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Watch that waste

The husband watched his plump little wife as she bravely stepped onto the penny scales and put her money in. Moments later she stepped off without comment.

"How much over-weight?" queried the husband, recklessly.

"None!" said the alert little cutie. "But according to the averages table on the scales, I am eight inches short!"

There's a lot in how you look at a situation.

Some of my more perceptive readers may have noticed that it has been a long time since I had anything to say about dieting. Well, I have felt the need to get back to this theme, but until lately my figure would not permit. You see, I long since gained back the few pounds I had lost when I was bragging the last time.

But now that I have been down about ten pounds and to a 35-inch waistline for about three weeks, I can resume my bragging.

Dieting is easy. Everybody does it. Of course, there are diets and then there are diets. You may have heard of the fellow who dieted for two weeks—and lost a total of 14 days.

Considering that the average American eats at least twice as much as he should, one of the best ways to fight inflation is to cut down on your grocery bill. Of course, if you really get into the habit of eating just what your body needs, the cost in the long run may be about the same. For the fellow who gets into the habit of being careful about his eating is likely to be around several more years to buy groceries than if he kept on over-eating.

I am no M.D., but I have concluded that whatever diet you get on to lose or to keep your weight down needs to be a balanced diet. The big factor in weight control is not so much what you eat as how much. Go ahead and eat what you have been accustomed to eating, is my gimmick, but eat just about half as much.

In situations where somebody else fills my plate for me, I have learned to set aside about half the portions—before I contaminate them. And before they contaminate me! Then I go ahead and eat whatever I want, if I can afford it.

Just ahead of Christmas is good time to talk about sensible eating. If with all the tasty tidbits being passed your way at Christmas you can stay on restricted diet, at New Year's you can brag about your willpower as well as your figure.

And you may even have a few shillings left to jingle in your jeans.

In over-eating, waist and waste are synonymous.

Erwin L. McDonald

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TWO OF ARKANSAS' own home missionaries are honored for their long service in ministries to the deaf. THE COVER story, on page 8, tells more about Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Landon. See also an editorial on page 3.

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ABOUT TO RETIRE? A feature article on pages 12 and 13 offers some philosophy on how to avoid the pitfalls of becoming a "senior citizen."

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Arkansans have long service record

In this changing world, 35 years is a long time to be in one position. But this is the record of Home Mission Board Missionaries C. F. and Artie Moser Landon. The Landons have seen a lot of change in this more than a third of a century they have been HMB missionaries to the deaf. Not the least of this is that the Southern Baptist Convention, which at the time of their appointment, in 1935, embraced only 18 states—the states of the old Confederacy—now has spread to

all of the 50 states, two of these new since 1935.

On behalf of the Baptists of Arkansas the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* extends heartiest congratulations to the Landons. In the three years they have been back in Arkansas, they have helped the Missions department of the State Convention to take long strides in the ministry to the deaf.

(For related news story, look elsewhere in this issue.)

A great church shows the way

The showdown between Little Rock Second Church and the state Pharmacy Board over the church dispensing free drugs, through a volunteer physician, to the poor seemed headed Sunday for a happy conclusion.

In a meeting in Little Rock Sunday afternoon of the board, attended by Second Church Pastor Dale Cowling and Ed Only, director of missions for the church, the board through its attorney, Eugene R. Warren, worked out plans for such mission operation as that engaged in by Second Church.

According to Mike Trimble, who covered the meeting for the *Arkansas Gazette*, "The Board apparently was anxious to change the image it has acquired recently as a result of its order a few weeks ago prohibiting the Second Baptist Church from dispensing prescription drugs at its free clinic in College Station and warnings to students of the University of Arkansas School of Pharmacy that they were endangering their chances of being licensed by working in similar clinics."

Attorney Warren contended, on behalf of the board, that the restrictions placed on the free clinics were statutory and could not be changed by board action. The board announced that it would sponsor legislation in the January session

of the state General Assembly to allow properly supervised pharmacy students to dispense drugs to the poor at free health clinics. State Representative Leon Holsted, North Little Rock, a registered pharmacist, said that he would introduce the legislation at the opening of the legislative session.

Responding to Dr. Cowling's quest for a legitimate means of continuing the free clinic in the meantime, the board suggested a number of ways that the church could continue to operate the clinic until the proposed legislation was passed.

Dr. Cowling said that the drugs in use at the clinic were the property of Dr. Jasper McPhail, the physician in charge of the clinic, and that the law allowed him to dispense the drugs. Warren said that normally would be the case, but that legally, the drugs were not being kept in Dr. McPhail's office, but in the clinic. Dr. Cowling asked if the clinic would be considered Dr. McPhail's office if the church leased it to him. Warren said that it would. The clinic was officially leased to Dr. McPhail Monday.

Pastor Cowling and Second Church are to be congratulated. They have set a marvelous example for the involvement of church social ministries at the cutting edge of human need.

Justice for the rich and the poor

In the wake of considerable publicity in Arkansas about the need for better legal representation for poor people indicted for law violation, someone has observed that even the poor can expect justice in Pulaski County courts.

"After all," reasoned the anonymous observer, "the presiding judge always makes it clear that no verdict of 'guilty' is to be returned unless the prosecution proves the guilt of the person on trial."

Perhaps the big advantage of the well-to-do in court, as over against the impecunious, is that, even if the defendant is actually guilty, there is much better chance that the skilled attorneys that money can retain can find legal loopholes of escape.

If that be the case, perhaps we'd have more justice in the courts if the courts would appoint counsel for the rich, as they now do for the poor, with the attorneys to serve in this situation, as for the poor, at no charge.

How much—how long?

In our hectic day of stress and pressure one's value to God, country, family and self seems to be "How much can you take and how long can



DR. ASHCRAFT

you take it? Autopsies on 96 whales beached on the West Coast in a mass suicide drama revealed all 96 were suffering from bleeding ulcers. Of 27 weasels killed by a physician 27 were found to be suffering from acute sinusitis. Autopsies on monkeys, chimpanzees and apes who feed on cholesterol-free bananas reveal early death by hardening of the arteries. I know a cat with heart disease and a dog with arthritis. Animals with ample food and ample range have been known

to die from pure stress and pressure. Animals have their problems, I'm sure, but the problems of modern-day man show no sign of let up. We can't stop the world. We can't get off. We can't resign from living. We must become the master of our problems.

Most of the pressures Christian people suffer come from their own kind. The thrust of the outside world is small compared to the criticism,

pressures, ultimatums, threats, and innuendos which good people very graciously and in proper, non-violent Christian manner place on each other. Pastors are the most discussed and pressured people in our Christian fellowship. We are not always kind to our elected public servants. The life of the policeman is awesome and untenable. They die young. Our best response to the best among us is to destroy them with stress and pressure.

To face the criteria, "How much-how long," we must become the master, not the victim, of our day. Paul said, "I have learned in whatsoever situation I find myself to be the master of the situation" (Phil. 4:11). This was a master's degree in human experience.

Now for others, we must assume this spirit: to the public servants, I Tim. 2:1-3; to our pastor, Phil. 1:3-6; to our fellow Christians, I Thess. 1:2-4; to our lost friends, II Cor. 5:20. Let's stop the mass slaughter of good people by good people. Everyone is losing. God needs you and your contemporaries for his service. Someone must stay alive for Christ. Living in this sense is of more importance than dying.

I must say it!—Charles H. Ashcraft, Executive Secretary.

The people speak

'Congratulations, J. I.'

I was greatly interested in reading the note from Rev. J. I. Cossey telling of his decision to retire after being a pastor even though he was above eighty. Congratulations J. I. Not many ministers have had the good success and good fortune that you have enjoyed. I regard you as one of the most productive ministers Arkansas Baptists have ever had. And all your work has been here in your native state.

I had the privilege of being a college mate with Brother Cossey back many years ago in good old Ouachita College. And I have had the privilege of working with him in my own pastorate and in Bible Schools in other churches. I feel inclined to pay a tribute to him and to congratulate the church that has used him in these late years. Above eighty and still active!

I observed my 85th birthday and my 60th year as a Baptist preacher, in October. My daughter, Mrs. Julia Cobb, held open house for me and more than a

hundred friends called to greet me. But I cannot say with Brother Cossey that I have been active so late in life. I had to give up the pastorate more than thirty years ago due to failing health. But I have been active as a teacher until three years ago. And I have had the privilege of leading in devotional services many times.

Again congratulations and best wishes for J. I. Cossey.—Fred Ward, 324 Spring Ave., Camden, Ark. 71701

About people

William L. Marshall, 37, former director of Baptist student activities for the metropolitan area of Kansas City, Mo., has been named to succeed Elgin Lee as state secretary of Baptist Student work in Missouri. He will direct the convention's work with students on 35 Missouri campuses. A native of Mt. Vernon, Mo., he is a graduate of Missouri University, Columbia, with a degree in mechanical engineering; and Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City.

Downtown recitals at L. R. Second

Organ recitals are scheduled at Second Church, Little Rock, Dec. 11 and 18 during the noon hour, 12:10 to 12:50. The recitals are especially planned for downtown shoppers, business personnel, and visitors to the city, a church leader said. Refreshments will be served following each program.

Featured organists will be:

Dec. 11: James Higbe, organist-choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Little Rock, who is a graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.

Dec. 18: B. Thomas Vise, organist at First Church, Arkadelphia, Mr. Vise is a senior at Henderson State College. As winner of the Southern Regional Competition of the American Guild of Organists, he was a contestant in the national competition at Buffalo, N. Y. last June.

