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How we operate, page six

personally speaking

All along the way!

IS not one of the thrilling thoughts of life the consciousness of God's presence in our little, every-day affairs? In the downs as well as the ups, the devout Christian can see God's lessons and his never-failing grace. But we seem to be more conscious of God's presence some days than others.

On a recent week-end, I seemed to sense His presence more than usual. Although I was expecting to leave Little Rock before daylight on Monday for a business trip to New York City, I felt inclined to accept an invitation to preach, Sunday morning and Sunday night, in a church half way across the state.

Having been informed that it was a 2½ hour drive from Little Rock to the church, I left home a little before 8 on Sunday morning, in my Renault puddle-jumper, expecting to arrive at church a good thirty minutes ahead of the 11 a.m. worship service. But that was just what I thought! For long before the journey's end, I was having to ford a flooded highway at half a dozen points.

This slowed me down, but I never had any doubt that I would get through to be the guest preacher as scheduled.

When I was within about 16 miles of my destination and feeling that I had it made, although my clock indicated only thirty minutes till church time, I stopped at a service station. "I suppose the road is open from here north," I said, indicating my destination.

"No," said the man to whom I had addressed my confident remark, "the road is closed."

He told me the detour I would have to make, a detour that was to add 15 miles to the trip at a time I could least afford it! But when he showed me the road I was to take was near me, I had the strange assurance anew that I could reach the church in time.

Stopping briefly at a filling station along the way, I arranged for its attendant to call the church and tell them I was on my way. I reached the church just a few minutes before time for the sermon to go on the air (for the service was being broadcast) and feeling even more than I had felt when I left home that it was God's will for me to be there.

On the way back home after the evening preaching service, I heard on my car radio about the transportation strike in New York and was able conscientiously to cancel the Monday trip.

Surely God is present not only in the great crises of our lives, but also all along the way!

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

SOUTHERN Baptist Convention agencies—how do they operate, how are they controlled? And how may a member of a Southern Baptist church offer guidance and participate in the action of the agencies? These are some of the questions answered on pages 6 and 7 by Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board. There is editorial comment on the article on page 3.

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THREE big days in the lives of Arkansas Baptists are approaching—Jan. 24-26, the days set aside for the annual Evangelism Conference, to be held this year at Gaines Street Church, Little Rock. The theme for 1966 is "A Church Proclaiming and Witnessing." We are printing the program for the three days on pages 12 and 13.

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THE place of the pastor's wife in the pastorium offers one of the most outstanding opportunities to be found in any community. So writes J. I. Cossey in his second article on the minister's wife. "Middle of the Road" is on page 19.

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PASTOR Clifford Palmer of Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, has some things to say in a recent bulletin that are particularly applicable right now for Arkansas Baptists. Read his thoughts on forgetting in the editorial on page 3.

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IT WAS a record year of Baptist missions giving in 1965. The Southern Baptist Convention exceeded its \$19.8 million budget by more than \$2.7 million. The Baptist Press news story is on page 11.

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DURING the Thanksgiving holidays, Baylor Student Gracie Hatfield, one time *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* writer, took off for a picture story skiing expedition in Colorado for her college magazine, *Iscani*. One of her finest photographs today decorates our cover. The cover story is on page 16.

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How we operate

THE number of Baptist messengers who "hit the floor of the Convention" each year with detailed proposals for Convention boards and agencies indicates a need for a better understanding of how boards and agencies function and how they are controlled. This points up the potential value of just such an article as Dr. James L. Sullivan has written for this week's *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. (See page 6.)

As Dr. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, points out, the Southern Baptist Convention lays down the purposes and policies for its institutions and agencies, but leaves to boards it names the responsibility of operation. And the principles discussed by Dr. Sullivan apply to Baptist state conventions, such as the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

In the interest of a better understanding of how our Baptist programs of missions, evangelism, education and benevolence are carried out, we strongly recommend the careful reading by everyone of the Sullivan article.

'Good forgetters'

IN a New Year's meditation entitled "Lord, Give Me a Good Forgetter," Pastor Clifford Palmer of Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, writing in his church bulletin, has some things to say that are especially timely right now for Baptists of Arkansas. After a discussion of "Let's forget our sorrows" and "Let's forget forgiven sins," Pastor Palmer has this to say on "Let's forget wrongs of others":

"Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12:19).

"Booker T. Washington said, 'I will permit no man to drag me down by causing me to hate him.' Many refuse to see the good in others, and dwell on their sins, blunders, and shortcomings. This attitude hinders all parties involved. It is a bitter sin to harbor ill will. God's grace can lift us above petty prejudices and littleness. It is big to forgive. It is little to hold malice or envy in the heart life.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

"May Christ save us from nursing grudges, holding resentments against others, and help us constantly to remember our own need of divine grace. Help us to move from condemnation to forgiveness."

It is easy for us to long for God's vengeance to be wreaked upon those who, according to our own judgment, are sinners or offenders against God—or what is far more important to us, against us! And with very little rationalizing we can get to feeling that we are called of

God to wreak his vengeance on the offenders. But since there are so many differences of opinion among us as to who is worthy of God's condemnation, surely it is cause for real rejoicing that vengeance is of the Lord.

Whatever else God has called us Christians to be, we are not to be spiritual policemen over one another.

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:1-2).

Baptist Book Club

SOUTHERN Baptists now have their own "book of the month club."

Put into operation by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention under the designation of "Broadman Readers Plan," the club makes available to its subscribers twelve new books a year for the phenomenally low price of \$10.50 a year. (If paid for by the quarter instead of in advance by the year, the cost is \$3 per quarter, or \$12 per year.)

Testimonies published in promotional literature about the new Plan include two from Arkansas. Mrs. E. L. East, of Hot Springs, wrote: "I am . . . recommending to my adult women's class to participate in this Readers Plan."

Tal Bonham, Pine Bluff pastor, described the Readers Plan books as "a very great source of information and inspiration to my own Christian life."

Subscriptions may be sent directly to: Broadman Readers Plan, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

We heartily recommend this for Baptist readers.

This makes sense!

SOME of the most lucid thoughts we have read in relation to the current and continuing argument in our state over "alien immersion" and "open communion" are from the pen of Missionary J. Carl Bunch of the Mt. Zion Association, Jonesboro. In his associational monthly bulletin recently, Mr. Bunch wrote:

"It is incorrect to assume that all Baptists have ever believed alike on all matters. We have and still do believe alike on the great verities of the faith. Our genius, however, has been in our ability to work together notwithstanding our differences. The ability to do this requires the generous exercise of charity and understanding. This is necessary to a great degree within the local church. It is more acutely necessary when totally autonomous churches attempt to cooperate in order to achieve a common goal.

"Our common goals of evangelism, missions, benevo-

lence, and education are worthy. In my opinion these are infinitely more important than any differences among us. I could hope that we would not lose sight of our primary objectives. It is my conviction that we can accomplish more and serve God better by working together than we can by out-voting each other. I sincerely hope that a minimum of the latter will be necessary."

Some things cannot be determined by vote, even in our Baptist democracy. One thing that cannot be determined by vote is what the New Testament teaches about "alien immersion," for example.

As Mr. Bunch has indicated, there is no "historic Baptist position" that finds all Baptists agreed in all be-

liefs. "Alien immersion" is one of the things on which Baptists do not all see eye to eye. And since there is room for honest difference of opinions as to what the New Testament teaches on this, should we not be slow to excommunicate any who do not hold to a fixed view of the matter? Some of us do not have all the answers

"YOU must believe in the New Testament to be a Baptist, but when you seek to enforce the New Testament you cease to be a Baptist."—John Hurt, in bulletin of First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, La., reprinted in *Religious Herald*, Richmond, Va., Feb. 9, 1950.

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.

A second chance

IN Luke 13 Jesus told of a man who planted a fig tree. It was barren! After three years of bearing no fruit, the lord of the vineyard said, "Cut it down." The keeper begged for one more year for the fig tree to produce some fruit, for one more chance.

In John 15 Jesus likens himself as the vine and the Christian as the branch. He said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit." In John 15:2 Jesus said that every fruitless branch would be taken away.

Many Christians today are like that barren fig tree in Luke 13. How many Christians who are bearing "no fruit" once had a vital, vibrant testimony for Jesus Christ and were faithful witnesses for him?

Only eternity will reveal the number of fruitless Christians that merely existed in 1965. The great Lord of the vineyard may be saying to scores of Christians, "I am going to give you one more year, 1966, to bear fruit." "If you do not bear fruit for me in 1966, I am going to cut you down."

God is giving us another chance in 1966 to bear fruit for him. The very fact that we are still alive at the beginning of this new year is evidence that your Lord is "The great God of a second chance."

—Rick Ingle, Pastor
Oak Cliff, Baptist Church
Ft. Smith, Ark.

