty incomes through outside work. On the average, they work 9.4 hours a week at second jobs and earn \$672 a year. In the entire labor force, a 1963 tally revealed that fewer than 6 percent were moonlighters.—Survey Bulletin

Bar private showing

ROME (EP)—Police action in banning a private performance here of "The Deputy," the controversial play by German author Rolf Hochhuth which criticizes the late Pope Pius XII for not publicly denouncing Nazi atrocities against the Jews, was upheld by Vatican Radio as "fully justified."

Denying that the police action was politically motivated, the station said it was warranted by the fact that the performance was to have been staged on premises not authorized for use as a theater.

Calls scene immoral

DUBLIN (EP)—A Dublin hotel waiter, working as a movie extra, walked off the set of a Richard Burton film being made at Ardmore Studios in Bray, County Wicklow, because of what he alleged to be an "immoral" scene.

Sean O'Loughlin was playing the part of a waiter in the film, "The Spy Who Came in from the Cold." In his part he was supposed to serve drinks to Mr. Burton and another actor in a nightclub scene. In the background a girl was doing a strip-tease act.

Mr. O'Loughlin complained about the scene to the floor manager and the director. He got no

satisfaction and walked off the set.

"I have my principles," he said, "and as long as they are not interfered with I will work. But in this case I was forced to take the action I did. I could not allow my picture to be in a set I did not agree with."

'Christian communications'

TWO summer workshops in Christian communications will be offered June 21-July 9 at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. One will deal with writing, publishing and marketing of religious literature. The other will offer the fundamentals of Christian radio broadcasting.

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