Arkansas students will get degrees from Southwestern

Ft. Worth, Tex.—Seven students from Arkansas, Robin Wayne Covington, Thomas D. Elliff, Horace Eugene Gray, Nathaniel Benjamin Kirby, Martus Miley, William L. Willhite, and James Neal Williams, will receive degrees during commencement exercises at Southwestern Seminary, Dec. 18.

Seminary President Robert E. Naylor will present degrees and diplomas to approximately 125 candidates from the seminary's three schools: theology, religious education and church music. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Church, Nashville, Tenn., will deliver the commencement address. Dr. Paschall is a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Robin Wayne Covington will receive the master of religious education degree.



MR. COVINGTON



MR. ELLIFF



MR. GRAY



MR. KIRBY



MR. MILEY



MR. WILLHITE



MR. WILLIAMS

James E. Heard to Watson Chapel

James E. Heard recently accepted the pastorate of Watson Chapel Church, Pine Bluff. He came to the church from



MR. HEARD

Burgin Church, Burgin, Ky., where he had been pastor for the past five years. During his pastorate there, 232 came into the fellowship of the church, 127 of them by baptism. The church re-located and built new facilities. A Brotherhood and three RA groups were formed. While at Burgin, Mr. Heard served on the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention for three years, and as moderator of Mercer Association for two years. His other pastorates have included Anchor Church, Donaldson; Leonard Street Church, Hot Springs; and Youngers Creek Church, Elizabethtown, Ky.

Mr. Heard is a native of Arkansas and a graduate of Malvern High School and Ouachita University. He received his seminary training at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Covington, Little Rock, and is married to the former Lee Graham. Mr. Covington received the B.A. degree from Ouachita University in 1968.

Tom Elliff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Elliff, Little Rock. His father is head of the Missions Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Tom, who is married to the former Jeannie Thomas, will receive the master of divinity degree.

Also receiving the master of divinity degree will be Horace Eugene Gray. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gray, Pine Bluff, and his wife is the former LaVonne Trahin. Mr. Gray holds the B.A. degree from Ouachita University.

Ben Kirby will receive the master of divinity degree. He received the B.A.

degree from Ouachita in 1967. Mr. Kirby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Kirby, Little Rock. His wife is the former Charlotte Halbert.

Martus Miley will receive the master of divinity degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Miley, Cherokee Village, and is married to the former Marilyn Jean Ball. He holds the B.A. degree and the M.A. degree from Baylor University.

William Leon Willhite is the son of Mrs. Myrtle Willhite, Paris. He will receive the master of religious education degree. Mr. Willhite holds degrees from Southern Baptist College and Ouachita University. He is married to the former Marietta Williams.

James Neal Williams will receive the master of divinity degree. The son of Mrs. Clarise L. Barnham, now of Ft. Worth, Mr. Williams received the B.A. degree from Ouachita in 1963. He is married to the former Virginia Ward.

Russellville student scholarship recipient

Attending William Jewell College as a recipient of the President's Grant is a student from Russellville, Mary Dell Black.

The President's Grant recipients are students recommended by Baptist pastors to the Liberty, Mo., college as outstanding young persons. The grant was initiated at the four-year liberal arts school by the Board of Trustees in recognition of Dr. Thomas S. Field's inaugural year as president there. Each of the recipients receives \$1,250 toward tuition and fees at the church-related college.

Miss Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Black, 1306 S. Boston, Russellville, is a sociology major. She attended Van Buren High School.

OU graduate finishes seminary

West Avenue Church, Turlock, Calif., celebrated its 25th anniversary Nov. 29.



MR. TAYLOR
ate of Ouachita University, have a son.

The service was conducted by Pastor Don Taylor, a recent graduate of Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. Mr. Taylor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Taylor, Pine Bluff. He is a 1967 graduate of Ouachita University. He and his wife JoAnne (Stokes), a '66 graduate of Ouachita University, have a son.

Youth revival team

A youth revival team from Ouachita University, comprised of Ed Hancock, preacher; Bruce Merrick, singer; Sheila McCone, pianist; and Gayle Armstrong, soloist, held a revival in Highland Hills Church, Texarkana, John T. Holston, pastor.

Pastor Holston reports three professions of faith and "many rededications."



Woman's viewpoint

By IRIS O'NEAL BOWEN

A little glory revealed

As we drove to church late Sunday afternoon, the trees that filled the hill-sides and yards were afire with color. The sun sent its rays like a great multi-colored spotlight, and our eyes and spirits were taxed to absorb all the beauty.

I thought of Moses and the bush that burned with fire but was not consumed. This is how Moses felt, I thought, as he turned aside to determine why the bush survived the fire. And he did not seem surprised that God was in the midst of the fire, nor that, although God spoke to him, he could not see God.

There were at least two times when Christ made his presence known to men that did not actually see him. After he had risen from the dead he walked with two of them on the road to Emmaus. He talked to them and expounded the scripture. Why did they not recognize him? Because "their eyes were holden that they should not know him."

Saul, on the road to Damascus, was surrounded by the brilliance of the ascended Christ. He fell to the earth at the voice of Christ, trembling and astonished. When he arose and his eyes were opened he could not see, and neither ate nor drank for three days.

The marvelous thing about these spiritual encounters is that although the physical vision of these men was limited, they all listened to the Divine Voice and went on to walk in his will.

Our vision is limited, too. Although we have walked and talked with God, we have never seen his face. But we, as Christians, have seen a great light.

Paul says, in Corinthians 4:6, "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Our light, then, is the knowledge of the glory of God, and we walk in that light, "by faith, not by sight," as Paul says.

I think a little of the knowledge of the glory of God was revealed to me Sunday in the beauty of the trees, and I am still praising him!

Correction, please! In the column entitled "Don't cry, don't run away" (Nov. 12) the local writer mentioned should be identified as Mrs. Gladys Alexander, not Hamilton.

Suggestions and comments are welcomed. Mrs. Bowen may be addressed at 4115 Ridgwood, North Little Rock, Ark. 72114.



First Church, Gentry, recently paid in full the contractor for this new seven-room red brick pastor's home, before its occupancy by the pastor, A. D. Corder.

Vernon accepts Ft. Smith post

Harold Vernon has resigned as minister of education at Beech Street Church, Texarkana, to accept a similar position



with Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, Don Moore, pastor. Mr. Vernon is a native of Oklahoma City, July 25. He is a graduate of Choctaw High School where he was on the staff of the school's annual and paper. He graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University with an A.B. degree in Religious Education. He was on the Dean's list of distinguished students.

He received the master's degree in Religious Education from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, where he was an officer in the Religious Education Club. After seminary he did graduate work at Central State College, Edmond, Okla., and has done additional work at Ouachita.

He has served on the faculty at Falls Creek and Arkansas Baptist assemblies. He is now serving as secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Chapter, Southwestern Seminary Club.

Mr. Vernon served First Church, Camden, for two years as education director and for three years was young people's supervisor, and student director for the Medical School Baptist Student Union with First Church, Oklahoma City. Since April, 1965, he served as minister of education at Beech Street Church.

Golden gate chapter formed

Fourteen former students of Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., now living in Arkansas attended an alumni meeting in Little Rock during the recent Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Golden Gate Seminary President Harold Graves met with the group and gave a report of the seminary.

An Arkansas chapter of the Golden Gate Alumni was formed with ten charter members. Raymond Palmer, minister of education, First Church, Russellville, was elected president. Arthur Durkee, pastor, First Church, Judsonia, was elected vice president, and Miss Sara Wisdom, director of youth division, Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas, secretary-treasurer.

President Palmer has announced that all former Golden Gate Seminary students in the state are invited to become members. They may do so by contacting any one of the officers, he said.

A needed lesson

By HERSHEL H. HOBBS

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
past president, South Baptist Convention

"What God has cleansed, that call not common"—Acts 10:15.

Already messengers were on their way to Joppa to invite Peter to come and preach to the Roman Cornelius. Such would have been an unheard of thing. So God prepared him through a mission.

At noon Peter went up on the flat housetop to pray. Hungry, he fell into a trance or ecstasy. Literally, he passed out of himself. In this state he saw a large sheet lowered from heaven filled with all kinds of creatures (v. 12). He heard God saying for him to slay them and eat. Peter objected that he had never eaten any unclean or common thing forbidden by the law of Moses. But God told him not to call common or unclean anything which he had made clean (cf. Mark 7:15-23). In the Greek text "God" and "you" are both in emphatic positions and in contrast to each other. What God cleansed you stop making common.

The point of this vision was not simply meat. It had to do with men. To the Jew Gentiles were unclean or common. They were regarded as outside the love of God. Peter shared in this view. One holding such a view would hardly go to the home of a Gentile. For it would make him unclean or unfit to worship and serve God (cf. v. 28).

Even though Peter was a Christian he was still a creature of prejudice. He had to grow out of this as he grew into a proper regard for all men. Before we condemn him for his attitude we should examine our own. We may not regard other classes and races as outside God's love, thanks to Christian truth. But who can say that is not akin to Peter in the matter of calling those unlike him "common" or unclean?

It took a special vision from heaven to convince Peter. But we should learn from his experience and from the abundant teachings of the New Testament.

No man, certainly not a Christian, should look down upon another man made of God and endowed with the dignity of personality. For Christ died for all men. They are the objects of God's love, and should be of ours.

About people

Robert A. Brown, former pastor of churches in Tennessee, has joined the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as editor of children's curriculum materials in the church training department. A native of Rutherford, Tenn., Brown served as pastor of Northern's Chapel Church, Rutherford; Spring Hill Church, Trenton; and Westover Church, Jackson, all in Tennessee.

Jerry Holcomb, West Memphis; and two daughters: Mrs. Ann Robertson, Krikland, Ill., and Mrs. Bonnie Thornton, Brookland.