The Lord's Supper

THE Lord's Supper was established by our Lord on the occasion of His meeting with His apostles in an upper room in Jerusalem on Thursday night before His crucifixion the next day (Mt. 26:26; Mk. 14:22; Lk. 22:19; I Cor. 11:23). Thus, the Supper was given to a local church, not to the church universal. Since the Supper is to be observed from time to time, somebody or some group must decide how frequently, for the Lord did not establish any specific time. This is a decision which must be made by the local church, for decisions cannot be made by the church universal. How could all Christendom be constituted into a deliberative body?

The Supper was given to a New Testament church, not to the unregenerate world. If it is to be observed by the church, somewhere there must be authority as to how it will be observed and who will participate. This authority comes from the Lord Himself, but it is authority He has given to a local church.

The New Testament local church is autonomous or self-governing. But a church has no authority over anyone but its own members. Thus, a church must necessarily limit its discipline of Christians to those of its own membership. How can anyone argue, then, that a church should invite to the Lord's table those who are outside its discipline? For a church to observe the Lord's Supper as a local church ordinance is to exercise the authority and shoulder the responsibility bestowed by Christ when He instituted the ordinance. To invite those to participate who are not members of the church observing the ordinance is to relinquish the controls that were placed in the hands of the

New Testament church.

The admonition of the Scriptures to individual Christians to examine themselves before partaking of the Supper (Acts 2:42; 20:7; I Cor. 10:21 and 11:28) does not set aside the authority and responsibility of the local church as the custodian of the ordinance. Nor is there any conflict here. Each member of the church is to examine his own heart and motives as he comes to the Lord's table.

For a church to limit its observance of the Lord's Supper to its own members is not to cast any unfavorable reflection upon anyone. Certainly it is not to insinuate that only those who are members of the particular church are Christians. Each person must make his peace individually with God through Christ. The church has no authority here. But the church does have authority over the observance of its ordinances.—Guy S. Wilson, pastor, Reynolds Memorial Church, Little Rock

Jesus' power

I HAVE been reading the Dec. 23 issue of the Ark. Baptist, and I agree with you on most of your views, but your reply to Jean the Baptist made me wonder just what you meant when you said God deliberately put a limit on Jesus in sending him into the world in the body of the flesh. I believe that Jesus was God in the flesh according to the first chapter of St. John, and Jesus himself said all power is given to me in Heaven and in earth.

I believe Jesus could have spoke any language that has ever been spoken. I don't say he spoke in over 2 languages, I just say he had the power to do so if he needed to.

REPLY: I would agree with your concluding statement, but read Luke 2:52.—ELM

'Important issue'

IT appears that the issue before Southern Baptist regarding the Lord's Supper and Baptism have taken up more space in the Arkansas Baptist

than any other issue outside of the question of civil rights and federal aid to education.

Many feel that this is a relatively unimportant issue. However, an issue cannot be unimportant when it causes as much comment and letter writing as this present issue.

So, joining the voices and letters of hundreds of others, I would like to pass on the sage advice of Dr. H. E. Dana's book, *A Manual of Ecclesiology* revised by L. M. Sipes.

In regard to baptism he states "The crux of the problem lies in the question whether baptism is primarily a function of the church or an obligation of the believer. The scriptural data are so meager that the question can never be settled with finality. Upon one conclusion, however, we can rest with perfect confidence. There is not a shadow of a doubt that the New Testament presents the church as an independent, self-governing body. As such it has an unquestionable right to determine the qualifications for membership which it will require . . . Churches of the one view should not deny to churches of the other the right to call themselves Baptist. Because of the meagerness of scriptural evidence the issue should never be made a test of fellowship among Baptists."

When we have been at our best, this has been our position. It is the desire of most of us to maintain our Christian witness in the fellowship of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. If a church desires closed communion and closed baptism, let them do as they feel led. On the other hand if Russellville, or any other church, feels that the New Testament does not contain such exclusiveness, then let them practice the ordinances as they so interpret the scripture.

My personal fears are not related to the acceptance or rejection of immersion from other churches. My fear stems from the fact that Christianity becomes more of a minority religion each year. There are less Christians in regard to the world's population today than there were ten years ago.

The important issue is not how we present the ordinances, but how we present the gospel.—Morris L. Smith, pastor, First Baptist Church, Morrilton

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TOO!**

Things I've wondered about

BY ANDREW M. HALL, FAYETTEVILLE

I MAKE no claim of originality here, for Solomon said a good many years ago "There is nothing new under the sun."

I've wondered, for example, if the best road in Christian education on the college level is the "state line" plan. Should we eventually have 50 state Baptist colleges? That won't work, for Kentucky is already struggling to keep five schools going, Missouri three, and no telling how

A dozen schools?

WOULD it be feasible to locate twelve great Baptist schools, under convention-wide control (trustee system, of course) in strategic areas?

I think of the great position of the Baptist Hospital at Memphis sponsored jointly by Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas. If such a plan were adopted we could possibly have a dozen schools of say, the caliber of Baylor University.

I think of several problems with the theory such as what disposition would be made of current properties, vested interests, the need of some smaller schools, some larger and some middle size to satisfy the varied desires of Baptist young people, etc.

In light of the Federal aid problem, however, I can see some value in Baptist consolidation. I'm certainly not crusading for such a plan—but curious to know what others may think.

Televangelism

OUR mechanized and electronic age has certainly changed financial procedures in recent years. I was astounded to learn, for example, that televangelism "This is the Answer" films were shown on all of the television stations of Japan in a 13-week series. Imagine the coverage! Compare the millions who viewed these films with the limited hundreds our fine corps of missionaries were able to touch during the same period.

I've thought a good bit recently about a helicopter service now available in our city. The advertisement reads, "short trips, sightseeing, real estate viewing, charter hops." I've been told that the cost of these small helicopters is not prohibitive. What a help this would be if our Foreign Mission Board could own several of these for strategic areas in the countries where we labor. This, it seems to me, would provide unlimited opportunities not now available. I've just been wondering.

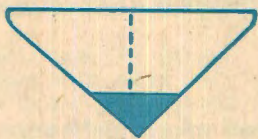
Endowed Bible center

ANY one who serves as the head of an institution is quick to tell you the future of that school or children's home is best secured in endowment. Vanderbilt University, for instance, has a \$90 million endowment and a capable finance officer is employed by the school primarily to re-invest the dividends for the school's best interests. Harvard has over \$300 million.

To my knowledge nobody has ever endowed a Bible center on a state university campus. I can think of no greater benefit to generations of students yet to come than a gesture such as this.

I've been wondering why somebody has not thought of it and given it a try.

SBC AGENCIES: GUIDANCE AND CONTROL



BY JAMES L. SULLIVAN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER
SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD, SBC

BOARDS and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention are subject to the control of the Convention. This is right and necessary. When the Convention attempts to deal with detailed operating functions of those boards and agencies, however, the situation begins to get unwieldy. It becomes comparable to a right-handed golfer trying to tee off with a left-handed driver.

Recent Southern Baptist Conventions have had frequent examples of vigorous efforts from the floor to guide specific, detailed, involved, and infinitesimal portions of the operations of one of the Convention's agencies.

In Dallas in June, for example, one motion called for the Sunday School Board to remove a single book title from sale in all Baptist Book Stores. Another motion called for the specific publication of a particular volume by Broadman Press.

Appropriate handling of both of these motions would have been referral to the elected Sunday School Board members for study, and, if necessary, for action. The first motion was so referred. The second was not.

Provision had already been made officially for a commentary, however, even before the matter was presented to the Dallas Convention. The Convention's vote only duplicated an action previously taken by the elected Board and one which was in process of being implemented by the administration when it was presented to the Dallas Convention.

How exercise control?

TO say that dealing with detailed operational matters is not best in sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention is not to suggest at all that the Convention abdicate any of its responsibility. To the contrary, the Convention has already provided for such controls of the Sunday School Board through delegation of policy-making responsibility and authority to the 61 members of the elected Board of Trustees, selected from state convention areas and elected by vote of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It is doubtful that any messenger to the Convention can have sufficient information to act with considered judgment on some minute operational detail which is given only a few minutes of discussion. The messenger can and should, however, make known his beliefs so that the varied opinions can be considered by the elected Board. Board directives, goals and operating principles are appropriate and desired. It is the responsibility of the elected Board to know and follow the will of the Convention, even if a given point is not openly discussed in an annual convention meeting.

Setting general policy

FROM time to time published speculations boldly imply that the executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board predetermines the action of the elected Board.

Nothing could be further from fact. Such could not be so even if the executive desires that it be. Existing bylaws of the Board which are faithfully followed would prohibit this. Overall guidance is in the hands of the elected Board.

Thorough reports on every phase of the Board's work are given to the full elected Board each six months. Meetings of the local Executive Committee each month study other matters in detail as necessity arises. The remaining members of the Board are sent the minutes of those regular meetings. They are kept carefully and thoroughly informed on every action and every step of progress in implementing policy and in administrative decisions and actions based on such policy.

