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personally speaking

'I love me

BEING the oldest of nine children—pa-too—I learned early in life to feel sorry for myself. This is a talent that has improved with the passing of the years—particularly since I got married and started preaching. I had considerable opportunity to practice self-pity, too, during the years our daughters were teenagers.

Self pity is the shortest and least painful path to martyrdom. You can become a hero and the victim of overwhelming obstacles—both in your own estimation—



ERWIN L.

without shedding a drop of your blood or coming close to fire, let alone losing your head or being roasted at the stake.

Being able to feel sorry for myself at the drop of a hat certainly comes in handy in denominational circles—and on fishing trips.

Speaking of self-pity and fishing, I was really sorry for myself the other evening after fishing up a dollar's worth of redworms over on Lake-wood Lake No. 2, and landing only two bream out of a total of 48, that were big enough to fry.

Mournfully, I told my woes to two sharp looking young fellows who were fishing for bass.

"If you want to catch a big bream everytime you throw out, you ought to go to Swimmin' Lake," (Lake No. 3), they told me. Then they added embellishments that ran my fishing fever up to 106 degrees.

"The most of them over there are big ones, with a lot of 'em weighing a pound," said one of the fellows.

"One boy caught a bream over there the other day that measured 13 inches and weighed nearly two pounds—you know, they are awfully thick," chimed in the other.

"If the fishing is so wonderful over there, what are you boys doing over here?" I asked, for to my knowledge they had been fishing an hour with their live minnows without a single strike.

"Oh, we got burned out," explained one. "You see, every time you throw a worm into that bream bed over there, a big one grabs it. You'll get a bite about every three seconds, never more than

13. And you can imagine how awful monotonous that gets after a while."

"And we done got our deep freeze full of 'em," explained the other.

Darkness was already setting in, but I drove over to the bait shop and got me another dollar's worth of worms. I was going to be ready to blitz those Swimmin' Hole bream the next morning at crack of dawn.

Came the dawn, and I was "Johnny on the spot." After fishing for an hour, all up and down the lake and not getting one bite, I asked a nearby bass fisherman if he knew of anybody catching any big bream there. "Not here," he said. "If you want to catch big bream, you should go to Lake No. 2."

Now I wonder if those boys of the tall tales had heard about Br'er Rabbit and his "Laughing Place." Regardless of their own successes with the bream in Swimmin' Lake, they can chalk up for their records a 165-pound sucker.

Oh, me.

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

PRAYER needs are about the same in the Space Age as they have always been. Or that seems to have been the feeling of Gordon Cooper as he petitioned the Heavenly Father on his recent orbital flights around the earth. You'll find his prayer in full on page 3.

SOUTHERN Baptist women are about as influential in affairs of their denomination through Woman's Missionary Union as women on the moon are in Luna Baptist Convention affairs. So reports Aristides (pp. 6, 7), fraternal messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention from Luna Baptist Convention. This man from the moon has some interesting observations on the recent Kansas City meeting. (Somebody ought to tell him that "Tums" normally follow but are not actually a part of the meal, down here.)

DARDANELLE Association, organized in 1854, discovered a sixth of the state, reports our historian, Dr. Bernes K. Selph, in his weekly feature "Beacon Lights of Baptist History," on page 7. This association, at its meeting in 1871, voted for its future annual meetings "to spend one hour every morning in prayer and to have a sermon every day."

BE sure to read Jay W. C. Moore's interesting Blow-down on Missionary Alexander Best of Washington-Madison Association, page 8.

Needed: spiritual depth

ONE of the real shortcomings of present-day church services is that the preacher is at the center, rather than preacher *and* people, says Robert James St. Clair, in his new book, *Neurotics in the Church*, just published by Revell.

We Southern Baptists will have to plead guilty here, for our so-called worship services often turn out to be little more than opportunities for the preachers to entertain the congregations and flash their personalities. We have too much preacher and not enough preached Word.

But let us not blame the preachers. For the most part they are trying desperately to be like what they are expected to be by their people. But what is wanted and what is needed are often miles apart. The great need for all of us in the worship service is for us to meet our Lord and have communion with him. But there is much to indicate, as we look inwardly and outwardly, that this is not what the most of us have our hearts set on, when we go to church.

Says Author St. Clair: "It is not too difficult to understand why Protestants are caught in contradictory attitudes toward their pastors. The 'priesthood of believers' can only stand on its two feet when it is trained to pray and is taught sound doctrine. Pastoral weakness in theology has revealed strange attempts to make the pastor a slick

high priest in a talkathon stage play called *Let's Us Good Folks Go to Church*. He is the center and we don't think he should be. We all should be at the center, serving God. But this presupposes a taught and committed servanthood—which is glaringly lacking.

"Instead, theological gratitude to the grace that motivates good works is replaced by haphazard and whimsical appreciation of the minister's competence, social calls and personal service. But when the show drags its feet because we lean on a weak human reed, we downgrade the importance of the pastoral ministry and undercut the authority of those who are honestly doing a good work for Christ. As the New Testament is reread we can see that it is not a question of either-or. We pray for the church's revival and renewal. We also pray for the training of more competent pastors."

Developing the congregation in the experience of worship is one of the primary responsibilities.

'I said—we sure settled that dispute didn't we.'



PULITZER PRIZEWINNING CARTOON
Frank Miller, Des Moines Register

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of the minister. And the river never rises higher than its source. Of all the desired attributes of the minister, nothing can come ahead of spirituality. And this is not something acquired by pastor or people over night. Rather, it is acquired by months and years of growing to be like Christ, practicing daily to walk with him.

Somehow, in our hurly-burly world, we must have our quiet times with his Word. When pastor and people learn to walk with God six days a week, we will be ready for the blessing of public worship in his house on Sundays.—ELM

'Gordo's' prayer

AS the world now knows, Gordon Cooper composed a prayer while rocketing in orbit around the world.

Here's his prayer, as recorded while in orbit and as reported to Congress:

"I would like to take this time to say a little

prayer for all the people, including myself, involved in this launch operation.

"Father, thank You, especially for letting me fly this flight. Thank You for the privilege of being able to be in this position; to be up in this wondrous place, seeing all these many startling, wonderful things that You have created.

"Help guide and direct all of us that we may shape our lives to be much better Christians, trying to help one another, and to work with one another rather than fighting and bickering.

"Help us to complete this mission successfully. Help us in our future space endeavors that we may show the world that a democracy really can compete, and still are able to do things in a big way, and are able to do research, development, and can conduct many scientific and very technical programs.

"Be with all our families. Give them guidance and encouragement, and let them know that everything will be OK.

"We ask in Thy name. Amen."

When you are in orbit, the little things that seem so big in daily life, such as "fighting and bickering," must vanish into insignificance.—ELM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR *the people SPEAK*

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

From Mrs. Nelson

THE Lord gives each of us a task to do and Loyce finished his sooner than most of us, and on the thirteenth anniversary of our appointment to Japan, March 11, Loyce received his appointment to be with the Lord.

When the news of Loyce's home-going reached a friend of mine in Texarkana, her little four-year-old Karen wanted to know why she was crying. Her mother told her amidst tears that Loyce had gone to be with Jesus.

Karen, who had always associated death with very old people, said in such a simple child-like way, "Mommy, wasn't it sweet of Jesus to take him while he is still a young man? Now he'll have all that much longer to be with Jesus."

O for the faith and trust of a small child! . . .

I have had many difficult moments . . . but each time God's grace has been significantly sufficient. Mercifully, the Lord does not allow us to have the full realization of our loss all at once . . .

So many have asked me what my future plans are. I am working on this now, but cannot give you the details at this time. I expect to know before long, and I will send one more letter giving this information and our future address. I wish I could personally answer each expression of sympathy, each thoughtfully written letter, but because of the great volume of mail received, it will not be possible. Please accept this as a substitute with my heartfelt gratitude for your concern, prayers, letters, and all other expressions of sympathy for us.

I am grateful to each of you for the part you played in making the Loyce Nelson Fund a reality. I shall seek to be a good steward of the money given and use it wisely, realizing that many of you gave sacrificially. I am humbled by your obvious love for us and the many expressions of it during these days.

Bill and David miss their father very much, but have adjusted very well to the situation. We grieve not for Loyce, but feel a great loss in our hearts for our husband and father. Continue to pray for us, that we will be very sensitive to the leading of the Lord for our lives in the days ahead. God was sufficient for Loyce in life and in death, and we know that He will not fail us now or ever. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised."—Gladys (Mrs. Loyce) Nelson, 313 E. Carolyn, Garland, Tex.