Mrs. J. A. Burns

Kate E. Burns, 74, Alma, died Oct. 9 following an extended illness. She is survived by her husband, J. A. Burns, two daughters: Miss Jeania Moore Burns, Little Rock, and Mrs. Mary Alice Nantz, Ft. Smith; two sisters: Mrs. Bertie Vick, Ft. Smith, and Mrs. Pierce Formby, Mulberry; and a brother, John R. Evans, Columbus, Tex. Born at Dover, the daughter of James A. Evans and Jeania L. Bonds, she was reared at Lamar. Mrs. Burns was active in religious, fraternal and business circles for many years.



MRS. BURNS and Jeania L. Bonds, she was reared at Lamar. Mrs. Burns was active in religious, fraternal and business circles for many years.

She was the first president of South Sebastian County Home Demonstration Clubs Council, past matron of Order of

Jack Clack called to Russellville

Jack L. Clack, pastor of First Church, Brinkley, since April, 1966, has resigned to become pastor of First Church, Russellville. A native of Carbon, Tex., where he was born on July 8, 1934, Mr. Clack grew up in the Southwest, his childhood residences including Cisco and Olden, Tex., and Jal, N. M. He has a B.S. degree from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., the M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; and has done post graduate study at Ouachita University.



MR. CLACK Former pastorates include East Mills Church, Rising Star, Tex.; Midway Church, Gorman, Tex.; First Church, Lometa, Tex.; and First Church, Lewisville, and First Church, Wilson, here in Arkansas.

Active in denominational affairs, he has served as moderator of several associations and on various boards and committees of associations and state conventions. He has served on the Baptist Student Union advisory committee and on the board of the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children.

Mrs. Clack is the former Vera Morris. There are three sons, Jay, who will soon be 17; Joe, 13; and Jon, 11.

Under Mr. Clack's leadership at Brinkley, the church organized a mission and erected a building for it; acquired additional church property, including a new parsonate; and added more than 375 new members.

Mr. Clack's hobbies include golf, hunting, fishing, and boating.

the Eastern Star at Hartford, past president of Hartford Parent-teachers Association, and had served as treasurer of Sebastian County Democratic Women's Club.

During World War I she served as acting postmaster at Hartford while the postmaster was on leave and serving with the U.S. Army overseas. She was for several years accountant for Pineville Furniture Company, Pineville, W. Va., and had also been active as a banking official during her active years.

She was a leader in religious work in Alma and in other churches where she formerly held membership.

(Editor's note: We regret the tardiness of this report. The item came weeks ago and was inadvertently lost between our office and the printer's.—ELM)

Deaths

Joe (Pop) Holcomb

Joe (Pop) Holcomb, 74, who died recently at his home in Jonesboro, was a deacon in North Main Church and the father of three ministers: Jessie Holcomb, Hot Springs; Bill Holcomb, Pine Bluff; and Charles Holcomb, Hot Springs. Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Olivia Drope Holcomb, of the home; two other sons, James Holcomb, Jonesboro, and



MR. HOLCOMB

Special service set at temple

On Dec. 13, at 2:30 p.m., Temple B'Nai Israel will host 60 ministers from the Greater Little Rock area in a program of inter-religious affirmation of brotherhood.

Protestant, Catholic, Unitarian, Reform Judaism, and Orthodox Judaism faiths will participate.

The theme for the occasion is, "The Universality of the Sacred." The speaker will be James Argue, pastor of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church and president of the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Association.

The public is invited.

Ouachita students make 'Who's Who'

Twenty-six seniors at Ouachita University have been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

The names of the students will appear in the 1970-71 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," a listing of campus leaders from more than 1,000 of the nation's institutions of higher learning.

The students are:

Carol Bollinger, Brookshire, Tex.; Mark Bowles, Arkansas City; Ken L. Brown, Fayetteville; Eddie Buffington, Ashdown; Ouida Eppinette, North Little Rock; Lin Gamble, Grand Cane, La.; Helen Gennings, Batesville; Jim Gilbert, Texarkana; William Grigson, Little Rock; Rosemary Massey Harris, Booneville; Martha Hays, Van Buren; Jim Kelly, Benton; Dianna Kirk, Morrilton; Lee Kuyper, Arkadelphia; Deborah Mashburn, Bay Minette, Ala.

Ginger Murdoch, Atkins; Kathy Otwell, Malvern; Donna Pike, Vitoria, Brasil; LeElla Ratcliff, North Little Rock; Marjie Royston, Hope; Sharon South, North Little Rock; Pete Stafford, Arkadelphia; Jane Thomas, Little Rock; Tommy Thomason, Stamps; Zane Wilson, Mountain View; and Poyee Wong, Hong Kong.

Bowles was named to the "Who's Who" list for the second consecutive year.

BSU choral group formed at Ouachita

Students at Ouachita University have formed a choral group known as "The New Mind Singers," reports BSU Director Merv Mims.

The 25-voice unit is directed by Richard Askin, a sophomore music major.

The group is available for programs throughout the state, Mr. Mims reports. All proceeds go to the BSU Summer Missions Fund.

The cover



DON HOOK, pastor of Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock, and Arkansas representative on the Home Mission Board, congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Landon on 35 years' service with the HMB. (ABN Photo)

Landons receive 35-year awards

Home Mission Board Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Landon, Little Rock, recently were presented service pins for 35 years' service with the HMB.

Mr. Landon is a native of Ft. Smith. Mrs. Landon is the former Artie Moser of Commerce, Okla.

Mr. Landon, who, as Mrs. Landon, has normal hearing, became interested in ministering to the deaf mainly because so many of his relatives were deaf. His mother, the former Nell Ross, who now lives in Oklahoma City, is deaf, one of five generations of her family to be thus afflicted.

At one time, in his early ministry, Mr. Landon recalls, he had 35 deaf relatives living in the Ft. Smith area.

The Landons began their work with the deaf, under Home Mission Board appointment, in Ft. Worth. At the time there were just three HMB missionaries working with the deaf. During the intervening years this has increased to 20.

In 1936, following studying at Southwestern Seminary, the Landons began field work, their territory including all of the 18 states then constituting the Southern Baptist Convention. But the most of their work centered in the area west of the Mississippi River.

They had several years of deaf ministry in Los Angeles, Calif. For three years they lived in Albuquerque, N. M., working with the Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico Baptist state conventions. For another three years they were in Phoenix, working in the Arizona convention.

For three years, now, they have been in Arkansas, working under the joint sponsorship of the HMB and the Arkansas Convention. Of the 1,000 Arkansans shown by the 1970 census to be deaf, they estimate they are ministering to 750. There are now deaf ministries in Paragould, Fayetteville, Ft. Smith, Hot Springs, Pine Bluff, El Dorado, Little Rock, Lake City, and Mena.

The Landons have three sons; a daughter, and seven grandchildren.



NEWLY-ELECTED officers for the Little Rock Ouachita Club are (seated, l. to r.) Mrs. Bob Gosser, president; Mrs. Homer Moore, first vice president; (standing) Mrs. Lance Hanshaw, second vice president; and Mrs. Herbert Hamilton, treasurer. Other officers are Mrs. Alfred Sparkman, third vice president; Mrs. Bill Dutton, secretary; Mrs. Robert Gladden, project chairman; Mrs. D. B. Allen Jr., telephone and hostess chairman; and Mrs. J. V. McKinney, historian. The club will hold their December meeting this Friday at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Fred Hardwick, 5 Arrow Ridge Court, Little Rock.

Downs heads press association

William D. Downs Jr., chairman of the department of journalism at Ouachita University, has been elected president of the Arkansas Collegiate Press Association.

A native of Little Rock, Downs joined the Ouachita faculty in 1966. He holds a master-of-arts degree from the University of Missouri, where he is currently a candidate for the doctor-of-philosophy degree in journalism.

He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society; the Public Relations Society of America; the National Council of College Publications Advisers.

Your state convention at work

A Terrible Parable

Large family cuts off food to punish a few children

Once upon a time there lived in this land a large and happy family. The family members worked hard, loved deeply and sought humbly to spread the gospel everywhere.

The name of this family was The Southern Baptist Convention.

Some members of the family were gifted evangelists, some were good teachers, and some had skills in writing. Many others were endowed with various spiritual gifts and talents. A great number were liberal in the financial support of the family enterprise, Missions.

To support more equitably their total work, they developed a budget plan of financing their far-flung mission causes. This plan they called The Cooperative Program.

Not one member of the family would claim the plan was perfect, but nearly everyone agreed it was the very best plan they could think of. Besides, every year the plan was evaluated, enlarged and updated according to known needs and expected resources.

Over the years the family had its problems from time to time, but usually satisfactory solutions were found and applied.

Their growth was phenomenal.

By 1970 this family reported eleven million members and an annual Cooperative Program budget in the states and nation of almost eighty million dollars.

Their deep desire to minister more fully to the needs of a greater number of people seemed to keep them in a strong bond of voluntary unity.

But gradually all of this changed. Unbelievable as it sounds, all their work collapsed.

It all came about this way.

One day a very small fractional number of their family members were observed saying, writing and doing things the vast majority did not like.

A few thoughtful people suggested such problems should be solved through duly selected small groups within the family already charged with specific responsibilities of various family projects.

Some felt this was too slow.

Then it really happened. Someone said the best way to correct the problem

makers was to eliminate financial support of the family enterprise, The Cooperative Program.

Some of this dangerous talk originated outside the family by individuals who implied that Southern Baptist Mission money be switched in their direction.

Later, inside the family, a few influential members said they might, just might, reduce their giving to the Cooperative Program from the level of substantial support to mere token giving.

It was felt that token gifts would help keep up appearances and at the same time eliminate the problem makers.

And that is how it happened.