Nine specialized committees composed of elected Board members give study to particular areas: Plans and Policies; Advisory; Assemblies; Audit; Budget; Building; Insurance; Printing and Contracts; and Book Store.

At least twice a year and much oftener in some cases, these committees meet to deal with details. Any Southern Baptist has access to these committees through their chairmen or through the president of the Board. Any person employed by the Board is happy to see that communications are properly directed to Board committees according to correct administrative and managerial procedures.

Staff specialists are available at each Board meeting to give information or to answer questions whenever such might be desired by elected Board members. From the information gained and the studies made, the elected Board action determines the policies which are to be followed by the administration. Elected Board action becomes in effect Convention action. Reports approved by the elected Board are presented to the Convention for consideration and are printed in the Convention *Annual*.

S. S. Board support

THE Sunday School Board does not expect every Baptist to agree with every word printed in curriculum materials or with every book stocked in Baptist Book Stores. Baptists are far too diversified in their opinions for this.

The Sunday School Board could not remain long in operation, however, if it deviated from the policies it has followed during the 74 years it has been seeking to proclaim God's truth, seeking to provide useful educational suggestions for the churches, and striving to provide usable materials in published and manufactured form, for Southern Baptist denominational workers and laymen alike.

It is upon the sales of church literature and through sales in Baptist Book Stores that the economy of the Sunday School Board is based. It receives no Cooperative Program funds. The services it renders to churches are made possible by its own stewardship of resources and the usefulness and the appropriateness of its own products.

Thus the Sunday School Board stands firmly on certain established fundamentals. For example, we have no intention ever of veering from the Word of God in curriculum materials.

We have no intention of veering from our stated objective: "To support the Southern Baptist Convention in its task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ by making available Bibles, lesson courses and materials, books, films and filmstrips, music and recordings, and church supplies and by fostering education and service programs which will help the churches to establish, conduct, enlarge, and improve their ministries of Bible teaching and Christian training."

We have no intention of veering ever from our goal of serving God as an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention and as a servant of Southern Baptist churches.

It is in this context that the Board offers its dedicated best.

Contributions more than \$2 million

UNDESIGNATED receipts from Arkansas Baptist churches reached an all time high for 1965, a total of \$2,032,925.47, or approximately three percent more than for the year 1964. This is the first time in the history of the convention that undesignated receipts have gone above the two million mark.

In addition to the Cooperative Program receipts we have received designated contributions for missions in the amount of \$477,149.29. This is 13½ percent more in designations for missions than in 1964. The missions receipts were: \$334,066.28 for Foreign Missions, \$90,809.23 for Home Missions and \$52,273.78 for State Missions. Approximately 37 percent of the more than two millions dollars received through the Cooperative Program went to missions, education, and benevolences beyond our own state.

The Arkansas State Convention in its annual meeting last November took action urging our churches to increase their Cooperative Program contributions in 1966 by 10 percent. This additional money will be used to strengthen our educational and missionary ministries within the state. We have experienced an encouraging response from our churches on this matter since the convention meeting last fall. The Executive Secretary has set up meetings in many of our associations during the first 90 days of 1966 to further explain the action of the convention and to encourage immediate enlistment in the 10 percent increase in Cooperative Program giving.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

Revival news

BROWNSVILLE Church, Lonoke, Dec. 17-19; Walter K. Ayers, evangelist; 6 by baptism; 1 by letter; Gerald Rowe, pastor. Mr. Ayers will conduct another week end revival at the church Jan. 14-16.

Study committee

COMPLYING with an action of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at its meeting last November, President Don Hook of the Convention has named a committee to study the various aspects and implications of the availability of government funds for private institutions. The committee is to report their findings and offer any recommendations that they



CARTER TUCKER

Enters chaplaincy

CARTER Tucker, pastor of Union Church, El Dorado, has resigned to enter the Army chaplaincy. He will report to Ft. Polk, La., for duty or reassignment. He leaves the church Jan. 16.

Mr. Carter has been pastor at Union since May, 1962. He received a commission in the U. S. Army Reserve in December, 1963, and volunteered for active duty in September, 1965.

He formerly served as pastor in Weinert, Tex.

Mrs. Carter is the former Miss Pauline Lesley of Okmulgee, Okla. They have three children, Paul, 8, Lesley, 6, and Amy 3.

care to make to the 1966 convention.

Chairman of the committee is Dr. W. Harold Hicks, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock. Serving with him will be Dr. Payton Kolb, Little Rock psychiatrist; Hal Kennamer, superintendent of schools, Paris; Dr. Tal Bonham, pastor, South Side Church, Pine Bluff; Dr. Eugene Moore, pastor, Trinity Church, Ft. Smith.

Spring OBU courses

EIGHT courses will be offered for resident credit during the spring semester by the Little Rock Branch of Ouachita University.

Registration will begin at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Branch, at 1700 West 13th Street, with classes beginning that night.

Tuesday evening offerings include General Education 153, Hebrew Heritage, taught by Dr. Carl Goodson; General Education 243, American Civilization, with Prof. Jim Ranchino; Psychology 203, General Psychology, with Dr. Maurice Hurley, and History 513, Seminar in American History Since 1865, with Dr. Bob Riley.

Thursday classes include General Education 104, Physical Science, taught by Dr. Wayne Everett; General Education 123, Freshman English, with Prof. Gilbert Morris; General Education 214, Humanities, staff; and General Education 573, Research Seminar in American Civilization, Dr. Carl Todd, for graduate credit.

Tuition will be \$15 per semester hour.

DEATH

Mrs. Ninnie Croy Loughlin, 67, wife of M. R. Loughlin, Dec. 27, at her home, Rt. 1, Sherdian. Mrs. Loughlin was a member of Forest Tower Mission of Immanuel Church, Little Rock.



DANNY GRIFFIN

Griffin to Charlotte

REV. DANNY Griffin, formerly pastor of Elliott Church, Camden, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Wilmont Church, Charlotte, N. C.

The Wilmont Church, located at 2669 Wilmont Road, has a 7-day-a-week ministry for all age groups, with complete recreational facilities for youth and fellowship programs including a fully equipped indoor gymnasium and a new educational building completely furnished for children's work and for a week-day kindergarten.

Mr. Griffin is a graduate of Ouachita University and of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He has served as minister of youth for Second Church, Hot Springs; minister of youth for Trinity Church, San Antonio, Tex.; minister of music and youth for Melbourne Heights Church, Louisville, Ky.; and as pastor of First Church, Elizabeth, Ind., in addition to serving as pastor of the Elliott Church.

He has been the guest minister for numerous church revivals, youth retreats, and youth rallies and has spoken frequently to student groups on high school and college campuses.

Mrs. Griffin is the former Miss Lavonia Beasley, El Dorado. She received her education at Ouachita University, Carver School of

DEATHS

Dr. Berry Lee Moore Sr., 63, El Dorado physician and surgeon and president of the Union County Medical Scholarship Foundation, Jan. 4.

Dr. Moore, a graduate of the University of Arkansas and its School of Medicine, interned at Charity Hospital at New Orleans. He had practiced medicine and surgery at El Dorado since 1934. He was former chief of staff of Warner Brown Hospital.

He was a member of First Church, El Dorado.

Joseph George Pritchard, 77, Little Rock, retired salesman, Jan. 5. He was a member of Second Church and a veteran of World War I.

Nashville pastor



C. A. SMITHSON

C. A. SMITHSON, formerly of Second Church, Fayetteville, has assumed duties as pastor of First Church, Nashville.

Mr. Smithson attended Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, Tex., and Wesleyan College, Ft. Worth, and is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Smithson have three children, Jim Bob, Judy and Julie Kay.

Missions and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. The Griffins have a son, Daniel, age 2.

New evangelism book

BAKER Book House has given Editor Erwin L. McDonald of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* a tentative assignment to edit a book comprised of the addresses given this month at the annual Arkansas Baptist State Evangelism Conference, Jesse Reed, state superintendent of evangelism, has announced.

The book is to be 125 pages in length and to sell for \$2.50. Advance orders for it will be taken during the Evangelism Conference, Mr. Reed said.

Conference speakers this year, all speaking on some aspect of the Conference theme, "A Church Proclaiming and Witnessing," will include:

Dr. Harold Lindsey, of the Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.;

Dr. John Bob Riddle, pastor of Central Park Church, Birmingham, Ala.;

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, Tex.;

Rev. Charles B. Howard, evangelist, Buies Creek, N. C.;

Dr. James T. Draper, pastor of First Church, Warren;

Rev. R. V. Haygood, superintendent of missions, Pulaski County Association, Little Rock;

Rev. Edward L. Smith, pastor of First Church, Beebe;

Rev. George Harris, pastor of First Church, Dermott;

Rev. Paul Wilhelm, superintendent of missions, Clear Creek Association, Ozark;

Dr. John Abernathy, retired Southern Baptist foreign missionary, Hot Springs;

Rev. Joe Johnson, minister to the deaf, First Church, Little Rock;

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, state superintendent of missions and evangelism, Little Rock;

Rev. R. A. Hill, member of the staff of State Missions department, Little Rock;

Rev. Hugh Cooper, pastor of Melbourne Church; and

Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, Little Rock.