'Women are funny'

I THINK our excellent Editor has started something in writing "Women are Funny." [Page 2, our issue of May 16]. As a matter of fact, the Beloved Wife has just come home and when I told her I was writing about 'Women,' she said: "Well, whose funny now?"

So I'm going to quit with the thoughts expressed in this dialogue:—

"You shouldn't argue with a woman;

Don't you know a woman always has the last word?"

"Oh, I'm not so sure of that."

"When doesn't a woman have the last word?"

"When she's talking to another woman."—F. A. Woodward, M.D., 815 Alexander Valley Rd., Healdsburg, Calif.

McCrays to Oklahoma

IT would be a great favor to me if you would please announce a change of address for me in the Arkansas Baptist. I will be moving to 1114 W. Delaware, Vinita, Oklahoma, effective May 15.

Since leaving the Pastorate at Grand Avenue, Fort Smith, in July, 1962, I have conducted 25 revival meetings in 12 states, plus assisting Dr. C. E. Autrey, SBC Director of Evangelism, in preparation for all of his Area-Wide Crusades. Paul H. McCray, Siloam Springs

Power of the Press

I WANT to express to you our delight over the way reservations for the G.A. Safari at Siloam Springs are coming in. We began receiving replies before I thought people would have had time to clip the registration blanks from the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine. I do not believe there has been a mail delivery since April 26 that hasn't brought replies. August 5 should find a camp full of the happiest "hunters" to be found anywhere.

May we say again how grateful we are for the editorial you wrote on our camp and for the wide coverage our newsmagazine has—Mrs. S. Ladd Davies, Acting G.A. Director, Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist Building, Little Rock.

The Cover



—Luoma Photo

Propitious month

THE idea of June being the month especially propitious for weddings goes back to ancient times. This tied in with the fact that the month is named for Juno, the goddess of marriage.

To the thousands of June brides and their mates, who will be starting their own homes this month, we wish long and happy marriages. May our Lord be a part of your family circles from the very beginning.

Insight

A matter of salacious literature

BY FOY VALENTINE,
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CONVENTION

THERE is a sickness in our society. The seriousness of the malady is indicated by the widespread distribution and sale of salacious literature. The virus is carried by the publishers, distributors, and retailers of this printed filth. The poor moral tone of the age makes for an extremely low resistance to the disease. A United States Senate Sub-Committee stated that "the quantity and nature of obscenity flooding America today is sufficient to pervert an entire generation." Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has declared that there is a direct relationship between the frightful rise in juvenile crime and the widespread distribution of this salacious literature. Even those who do not share Mr. Hoover's opinion grant that these materials are a contributing factor to criminal behavior. This literary sewage advocates a way of life that has as its prime ingredient sexual immorality. Mr. Arthur E. Summerfield, former Postmaster General of the United States, summarized the situation when he said: "This vicious business is . . . the most vile, insidious racket of our time. Vulgarity and obscenity have always been with us; but never have we seen them spreading a pall over the land as we see them today—infusing their poison into the very marrow of our national life."

This obscenity racket is a frontal attack on our moral strength. It is a menace to our children. It is a direct challenge to every decent-minded citizen. The Supreme Court, in a historic decision in



1957, defined obscenity as material having as its dominant theme an appeal to prurient interest in such things as nudity and sex. It further affirmed that this obscenity is lacking in redeeming social value and does not enjoy the protection of the First Amendment.

What can you do to combat salacious literature? Obviously, no case can be made for ignoring the issue. We do far better to face up to this evil, label it, and begin to do battle against it. Inspect the mail now coming to your house. If you find material dedicated to the exploitation of sex, take it personally to your postmaster for his attention. When indecent literature appears on the newsstands or magazine racks in your community, seek to persuade the dealer or wholesaler involved to clean out the objectionable material voluntarily. Enlist the support of others who are sensitive on this issue. As a concerned citizen, work for adequate laws, adequately enforced.

The Bible tells us that disobedient unbelievers have given themselves over to sensuality. They walk in greedy uncleanness. God's call to Christians, however, is a call to walk in moral purity.

On Governor Bradford's monument at Plymouth are these words: "What our fathers with so much difficulty secured, let us not basely relinquish." How appropriate these words are for us as we seek to follow the Bible's admonition, "Keep thyself pure."

Man from the moon reports on Kansas City Convention

[*Aristides, the fraternal messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention from Luna Baptist Convention, left a copy of his report to the Lunar brethren with the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foundation, requesting that it be made available to the Southern Baptist Convention Press.*]

IT is with mixed emotions that I took leave of Kansas City, Missouri, U.S.A. Earth; following the concluding session of the Southern Baptist Convention. Much of the time I felt it to be the better part of discretion to assume my invisible attire and thus hear and observe without hindrance. My fraternal address seemed to have taken the wrong approach, and robbed me of the initial warmth of my welcome. So it appeared best that I quietly observe, and not be observed.

These messengers were present in immense numbers, completely overflowing the meeting place. For the most part it was a jolly crowd, very fond of food and not at all averse to what they called "fun."

It seems the women have an organization called the WMU which is dedicated to the propagation of what they term "missions." It is a separate group from the Southern Baptist Convention but from what I gathered, they have vast influence, much as do our Lunar matriarchs.

'Picking' and praising

THE two groups met jointly for the opening session—it was touching indeed to see how they loved each other. What was called the "Annual Convention Sermon" was preached, and found favor with both groups, so the brethren said—though there were those who had a comment or two about here and there. It seems to be the custom for many to pick rather than to praise.

I was sorry to have missed the sermon, but two very prominent brethren took me to see what they said was a "ball game," after they had tried to get into the meeting place and could not for the crowded condition. At least that was what they told me. It must have happened to hundreds of others for I saw so many at the game who were wearing Convention badges.

One of the most interesting things was the "election of officers." First was the election of a President. It must be a very highly remunerative position, for fourteen were nominated. Each "nominator" was allotted three minutes for his "nominating" speech. Apparently none of them knew what "three

minutes" meant. Each surpassed the other in eulogizing his nominee. Much time was consumed in all this. I can tell you I got a bit surfeited. The man who came within a few hundreds of votes of having a majority declined to serve—so it was all to do over again. They finally got one, I understand.

Then they went through the same routine about who was to be elected Vice-President. It seems they do this every two years, "agony in ecstasy" someone called it.

Creed not a creed

ONE of the reports that brought much confusion and evoked fervids of arguments was a creedal statement, though the name was denied by its authors. It was all very puzzling to me, for though all agreed it was not binding on the churches, and was not so intended, still it appeared it had to be adopted by the Convention. The mere reading of the lengthy document, couched in language I did not understand, wore out one reader and caused a second to drink much water—someone called it a "watered-down version of the real thing"—whatever that meant.

Following the reading, the debate was as intense as the one we Lunar Baptists had over sending missionaries to Earth. Constantly and emphatically were heard such expressions as "personal privilege," "previous question," "point of order," "lay on the table," "objection," "question," "extend the time," "out of order," "next order of business," and "let us pray."

On that final one there was a prayer by a brother, who told me afterward that while he never doubted God, he doubted whether that prayer did any good. He seemed like an odd chap anyway.

Pooped moderators

FINALLY after hours of debate which exhausted three moderators, the document was adopted as read. It was then announced that it was not binding on anyone. I was continually struck with the notional and inconsistency of these wonderful and otherwise kindly people.

At one session a former President of the United States was introduced. I gathered he was a Baptist; one brother sitting near me used a description that was beyond me, sounded like "salty." The vast assemblage sang "Happy Birthday," it being his sev-

enty-ninth birthday, and he responded with a brief statement in which he did not get the worst of it.

One thing these Southern Baptists have in common—they are lovers of food. I was asked to be a guest of a dinner party at the "Brazen Steer"—I believe that was the name of the place. It was crowded with badge-wearing Baptists—all messengers are required to wear badges to indicate they are eligible to vote—and all in a gay mood.

You wouldn't understand

PLEASE do not ask me to describe the place nor the food—it was like nothing you know about or I have ever seen. As we were leaving the place, one of my newly made friends gave me a roll of what he called "Tums"—but I courteously thanked him and told him I simply did not want anything else to eat.