The few alleged prodigal sons in the denomination family died of starvation.

With them, 2,090 faithful foreign missionaries and 2,035 faithful home missionaries died at their posts. Along with this came the fall of all state and associational missionary projects. Educational and benevolent institutions locked their doors forever.

There was a magnificent funeral.

Likely, every reader will agree, this is a terrible parable. Hopefully, history will record that the family worked out its problems in a much more satisfactory way.—Lawson Hatfield

Church Training Conferences set at Glorieta Assembly

NASHVILLE—Three simultaneous church training conferences are scheduled Jan. 18-22, 1971, at Glorieta Baptist Assembly.

A conference for training and development of new members will be directed by Forrest Watkins, consultant, general administration work, Church Training department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Designed to acquaint participants with revisions in the new church member orientation program, the seminar will become a sharing and learning group for participants.

Earl L. Murphy, consultant, general administration work, church training

'Goof' pays off for missions

Faith and determination make the difference in missions giving.

If Emmanuel Church, Overland Park, Kan., had proceeded on facts and logic, its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering a few years ago would have been nothing to talk about.

The WMU president was helping the church get ready for its Week of Prayer and Offering for Foreign Missions. She checked with the church treasurer about the previous year's offering, then led the church to set a goal which would increase that amount by 15 percent.

Not until publicity about a \$1,000 goal was out did they discover that \$1,000 was three times more than had been given the year before.

The pastor, Kenneth Combs, and WMU officers pitched in to make the best of a misunderstanding. Young girls helped make mission savings banks for each church family. Sunday School departments spotlighted missions. A missionary speaker was invited. Drama was used.

When the offering was complete the young church had exceeded its "unrealistic" goal with an offering of \$1,357—over \$1,000 more than ever before.

According to Mr. Combs, this success continues to give momentum to the church's stewardship. The Lottie Moon Offering has increased annually, with total giving increasing about 30 percent each year.

department, will direct a conference on improving group learning skills. The conference has been planned to provide learning experiences for developing a higher proficiency in group learning skills to encourage improving group learning in churches.

Interested persons should send a deposit of \$6.25 to Don Trotter, church training department, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

The other cost of \$34 for double occupancy room or \$44 for single occupancy of rooms will be payable upon arrival at the assembly. Rates include all meals, lodging, insurance and registration for the conferences.

Six SBC seminaries outline doctor-of-ministry program

MEMPHIS (BP)—In an unprecedented session here, representatives of all six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries agreed to offer comparable doctor of ministry degree programs possibly in 1972, if financial resources are available.

The meeting marked the first time that the presidents, deans, and appropriate faculty committee chairmen had met together in the initial stages of formulating a major program at all six seminaries. For two days, the seminary representatives discussed the proposed doctor of ministry degree program as recommended by the American Association of Theological Schools last June in Claremont, Calif. At the close of the meeting, the group requested Grady C. Cothen, president of New Orleans Seminary, to issue a release on the results of the three-day session.

"Agreement was reached to develop comparable programs in all the Southern Baptist Convention seminaries if resources are available for implementation," said the release. "The beginning of the program would have to await detailed planning by the seminaries, necessary trustee and denominational action, and adequate resources," the release continued. "The program could be implemented at the earliest in the fall of 1972."

Robert Naylor, president of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., presided over the sessions of the special meeting by virtue of his role as chairman of the organization of SBC seminary presidents. Naylor, when asked if the new doctor of ministry degree would be offered simultaneously by all six seminaries, or only by those which had

financial resources to do so, said he would not presume to interpret the statements in the release, since they had been agreed upon by all involved in the meeting.

Currently, four of the six SBC-owned seminaries offer doctoral degrees, but all are not "comparable" in terms of requirements, curriculum, etc. Three of the seminaries had publicly announced plans to study the possibility of offering the doctor of ministry degree as recommended by the American Association of Theological Schools prior to the joint meeting here.

"The new degree program is not simply a change of name similar to the previous shift from the bachelor of divinity degree to the master of divinity degree," said the statement issued by the group. "This program is an effort to find a fresh approach to the solution of the problems of the ministry for the churches. The doctor of ministry degree is designed to meet the needs of the churches by better preparation of students in biblical and theological bases and practical skills of the ministry," the release continued.

It pointed out that the new degree program would normally be a four-year academic program beyond the bachelor of arts degree. The master of divinity degree currently being offered by most of the seminaries is a three-year program, and the doctor of theology degree is generally a four-year program.

"Consideration was given at the meeting as to possible ways to integrate the present seminary offerings with the higher requirements of the new program," the joint release said.

Hawaii Convention discusses lease to finance expansion

HONOLULU, Hawaii (BP)—Messengers to the 28th annual meeting of the Hawaii Baptist Convention here discussed a proposal to lease nearly half the land owned by Hawaii Baptist Academy to a developer to secure funds to build a new school on the remaining portion of the land.

Convention officials are still in the process of negotiating the lease, which under terms of the proposal would provide the school with an endowment fund to be administered by the Hawaii Baptist Foundation.

The convention was told in a report here that the academy, kindergarten through high school, has a balanced op-

erational budget of nearly \$350,000, but has encountered difficulty in securing funds for capital improvements.

In other actions, the convention adopted a 1971 budget of \$649,839. The Cooperative Program goal for 1971 is \$90,000.

For the first time, a Catholic educator in Hawaii addressed the convention. Robert R. Mackey, chancellor of St. Louis-Chaminade Education Center of Honolulu, spoke to the convention, as did several Southern Baptist Convention executives.

Elected president of the convention was Dan Kong, pastor of Olivet Church, Honolulu.

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Searching and questioning not 'ends in themselves'

By BERT CHAFIN
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There is a feeling—perhaps tacitly accepted by both young people and adults—that a time of drifting is inevitable for youth as they mature.

There is some truth in this notion, but there is also a subtle distortion. Certainly, young people must go through a time of questioning, and, often, there are periods of doubt. Some young people, however, take this excursion upon seas of skepticism with waves of uncertainty tossing all about and emerge at the isolated point of disbelief. Herein lies the distortion, the perversion of the Christian experience.

The spiritual pilgrimage of any Christian has side roads of uneasiness. And, commonly, young people encounter extended periods of uncertainty. But, questioning does not lead straight to disbelief. Questions should provide much of the energy required to take the giant strides to spiritual maturity.

Searching and questioning are not ends in themselves, they are vehicles moving us to a more personal, more vital experience with God in Christ. Doubt and skepticism need not lead to a rejection of the church, or of Christian standards or of Christ himself, they must be open doors to a fuller knowledge of God.

Your initial gift from God in Christ must be the basis from which your questions are raised, the foundation on which your personal experience is being built. Do not neglect the gift you have! Do not neglect your life in Christ!

Young people, do not reject out of uncertainty; cynicism for the sake of disruption, or skepticism in the search for old tradition to demolish, this profits you nothing. And it brings satisfaction to those who despise your youth. Rather, practice the duties Christ has given you. Do not neglect your gift! And, to the adults who are listening to this message: Are honest questions by young people to be stifled? Are the mistakes of imperfect members of the church to be defended at the cost of losing young people?

Because spiritual growth is a never-ending process, we must continually encounter God anew. He is ever seeking us, we must ever be responding to him. God is "big enough" to entertain all our questions, and because he is God, he will answer them.

Adults, do not condemn the young because they question. By this action you betray the insecurity of a false maturity. Rather, encourage searching. Guide the efforts of the less experienced, extend a helping hand to those bogged down in the quagmire of skepticism. Create a positive atmosphere for personal encounter.

For our young people we can accept "hand-me-down" clothes or used cars, but a second-hand religious experience is intolerable.

In conclusion:

Questioning by young people is necessary, but questions are not ends in themselves;

Young people must not neglect the basic fact of Christ in their lives;

Condemnation of the search for a first-hand religious experience regards and then destroys spiritual growth;

There must be a positive, cooperative atmosphere in Christ's church than encourages growth.

Adults, do not neglect your responsibilities; young people, do not neglect your Christ, because such neglect can never be benign, it is always malignant.

[Editor's Note: Mr. Chafin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Chafin, Little Rock, and a graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville. This excerpt is from a sermon he preached recently on "Malignant Neglect," on the text, 1 Timothy 4:11-16.]

Baptist leader is Georgia governor

MEMPHIS, TENN.—J. E. Carter, a director of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the new governor of Georgia.

Mr. Carter, a Democrat who grows peanuts at Plains, Ga., defeated Republican Hal Suit; a former television newscaster:

The Baptist layman succeeds Governor Lester Maddox, who was ineligible to succeed himself.

The threat of drunken drivers

CHICAGO—The National Safety Council's current advertising campaign on radio, television, and in the print media urges the American public to "Scream bloody murder" and write to the Council to find out what can be done to get drunk drivers off the road.

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"Why do they keep sending me these things?" I complained to my wife irritably.

The "thing" I had in my hand, and which I promptly tossed into the nearest wastebasket, was a brochure extolling the advantage of Leisure Land, A Secure hideaway for the Golden Years. One-floor cottages were available ("to cater to the valiant but tired hearts"), there were shuffleboards and croquet grounds tastefully laid out, an infirmary was kept open 24 hours a day.

"Things" such as this had been in my mail for the last three months. Staring me in the face had been titles ominous and title cute: Mental Health for the Aging, Physical Fitness Programs for the Elderly, Will You Be Able to Pay for Soaring Hospital Costs? Sex at Seventy, Hang in There, Graying Tiger! To add insult to injury (and my pride was more than a little injured) the leaflets and ads were printed in large type.