From the churches . . .



Ashdown First

THE church has broken several records in recent days. A record goal of \$2,200, set for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, was exceeded before the end of December with a total of \$2,230. This is the first time the goal has been reached before the end of December.

Dec. 26 the church adopted the largest budget in its history and raised its item for the Cooperative Program 10 percent above last year. The church is now giving 19 percent through the Cooperative Program.

During the past ten years, under the ministry of Pastor Ross O. Ware, the church has given a total of \$14,466 to Foreign Missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas offerings. The Christmas offering for missions has never hurt the regular receipts of the church nor its giving through the Cooperative Program. During the past ten years the church has given \$26,736 through the Cooperative Program undesignated, and more than \$50,000 to all mission causes.

The Lottie Moon offering is promoted each year through the Sunday School and each department adopts a portion of the overall goal. A layman is elected each year by the Sunday School to spearhead the offering effort. This year James A. Gunter Jr., (above) Southwest Arkansas lumberman, spearheaded the drive. James Eskew is superintendent of the Sunday School.

As a part of the promotion of the successful offering a display was placed

in the opening of the baptistry. It was a huge rocket ascending toward a planet which was the map of the world, with a dark blue starry background. On the rocket were eight windows, each with a small light bulb, representing the various departments of the Sunday School. As each department reached its goal, its light on the rocket was turned on. On the map of the world there were 22 small light bulbs forming a cross. Each time the offering moved up \$100 a light was turned on. All 22 lights forming the cross and all eight lights on the rocket were turned on before the close of the service Sunday night, Dec. 26.

Scott Toltec

THE Young People's Sunday School class, taught by Mrs. C. J. Miller, showed the true Christmas spirit when they chose to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor of Miss Amanda Tinkle, instead of exchanging gifts among themselves.

Little Rock Second

A WEEKLY Bible study is offered to the public each Thursday morning at 10:30. The hour classes are taught by Marvin Jones, program director.

The initial study is based on the theme, "Looking at the Theory of Evolution through the Eyes of Faith." The Book of John is studied by chapter and verse and is designed for those inter-

ested in serious, intensive, exegetical Bible study.

Anyone may enroll for any length of time. There is no charge.

Arkadelphia First

THREE were ordained as deacons Jan. 2: Jim Fisher, Jim Mack Sawyer and Wilson Hansard.

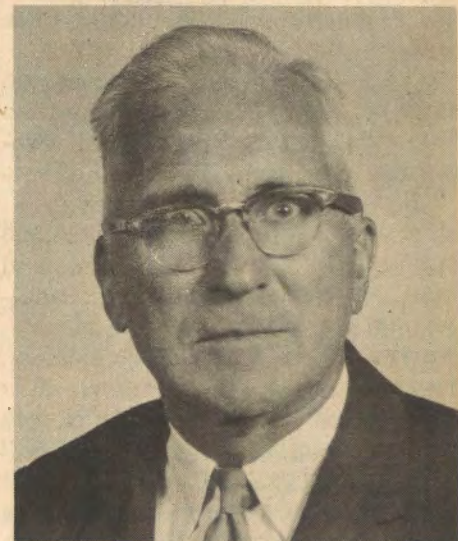
Little Rock Immanuel

A TOTAL of \$22,058 was contributed to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering last month, setting a new record for the church. The goal had been \$22,000.

Last year the church gave \$21,000. Pastor W. O. Vaught reports an increase in the number of participants this year to 802 as compared to 500 last year.

Total contributions for the year were \$383,091.10, or \$24,451.99 more than last year. The church surpassed its 1964 contribution to the Cooperative Program by \$63,000.

Deacon is honored



MR. LEGATE

HARLIE Legate, deacon of Mt. Pleasant Church, Pittman, was honored by the Current River Association when it dedicated its annual of the 1965 session to him.

Mr. Legate has been active in Baptist and Current River work for more than 50 years.

He was in attendance at the association in 1915 and has been to most of the sessions since that time.

During the 1965 session, his fiftieth, he served on the Time, Place and Preacher Committee. He serves his church as the executive board member.

By the BAPTIST PRESS

Missions gifts top SBC Budget by \$2.7 million

NASHVILLE — The Southern Baptist Convention exceeded its \$19.8 million budget for 1965 by more than \$2.7 million, making 1965 a record year of Baptist missions giving.

During 1965, a record \$22,570,857 was contributed to Baptist missions causes through the denomination's Cooperative Program budget.

Cooperative Program gifts exceeded 1964 contributions by \$1,679,221, an increase of 8.04 per cent, and topped the budget by a total of \$2,735,257.

The budget was reached on Nov. 16, and all receipts from then until Dec. 31 were divided two-thirds to foreign missions and one-third to home missions.

Foreign missions got \$1,823,505 in missions advance funds, and home missions received an additional \$911,752.

"This added impetus will mean greater missionary outreach in a distraught world, and more church sites in pioneer areas of the U.S.," commented Porter Routh, executive secretary of the southern Baptist Executive Committee here.

"More important," Routh said, "it represents a response of a compassionate heart."

Significantly, the record year of giving occurred during the 40th anniversary of the Cooperative Program, the denomination's budget plan whereby churches give a percentage of their local contributions to be divided through the SBC budget to support Baptist work throughout the world.

The \$19.8 million budget provides funds for operations and capital needs of 13 Southern Baptist boards, commissions and agencies and six Southern Baptist seminaries.

In addition to the record \$22½ million given undersigned through the Cooperative Program budget, more than \$17.1 million was given to designated Southern Baptist causes during 1965.

The \$17,107,049 to designated causes represents an increase of \$1,147,224 over designated gifts of 1964, an increase of 7.19 per cent.

With total undesignated and designated gifts combined, a whopping \$39,677,907 was given to Southern Baptist missions causes during 1965.

The combined total represents an increase of \$2,826,447 over total missions gifts of 1964.

Total missions contributions do not include amounts given by Southern Baptist churches to support state-wide causes or local church programs.

Baptist officials here expect total church contributions for the year to exceed the \$100 million mark. For the first time last year, total contributions by the churches topped \$100 million, and the 1965 contributions will probably be even greater.

Total church contributions will be released in January or February after statistical reports from the churches are available.

DEATH

FORT WORTH (BP)—J. D. Brannon, known as the dean of Baptist district missionaries in Texas, died here at the age of 65 on Christmas eve. He would have retired on Dec. 31 after 32 years as a district missionary for Texas Baptists. In term of service, he was the oldest district missions worker in the state.

Seminary scholarships

COMPETITION for the Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson Scholar Awards has been announced to prospective students of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The cash award to each student is \$1,000 and is accompanied by a gold medallion designating the honor.

Luther Rice awards are for students who feel their ministry is to be within the United States. Adoniram Judson grants are for foreign volunteers.

All applications must be in the office of the seminary's Dean of Students by Feb. 15. Announcement of the winners will be Mar. 15. Application forms may be obtained from the Dean of Students, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.



FIRE GUTS SANCTUARY; CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DAMPENED: A Christmas eve fire, apparently ignited by a "sick-minded arsonist," gutted the sanctuary of the Broadway Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn., causing \$500,000 damage and leaving the brick church in smouldering ruins. The fire blazed for five hours, with flames shooting as high as 100 feet into the air. The total church property was adequately covered by insurance, the pastor said. (BP PHOTO)

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Church Music Department

MONDAY EVENING

'A CHURCH PREPARED FOR EVANGELISM'

- 6:45 Song and Praise Hoyt Mulkey
- 7:00 Bible Study Dr. John Bob Riddle
- 7:30 "What Is Proclaiming and
Witnessing?" Dr. Harold Lindsey
- 8:00 Song
- 8:05 Testimony, "Proclaiming and Witness-
ing through the Associational Sunday
School Group Schools" Ed Smith
- 8:20 Announcements
- 8:25 The Bookstore Robert Bauman
- 8:30 Special Music
- 8:35 "A Compassionate Leadership—
a Necessity" Dr. W. A. Criswell
- 9:15 Adjourn



DR. JOHN BOB RIDDELE
Pastor, Central Park Church
Birmingham

TUESDAY MORNING

'THE MESSAGE OF EVANGELISM'