The various boards and agencies, as they are called, gave reports—some elaborately staged and very lovely, and some were especially appealing. The vocal eruptions usually took place at a point on the program called "Miscellaneous Business." Here was the opportunity for the differing brethren to "get the floor" and have their say. I asked a brother sitting next to me what they were doing. "Well," he replied, "they think they are boring for oil, but so far they have brought in nothing but gassers." I did not

understand what he meant.

Advance and pause

TO sum it all up, those Southern Baptists are vigorous people—they are moving upward and outward in their execution of their Lord's command. The Convention is like a vast army, and its logistics are in the main correct. There is advance and pause, but the advance is ever greater than the momentary pause. It has painful periods of realignment as it meets the enemy, and adjusts its methods of attack to face the new approaches of the great adversary of the soul.

I must say however, that this particular Convention was greatly afflicted with "I" trouble—too many by the name of Diotrephes. There are some who would not hesitate to drive up to the gates of heaven and honk—and Kansas City had too many honkers.

Still, it is my considered opinion the future greatness of the Southern Baptist Convention is guaranteed by the God who gave it birth; its harmony is not in itself but in the Gospel. After one hundred eighteen years, it has virility in variety and an inner unity that at times is obscured by surface differences.

I am grateful to you for sending me to the Convention, and I shall join you in prayer for our Heavenly Father's blessings upon it.

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K. SELPH, Th.D.
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Dardanelle Association

TO UNDERSTAND the work of an association is to understand better the work of the state convention.



DR. SELPH

Dardanelle Association, organized 1854, covered about one-sixth of the state. It reached from Ft. Smith to more than half-way to Little Rock and west to Oklahoma. Concord Association was formed out of its western half about 1870. In the 1880's the south half was organized into Buckner Association.

The association covered the territory lying north and south of Arkansas River. Messengers found

difficulty in crossing the river because there was no bridge. To help this problem Russellville Association was formed out of the Dardanelle Association in 1880.

The minutes of Dardanelle Associational meeting of 1871 reveal several items of interest:

There were 242 baptisms reported that year. Seventy two members were excluded from the churches.

The first two hours of the meeting on Saturday were spent in prayer.

During the session they voted "hereafter to spend one hour every morning in prayer and to have a sermon every day."

The association also passed a resolution recommending that the churches not accept members on baptism from "pedo-baptists; Campbellites, and Free-Will Baptists."

Leaders in Arkansas were interested in education. The mes-

sengers endorsed a "male high School and female institute."

Requests were made to the Domestic and Indian Board (Home Board) for assistance in paying the pastor's salaries in the Ft. Smith and Dardanelle churches.

The association's concern for a stronger relationship between pastors and churches is shown in four stipulations requested for the pastors. "(1) See that their hands and minds are untrammelled with worldly cares. (2) Hold them up in earnest prayers. (3) Cheer them by your counsel. (4) Adopt some systematic plan to support them." (Rogers, History of Arkansas Baptists, p. 364)

THE foundations of our society and of our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible, that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings should cease to be practically universal in our country.—Calvin Coolidge

Know your missionaries

BY JAY W. C. MOORE

Dr. Alexander Best

WITH the blood and spirit of two old countries, Ireland and Arkansas, coursing through his veins

and heart Alexander Best is as indefatigable in the Lord's work as his Irish ancestry was industrious and as doctrinally solid as the Boston Mountains in which he serves.



DR. BEST

This combination of blood and spirit has given to our Southern Convention one of our most dedicated missionaries.

His salvation and call to preach came simultaneously in a revival in Northern Ireland. After studying in the Irish Baptist College in Dublin, he finished his education in the States. He was a successful pastor for thirty years in six churches in Louisiana, Missouri and Oklahoma. His pastorates were always characterized by growth, expansion and success.

Dr. Best has majored on establishing missions. Two have been organized into churches and four others established. A Seminary Center is in its second year and Girl's Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador camps have been established. The GA's will conduct their fifth assembly and the RA's their third this year.

The Bests have conducted several VBS in the mountainous areas of Washington-Madison Association. Children and adults have been saved, and missions established through this ministry. Missionary Best seeks to give proportionate emphasis to all of the work in the association.

The missionary has served on boards and committees and has served as clerk and moderator in several associations. In 1961 he took part in the Scotland Evangelistic Crusade.

[NEXT week: L. D. Eppinette, Trinity Association.]

Baptist beliefs

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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THE New Testament phenomenon of speaking in "tongues" is recorded only in Acts and I Corinthians. The term applied to this phenomenon is "glossolalia." It appears to have been a temporary gift of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 13:8) designed to hasten the early spread of the gospel.



DR. HOBBS

Certain modern groups see "tongues" as an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. But what say the Scriptures?

The word "tongue" variously refers to the physical organ (Hebrew, *lashon*, Judges 7:5; Greek, *glossa*, Mk. 7:33) or to a language (Gen. 10:5; John 5:2; Rev. 5:9). It translates a Greek word meaning dialect (*dialektos*, Acts 1:19; 2:8; 21:40; 22:2; 26:14).

That speaking in "tongues" was an evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit is clear (Acts 10:46; 19:6). But these passages do not explain this meaning.

The first chronological reference to "tongues" in the New Testament is in Acts 2. People of different languages were present at Pentecost (vv. 5, 9-11). Filled with the Holy Spirit the disciples "began to speak with other [*heteras*, other of a different kind] tongues [*glossa*] . . ." (v. 4). Each man heard in his own "dialect" (*dialektos*, vv. 6, 8). It would seem, therefore, that the disciples without previous study, were enabled to speak in languages other than their own, that the gospel might be heard by those present.

The second reference to "tongues" is in I Corinthians 12-14. Paul lists "tongues" among the spiritual gifts received severally by some members of that church (12:10). But others received the ability to interpret these "tongues" (v.10). "Tongues" were not to be used as a display (14:6ff.). To prophesy or preach clearly is better than speaking in "tongues" (14:1ff.). Paul forbids to speak in "tongues" without an interpreter, so that all may understand (v.5). He prefers to speak so that men may understand rather than by "tongues" (v.19). The ability to speak in "tongues" or "languages" other than their own is proof to the heathen that God is in their preaching (vv. 21ff.). If they speak in other languages not understood by their hearers, without an interpreter, they appear to them to be mad (vv. 23ff.). Hence the need for interpreters.

Therefore, it appears that "tongues" were the ability for one to speak languages other than his own to enable the gospel to be preached quickly to all people. It was a temporary gift, not one of the greatest (14:5), which would fulfill its function and pass away (I Cor. 13:8). The same ability today is derived through language study.

The New Testament knows nothing about the "unknown tongue." The word "unknown" (I Cor. 13:13, 14, 19, 27) is not in the original manuscripts. Note in KJV that it is in italics

LITTLE ROCK Association was the first Baptist association organized in the state.

How discipline the child

"The family is important in the life of the individual because it gets him first, keeps him longest, is his major source of cultural imperatives, and prescribes them with emotional finality."

—Waller and Hill (*The Family: A Dynamic Interpretation*)

QUESTION: "As a grade teacher, I try to stay abreast of current trends in child psychology.

"Although there is everywhere a revived appreciation of the important part discipline plays in a child's welfare, so many of today's parents are young, untrained products of 'don't-frustrate' backgrounds that they are at sea as to the how of disciplining their own children.

"I believe it would be a constructive thing for you to discuss this matter in your family-life column. Would you, please?"

ANSWER: Indeed, I will try.

For this page has but one purpose: response to family matters of reader concern.

It is my conviction that the absolutely-necessary ingredients of good discipline are: love, communication, example, and consistency.

A large number of parents, at varying age levels, find themselves thrust into the maze of responsibilities attendant upon marriage and parenthood, without any preparation for the role.

Consequently they react in immature ways. Their everyday living and their family relationships remain self-centered. Their children are buffeted upon waves of extreme affection, moods of bitterness, purposeless or low-purpose existence, and bellicose attitudes toward persons who try to lift the level of their concepts and behavior.

Even in families where the background and circumstances are on a higher plane, children are

often victims of the erroneous idea that the indulgent, no-discipline plan is expressive of love.

Such parent-child relationships leave children confused and insecure. That road leads them into conflicts with their peers, poor adjustment to society, unpopularity and unhappiness that could have been avoided.