After my outburst of indignation had subsided, my wife reminded me that, after all, I had reached 65 and was not counting the weeks until retirement. Naturally, I would be on the mailing lists of many well-meaning organizations and many sales-minded firms. This was good logic but not much comfort.

Others might be aging and elderly, others might gloat over their new category of Senior Citizens, others might gather in a cozy, sunny spot exerting themselves only in the strenuous pursuits of stamp-collecting, bird-watching and photography. But not I!

"Hah," said my Other Self, or whoever or whatever it is that brings me up short when I am boasting, "what will you do then?" That is a question that requires an answer. If I come up with a decent answer it may be of value to younger people who must put up with us retirees, and to churches that are searching for ways to be of help to the older members of their congregations.

First and foremost, I give my pledge that I shall avoid being a garrulous, querulous, "show-off" nuisance. I have been bored by so many older people who have taken advantage of their gray hairs (or, in my case, bald head) to hog every conversation. I have been troubled by so many who constantly complain about their financial condition, their poor health and the lack of attention shown them. I have been so annoyed by the el-

erly who insist on proving that they are as good as they ever were and who will (when witnesses are in sight) climb ladders, tool their cars in the heaviest traffic and work bare-headed in the hottest sun that I dread more than anything being like these.

If I can contribute nothing else in my declining years, I shall try to offer the world a listening attitude and reticent speech unpre-faced by reference to the "Good Old Days." I shall try to be so jealous of my aches and pains, my money problems, and my family concerns that they will be as inaccessible to the public as the few things I have in my safe deposit box.

I shall try to accept my limitations and keep out of the way of the active workers of the world and avoid risks that may cause inconvenience to the younger who have enough burdens of their own.

Then when I go to church, I shall realize that I have joined a minority group. As is true of other minorities, I shall resent segregation. The only way I can hope to keep an eager, inquisitive and open mind is to be exposed to children, youth and younger adults. I shall expect my church to afford me this opportunity and not shunt me off into classes and groups and projects of and for my peers. And pampering and coddling will make me see a fire-engine red. I shall expect to be a part of the give-and-take and deep concerns of the congregation. Never say of me, "He's too old to be bothered with these things," but say, "Look, you old rascal, you've got more time than the rest of us—hop to it!"

I suggest that the retirees be considered assets instead of liabilities. I shall never think of myself ever as a "has-been" but always as an "is." To illustrate to any who may not understand this we might think of travelers from San Francisco to New York. I may have come as far on the trip as Buffalo while the younger travelers are still in Nevada or Utah, but I am still traveling. And if the younger wayfarers cared to stop in a phone booth and give me a call I could furnish them with some good tips about the best roads and motels from where they are to where I am. Why would it not profit a church to make a Senate of its mature members and give them the problems of the church and parish to discuss and research and come up with some suggestions for the meetings of the boards or other groups concerned?

Referring to the time I have on hand, it is true that I shall have more hours in a day available to my church and other organizations and causes, but it is also true that my total time in stock is far less than that of the average younger person. I shall be remembering this as I look around to select pieces of work to which I may offer myself on a voluntary basis. I shall put a high price on the time I have left—so high that I shall sell just as little of it as possible for money. My time is fairly priceless and is worthy of being bestowed on the sick and needy and downtrodden people and causes as a princely gift.

When I was young I came across an elderly man who set a low value on his time. He kept a small store in one room of his house and served a small group of customers. There were slack times when no one would come in for hours. I went to see him late one afternoon and found him in a happy mood. "Things must have gone well with you," I suggested. "Oh," he said, "two salesmen came in and they helped put the day away." (Emphasis is mine!)

His statement scared me—would I ever come to the point of wanting to get rid of my days? On the contrary, I find at retirement that I want just as many days as possible and I shall not welcome "time-killers." If my church, then, has a proposition to make let it not be a Golden Age kind of thing with checkers and movies and tea. I have my own idea of what constitutes a Happy Hour.

At this point, my Other Self interrupts (rudely, as usual) the careful sequence of my observations to say, "Hah, you know what a Happy Hour should be? Well, open your big mouth and let us have a pearl of wisdom!"

I feel that I want to say here that, all my life, this Other Self has forced me to "put up or shut up." Well, then, a Happy Hour? Why, an hour that marks some real achievement. An hour with a book that will give me new insight or new reserves of spirit to go back to the world an abler and better man. An hour with music that will do the same. An hour of visiting someone who is lonely. An hour in a church worship service listening for the word of God. An hour with the wife of my youth remembering the joys of the former years that assure me that "the best is yet to be." An hour with a tool or paint brush doing something to make the world efficient or

brighter. Summed up: an hour that sees some progress for mankind because of the way I am utilizing the time.

I might get reckless enough to find some happy hours organizing my own kind. When I think of nearly twenty million men and women past the age of 65 with their votes, their influence, their spending power I am intrigued to think what we might do politically and economically to sway this country and to right wrongs. Think of twenty million letters falling on the hapless head of an office holder—say a President, Vice President or Senator! Or think of twenty million voices speaking as one voice on any issue! About the only attention we get now is a bid for our votes by a slight increase in Social Security benefits. Do our legislators think that we are content to live by bread alone? We retirees might be the deciding factor in the solution of civil rights, poverty and peace problems.

The fact is that older people are what might be called expendable. They have given their day's work to the world, their children (if any) are on their own, they know that their life expectancy is chancy—so why not go all out on whatever they undertake? At least that is the attitude with which I am retiring.

To use a political illustration—we are not looking forward to our next election and treading softly for fear of offending our constituents! Frankness and risk can be employed with sheer abandon. Instead of being shoved out on a humane type of ice floe such as a Leisure Land we should be looked at as the likeliest bunch of guinea pigs in existence. Social, medical and psychological experiments might go forward by leaps and bounds by trying them out on us.

Yes, I know, I am becoming the thing I promised you I would not be—a garrulous windbag. But I am not quite through yet.

Humor is the capstone of my retiring philosophy. Many times a day as my "golden years" (#*x, etc.) flow by I hope to remember an incident from a book I read in my childhood. An old man was speaking to a little boy. He said, "Sonny, if you could just sit up here on this fence and look at yourself you'd burst out laughing!" Without pride or prejudice I pray to be able to look at myself, to look at my deteriorating exterior, to look at my set ways of doing things, to look at my smugness, to look at my mental ruts and burst out laughing.

Now I know that experienced retirees, men and women who have become veterans in the role of Senior Citizens (some more #*x, etc.), will agree with my Other Self when he says, "Hah!" They will say that it is all very well for a fellow who is just unbuckling his armor to say what he will do when he puts on the slippers and has to shuffle through life—what does he know?

Wait until arthritis hits him! Wait until his pension is spent before the next check is due! Wait until his wife gets sick of seeing his homely face around the house morning, noon and night! Wait until people treat him as though he isn't there and talk all around him! Then what about his fine and noble bragging, huh?

Be that as it may, I think I am pointing myself in the right direction and I shall work to keep on the road. And I have lively confidence that there will be many companions. Old people are not all bad! It may not prove to be a brave new world, this retirement of mine, but it will be new—and if new then exciting.

So, maybe some day a child will stop and talk to me and go away saying to his mother, "He's a nice old man."

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News from the Baptist Medical Center System



UNITED FUND — The 1970 United Fund Campaign provided a new record high in employee giving. At the final report meeting of the Pulaski County United Fund BMCS employees reported a total of \$12,801.45 from the two hospitals. Shown making the report are: from left, Gloria Shirey, BMC Nursing Service; Annie Lewis, Memorial Housekeeping; Betty Hargrove, Memorial Radiology; Shelby Carroll, Memorial Housekeeping; and Kathy Pierce, BMC Nursing Service.



Recent memorial gifts to the Building Fund of Baptist Medical Center System, were received from Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lile, in memory of the following people: Mr. Homer Graham, Mrs. Ira D. House, Sr., and Mr. J. Hurley Culpepper. A memorial gift, in memory of Mrs. Nina Kellogg, was received from Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ackerbloom. A gift, in memory of Mrs. Alma Headstream, was received from Dr. Agnes

C. Kolb, and Mr. and Mrs. John Ansley. Another gift was received from Mr. and Mrs. John Ansley, in memory of Mrs. Pearl Pratt Lord. Mrs. Cleo Selph made a contribution to the Building Fund, in memory of Mrs. Polly Barnhouse. Bible Group No. 1 of Immanuel Baptist Church made a contribution to the Open Heart Surgery Fund of Baptist Medical Center System.



PRACTICAL NURSES GRADUATE — BMC's School of Practical Nursing graduated 37 students, October 9, in ceremonies held at Immanuel Baptist Church. Dr. T. D. Brown was the speaker for the occasion. This was the largest class to graduate from the school since it was started in 1964, and brought to 306, the total number of graduates. Pictured above, from left to right, the graduates are: Front row, Sharon Vail, Sharon L. Smith, Janice Matchett, Ingrid Blanks, Linda Orsini, Marjorie Wilkins, Jane Holt, Mollie West, Debbie Bresinski, and Gail Ferguson. Second row: Cynthia Warren, Jean Boyles, Darlene Johnson, Ann Davis, Janet Koch, LaDonna Wittke, Evelyn Hendrich, Cleo Parker, Janet Pupsta, and Eldora Juniel. Third row: Barbara Nichols, Linda Turney, Lu Worsham, Sharon Smith, Linda Booth, Debbie Hallifay, Gaye Gates, Betty Osborne, Jewelene Kelly, and Shirley McConnell. Fourth row: Glenda Clemons, Linda Douglas, Joyce Bratton, Lena Sheard, Laura Miner, Kathleen Hovezak, and Jane Wiscarver.

A new site for a new medical complex



Editor's Note: This is the eleventh in a 12 part series which commemorates 1970 as the 50th year of the founding of the Baptist Medical Center System.