- 11:15 Special Music Hoyt Mulkey
- 9:15 Bible Study Dr. John Bob Riddle
- 9:45 Stand and Sing
- 9:50 "The Need of Reaching
the Lost" Dr. James T. Draper
- 10:15 Special Music
- 10:20 Testimony, "County-Wide Survey and
Proclamation and Witnessing" R. V. Haygood
- 10:40 Music Men
- 10:45 "Why and How to Repent" George Harris
- 11:15 Special Music Hoyt Mulkey
- 11:20 "Saving Faith" Dr. W. A. Criswell



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Melbourne



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TUESDAY AFTERNOON

'METHODS IN EVANGELISM'

- 2:00 Song and Praise Hoyt Mulkey
 2:15 Bible Study Dr. John Bob Riddle
 2:45 Stand and Sing
 2:50 "The Great Commission through Church
 Programming" Paul Wilhelm
 3:10 Music Men
 3:15 "Proclamation and Witnessing
 through Revivals and Personal
 Work" Dr. Harold Lindsey
 3:40 Special Music
 3:45 "The Shantung Revival" Dr. John Abernathy
 4:15 Adjourn

TUESDAY EVENING

'THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PROCLAIMING AND WITNESSING'

- 6:45 Song and Praise Hoyt Mulkey
 7:00 Bible Study Dr. John Bob Riddle
 7:30 "The Divine Side in Proclaiming
 and Witnessing" Dr. C. W. Caldwell
 8:00 Stand and Sing
 8:05 "This is Missions" .. Joe Johnson & R. A. Hill
 8:25 Special Music Hoyt Mulkey
 8:30 "Our Mandate from
 Heaven" Dr. W. A. Criswell
 9:15 Adjourn

WEDNESDAY MORNING

'A MILITANT OFFENSIVE IN EVANGELISM'

- 9:00 Song and Praise Hoyt Mulkey
 9:15 Bible Study Dr. John Bob Riddle
 9:30 Stand and Sing
 9:35 "What Hell Has That We
 Need" Hugh Cooper
 10:05 Music Men
 10:10 "Proclaiming and Witnessing through
 the Printed Page" Dr. Erwin L. McDonald
 10:35 Special Music
 10:40 "The Motive in Proclaiming and
 Witnessing" Rev. Charles B. Howard
 (John 21:15)



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Pastor, First Church
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Hot Springs



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CHARLES HOWARD
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Buies Creek, N. C.



DR. C. W. CALDWELL
Secretary
Missions-Evangelism Department



GEORGE H. HARRIS
Pastor, Dermott Church
Dermott

Executive Board

39th in giving

THE latest report shows that Southern Baptists are thirty-ninth in per capita giving. Baptists gave an average of \$55.80 per member through their churches.

One of the big reasons for the low place in contributions is that only 13 Baptist church members out of every hundred claim to tithe.

Baptist church members will need to increase their gifts to their churches and the churches will need to increase their gifts to the Cooperative Program if we maintain Baptist work on its present level. The alternative to this is to accept money from the government or cut back on our over-all programs.

All of this makes the next few years crucial ones.

We can feel that when we talk about money and preach about money we are being mercenary and materialistic, or we can face up to the fact that "the way Baptist church members contribute their money is a spiritual matter" and help them do a better job of giving by teaching them the Bible.

More and more Baptists will give more and more money when more and more churches start putting the emphasis on money where it belongs. Jesus said more about property, possessions, giving, receiving, and greed than all the other doctrines.

Then why should Baptists wait until we get into a misunderstanding about federal aid before we start emphasizing more giving? Why do some churches go year after year and never make any plans for membership giving of money, or church spending of money?

It was customary to set out a bottle if a man paid a visit to a friend. The visitor felt slighted if this were not done. To treat one at the bar was a mark of gentility. Not to partake was almost an insult.

Moderation was the word, at least, it was the argued word. The average church member did not object to moderation in drinking. Oftentimes the bottle of whiskey was set before the minister in his pastoral calls. Likewise, he extended the same hospitality to his guests. Not a few of the pioneer preachers had their own stills. Liquors were used as commodities of exchange.

But moderation was not always practiced. At social events such as log-rollings, house raisings, etc., ardent spirits were indispensable. It was not unusual on such occasions for one to become "gentlemanly groggy;" for one to become "staggeringly drunk" was only a slight indiscretion. With such habits of society and such views toward drink it is not surprising to learn that many, church mem-

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Now there are ways to help Baptists see the needs. Write to the Stewardship Services, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 73203, or Ralph Douglas, 401 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

bers and others, were overtaken with strong drink. Drinking was not limited to events, it was customary, and overindulgence was common.

Churches disciplined members more in those days than now. Drunkenness, though liberally interpreted, was still high on the list of causes for church discipline. It was not unusual for a half dozen or dozen cases to be on docket at the same time.

Against a vice so popular it was long before a considerable number of ministers raised their voice in protest. When one was courageous enough to do so, it was at the expense of his popularity. One humorous member said about another, "I saw him weeping freely under the sermon today, but when the preacher spoke against the evils of drinking, he took all his tears back into his eyes again."

Despite the opposition of the masses a few preachers and church members opposed the evils of drink. Gradually conscience was aroused against intemperance.

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

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

Baptists and alcoholic beverages

ENTRENCHED evil is hard to remove. This is especially true if it stimulates the profit motive, or caters to the appetite, and is habit forming. Alcoholic beverages do all three. As the result, this combination has proved to be a troublesome thing to the Christian cause. Paul, the Apostle, wrestled with their harmful effects long ago.

Our nation has faced its own peculiar problem of alcoholic excesses. The consumption of strong drink was interwoven into the very fabric of our early society. Many deemed it necessary for health and comfort. Others looked upon this as a social pastime and one's inalienable right.

Focus on Home Missions!

IN preparation for and enrichment of observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, Mar. 6-13, the following books are recommended for teaching and reading:

Adult: *Panama, the Land Between* (85c)

Young People: *Bonanza South* (85c)

Intermediate: *East Is West* (50c)

Junior: *Guaymi Boy* (50c)

Primary: *Coconuts for Peter* (50c)

Teacher's Guides, 50c each

The above should be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, 408 Spring St., Little Rock 72201.

In Woman's Missionary Society, the recommended book may be taught in circles or in the society when all meet together. Elective one, under Aim I. reads, "Monthly circle meetings as outlined in Royal Service. . ." The plan outlined is that circles use the month-

ly circle programs or the recommended mission study book.

The theme of the Week of Prayer is "As My Father Hath Sent Me. . . So Send I You." Opportunities will be offered for worship experiences and participation in intercession for the work of our Home Mission Board, accompanied by the privilege of making a special offering.

The 1966 Annie Armstrong Offering goal is \$4,000,000. The need is unquestionable! "Do you have a minute? Will you give it for the work of the Home Mission Board? Last year it required \$11.53 a minute to do the work of the Board. How many minutes will you give this year?"

Focus on YWA

Feb. 13-19, YWA Focus Week, is a special time to focus attention on Young Woman's Auxiliary. The week should provide a variety of activities to enlist members. . . to strengthen spiritual lives. . . to increase awareness and Christian witnessing. What will be done in your church?—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer



by Robert J. Hastings

Leads for leaders

HERE is a fifth principle of leadership: "People may see problems, but leaders must see opportunities."

Frankly, it is no mark of intelligence to point out problems. Nearly anyone can come up with a long list of excuses for failure. You hear them in your own church. They complain, "Now if we had this, and if we had that, and if so and so had not happened." The world is filled with problems and difficulties, and anyone with half sight in one eye can see them.

"Trouble" people seem to live by this old limerick:

When in trouble, when in doubt,
Run in circles, scream and shout.

They wring their hands in despair, dissipate their energies on trivialities, and frustrate not only themselves but all who meet them. We might say they are the "if" people.

But just as there are "if" people in any church, so there are the "how" people, the real leaders. They are the how-to-do-it folks, who use the energy others would waste on worry to solve the problem at hand. When a problem arises, when a challenge presents itself, when a door of opportunity opens, the "how" people face it immediately and seek a solution.

"How" people don't know all the answers. They don't knock a home run every time at bat. They aren't perfect. They aren't superhumanly endowed. But they do see life as an opportunity and a challenge, rather than a problem and a chore.



.... UNIFORM Crime Reports show 1,725,204 arrests last year for drunkenness and drunk driving. This approximates nearly 40 percent of all arrests listed. Alcohol is estimated to be a factor in one-third of all crimes.

.... To prevent teen-agers from altering birth dates on their driver's licenses, in attempting to obtain liquor, Kansas is now issuing red licenses to drivers under 21.

.... When the state-owned company with a monopoly on alcoholic beverages in Sweden went on strike for two months in 1963, the accident rate in the nation dropped 30 percent. A week after the strike ended, however, the rate shot up again, according to Dr. Leonard Goldberg, head of Karolinska Institute of Stockholm, addressing the fourth international conference on alcohol and traffic safety at Indiana University.