Discipline begins within the parents themselves: individual and partnership self-discipline. Parents who are agreed in their desire for their children; who work together to supply their children's needs — spiritual, mental, and physical; and who set for them worthy examples in sensible living, are building for their families a dependable foundation for a rewarding life.

This does not mean that parents must be perfect. It does mean that they are to love and respect each other and each member of their family. Even the newborn babe is a person and should be treated with love, respect, and consideration, as a person.

This attitude of respect should extend to people in authority, teachers, leaders, and associates. It should be instilled by parental example as well as word.

Parents who show lack of confidence in each other; who express jealousy of each other, even in the matter of affection from their children; who disagree about methods of discipline, and who "pass the buck" of responsibility for guidance and decisions from one to the other are planting seeds of difficulty for their children and for themselves.

It is distressing to see a parent

give a direct command to his or her child, then supinely pass it by when the child ignores the command. It frequently happens that later, when another direction is disobeyed, that same parent speaks harshly to the child and punishes him. Pray tell me, how is the child to know when the parent means what he says, and when he is merely talking!

Martin Luther referred to the family as "a school for living." Wynn tells us (*Families in the Church: a Protestant Survey*) that the educational process in the family is nearly always in terms of nurture. Parents should major on the nurture processes and keep disciplinary measures at a minimum, but firm and consistent, administered always for the good of the child.

Acts that are injurious, dangerous, or detrimental to the child, or to another; or behaviour that infringes upon the rights of others must reap appropriate punishment.

But many situations that require discipline can be avoided by thoughtful, alert parents.

Henry and Elizabeth Swift have written a book to show how methods business has discovered effective in management and human relations can be successfully applied in the home. It is called *Running A Happy Family*. Parents of growing families everywhere will find great profit in the reading of this book written by a husband-and-wife team, the parents of four.

Say these writers: "Parents must provide direction. They must use insight and intelligence in determining the right course of action for themselves and their children . . . A large responsibility? An enormous reward."

Rosalind Street

Mrs. J. H. Street

[Mail should be addressed to Mrs. Street at No. 3 Fairmont, Little Rock, Ark.]

BSU'ers enter Peace Corps



TWO members of First Church, Conway, have an exciting summer ahead.

First, Gerald Cound, named by Arkansas AAU as the state's most outstanding athlete in 1962, graduates from Arkansas State Teachers College with a physical education major. In June, he will be married to Miss Bitsy Spinks, who succeeded the national track champion as president of the Arkansas State Teachers College Baptist Student Union this semester.

There'll be time for a honeymoon before July 7 when they report to Springfield, Mass., to start training for the Peace Corps. Additional training is scheduled in Puerto Rico before the couple reports to Venezuela for two years work. They have not been given specific job assignments yet, but will probably serve as teachers.

Miss Spinks, a music major, will not complete her undergraduate degree until after they return from the two-year assignment. She served last summer in Colorado as a missionary.

Mr. Cound is a member of the Student Senate, president of the Senior Class, and a member of Who's Who in

American Colleges and Universities. Their plans after their Peace Corps tour of duty? Back to school for both, she to finish work on her bachelor's degree, and the young athlete to work on his master's degree.

Springdale progress

FIRST Church, Springdale, has adopted plans for a dining-and-recreational building.

The combination building will be in a T-shape and will conform to the present building in line and color. The main hall will be 40 x 100 and the 20 x 34 kitchen will complete the T. A covered walk will join it to the educational building.

The building will be air-conditioned. A folding partition will allow the room to be used in smaller groups without having to heat or cool the whole area. Plans are to equip it with a moveable stage so that it can be used for drama.

First Church is presently building a \$150,000 educational building.—Reporter

African mother completes training at Ouachita College

AFTER being away from her four children since January, 1962, to attend Ouachita College, Mrs. Mary Makosholo has returned to Southern Rhodesia.

Mrs. Makosholo, who left by plane from Little Rock May 27, has been reunited with two daughters, Mabel, 11, and Margaret, 9, who were being kept by her sister in Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia. She won't get to see Mark, 6, and Martha, 4; however, until she visits her mother in Johannesburg, South Africa, in December.

"I have learned much that will help me to be a better teacher," declared Mrs. Makosholo, who teaches in the elementary grades at Gatooma. At Ouachita, she took a number of homemaking courses, art, Bible, and piano. Already an accomplished seamstress, she had won prizes as a dressmaker in Southern Rhodesia.

"Everything was so much better than I had ever expected," Mrs. Makosholo said. "The people have been so friendly, good, and kind. This includes not only the students and faculty at Ouachita, but many of the citizens of Arkadelphia as well."

Her husband Michael will remain at Ouachita for another two and a half years in order to obtain his degree.

"I wouldn't be able to leave Michael here for such a long time if everyone were not so kind to him," Mrs. Makosholo confided.

Revival statistics

FIRST Church, Des Arc, May 12-19; Larry Taylor, San Antonio, Tex., evangelist; Ernest Banton, pastor; 84 professions of faith; 4 by letter.

SECOND Church, Monticello; May 19-26; Bill H. Lewis, pastor, evangelist; Herbert "Red" Johnson, Mountain Home, singer; 29 professions of faith; 25 for baptism; 1 by letter; 1 for special service.

Hardister to Memphis

GRAYDON B. Hardister, assistant pastor and minister of youth education at Second Church, Little Rock, for the past 21 months, resigned Wednesday night effective June 15 to accept the pastorate of Westmont Church, a mission of Cherokee Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Hardister is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., where he earned the master-of-religious education degree and the bachelor-of-divinity degree.



JERRY WILCOX

Jerry Wilcox ordained

JERRY Wilcox, a student at Southern Baptist College, was ordained to the ministry by First Church, Black Oak, Sunday afternoon, April 21.

Officers of the ordaining council were J. O. Miles, Black Oak, moderator; Carl Bunch, Jonesboro, clerk; Lawrence Cox, Bethabara, ordination prayer; and Hal Gallop, Bay, ordination sermon and charge.

Mr. Wilcox is pastor of Jacksonport Church, Black River Association. He will serve in California this summer as a student missionary for the Home Mission Board. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wilcox, Black Oak.

OBC plans workshop

TWO outstanding authorities on economics and American history will be consultants for the second annual social studies workshop on economic education and American history at Ouachita College, June 10-14: Dr. James D. Calderwood, professor of economics at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and Dr. Sam P. McCutchen, chairman of the social studies department at New York University, Washington Square, N.Y.

Both general sessions and group meetings will be scheduled in air conditioned facilities. The fee of \$18 includes tuition, meals, and dormitory room without linens, banquet ticket, and basic materials for each participant.

FIRST Church, England, presented their pastor, Rev. T. R. Coulter, with a complete ski-boat rig. The gift was presented at the close of the regular Wednesday evening prayer service. It consists of 14-ft. fiberglass boat, remote steering, battery, electric starter and 40 H. P. motor with gas tank and all extras.—Reporter

RAVENDEN Springs encampments will begin with the junior girls camp for ages 9 to 12 June 10-14. Mrs. Basil Goff of Biggers is director.

Others scheduled are: Junior boys' camp, ages 9-12; June 17-21; Rev. William L. Kreis, Blytheville, director.

Youth camp, 13-24; July 8-12; Rev. Alvin Wiles, Salem, director.

Rev. Basil Goff, Biggers, is business manager and treasurer. Pre-registration at \$9 per week is not necessary.



FULL-TIME JOB: Mrs. Weldon Taylor, as mailing clerk for the ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWSMAGAZINE, has the responsibility of keeping up the magazine's 60,000-name mailing list and running off the total list on rolls of mailing tape (foreground) once each week. Additions, drops, and changes of address run into the hundreds each week.

McCrary leaves Smackover

REV. Bill McCrary has resigned as pastor of First Church, Smackover, effective May 28, to enter a graduate program leading to a Ph. D. in the field of guidance and counseling.



Mr. McCrary, a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Seminary, served in Snyder, Tex., before assuming the Smackover pastorate in 1959.

MR. McCRARY He has served three years as chairman of Evangelism and the last year as clerk of the Liberty Association. He also has served as secretary-treasurer of the recently organized Flying Parson's Association.

During his ministry, First Church has received 290 additions and has completed a new fellowship hall. A remodeling program underway will rework 15,000 square feet of education space.