In January of 1970 the plans were completed for the new hospital. The plans which weighed 55 pounds were described by the architects as "the most complex ever produced in Arkansas."

By February a new five-bed coronary care unit was opened at BMC. The new unit replaced an earlier unit which was scheduled to be remodeled into the state's first respiratory intensive care unit.

NEW WINGS COMPLETED

That same month Congressman Wilbur Mills cut the ribbon marking the opening of Memorial Hospital's new wings, bringing that hospital's bed capacity to 152.

A new program leading to a master's degree in nursing was announced by State College in March. The following month the college announced a new concept in nursing education, the Career Option program. This program enables a student to go one year, and be qualified to take the tests to receive certification as a licensed practical nurse; two years and receive an associate degree and take the registered nursing exams; and four years for a bachelor's degree and work as a professional nurse.

Also in April the opening of the new respiratory intensive care unit was announced. The new unit provides a service for patients who are critically ill with respiratory complications.

May 1, 1969 the Baptist Medical Center System joined with the other hospitals in Pulaski County and the Red Cross in establishing a central blood bank.

... The new wings added to Memorial Hospital increased the capacity of the Baptist Medical Center System to almost 600 beds.

In July, 1970 a new site was announced for the construction of the new western Little Rock hospital. The site, at the intersection of the planned East-West Expressway and the Interstate 430 Bypass, offered a total of 213 acres as compared to the 53 acres in the site at University and Evergreen.

Board President R. A. Lile explained that the original site was obsolete even before the plans were completed due to the tremendous needs for space at the new hospital site.

At the same time it was announced that the hospital system would continue to operate a 200-bed general hospital, a 100 bed rehabilitation center, and a 100 bed long-term care unit in the present hospital location.

JOINED PLAN

System employees joined the Red Cross employee blood plan in August and set a record by donating over 315 units of blood.

That same month a two bed Renal Dialysis Unit was opened at BMC. The unit, part of a cooperative program of area hospitals and the Arkansas Regional Medical Program, will provide artificial kidney services to patients with kidney failure. The opening of this unit and the development of a companion unit in Little Rock's Veterans Administration Hospital was hailed by health officials as a giant step in cooperative efforts among area hospitals. A planning committee was established to develop a master plan for the location and construction of kidney treatment centers for the state.

Another first for the Baptist System came during this month when nurses re-

ceived permission to wear the new pants uniforms. This new uniform was cited as one of the most practical uniforms ever designed.

A new computer installation was put into operation during August 1970. This unit will gradually be phased into the operations of the system and will provide an instant recall total information system not only for the two hospitals now in the system, but the third hospital when completed.

The annual BMC Employee Awards Dinner featured a special presentation to celebrate the system's fiftieth anniversary.

The lead taken by Baptist Medical Center System during the past fifty years includes so many new developments in medicine and hospital progress that it has been impossible to record all of them in this history.

Some of the areas in which the hospital has led the medical development of the state include eye surgery, open heart surgery, coronary and intensive care, psychiatry, and laboratory and radiology testing.

The many thousands of children born during these fifty years and the many lives that have been saved by the staff and equipment of the hospitals, provide the most fitting memorial to the thousands of dedicated employees who have devoted their lives to seeing that the founder's dream of "a great central hospital" came true. It is to these people and the people of the state of Arkansas that this history is dedicated. For it is really their history as well as the history of Baptist Medical Center. The next fifty years hold bright promise for an equally exciting and progressive history.

HEALTH CAREER NEWS

Information on health careers available through the Baptist Medical Center System

Issue No. 6

Respiratory Therapy



This is the sixth in a series of features outlining opportunities available in Health Careers. Complete information on a career in Respiratory Therapy and other programs including Medical Technology, Career Option Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Radiological Technology can be obtained by writing to the Health Career Coordinator, Baptist Medical Center, 1700 W. 13th, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

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Respiratory therapy is an allied health specialty in the treatment, management, control, and care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with the respiratory system.

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The respiratory therapist and respiratory therapy technician are "life support specialists."

The R. T. specialist must be expert in the therapeutic uses of such aids to the breathing process as medical gases, oxygen administering apparatus, humidification, aerosols, positive pressure ventilation, chest physiotherapy, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and mechanical airways.

Respiratory therapy is primarily concerned with the treatment of heart and lung ailments, such as cardiac failure, asthma, pulmonary edema, emphysema, cerebral thrombosis, drowning, hemorrhage, and shock.

Some respiratory therapy techniques and procedures are used to treat various diseases not directly related to respiration. The patient inhales medications through a spray or aerosol and the medicine travels through the lung's blood vessels into the body's circulatory system, thus to the infected area.

Also, respiratory therapy employs a variety of testing techniques to assist in diagnoses and medical research.

There are two general classifications in respiratory therapy, the respiratory therapist and the respiratory therapy technician. Because of his advanced educational background the therapist is given greater responsibility.

Baptist Medical Center, in cooperation with State College of Arkansas School of Health Sciences, is establishing a program of training for respiratory therapy technicians, and associate and bachelor's degree programs for therapists.

The future for persons in the field of respiratory therapy is unlimited. Nearly every hospital is experiencing a shortage of therapists and technicians. According to leading physicians, we are on the threshold of spectacular new uses for inhalation therapy.

Because the needs are increasing for qualified persons, the salary scale is climbing steadily.

Noting the many uses of respiratory therapy, *Hospitals*, the journal of the American Hospital Association, states: "The demand is great, because its therapeutic and diagnostic procedures apply to young patients as well as to old, to acutely ill as well as to chronically ill, to ambulatory outpatients as well as to bedfast patients, and in fact, to patients in every department of the hospital."

For a dedicated man or woman who would enjoy the rewards of helping patients, respiratory therapy offers a career of opportunity and a well-paid future.

Baptist family tends retarded, handicapped children at home

By JAMES E. YOUNG

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NOVATO, Calif. (BP)—Seven-year-old Matt didn't want to go home.

Leaving the television set in the living room of the Adams home where two other boys were engrossed in a cartoon show, Matt climbed into the lap of Ren Adams, "Can we go play with the wagon," he asked plaintively. "We'll

home, an opportunity to spend time with children or young people of similar ages. It also gives them an experience in independent living and social development, and provides a sometimes needed "vacation" for the parents.

Ren is a student at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. He and Judy are both graduates of Grand Canyon College, and he is a former pastor of a Baptist church in British Columbia, Canada.

He and Judy became involved in the "Big R" program after Ren decided his part-time job as a security guard for a banking firm did not offer enough personal fulfillment in helping people. The seminary informed them of a meeting regarding the "Big R" pilot program of helping children, ages 7-12.

The "Big R" is operated by a special committee of the Marin (County) Aid to Retarded Children with assistance from several other civic and governmental agencies.

Because of the program's nature, the Adams family says they cannot actively seek to convert the children who stay in their home, but they do take them to church services at First Church, Novato, with permission from the children's parents.

They also read Bible stories and have prayers at mealtimes. "Judy and I try to show them what a Christian couple and family can be like," Ren said. When the kids ask questions about their faith, Ren and Judy try to provide simple questions.

To many of the children, being with other youngsters and having temporary parents like the Adamses is a happy experience. Ren says most of the teenagers do not want to go home after they have been in the home for two or three weeks.



CEREBRAL PALSY VICTIM—
Debbie, 17, types a letter to her brother by placing a special stick between her teeth and hitting the keys, while Judy Adams looks on.
(BP) Photo

see, maybe in a little while," Adams replied.

It was a typical scene in the home of Ren and Judy Adams. Matt was not their son. Neither were the two other boys.

They were three of more than 100 youngsters between the ages of three and 21 who have found a brief home with the Adams family at the "Big R" Respite here since August, 1969.

Ren and Judy, a young Southern Baptist couple in their mid-20's, play temporary mother and father to mentally retarded and physically handicapped children for two to three weeks at a time.

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Missionary nurse on recruiting tour

RICHMOND (BP)—A Southern Baptist missionary nurse who worked with the martyred Bill Wallace of China before he died in a Chinese Communist prison, is back in the United States, waging a low-key recruitment program trying to interest American nursing students in missionary nursing.

Miss Everley Hayes, who now works in a Baptist hospital in Kederi, Indonesia, is in the U. S. A. on furlough and is meeting with nursing students to answer questions they have about nursing overseas.

Many students have thought of missionary nursing as an isolated existence, she notes. They are surprised to learn that missionary nurses often are involved in much more than just nursing—for example, teaching programs conducted by mission hospitals in seeking to train nationals and instill in them a concern for their own people.

On the mission field, one is part of the mission family—part of a team, all dedicated to similar goals, Miss Hayes explains.

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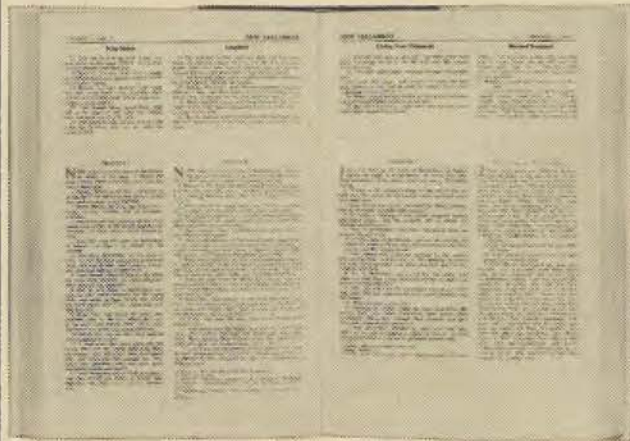
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Christmas pancakes

By THELMA C. CARTER

Our pioneer families sometimes spent Christmas Day traveling in covered wagons over rocky, wagon roads, fording streams, fighting tall grass and dense growth on their way to new homes in the West.