.... "Sex and the College Student" is the title of a recent report by a committee of the Group of the Advancement of Psychiatry, a nation-wide organization. After a three-year study, the committee reported that "there is general agreement that premarital sexual relations among undergraduate college students are more frequent than they were a generation ago." Thoughtful Christians will note that the report advises colleges not to be overly concerned with private sex, stating that "for some adolescents, experimentation may be important, commitment would be premature, and something is to be gained from a transitory relationship," while for other students with different attitudes, "such liaisons would produce conflict and anxiety."—Christian Life Commission

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Jan. 24 Planning Conference

ONE of our two yearly meetings with all ministers of music in the state will be at 10 a.m., Jan. 24, in the Baptist Building chapel. Full and part-time, paid and volunteer, men and women directors from all over our state should take the day off to come and help us plan to meet your needs through the state music program.

Our department will provide the noon meal and 4 cents per mile travel expense. Of course, if you can get together on cars with other music directors in your area, this will help us save on expenses. The meeting will last until about 3:30, after which the Music Men who plan to stay for the Evangelism Conference will rehearse.

This is the time when you as the music director in a local church will be able to express to the state leadership your own personal needs and desires and ideas as to what our state music program should be. Some of you we have never met, some are new in our state, and many of you have some excellent contributions to make, we are sure, if you would only join us.

Southwestern's Music Workshop

This "in-service training" event for 1966 is set for Jan. 31-Feb. 4. Many directors have expressed an interest in attending the Ft. Worth sessions, and if some car pools could be coordinated through our office, we will be glad to do so. Call our office for further detailed information concerning personnel, faculty and classes.—Hoyt Mulkey, Secretary

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The Cover



(Photographed by Gracie Hatfield in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, a little church of unknown denomination.)

A great church

And whether it be a rich church
Or a poor church anywhere,
Truly it is a great church
If God is worshipped there.

—Anonymous

Little Red River

WEST Side Church has begun construction of a parsonage for its new pastor, Noel Tanner, and his family. It is being erected on a site adjacent to the church on State Highway 92 at West Side.

The building will be of lap-siding construction, and will include three bedrooms and one and one-half baths. Construction is expected to be completed in about six weeks.

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W. J. BLACK of Route 2, Searcy, has resigned the pastorate of Center Ridge Church, Wilburn Route, Heber Springs, to become pastor of Pleasant Valley Church, Route 1, Heber Springs. He assumed his duties Jan. 9.

During his ministry at Center Ridge, 13 new members were received by baptism, and many others by transfer of membership. Gains in attendance and the financial program were also reported.

The Bookshelf

In Search of Sanity, The Journal of a Schizophrenic, by Gregory Stefan, University Books, 1966, \$5

THIS is the story of a New York newspaperman's experience with the plague of the century—schizophrenia. It is regarded by many as being one of the most important books on mental health to appear in many years.

The patient-author is Gregory Stefan, who had diagnosed his affliction from the beginning as being due to chemical imbalance of his own body. His book underlines the need for practical new techniques—biological, psychological, and spiritual—for treatment of the mentally ill. He challenges churches and synagogues to involve themselves directly in the current epidemic of mental illness.

The Power of Perception, by Marcus Bach, Doubleday, 1965, \$4.50

"THE art of living includes the ability to see the unobvious, and part of life's adventure is to respond creatively to that which is ordinarily unobserved," declares Mr. Bach, world traveler and authority in the field of contemporary religious trends. He shares with us here his quest for a richer, more meaningful life. He makes the point that one's life could be much richer if one were willing to look and listen to things commonly overlooked.

The author tells about his own experiences all over the world, giving stories of many known and unknown people who mastered the art of perception.

Creative Brooding, by Robert Raines, Macmillan, 1966, \$2.95

BAKER Thomas of the New York Times, commenting on the "canned" music which surrounds us everywhere, remarked that "we must restore the right to brood undisturbed."

This little book attempts to show the reader how to awake to the pleasure and solace of "brooding creatively." It contains readings for 34 days designed to sharpen thought and provoke reflection.

Two paperbacks from the John Knox Press are: *The Reformation of our Worship*, by Stephen F. Winward, and *The Unsilent South*, edited by Donald W. Shriver Jr.

No Greater Love, by Wyn Blair Sutphin, John Knox Press, 1965, \$2

The author, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Pompano Beach, Fla., preaches each week to a congregation of 4,000. Here are fresh and striking perspectives on the passion of Christ's Calvary and the evidence of his love in sacrifice, in this series of sermons on Christ's last words at his crucifixion.

Church growth plan interpreted

THE first general interpretation of the Church Growth Plan, received major attention Dec. 14-17 at annual meetings of state Sunday School, Training Union, Church Music secretaries, directors of Student work, executive secretaries and church building consultants at Nashville, Tenn. The meetings were held at the Sunday School Board.

The five-year Church Growth Plan, which will begin in October, 1966, is defined as "continuing concern at work through a church-centered, Sunday School-led, adult-focused correlated effort to reach people for Christ." The plan was basically designed by the Board's Sunday School Department.

The plan concentrates on reaching adults as the basic strategy for reaching persons of every age group. The Church Growth Plan is an outgrowth of the Adult Thrust emphasis, now in its second year, which is considered the heart of the entire plan.

The Sunday School is taking the lead in the plan because the Sunday School has the foundational tasks of teaching the biblical revelation and leading in reaching all prospects for the church.

"If a church is to reach, teach, and win persons, not only must the basic growth force of the Sunday school be applied, but the actions of other church programs must support church growth also," said Keener Pharr, director of field services in the Board's Sunday School Department.

Supporting the Church Growth Plan are: The church program organizations (Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, Training Union, Music ministry), program services (church library, church recreation, audio-visual education), and administrative services (church

Dead or in a coma?

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and past president, Southern Baptist Convention

"WEEP not; she is not dead, but sleepeth" (Luke 8:52).

JAIRUS, whose daughter was ill, had asked Jesus to come to his home to heal her. On the way messengers came with the sad news that she was dead. Jesus said, "Fear not [stop being afraid]: believe only, and she shall be made whole" (v.50). Upon arrival they found mourners. Jesus said, "Stop weeping; she did not die but she goes on sleeping."

Some interpreters hold that this means that she was only in a coma. But the record speaks otherwise. Verse 49 reads, "Thy daughter is dead." "Is dead" renders a perfect tense, the tense of completeness or permanency. She was really dead. Furthermore, in reply to Jesus' words "she did not die . . ." the mourners laughed scornfully, "knowing that she did die" (same verb form as in Jesus'

council, church committees.

"Curriculum materials and monthly program magazines in these areas will offer guidance for strong continued supporting actions in keeping with the task of each organization or service group," Pharr said.

With the Sunday School taking the lead in the Church Growth Plan, the supporting forces will gear their activities to anticipate the prospects and new members that a church reaches. — Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary

statement) (v.53). "Knowing" means knowledge arrived at through thorough perception. They knew without a doubt that she was dead.

In this light how may we understand Jesus' statement? The word "sleepeth" (*katheudei*) may be regarded in the same sense as "Lazarus sleepeth" (*kekoimetai*, Jn. 11:11). The latter Greek word is used figuratively of the sleep of death. The former is used of actual sleeping, but also in the figurative sense of death (I Thess. 5:10). In the light of the other plain statements about the girl's death, we must conclude that Jesus used "sleepeth" figuratively. She did not die to remain in death. As with Lazarus, so here, Jesus will awaken her out of the sleep of death.

Luke alone of the Synoptic Gospels has "knowing that she was dead" (compare with Matt. 9:24 and Mk. 5:40). Probably he added this to clarify the meaning of Jesus' words.

Verse 55 adds to this emphasis. At Jesus' word "Maid arise," "her spirit came again" (returned, aorist, a miracle). "Spirit" is *pneuma* which may be rendered "spirit" or "breath." It could just as well read "and her breath [breathing] returned again immediately." Both "spirit" and "breath" are true to the facts.

When taken as a whole, therefore, the girl really was dead. She was raised to life again by Him who is both Lord over death and the Lord of life.

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Feminine philosophy -- or intuition

BY HARRIET HALL

To worry or not to worry

TWO letters recently had similar themes—different problems but one refrain in common—"I am so worried and depressed."

There is no pat answer for the problem of worry and depression. If there were one, pastors, psychiatrists, chaplains, and physicians would all like to hear it.

Problems of worry have come to all of us at one time or another. We all want to know how to remain whole in the midst of forces that tend to pull us off center; how to be strong enough to withstand the shocks of life; how to remain balanced in spite of all the pitfalls of day-to-day living.

Recently I heard a man say that you can judge the size of a man by the size of the thing that "gets his goat." Some big problems are important enough to cause concern, but many little things that disconcert and trouble us are trivial. Occasionally a good antidote for anxiety is to go up on a mountaintop and gaze at a magnificent sunset. God's artistry paints eternity a little larger, and the problems of this world grow dim by comparison.