PAUL McCLUNG

Buckner Association

BY FORD F. GAUNTT,
SUPERINTENDENT

SUNDAY, May 19, Paul McClung, pastor at Providence Church, was ordained to the ministry, at First Church, Hartford.

Harold Plunkett served as moderator; Richard Lanman, as clerk and examination of the candidate; Lloyd Conaway, presented the candidate; Wayne Derrick, presented the Bible; ordination prayer was by H. J. Gossett. The ordination sermon by Ford F. Gauntt.

C. B. LANCASTER has resigned the pastorate at Fellowship Church and has accepted the pastorate of Huntington Church. He served as pastor at Fellowship three years.

DELBERT Hill is the new pastor at Rock Creek Church.

IMMANUEL Church, El Dorado, announces the Girl's Auxiliary Coronation of Miss Frances Jackson and Miss Debbie Bromley to the position of Queen. Mrs. Warren Porter, director of G. A. work, presented the Queens in a recent Sunday evening service, along with one Princess, Miss Paula Palmer; seven Ladies-in-Waiting: Jane Stevens, Kerry Bromley, Cindy Jennings, Sharon Hottle, Lydia Kurylas, Jo Glenn, Betty June Cates; and seven Maidens: Vicki Rogers, Kathy Mason, Camille Threadgill, Sharon Keene, Neva Cates, Linda Greenlee, and Pam Chamberlain.

Approximately a year ago a mission was begun on the Smackover-El Dorado highway by moving a disbanding church auditorium and by adding Sunday School rooms and other facilities.

Crossett school wins AAUN honors

Associate pastor

REV. Charles H. Johnson, who presently is Baptist Student Union director and professor of Bible at the University of Tennessee, Martin Branch, Martin, Tenn., has accepted a call from Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, as associate pastor and educational director, effective June 15.

Mr. Johnson is a native of Nashville, Tenn., where he was graduated from Bellevue High School. He received the B.A. degree from Memphis State University, in 1957, where he lettered in football for four years, as a fullback. He received his B.D. from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Mrs. Johnson is the former Miss Shirley Jones, Whiteville, Tenn. They have two sons and a daughter.

Mr. Johnson's primary responsibility will be directing the visitation and training program of the church.—Reporter

OBC picks editors



MISS HUMPHRIES



MR. WILLIS

EARLECE Humphries, Little Rock, and Carl Willis, Paragould, have been selected editors of publications for Ouachita College by the Publications Board.

Miss Humphries, a sophomore journalism major, will serve as editor of the *Ouachitonian*, the college yearbook. She was yearbook co-editor this year.

Willis, a junior political science major, will serve as editor of the *Signal*, the college newspaper. Willis won first place last year and third place this year in editorial writing at the Arkansas College Publications Association. He worked last summer on the Paragould Press.

Selected as business managers were Nancy Brooks, Rogers, for the *Ouachitonian*, and Loyd Percy, Norwalk, Calif., for the *Signal*.

ARKANSAS was formed of 51 counties when the Baptist State Convention was organized in 1848.



STATE AAUN AWARD: Editor Erwin L. McDonald of Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, as Arkansas State president of the American Association for the United Nations, awards the Anice T. Henry UN Trophy to Newbern Jefferson Garrett, up-coming senior of Crossett Senior High School, first-place winner in the annual AAUN state contest for high school students. The trophy is awarded from year to year to the high school attended by the top-place winner. Left is state second-place winner, Allen Adcock, also of Crossett Senior High, and also a member of the 1964 senior class.

CROSSETT—Crossett Senior High School claimed top honors this year in the annual American Association for the United Nations high school contest, pupils from the up-coming senior class at the school taking first and second places in the state AAUN contest.

On behalf of the first-place winner, Newbern Jefferson Garrett, the Anice T. Henry UN Trophy, offered for the first time this year, by Anice T. Henry, Little Rock business and civic leader, was awarded to the Crossett school.

Young Garrett received a replica of the school trophy, a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond given by Union National Bank, Little Rock, and an AAUN membership for the coming year.

Winner of second place in the state contest was Allen Adcock, who received a \$10 cash award from the Arkansas State AAUN chapter and membership

in AAUN.

The awards were made by Erwin L. McDonald, editor of Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine and Arkansas State AAUN president, at annual Awards Day ceremonies at the Crossett school recently.

Pulaski County Awards

Winner of first place in the AAUN contest for Pulaski County was Jacquelyn Evans, a junior at Hall High School, Little Rock, who received a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond from Worthen Bank & Trust Co., Little Rock, and membership in AAUN. An Anice T. Henry UN Trophy was awarded to Hall High for the coming year and a replica of the trophy given to Miss Evans.

The Pulaski County awards were made by Steele Hays, Little Rock, president of the Pulaski County AAUN chapter.

LITTLE Rock's first Baptist church was located between Main and Scott streets on the south side of Third Street.

SALEM Church in Randolph county was the first Baptist church in Arkansas, organized in 1818 by Elders Benjamin Clark and Jesse James with 12 members.

News about missionaries

MRS. T. Dee McGregor, mother of Dr. J. L. Wilson, Southern Baptist missionary appointee to Thailand, died May 7 following surgery. Dr. Wilson, a native of Star City, Ark., may be addressed at 4201 Garfield, Kansas City 30, Mo.

FMB appoints 42; most since 1947

BY IONÉ GRAY

THE Foreign Mission Board held its largest appointment service in 16 years at its May meeting, when it commissioned 42 men and women for lifetime work overseas. These appointments, and the employment of a missionary associate for a three-year term bring the Board's total overseas staff to 1,728 (including 18 missionary associates).

Already in 1963 the Board has appointed 87 missionaries, and this year's total is expected to exceed the record of 144 set in 1959.

"It seems as if there is every reason to expect at least 160 appointments in 1963," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, said in his report to the Board.

"How far we are able to go in the expansion of worldwide missionary labor will be dependent upon a sustained number of missionary candidates and increasing financial reinforcement. The two main lines of reinforcement are the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It is axiomatic that both these channels must continue to grow."

New missionaries go to 17 countries

The 42 May appointees (21 couples) were born in 16 states, and they go to 17 countries, taking along a total of 58 MK's (missionary kids).

In further actions, the Board voted to send Dr. and Mrs. John A. Abernathy, of Arkansas, emeritus Orient missionaries, to the Philippines to give a year's interim leadership to the English-language Baptist Church at Clark Field, and to invite Dr. Fred L. Fisher, of Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., and Dr. William A. Mueller, of New Orleans (La.) Seminary, to be visiting professors at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, for the 1963-64 session.

Over 32,000 decisions in Orient campaign

The Foreign Mission Board expressed special appreciation to all who have contributed of their time, energies, and influence through participation in the Japan Baptist New Life Movement and other evangelistic campaigns in the Orient this spring.

"We have received thrilling reports of experiences and impressions from many of those who participated in the Japan Movement," Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, said in his report

to the Board. "Their deepened appreciation and concern for the needs of the world will be shared with churches and other Baptist groups here in America during the months ahead."

More than 22,000 spiritual decisions were recorded in the five-week Japan effort; and more than 10,000 have been reported from large-scale campaigns completed in the Philippines, Okinawa, Taiwan (Formosa), and Hong Kong. Campaigns on a smaller scale are now being held in Singapore and Guam, and there will be a brief campaign in Korea early in June.

Board to consider request from Iceland

The Board authorized Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, to go to Keflavik, Iceland, to consider the request of a small English-speaking Baptist congregation for missionary assistance. The congregation is composed largely of American military personnel, under the leadership of a lay pastor who will conclude his tour of duty in Iceland next February.

In his report to the Board Dr. Goerner said a missionary couple has also been requested for full-time English-language work in Jerusalem, Jordan, among tourists and English-speaking residents.

Dr. Means overseas

At the time of the Board meeting, Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, was on a month-long visit to several of the countries where he has responsibility. One purpose of his visit is participation in conferences for missionaries in Brazil and in the central field of Latin America. He will return to the States June 16.

FOUR regional church music methods and materials clinics, sponsored by the Sunday School Board's church music department and the music departments of co-operating states, have been planned for early fall. Included is: Shreveport, La., Sept. 30-Oct. 1, for Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

SOUTHERN Baptist Convention was organized in 1845 in Augusta, Ga.

BAYLOR University, Waco, Tex., has 732 young men and women studying for church-related vocations.