An old diary tells of a Christmas Day spent in hilly country where the pioneer party could see the signal smoke of Indians. On this particular day the food provisions were low, but there were children in the group and their parents wanted very much to have some kind of special Christmas dinner.

The diary reads: "This morning we decided to have Christmas pancakes or 'wilderness

pancakes' for Christmas dinner. We could cook them quickly and be on our way. We prayed that we would soon be far away from the smoke signals.

"Over three large heated rocks we cooked our dinner made of equal amounts of corn meal and flour, a pinch of salt, one egg, water, and a carefully measured cup of brown sugar mixed with cinnamon. The sticks of firewood placed under the rocks made a good fire.

"We cooked the Christmas pancakes alongside some fat pork. The batter cooked nicely. All the children loved the cakes. The cold, leftover pancakes were divided between the fami-

lies to be eaten later on the way.

"We thanked God for the cheerful fire and goodly portions of food. Then we read the Christmas story from the Bible, had prayer, and were well on our way before the morning was gone."

How little do we realize what our forefathers endured that we might have the beautiful Christmas holidays of today. It is well for us to thank God for our cheerful fires and goodly portions of food this Christmas season. We also will want to say with Paul, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

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The bookshelf

The New Testament in Modern English,
Translated by J. B. Phillips, Macmillan,
17th printing 1968, \$5.95

First published in 1958, this translation of the New Testament in modern English has been a best seller from the beginning. It is a great aid in finding the meanings of the Scriptures and applying this truth to daily living.

God Our Savior, by Peter DeRosa,
Bruce, 1967, \$4.95

This study of the atonement is from the Catholic viewpoint and is aimed at helping all who honestly strive to understand and to live the life of a Christian in the modern world.

A Survey of the New Testament, by
Robert H. Gundry, Zondervan, 1970,
\$6.95

An extensively illustrated volume, this book contains a wide selection of photographs from the Bible Land, with maps of the Holy Land and of the Roman Empire. It is designed to involve the student in a continual dialogue with the text of the NT. The NT literature is presented as a valid first century documentation of the origins of Christianity.

Academia in Anarchy, by James M. Buchanan and Nicos E. Devletoglou,
Basic Books, 1970, \$5.95

The authors write with deep concern for the current problems of the universities and disquiet for the success of the resort to violence. Here is an original and highly relevant indictment of both student rebels and university establishments by two leading economists.

The Successful Speaker's Planning Guide, by Edward Hegarty, McGraw Hill, 1970, \$7.95

The author's aim is to make it easy for would-be speakers to develop good ideas for talks and to organize their thinking and plan the major points for maximum impact. The book is a storehouse of professional tips.

Pentagon Capitalism, The Political Economy of War, by Seymour Melman, McGraw-Hill, 1970, \$8.50

The author gives his views on such interesting items as: why our government "persists in pursuing the Vietnam War"; "the science-fiction thinking behind our defense policies"; how our military budget has "soared to unprecedented heights"; and "why the Pentagon is sacrosanct."



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Demands of the committed life

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Matthew 19:16-22;
Luke 9:57-62;
John 15:12-20;
1 Peter 3:13-17

In a nation where Christians live under persecution, they face up to it, endure it, and gain victory over their persecutors. An era of peace and rest ensues during which time they grow soft, undisciplined, and weak. Repression and mild persecution return and grow in intensity until they once more face up to it and overcome it.

Background passages

1. Jesus challenged the young man who came seeking eternal life to commit himself to full discipleship (Mt. 19:16-22). Although it sounds a mite harsh to us that the Master directed him, as a condition of salvation, to release title to all his wealth; it seems likely that Jesus touched the very hang-up of the fellow's life. He gave first priority to material values; but the first law of Moses and the first law of Jesus both demand that absolute priority be given to God. He came as a turned-on materialist and went away a turned-off materialist because he thought more of his things than he thought of himself.

2. On the final journey to Jerusalem several people came to Jesus for personal counseling (Lk. 9:57-62). They were all interested in becoming disciples but they all wanted to come on their own terms.

(1) The first man had all the right words—"I will follow you wherever"—but from the reply of Jesus it can be seen that his was a shallow commitment. He was told to consider the cost: foxes and birds have their places of rest and security but the Son of Man does not. A true disciple will honor his commitment whatever the cost.

(2) The second expressed interest but postponed a decision: "Let me first go and bury my father." Jesus told him to leave that for others to do while he went to proclaim the kingdom.

(3) The third made an on-the-spot decision to follow Christ, but then began to hedge on the execution: "Let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said that the man who puts his hands to the plow, as though to work, and looks back, as though filled with regret, is not fit for the kingdom. Half-hearted service may indicate a half-hearted decision.

Absorbing hatred (Jn. 15:13-20)

Jesus talked straight out about the world's hatred, as though hate were a

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primary force in a degenerate world—and so it is. Any culture, "world," which has not taken God into its heart will have hatred as its norm—not hatred for one another in the "world" but hate for those who have departed from it.

1. Does love beget more love? Not necessarily. We have been taught—perhaps over-taught by the Carnegies and Peales—one can move among men with a ready smile and loving concern for others and they will respond in kind. That philosophy has worked in most instances because the American society has been saturated with some degree of the Christian ethic; but one has only to read his New Testament to discover that a man came out of Nazareth practicing those principles—and more—and they nailed him to a tree.

As a matter of fact, when one dares to love others he may elicit any one of three possible reactions: Some will love him in return, some will hate him, and some will retain their stony-hearted indifference. When Jesus walked the shores of Galilee, men loved him and hung on his words; when he walked into Jerusalem they hanged him on a cross; but if he were to come in the same way to our town we just might ignore him and let him die.

2. Why does the world hate the true disciple? Before looking for an answer to that question it might be well for us to identify the true disciple.

The real disciple is the Christian who has burned his bridges behind him and has given himself to the task of learning and putting into practice the precepts of love. He has counted the cost of discipleship but, having launched into the work, he takes no counsel with his fears but tries to exemplify the heart-breaking love of God in a hate-broken society. Obviously, there are not many such disciples to be found. But there are quite a few who aspire to become such disciples. And some of them are making real progress.

Jesus seems to be saying that hate is the normal reaction of an unregenerate society toward a disciple who dares to re-incarnate Christ in his life and let Christ live through him.

If we are not violently hated by the world it probably means either that there is enough of genuine Christianity in society to see to it that we are not openly denounced; or it means that there is so very little of genuine Christlikeness in us that the world has not noticed the difference.

There is a third possibility: that there is enough real Christianity in the world to make society luke-warm toward us, and just enough Christianity in us to make us luke-warm toward the world.

Elsewhere in his book John wrote that men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil, and being evil, hate the light which exposes their evil (3:19-21).

Enduring persecution (1 Pt. 3:13-17)

Peter addressed his message to Christian friends who faced mild persecution. Their lives were not threatened but their community standing was jeopardized.

1. Peter expressed calm assurance. He echoed Paul who had said, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

The question of Peter, "Who is there to harm you?" does not underestimate the enemy but insists that persecution cannot harm the inner life of Christians, who will only be blessed by the experience.

2. He advocated persistent testimony. The believer was to be ready at all times and under any circumstances to give his Christian testimony—"make a defense." The context makes it quite certain that Peter did not have in mind a rational defense of the Christian faith in intellectual debate so much as he meant a courageous expression of personal commitment to Christ.

3. Peter also advocated some settled convictions. The good way of life in Christ is far better than any other manner of living. It provides a clear conscience, Peter said, and may put to shame the evil-doer and bring him to repentance.

As a final expression of his own settled conviction, Peter said that the person who suffers for doing right, rather than for doing wrong, has all the advantage.

In personal conduct

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Life and Work

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Colossians 3: 9-17; 4: 2-6

Christianity is a great big put on. Once you get rid of the old way of sinful living you start putting on the ways of Christ. In a short time you may have a brand new wardrobe of love, mercy, kindness, humility and patience.

Remember, now, we have been thinking about "Christ first." This lesson is the last of a trilogy from Paul's letter to the Colossian Christians. There could be more but these should be sufficient to help you understand Paul's doctrine of the preeminence of Christ. These lessons were intended to help you make Christ first in every area of your life.

Consider the passage under study. Paul may not have intended it, but Colossians 3: 9-17 bear a striking resemblance to at least six of the great "I Am" statements of Jesus. They were made from time to time under varying circumstances but they are emphasized quite well in this excerpt from Paul's letter.

I am the way, the truth, the life

Paul's subject in Colossians 3 is the Christian's identification with and likeness to Christ. Supporting verse 9 is that great statement of Christ about his being the Truth. He reveals, clarifies, and sets the standard for all righteousness. Lurking in the corner of our life are the sins of anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication, and of course lying. We did not realize they were there until Christ came. We had pushed them aside but now Christ will not tolerate them. They must be put away.

Jesus is the TRUTH, his children will not lie.

I am the resurrection and the life

Paul knew what it was like to die. As a proud Pharisee, he had groped in the dirt on the road to Damascus, and like the helpless man that he was, struggled into town as a blind man. Then God raised him up as a new man. He was stripped of his old Pharisical ideas about God and clothed with Christ, the true image of God. Discrimination? He put it away. Ritualism? He lost his desire for it. Condemnation? He put on a new attitude. Paul is a classic example of a man resurrected to a totally new concept of living. Thus what he said in Colossians 3:10-11 echoed the truth in

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his own life, a life based on the fact that Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

I am the light of the world

Note the emphasis upon character in verses 12-13. Election is not determined by character, but determines it. Because God chooses us, we should be the kind of person who radiates Christ. God puts the light of his love in our hearts and the world is illumined in the ways of God. To accomplish this, several attitudes must be put on. These attitudes are not so much to satisfy us as to help us in our mission of sharing Christ.