I once saw a little card with this message on it:

"How to Be Happy: Keep your heart free from hatred. Keep your mind free from worry. Expect little. Give much. Live for others with a heart full of love."

Perhaps it is easier said than done to simply advise, "Lose yourself in others," but Jesus said, "He that loseth his life for my sake, shall find it." (Matt. 10:39).

Life is fragile and at best is fraught with difficulties. If we are to get the upper hand in the battle with fears, anxieties, and worries, I believe we can best do it by "getting outside ourself."

Training Union

Look at the answers

THE following ten questions were used in a General Officers' Conference in Pulaski County Association on "M" Night by James A. Griffin. Notice the answers. How would your Training Union rate?

1. Do you have a monthly Executive Committee Meeting? Yes 8 No 44
2. Do you have a monthly planning meeting? Yes 10 No 41
3. Do you look through your Training Union Magazine each month? Yes 45 No 7
4. Do you visit in each department assembly at least once during the year? Yes 37 No 13

5. Do you visit in each of your Adult Unions during each year? Yes 30 No 21
6. Do you understand the 6 tasks assigned to Training Union? Yes 33 No 19
7. Have you a copy of the New Member Orientation Manual? Yes 14/37, read it 11/40
8. Have you looked through the New Member Orientation graded materials? Yes 11 No 41
9. Have you challenged your Junior, Intermediate and Young People with the elimination features? Yes 17 No 35
10. Do you have all the trained leaders that your church needs to staff the committees and organization? Yes 3 No 48.—Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Our prayers about our problems must be unselfish prayers. God does not always give us escape from a human situation, but He will enable us to accept what we cannot understand. The perfect example of this is Jesus in Gethsemane. He was not released from a situation but was given power to endure and conquer it.

Some years ago my father had a speech on the subject of worry. It was written partly with tongue-in-cheek, but it received a wide circulation, so I will pass it on.

How to Worry Scientifically

1. Never worry over rumors or what "they" say. First get the facts.
2. Write it down. Face it.
3. Worry about only one problem at a time.
4. Set a definite day, afternoon, or night for worrying.
5. Never worry in bed, in the dining room, living room, or at church.
6. Select an air conditioned room. Lean back in an easy chair.
7. Set a time limit. If you must go beyond it, give yourself

credit for time-and-a-half.

8. Never worry with a frowning face; sing, smile, or whistle.
9. Never worry when you are tired, sick, angry, or depressed.
10. Never worry while working, playing, visiting, shopping, or gossiping.
11. Two times never to worry:
(1) when you can help the situation.
(2) when you cannot.
12. Never worry alone. Take it to the Lord. (See Proverbs 24:19; Phillipians 4:6).

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The minister's wife (Part II)

By J. I. COSSEY

IN my opinion, there is no man who needs a wife more than the pastor of a church. It is true, also, that there is no man who needs the right kind of wife more than the pastor of a church. She is watched by all the other wives of the community. They watch her because they think she is a kind of superperson. Many of the other wives will be sorry for her because she was so unlucky as to have been selected by a preacher, but others will think she is the most fortunate of them all.

She and her preacher husband must deal with people of all levels of life and they are expected to do it perfectly. It is not expected of the pastor and his family that even one mistake be made. The pastor and his family, of course, will never be perfect but they must try to live as high as possible on the ladder of perfection. The preacher's wife, knowing that she is watched by all, must accept that fact and give the watching public an eye-full of cleanliness and goodness. There is never any glory in rejecting a challenge for making improvements.

While the public looks for perfection in the pastor's wife, at the same time she is given more love and appreciation than is usually expected by any other wife in the community. She is fortunate if she in turn has love and gentleness to give out on all occasions. Blessed is that fair lady around whom the community builds its program of love and devotion.

The pastor's wife must guard carefully every word she utters. If she says an unkind word about any person or any condition in the community the public will hold her preacher responsible for the saying of it. She must be doubly careful to keep all family and church secrets intact. The preacher's wife can do more harm with

her tongue than any other lady in the community. Every word spoken by her should be constructive and helpful. Her thought and words should always be positive, never negative. She has a tremendous influence on the religious and moral life of the community.

The place of the pastor's wife in the pastorium offers one of the most outstanding opportunities to be found in any community. If a lady feels led to do religious work, no richer field can be found than that of the lady in the parsonage. She has a position of price, service and devotion in God's work, second to none, other than her husband. She should think of her place as a God-given opportunity to be a true servant of God.

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IMAGINE a bird's nest nine feet across and fifteen feet tall—larger than an average-sized room. It sounds unbelievable, doesn't it? But it's true. The builder of this giant nest is the American eagle or bald eagle, which is known as the national emblem of the United States.

"Platform nests" is a term applied to eagles' nests. They are built in the forks of the largest and tallest trees or on high rocky cliffs. From such heights, the birds have a wide view of the surrounding country. They can see their prey two to three miles away, and they seldom miss when they zoom downward to their target.

The Bible has many references to the eagle. "Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high? She dwelleth . . . upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place" (Job 39:27-28).

Eagles' nests are bulky, untidy masses of sticks, bones, and stones. These materials are cemented together. Then the nests are lined with softer materials. They must be strong and sturdy for the baby eagles.

Within the safety of the big nests, young eagles are taught to walk, jump, glide, and finally to fly. Their favorite food is fish, along with mice, snakes, and small rodents. These are carried to the nests and shared by the whole family.

Eagles use the same nest year after year, adding to it each year. We are told of one aerie which was thirty-six years old. It weighed over two tons when it crashed to the ground during a storm. Another nest was ten feet across and twenty-two feet tall. It was believed to be several hundred years old when it fell to the ground.

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GIANT NESTS

BY THELMA C. CARTER



Church puzzle

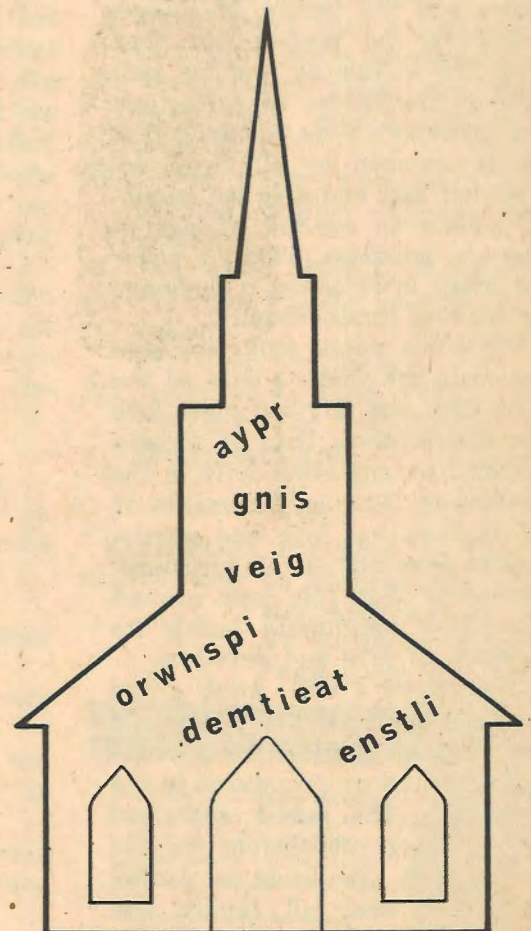
BY MARY JANE BETZ

UNSCRAMBLE the words that are written on the church building. They tell of things you do in God's house. Do you think of others that should be added?

Answers

meditate, pray, sing, worship, listen, give,

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55:8-9; ACTS 17:22-31; ROMANS 11:33-36; REVELATION 4:6B-11

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BY CLIFTON J. ALLEN IN "POINTS FOR EMPHASIS"
(USED BY PERMISSION)

THE two preceding lessons have introduced our study of Christian beliefs. We begin now a unit of four lessons on our beliefs about God. God is a person. He is perfect in his moral nature, infinite in power and wisdom, unlimited by time or space and supreme in sovereignty and glory. Our lesson concentrates on the supreme attribute of God's moral nature, his holiness—his transcendence, his separateness from the world and all created things—the term which best describes Deity. The various passages in the larger Bible lesson declare the transcendent greatness of God, his moral perfection, his spiritual nature, his acts of righteousness and mercy, his inscrutable wisdom, and his being worshiped throughout eternity as Creator and Lord.

God over all (I Chron. 29:10-13)

THESE verses are a part of David's prayer. It suggests something of the nature of God's being, his relationship to the whole creation, and the proper attitude becoming to all persons as they think of God and seek to worship him. God is Jehovah, the covenant God of Israel. He is personal, eternal, self-contained and self-sufficient, who can be explained only by himself. He chose Abraham and his descendents to be his covenant people. He revealed himself through mighty acts of deliverance, of mercy, and of judgment. His dealings with Israel declare him to be the God of redemptive purpose, the God of holiness and righteousness and love. Greatness, power, glory, victory and

majesty are to be ascribed to him for he is the Lord of creation.