MAJ. GEN. ROBERT P. TAYLOR

To attend youth meet

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A Southern Baptist chaplain with a war record dotted with acts of courage will make four appearances here Aug. 13-15 at the Third National Royal Ambassador Congress.

He is Maj. Gen. Robert C. Taylor, chief of chaplains for the United States Air Force and a former Southern Baptist pastor.

The general will use four sectional meetings to tell the 6,000 Baptist boys expected at the congress what they can expect when they go into military service and how they can use this opportunity to witness as Christians.

The congress, conducted under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission and state Brotherhood departments, is designed to give boys a broader concept of missions and to help their spiritual growth, Edward Hurt Jr., Memphis, director, said.

The congress is open to Royal Ambassadors 12-17 years old and their adult leaders.

The July-August-September issue of *The Quarterly Review*, a publication of the research and statistics department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be a 96-page handbook of vital statistics about Southern Baptists. Two sections are statistical reviews of Baptist high lights and other religious groups. The third section contains facts of general interest. Directories of all Southern Baptist agencies are included in the fourth section. Illustrations, charts, and pictorial graphs are used to interpret progress and trends.

Church Music

Ouachita conference

ONCE in a lifetime opportunity. That is what everybody is saying about their summer programs. Actually, this is an understatement of fact concerning our Ouachita Music Conference, June 17-22.



MR. McCLARD

Folks from all over the state have been writing in expressing their delight in our faculty which we have planned for this year. Some might think that the conference is designed

for the full time minister of music, but this is not the case, although we are delighted that our full time men find great help and inspiration in the conference. Our overall purpose is to present a program which will benefit all of our music directors and accompanists regardless of background and experience.

Headed by Dr. Lara Hoggard, our faculty includes: Doyle Neal, Lifetime Church, Little Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy, Howard College, Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Glenn, First Church, Forrest City; Billy Vaughn, First Church, Paragould; Robert Hatzfeld, Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock; Mrs. Dean Newberry, First Church, Rogers; Mr. and Mrs. Amon Baker, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Joe Walters, Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, Miss.; George Starke, First Church, Tallahassee, Fla.; Max Alexander, Park Hill Church, North Little Rock; Ural Clayton, First Church, Bartlesville, Okla.; Mrs. C. J. Baker, First Church, Malvern; Walter Hill, First Church, Eureka Springs; Jerry Howell, First Church, Pensacola; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reed, First Church, Malvern; Mr. and Mrs. George Baker, First Church, El Dorado; E. L. Crosby, Jr., First Church, Harrison; Richard Smith, South Side Church, Pine Bluff; Elwyn Raymer, First Church, Arkadelphia; Mrs. Ed Williams, Blytheville; Don Edmondson, Central Church, Magnolia; Archie McMillan, Second Church, Little Rock; Frank Dees, South Side Church, Fort Smith; Don Sears, Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith; Alfred Foy, First Church, Helena; Mrs. R. B. Loveless, Clarendon; David Huffstetler, Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith; Dr. Jack Jones, First Church, Little Rock; Dr. George Hall, First Church, Homer, La.; Norman Webb, Calvary Church, Little Rock; Tommy Wilson, Morrilton; and Sue Thresher, Fort Smith.

Courses of Study include the following: Hymns We Sing, You Can Play the Organ, You Can Play Hymns, You Can Lead Singing, You Can Read Music, Beginning Music Reader, Progressing

Music Reader, Advanced Music Reader, Basic Principles of Service Playing, Church Pianist, Beginning Vocalist, Progressing Vocalist, Advanced Vocalist, The Organist and Hymn Playing, Hymn Playing (piano), Know Your Hymns, Song Leading, Progressing Conducting, The Beginning Organist; Advanced Conducting, The Pianist and Church Music, Solo Repertoire and Interpretation; Choral Techniques, Beginner and Primary Choirs, Music and Drama, Anthem Literature, as well as voice and band classes and workbook studies.

Festivities will begin with registration during the day, Monday, June 17, the first meal being the evening meal of that day. The week will close with a concert program by all of the choirs and the presentation of the oratorio, "Hymn of Praise," by Mendelssohn at ten a.m., Saturday, June 22. Special feature of the week will be the State Hymn Playing Tournament conducted, Friday, June 21 at ten a.m.—LeRoy McClard, Secretary

Missions-Evangelism

Church sites

WE BAPTISTS are now having to pay a high price for our folly in failure to be farsighted in securing sites for churches. We have allowed great housing developments to be practically completed before any consideration is given to establishing a church in the area. The proper location cannot be easily secured and too often the price of property has advanced so much that it almost prohibits any church securing adequate sites.



DR. CALDWELL

A small church in Little Rock, without a permanent house of worship, is interested in a nice location but the price is \$160,000. The question is, "How can it be purchased?" There is still hope and faith that the Lord will help to work the problem out. Another church in an area of several thousand people is limited in its facilities and there is no additional ground that can be secured for more buildings. This particular church needs at least 2 acres to meet the challenge of that section of the city.

We have given the above illustrations to stress the importance of mission committees working together in all the large towns in an effort to get ample sites for future churches before all ground has been used for dwellings. Many of our pastors and missionaries are beginning to work toward this end.

It was my privilege recently to visit with missionary and pastors of Mississippi County and surveyed mission sites in Blytheville and Osceola. The missions committee has already voted to purchase one site and look with favor toward an-

other. A few weeks ago I looked over future church sites with a committee from North Pulaski Association and helped in securing property where there is a new development underway. Just a day or two ago I went with a group of pastors and missionary in the Central Association to survey mission territory near Benton. An agreement has been reached on a logical location, if ground can be purchased.

Let me urge that in all of our growing towns that we consider purchasing now some property in the new development areas for a future church. At least 2 acres should be secured and more if possible before it becomes too late.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

Foundation

Treasures in heaven

"BUT lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."



MR. McDONALD

Dr. Pat M. Neff, a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, once said that he had heard preachers quote this text all his life. "But," said Dr. Neff, "they never told me how to do it. I have decided that the only way we can do is to put our treasures in someone who is going to heaven."

There are many practical ways offered by the Foundation to assist you in doing just this. In fact, we can set up a program to meet your personal need. When your heart is set on continuing your stewardship beyond this life, we are the service institution designed for you.

Today you might want to start a trust fund, or add to one already at work, and know that you are extending your Christian witness while you live. Your gift need not be big in the eyes of men to be accepted. Remember the widow. Big gifts, in the sight of men, may be considered tiny in the sight of God.

Your will offers another way to "lay up treasures in heaven." Provisions can be stipulated to provide for your family and for God's causes. Trusts can be created in a will. Be sure to have an attorney prepare your will. We will work with you and your attorney to see that your wishes are carried out. For further information, write or call—Ed. F. McDonald, Jr., Executive Secretary, 401 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas

ABOUT 75 percent of Arkansas' Negro Baptist churches, assisted by the Race Relations Department, are part-time, and only 25 percent of the pastors live on the field.

More protection for less money

THE Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is dedicated to the ministry of providing more protection for its participants, for less money, than can be procured anywhere else. This is an irrefutable fact.



DR. RUCKER

More and more benefits have been added across the years and we can look forward to additional benefits in the years to come at no additional cost.

Let us take a brief look at the present Southern Baptist Protection Plan—the benefits and the cost:—

The Benefits:

1. No medical examination—a man will be received regardless of the condition of his health.
2. Old Age Benefits—
 1. Normal retirement—ages 65 or after
 2. Early retirement—ages 60-64
3. Disability Benefits—(Total and permanent disability)
4. Death Benefits—(Inactive service or retirement)
 1. Up to 40 years of age now have up to \$8,000 in death benefits.
 2. Widow Benefits—(For life or till remarriage)
 3. Lump Sum—if no widow survives.

Cost of Plan:

- Church Pays—10 percent of Salary Basis
(This may be divided between church and pastor with each paying 5 percent)
- Convention Pays—5 percent of Salary Basis

Maximum salary basis on which dues can be paid is \$4,000 per year. There is no minimum basis.

The Southern Baptist Protection Plan is the official program of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Your participation will help strengthen the plan for all churches and pastors in Arkansas.—T. K. Rucker, Field Representative.

Brotherhood

This busy world

"I'D be glad to help, but—" That is the standard answer received by this department from so many men during our search for workers with boys at Siloam Springs Assembly for this summer. And when we here make mention of this matter we are not complaining. The men ARE busy. This is a very busy world in which we live.