1. Merciful emotion.
2. Feeling of good toward others.
3. Continual dependence upon God.
4. Subjection to God and cooperation with men.
5. Longmindedness toward people as opposed to shortness of temper.

Basically, this is how God feels toward us. We should likewise feel this same way toward others, even to the extent of forgiving one another. The more we exercise these attitudes, the more the light of Christ is able to shine through us. Let us not filter that light by attitudes unbecoming people of God.

I am the good shepherd

When Jesus referred to himself as the Good Shepherd, he stressed the three basic ideas Paul mentions in verses 14-15. They are love, peace and gratitude. All of the foregoing attitudes are held together by love. Love keeps them all in the proper proportion and prevents one's character from being distorted.

Peace is assurance of God's acceptance. We can best express ourselves when we know we are accepted. Now if this peace reigns supreme in our hearts, everything else will be kept in perspective.

"And be ye thankful."

I am the bread of life

Concerning verse 16, Eadie wrote "Let this Christian truth have its enduring abode 'within you'—let it be no stranger or occasional guest in your hearts. Let it not be without you, as a lesson to be learned, but within you, as the source of cherished and permanent illumination." When this is done, singing will erupt all over the place. And people had rather be sung to than talked to. Strangely enough, we practice this in courtship and abandon it in marriage. We do it as a new Christian but too often neglect it through the years. The reason is simple—God's Word is bypassed. Christ is the bread of life. We are reminded of that in the Supper. Or are we?

I am the vine, you the branches

The supreme test of any action or word is whether it can be done or said in the presence of Jesus. Christians draw their strength from Christ as does a branch from a tree so we would be most ungrateful to produce that which is unbecoming one so attached to Christ. According to Colossians 3:17, we are to dedicate everything we say and do to the name of the Lord Jesus. Ordinary tasks will become exciting tasks and the world will see a difference in our living.

Conclusion

Several general admonitions are given by Paul in Colossians 4:2-6.

1. Pray, even when your desires are being met. Others have needs unfulfilled.
2. Be alert to what God is doing each day through prayer.
3. Offer thanks even when you cannot see how things are working out properly. God does not promise that we shall see how things are working for our good; but he does promise that they are. Accept that with gratitude.
4. Behave yourself as a missionary seeking to attract others to Christ.
5. Buy up every possible opportunity (Barclay).
6. Relax in Christ so you will be able to say what should be said in every situation.

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THE UNSEAMLY A smile or two

He wins

A sailor in a good mood entered the barracks and called out, "I'll give a dollar to the laziest man here."

Everyone scrambled to his feet, and rushed forward to tell how lazy he was except one tall Texan. He drawled, "Just roll me over and slip it in my pocket."

Slow learner

A five-year old was riding in the car with his mother one day when he spotted a teenaged couple in the car ahead with their heads close together. When he asked his mother what was going on she said, "He's teaching her to drive."

Attendance Report

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Booneville, First	260	204	2
Camden, First	427	84	
Charleston, North Side	76	45	
Cherokee Village	71	32	
Crossett			
First	494	145	
Mt. Olive	331	261	
El Dorado			
Caledonia	45	28	
Ebenezer	174	68	
Farmington, First	103	49	1
Forrest City, First	486	170	
Ft. Smith			
Enterprise	65	52	1
First	1,150	354	6
Haven Heights	224	150	7
Gentry, First	160	78	
Glenwood, First	197	61	1
Greenwood, First	289	96	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	210	55	
Hope, First	390	132	
Hot Springs, Lakeshore Heights	134	55	1
Jacksonville			
First	359	111	
Marshall Road	302	127	4
Jonesboro			
Central	422	140	3
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Forty-seventh St.	172	54	
Highway	136	63	
Levy	435	91	3
Sixteenth St.	48	47	
Park Hill	744		7
Paragould, East Side	267	140	
Paris, First	336	164	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	207	102	10
East Side	179	102	1
First	715	137	5
Green Meadows	77	43	
Second	153	66	
South Side	623	166	1
Oppelo	21	13	
Tucker	13	13	
Sherwood, First	221	113	1
Springdale			
Berry Street	111	51	
Elmdale	367	110	
Mission	21		
First	511	256	
Van Buren, First	434	190	6
Jesse Turner Mission	17		
Chapel	39		
Vandervoort, First	52	18	
Walnut Ridge, First	268	96	
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In the world of religion

Catholics gain strength in U. S. 92nd Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The 92nd Congress will have 116 Roman Catholic members, the most in the nation's history, according to an authoritative religious census of Congress published in the Dec. 4 issue of *Christianity Today* magazine.

Catholics gained five since the 91st Congress, the largest jump since 1958, the first year of the magazine's survey. Other major religious groups will maintain about the same representation, according to the census. The Jews lost five, and now have 14, and the Methodists—whose 86 congressmen are the second-largest contingent—are down four.

The Methodists will again have the most senators, 20, though this is three fewer than the number taking office in 1968. In gubernatorial contests, the Methodists also lead with 10 in the statehouses.

The independent Protestant journal says that for the first time since its statistics have been regularly compiled, three congressmen this year said flatly they have no religious affiliation. And those who said they are "Protestant" but did not give a more specific response increased from 12 to 16 between 1968 and 1970.

The survey revealed that two groups lost two representatives since the 91st Congress: the Baptists, 53 to 51; and the United Church of Christ (which includes Congregationalists), 29 to 27.

Each gaining one are the Presbyterians (the third-largest bloc), 83; Unitarian-Universalists, 8; Church of Christ, 7; Greek Orthodox, 4; and the Society of Friends (Quakers), 4. The Episcopalians, 66, lost one—gaining three senators but losing four representatives.

Remaining unchanged are Lutherans, 14; Christian Church (Disciples), 13; Latter-day Saints (Mormons), 10; Christian Scientists, 5; Evangelical Free Church, 2; and Seventh-day Adventists, Apostolic Christians, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Evangelical Covenant, and Schwenkfelder, one each.

The Brethren in Christ Church regained its only member in recent years. J. Edward Roush (D.-Ind.) was returned to the House after last serving in the 90th Congress.

Analysis of the figures in *Christianity Today's* survey shows several states have a heavily Catholic representation in Congress. Massachusetts has 11 of 14, New Jersey has 10 of 17, and Rhode Island, 3 of 4.

In Nebraska, four of five are Presbyterians, and in Utah—only state where

all are of the same religious affiliation—the four congressmen as well as the governor are Mormons.

Female members of the House will include four Catholics, more women than from any other religious faith, the new census shows. Other congresswomen in the 92nd Congress include two United Church of Christ, two "Protestants," and one each from the Methodists, Christian Church (Disciples), Christian Scientists, and Jews.

Margaret Chase Smith (R.-Me.), the one woman senator, is a Methodist.

In a related election story in the same issue, *Christianity Today* observes that although more clergymen than ever before sought seats in the U. S. Congress this year, they fared poorly at the hands of the electorate.

Only two of 14 were successful. Robert F. Drinan, a Jesuit, won a House race in Massachusetts, thus becoming the first Catholic priest to be elected a voting member of Congress.

The other, John H. Buchanan Jr., a Southern Baptist minister first elected to the House in 1964 as an Alabama Republican, will begin his fourth term in January.

Bishop Decries 'Game Of Religion'

LOS ANGELES (EP)—"Joining a church is not like joining a club; it's enlisting in a cause," Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy told some 700 men at the 19th annual Bishop's Laymen Luncheon here. The noted church leader said many churchmen are still playing "the game of religion" popular in the 1950s when going to church was "the thing to do."

He lamented the fact that many people judge a church on how well it serves their own personal needs of how pleasing the minister is.

"If I had a preacher who said everything I wanted to hear, I'd ask for a change in ministers," Bishop Kennedy said.

Three youths demonstrated against the spending of \$2,000 for the luncheon. The funds could have been saved and sent to Latin American missions if the event had been held in a large church instead of at the (Hilton) hotel, they said.

Bishop Kennedy commended the youth but held their ideas to be impractical.

Sees 'revival' in current music

NEW YORK (EP)—The fact that Bob Dylan's latest album, "New Morning," contains a song, "Three Angels," chiding people for their indifference to God is significant, says *Time* magazine.

The weekly periodical listed it among other hits to suggest that a quasi-religious revival is stirring in pop music. Three of the biggest hit singles of 1970 bow deeply to religion, the magazine stated. Songs listed were Simon & Garfunkel's "Bridge over Troubled Water," the Beatles' "Let It Be," and Norman Greenbaum's "Spirit in the Sky."

Now to cap it all comes the new English rock opera, "Jesus Christ, Superstar." It was released recently in the U. S. on an 87-minute, two-LP album by Decca.

The music retells the seven last days in Christ's life. The score is by Andrew Lloyd Webber and the words by Tim Rice. *Time* admitted it may enrage the devout but ought to intrigue and perhaps inspire the agnostic young.

13,875,000 Jews in the world

NEW YORK (EP)—There are an estimated 13,875,000 Jews in the world, 5,870,000 of them in the United States, according to the 1970 *American Jewish Year Book* released Nov. 10.

After the U. S., countries with the largest Jewish population are the Soviet Union, 2,620,000; Israel, 2,497,000; France, 535,000; Argentinean, 500,000; Great Britain, 410,000; Canada, 280,000. The United States, Soviet Union, and Israel together have 79 per cent of the world's Jewish population, according to the colator of the statistics, Leon Shapiro.

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