God's kingdom is the expression of his sovereignty. His rule is all inclusive and his power unlimited. God, who is exalted over all, who is the creator of all material riches and the giver of all the riches of grace, exercises his omnipotence with righteousness and mercy. Before him all persons should bow in reverential praise and unceasing thanksgiving for the glory of his name and the wonder of his absolute perfection and immeasurable love.

God of glory (Rev. 4:8-11)

THIS wonderful scene from Revelation of the worship of God by the heavenly beings emphasizes the glory of God which is an aspect of his holiness. The four beasts—more properly, the four living creatures—represent the highest order of angelic beings. Their eyes suggest knowledge and watchfulness, their wings swiftness to obey. Day and night, or always, they are engaged in praising the Lord God Almighty, declaring that he is "holy, holy, holy." Also, they praise him for his eternal existence: He was, he is, he will be. As these living creatures continuously ascribe glory and honor and thanks to the One on the throne, the elders—another group of angelic beings—worship the eternal Lord by casting their crowns before him to disclaim any authority of their own and offer adoring praise declaring that the Lord, who created all things and by those will all things owe their existence, is worthy to

receive glory and power.

God of grace and wisdom (Rom. 11:33-36)

WITH this doxology of adoring praise, the apostle Paul concluded a sublime exposition of God's purpose in Israel and God's redemptive activity in history. The riches of God's grace and wisdom and knowledge are illimitable. The human mind cannot understand his judgments or decisions or trace out his ways. No one can fathom the infinite mind of the Lord. No one can be his counselor. No one can merit his favor. He is the source, the explanation and the goal of all things. But we can trust God because of his grace and wisdom. All his acts in history are expressions of infinite wisdom. His holiness is the assurance that this saving work in Christ will come to fulfillment. He is the Lord God Almighty, the Holy One, transcendently great, absolutely perfect, so wonderfully good that he has come near in Jesus Christ to redeem his people.

Worship

Worship is more than words of praise.

It's found in footsteps, works and ways.

Worship clears a dusty earth
And gives the soul a heav'nly birth.

Worship even shapes one's dreams,
Rebathes his heart in healing streams.

Worship cries unto the sky,
"Great riches here! More by and by!"

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Dress rehearsal

IN a family with nine children, it's the job of the older brothers and sisters to look after the little ones.

Normally, the youngsters appear at breakfast still in their pajamas.

Father was surprised, therefore, when the four-year old showed up at the breakfast table fully dressed.

"How did you get dressed so soon?" father asked.

Replied the youngster, "They never undressed me last night."

Action drama

"MY," said the wife, "Don't you just love to watch the sunset?"

"Why?" asked her husband, "What's it doing now?"

"I don't want to scare you," the seven-year-old lad informed his teacher, "But my daddy said if I don't get better grades somebody's gonna get spanked."

"THAT fellow just doesn't plan for the future at all. He's getting married next month and hasn't even found her a job."

Number please?

A YOUNG scientist who often has occasion to call upon the marvelous and mysterious mind of the computer to do in a flash what it would take him weeks to do in his head tells a quaint tale.

It seems that on the wall near the electronic wizard there is an abacus (one of those ancient, hand-calculating instruments) in a glass case. The legend beside it says, "In case of emergency, break glass."

Small return

A SMALL boy in a department store was standing near the escalator watching the moving hand-rail.

"Something wrong?" asked a clerk.

"Nope," said the lad, "just waiting for my chewing gum to come back."

Anticipation

THE chairman's introduction was such a eulogy that the speaker looked bewildered as he stood up.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he began, "I can hardly wait to hear what I have to say."

Worth repeating

FIRST business man—"Was the conference a success? What did you decide?"

Second business man—"It was great! We've decided to have another conference next week."

Not proud of it

"LET me tell you, ladies and gentlemen, it is the working classes that have made this country what it is today," said the orator and he hesitated in expectation of applause.

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Church	January 2, 1966		
	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Adns.
Berryville			
Freeman Heights	117	57	
Blytheville			
First	539	211	3
Chapel	74	44	
Gosnell	231	97	5
New Liberty	115	46	
Trinity	148	66	
Camden			
Cullendale, First	398	169	
First	466	144	1
Crossett, First	435	146	2
Dumas, First	226	84	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	39	28	
First	713	505	
Immanuel	369	165	
Trinity	185	97	
Greenwood, First	277	144	
Gordon, Beech Street	144	59	1
Harrison, Eagle Heights	254	75	
Jacksonville			
First	396	148	1
Second	294	44	1
Jasper	55	36	
Jonesboro, Central	471	202	2
Little Rock			
Forest Highlands	225	132	2
Immanuel	1,066	389	2
Life Line	362	132	4
Rosedale	230	103	
McGehee, First	326	134	
Chapel	84	34	
Magnolia, Central	623	226	
Marked Tree, First	177	60	
Monticello, Second	200	127	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	622	198	1
South Side	35	18	2
Bethany	185	85	
Calvary	407	114	
Forty-Seventh Street	187	85	1
Gravel Ridge, First	185	84	2
Runyan Chapel	73	46	
Park Hill	799	265	3
Sixteenth Street	41	26	
Siloam Springs, First	307	149	
Springdale, First	401	168	
Star City, First	216	80	
Sylvan Hills, First	303	92	
Texarkana, Beech Street	487	135	2
Community Mission	49		
Van Buren, Second	66	38	
Ward Cocklebur	62	55	
Warren			
First	369	107	
Southside	74	101	1
Immanuel	240	97	
West Memphis			
Calvary	245	148	
Ingram Blvd.	239	101	1

"WHAT would I have to give you for just one little kiss?"
 "Chloroform."

Religious News Digest

By Evangelical Press

Churches cooperate

LONDON (EP) — Anglican, Roman Catholic and Free Churches are combining for the first time ever at national level in this country in a campaign involving religious teaching, according to an announcement by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The campaign plans "Bible Weeks" throughout Britain. It has been organized by the BFBS which says it has already received official support from all denominations, and that preparations are currently underway in several towns.

Favor negotiations

SYDNEY (EP) — The Australian Council of Churches sent a letter to Prime Minister Robert Menzies urging the government to help bring about peace negotiations in Vietnam. The letter was forwarded after a special session of the Council's executive committee.

Australian churchmen have been split in their opinions on the Vietnam conflict. Those opposed to the government's policies have sent protests, but this was the first time that the Council of Churches had declared itself on the issue.

Adventist center

HONG KONG (EP) — Action was taken here to establish a new center for Seventh-day Adventist servicemen on the island of Okinawa. The Biennial Convention of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference of Adventists approved plans for the construc-

tion of a center to accommodate religious and cultural activities of Adventist men to and from the Vietnam battlefields who come through Okinawa.

Astronauts in church

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (EP) — Three of the four astronauts involved in the historic Gemini 7 and Gemini 6 space rendezvous are active members of the Episcopal Church while the fourth is a Methodist.

The Episcopalians are Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman, command pilot, and Navy Comdr. James A. Lovell, Jr., co-pilot, of the 14-day Gemini 7 orbital flight; and Navy Capt. Walter M. Shirra, Jr., command pilot of the Gemini 6.

Capt. Shirra's co-pilot, Air Force Maj. Thomas P. Stafford, is a member of the board of Seabrook Methodist Church, near the Houston, Texas, Manned Space Center.

POAU on council

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — The Second Vatican Council was described here by an official of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) as presenting "an image of limited success, lamentable failure, and in some areas, retrogression."

C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of POAU and a news observer at the Council, gave his views in *Church and State*, official organ of POAU.

"At least one change made by the Council was for the worse," he said. "The insistence that governments must provide tax support for Catholic schools is ecumenically depressing and politically discouraging."

"It now appears to be a doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church that all citizens of all faiths and none should be taxed to pay for Catholic education."

Bars liquor talks

NORTH BAY, Ont. (EP) — A United Church of Canada minister and a Baptist pastor charged here that radio station CFCH is stifling their "moral right" to speak out on the forthcoming liquor referendum in this area.

The Rev. William Kitto of Trinity United Church said he was cut off the air during a Sunday "free-time broadcast" from his pulpit, when he urged people to vote "no" to liquor licensing.

The Rev. Neil Price of First Baptist Church promptly said he would refer to the plebiscite the following week in his own broadcast from the station. His address was not cut despite what the station manager referred to as "borderline" references to the upcoming vote.

School Bible course

HARRISBURG, Pa. (EP) — The Education Committee of the Pennsylvania Senate has approved a bill to permit voluntary Bible study in public schools. Already passed by the House, the measure would authorize Bible studies as part of a high school's course on literature.

The proposed Bible courses would be developed by the State Department of Public Instruction subject to approval of the State Board of Education, and would not be required as a mandatory study for graduation.

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