MR. TULL

Often you and I are asked to perform some worthy service, and we find that we are already enmeshed in an almost inflexible schedule of engagements and in the routines of work and of everyday living.

We ask people to come to a revival, or to come to church, or to Sunday School; and, old and young, we are told about how busy they are. Many Brotherhood leaders, in their efforts to lead the Brotherhood to carry through on a program of work designed to set forward something their church is endeavoring (desperately!) to accomplish, are faced with the awful realization that many of God's men are so busy at their own business that they have no time for God's business. Surely there is an answer to this problem. But what is the answer? Does the Bible give guidance here? Yes, it does!

In I Corinthians 14:40 we find this admonition: "Let all things be done decently and in order." Matthew 6:33 says, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness." And Philippians 1:10 advises us to "approve things that are excellent."

If we put God first He will help us bring order into our busy lives. That will mean that we will put the best things in their proper place. It will mean also that we will thus be constrained to leave out of our lives many activities which may be "good," but which should never be substituted for the "best."

Try it and you'll see!—Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Secretary

Sunday School

Enlargement needs

BIBLE STUDY IN the Sunday School is a major influence in the growth and development of a church.



MR. HATFIELD

Evangelism, stewardship and missions are three basic areas of interest among pastors, church leaders and denominational workers. These areas of Christian expression and activity deserve the best possible support and strength.

How can a church give its most positive emphasis in evangelism? How can a church develop its stewardship responsibilities? How can the cause of missions reach the most persons?

Surely as a church expands its outreach through the Sunday School, more persons are reached for these basic causes. As educational principles are discovered and teaching is improved, so the messages become more dynamic. As the Sunday School organization is used to help build a church, so all the causes are set forward.

Expand the base, enlarge the Sunday School. Reach out for the unreached.

There is a need for the Sunday School to enroll more persons for Bible study. There is a need for the teaching-learning situation to be improved.

As the Sunday School reaches more persons and as teaching is improved, the cause of evangelism is strengthened. A minimum of about 85 percent of the persons evangelized are first reached by the Sunday School.

As Sunday School outreach and teaching is improved, stewardship principles are learned and practiced more.

Along with Sunday School improvement the cause of missions moves forward.

Enlarge.

Have you considered an enlargement campaign in your church or association? —Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary

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ARKANSAS SUMMER MISSIONARIES

THE Student Department announces the selection of the following Arkansas students as summer missionaries. Ten are financed by the Arkansas Baptist students themselves. Expenses of the other thirty-three are borne by the Home Mission Board.



Jo Anna Harris, A&M
California



George Johnson, AC
Michigan



Mary King, AC
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Betty Daniels, ABH
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Janice Dall, ASC
Colorado



Ella Claire Heustess, ASC
Washington
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Cheryl Lloyd, ASC
Alaska
(BSU Sponsored)



Kay Gardner, ASTC
New Mexico



Kay Glenn, ASTC
Washington-Oregon



Maxine Whitney, ASTC
Hawaii
(BSU Sponsored)



Joyce Bray, Tech
New Mexico



George Duke, Tech
Arizona



Sharon Ford, Tech
Georgia



Kenneth Jewell, Tech
Massachusetts



Diana Altes, C of O Tennessee



William Echols, HSTC Hong Kong (BSU Sponsored)



Wanda Jennings, HSTC California



Melanie Smith, LRU Texas



Shelby Jean Bolton, OBC California



Sandra Cahoon, OBC Ohio



Gail Cooper, OBC Arizona



Ruby Hawthorn, OBC Wyoming (BSU Sponsored)



Paul Redditt, OBC Rhode Island



Ruth Sellers, OBC New Mexico



Leon Willhite, OBC Colorado



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Articles in this issue include one by Westbrook Pegler, "The Compleat Pitcher," in which the noted writer deals with "the trickery and tactics of the best and worst moundsmen of our time."

Neurotics in the Church, by Robert James St. Clair, Fleming H. Revell, 1963, \$4.50

The author deals with ways in which the institutional church has absorbed from society the causes of neurosis—the undercurrents of congregational splits, of conflicts within denominations and of power struggles in all areas of church life. He gives practical suggestions for the strengthening of church policy in consideration of these factors.

The Time Has Come, by John Rock, M.D., Alfred A. Knopf, 1963, \$3.95

A dedicated Roman Catholic, a leading gynecologist, and a major contributor to the development of the oral con-

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Dr. Rock advocates a "live and let live" public policy on birth control. He shows how an energetic program of research in human reproduction could result in the perfecting of the rhythm method of birth control.

Halford Luccock Treasury, edited by Robert E. Luccock, Abingdon, 1963, \$6

Dr. Luccock was for nearly 40 years an author, preacher, teacher of preachers, columnist, and commentator.

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The mud-ball mummy

By Murray' T. Pringle

THE boy stared slowly about the warehouse room. He had difficulty believing it was really true that he, John Thomas, was a working member of a museum staff.

Of course, he hadn't actually started work yet, but he had just been hired for the entire summer vacation. Right now, he was waiting for Mr. Parker, head of the museum of natural history, to give him his first assignment. A surge of excitement swept over him as he looked at unpronounceable names. They were on scores of mysterious parcels, barrels, and crates stored on shelves and stacked against the walls. He noticed, too, the names of the places from which they had come: South America, Asia, Africa, India, the South Seas.

Perhaps, Johnny thought hopefully, if I do a good job this summer I can go on a real expedition and send things like these back to the museum. That was his ambition to one day become a naturalist, an archaeologist, or both.

He was suddenly jarred out of this pleasant daydream by a voice behind him. "Ah, there you are, young man. All ready to begin work, are you?"

Johnny turned quickly to see Mr. Parker standing in the doorway.

"Oh, yes," the boy replied, "the sooner, the better!"

"That's the spirit," chuckled Mr. Parker. "Well, let's see where you can start."

He walked slowly about the big storage room, pausing thoughtfully from time to time.

"Aha, I have it," he said at last. "How would you like to unpack some mummies?"

A chill chased itself up and down Johnny's spine.

"Yes, sir." The boy hoped his voice didn't betray the nervousness he felt.

"Here we are," said Mr. Parker, taking from a shelf a small, sturdy crate which he carried to the packing table.

"Is— is a mummy in there?" asked Johnny. "He must be a very small one."

"A dozen of them are in here," said Mr. Parker. Then noticing the baffled look on Johnny's face, he chuckled. "Oh, I see. You thought I meant mummies from Egypt. Right?"

Johnny nodded. "Yes, sir."

"Well, they aren't," said the museum head. "These were never human, but they can be brought back to life."

Johnny carefully pried off the lid of the crate and Mr. Parker searched through the packing for a moment. Then he lifted out a dirty, roughly shaped ball of mud about the size of a coconut.

"In here," he said, rapping with his knuckles on the rock-hard mud ball, "is a living mummy. We call him the lungfish."

"Lungfish," explained Mr. Parker, "are found in Africa, Australia, and South America. The best-known species come from Africa. Most of the time, he looks and acts like other fish, but with the approach of the dry season he burrows out of sight in the mud bottoms of creeks and rivers. Eventually, the water in the river or creek evaporates. The mud is baked by the fierce heat of an equatorial sun until it is almost as hard as fired pottery. Here the lungfish remains in hibernation until the next rainy season softens the mud and frees the imprisoned swimmer."

"Balls of this hard-baked clay have been shipped to most of the important museums and aquariums of the world. Although they may receive some rather rough handling while being shipped, these 'mud-ball mummy cases' do not break."

"Now, Johnny," said Mr. Parker, "I'll show you how we bring these fish back to life."

Taking one of the heavy mud balls, he lowered it into a huge water-filled tank, one side of which was glass.

As Mr. Parker and Johnny watched, the mud ball slowly began to dissolve. Minutes later a large chunk fell away and out came an ordinary-looking fish about five or six inches long. Apparently it was none the worse for wear. Immediately, the fish began swimming about in the tank as though nothing unusual had happened.

Johnny stared, hardly able to believe his eyes. "I've never heard of such a thing," he said. "What an odd fish!"

"He is an odd one, all right," agreed Mr. Parker, "but after you've been with us awhile I daresay you'll discover even stranger ones."

Suddenly Johnny burst out laughing and his eyes sparkled mischievously.

"What's so funny?" asked Mr. Parker smiling.

"I was just thinking," replied Johnny, "how surprised my mother and father are going to be when I tell them my very first job here at the museum was unpacking mummies and bringing them back to life."

Missiles like animals

BY THELMA C. CARTER



HAVE you ever seen a big fish dive? Perhaps you have seen a trout in a fresh water stream, a catfish or some big fish in an aquarium. How exciting to see a fish rise out of the water and then dive back into the water! Perhaps it was about to catch some creature for food.

You may be able to imagine the excitement of a group of scientists who were testing a missile called the SUB-ROC. These letters refer to a new submarine underwater missile.

Most of us have seen pictures of space missiles speeding into space. Our hearts fill with wonder. Imagine an underwater missile released from a submarine. It rises from beneath the water to pinpoint a target. Then it dives back into the ocean, heading for its target. Its action amazes us.

Men who planned and worked on the missile watched its successful test flight. Perhaps they thought of the great divine forces of the Creator. "For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone" (Psalm 86:10).

Of interest is the fact that many patterns and models used by men today come from the habits and structure of creatures of the natural world. Do you know that powerful underwater missiles are patterned in many ways after sea creatures such as the humpback whale and flying fish?

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God's care for his people

BY DR. J. MORRIS ASHCRAFT

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June 9, 1963

Psalms 105 and 136

IT IS significant that the lesson entitled "God's Care For His People" is based on two of the worship psalms. These songs were written for public worship and were either read or chanted responsively. Note the statement "for his steadfast love endures forever" which the congregation repeated after every other statement read by the reader in Psalm 136. The call to worship "O give



DR. ASHCRAFT

thanks to the Lord" appears at the beginning of each and is then followed by factual information which gives content to worship. The chief content of this material stresses the theme of God's concern of care for his people. While only a part of the biblical material is printed in the quarterly, that part which is printed (105:7-11, 37-45; 136:1) gives the main ideas of the whole lesson and suggests suitable sub-headings for the discussion of the entire theme. (1) There is the summons to praise God. (2) God has cared for Israel in the past. (3) The character of God is seen in his providence. (4) Man responds to God with joyful obedience.

A summons to praise God

The memory of God's continuous care for his people was an immediate call to worship God with thanksgiving and praise. The focus of attention is upon God, not man, and even his mighty acts are narrated as a means of pointing to him. The poems which began with the summons to give thanks to the Lord have this invitation intensified later. Note the majestic line, "He is the Lord our God" (105:7). One needs no reason for worship—he needs only the knowledge that God is. That is the reason for worshipping. Hebrew faith stood on a high level in stressing genuine worship of God without any utilitarian motivation. The Psalmist praised God because he was God—not to get something from him. His attention was not upon what he could get God to do for him, but upon what God had already done for him. Many people today go

through the form of worship in an attempt to "use" God. This is not worship, but idolatry. There are many aspects of and motivations in worship, but no worship is as beautiful or unselfish as that which is the spontaneous song of praise to God and expects no reward. The song is composed of thanks for past blessings.

However, this is not to suggest that worship is even occasionally ecstatic or unrelated to knowledge, facts, or experience. Worship is rationally related to factual knowledge of God and what he has done. It is motivated by the specific awareness of God's acts in human history. The passage under discussion reveals one of the most important concepts of the Hebrew and Christian faith. We worship God who has revealed himself in history, hence we know something of what he has done and therefore what he is like. Historical faith can be explained, understood, and illustrated. Biblical faith is historical and no one can deal with the Old Testament or the New Testament without some understanding of history.

God who acts in history

The Psalmist called the Hebrews to worship by reviewing certain great events of Israel's past. In these events of history all human factors were present, but there was one additional factor—God was present. No Hebrew could ever seriously doubt this. This is the foundation of biblical faith—God has revealed himself in human events. This is the answer to the most perplexing question ever faced by an advocate of a religion, "How do you know God?" or "what is the authority of your religion?" The Hebrew answered "We know God because he has revealed himself in our history." He would then list the incidents such as the Psalmist has done here—the covenant, the Exodus, the miracles during the wilderness wanderings, etc. The Christian answers with the same data but points to the greatest event of history, God's mighty act of revelation and redemption in Jesus Christ. This is the basis of our faith—God has acted in history thus revealing himself to us.

The covenant which God had made with Abraham (Psalm 105:9) was a covenant of election. God had chosen and blessed this nation that he might thereby bless the world. This election was not for privilege and should not have produced presumption. The Exodus from Egypt was as important an historical event in Hebrew history as Calvary is in Christian history. The event is repeatedly alluded to in the Old Testament, and particularly in the Psalms. Egypt was powerful, Israel was weak. By all human standards the Exodus would have been impossible. Only God could have accomplished such a deliverance. The Psalmist elaborated on this in verses 37 and 38. He pointed out that the Egyptians gave silver and gold to the Hebrews when they demanded it (note Ex. 12:36). This shows that the Egyptians were afraid of the God of the Hebrews. Also "there was not one feeble person" among them (Psalm 105:37) at the time of the Exodus which probably illustrates that their departure was not by stealth or by war, but by the deliverance of God.

During the wilderness wanderings God provided for the Hebrews in a miraculous way. They never forgot these wonders nor did they ever permit their children to forget. God led them with a "pillar of cloud" by day and a "flame of fire" by night. These unusual occurrences are described in Exodus and Numbers. The Psalmist here refers to them because they show God's guidance, protection, presence and provision. The cloud shielded them from the searing dehydrating rays of the desert sun as well as from the Egyptians. Both phenomena kept Israel reminded that God was with them. Reference is made to other miracles which are described in detail in the accounts of the Exodus. There was the manna from heaven and there were the quails to eat. When Moses struck the rock, even though he was instructed to produce water in another manner, God caused water to gush forth in the desert. (Note verse 40)

These historical events convinced ancient Israel that God was their deliverer—they could depend on him. This called forth their praise. This is the raw material out of which the doctrine of providence was constructed.

The character of God seen in his providence

From his acts in history we know something of what God is like. The Psalmist summarized it "for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." Our abuse and mis-use of the word "good" almost disqualifies it for this usage, but there is no replacement. God is good. This sums up his character: He is Redeemer, Savior and Lord. He cares for us. He is always good. This concern or care of God is usually designated by the words "providence" and "preservation." Providence designates

A Smile or Two

The athlete

ON A dark and stormy night the trainman was signaling to the engineer when he dropped his lantern to the ground. Another man passing by tossed it back to him on top of a boxcar. In a few minutes the engineer came rushing up.

"Let's see you do that again!"

"Do what?"

"Jump from the ground to the top of that boxcar!"

Father knows best

THE farmer boy stood looking at the load of hay which had been upset when the car bumped into him.

"Hadh't you better go tell your father what happened?" asked the motorist.

"He knows," replied the boy.

"But how can he know?" protested the driver.

"He's under the hay!"

No logical reason

TWO husbands were discussing the idiosyncrasies of women and complaining that their wives thought they knew everything.

"I'll say this though," said Mr. A, "there's one thing my wife admits she doesn't know."

"What on earth is that?" asked Mr. B.

"Why she married me."

Idle talk

"MOMMY," asked the child, "why doesn't daddy have hair on his head?"

"Daddy thinks a great deal, dear."

"Why do you have so much hair on your head, Mommy?"

"Be quiet and eat your breakfast."

Vacationland

"The weather here in Florida is so wonderful," said the lady, "how do you tell summer from winter?"

Replied the hotel clerk: "In the winter we get Cadillacs, Lincolns and stuffed shirts. In the summer we get Chevrolets, Fords and stuffed shorts."

A. N. U. T.

A PASTOR in a New England town listed his Master of Sacred Theology degree (S.T.M.) after his name on the church bulletin. At the close of the service a deacon came to the pastor and, pointing to the "S.T.M.," said, "What's this stand for? 'Small Town Minister'?"

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Osage Mission	24	19	
Berryville, Freeman Heights	151	66	1
Blytheville, Gosnell	259	88	
Camden			
Buena Vista	54	38	
Cullendale First	482	202	1
Crossett, First	579	137	
Dumas, First	317	83	
El Dorado			
East Main	289	121	1
First	886		3
Northside	30		
Fort Smith			
First	868	246	6
Missions	435	183	
Grand Avenue	675	242	6
Missions	21		
Townson Avenue	195	77	
Green Forest, First	122	60	
Rudd Mission	44		
Gurdon, Beech Street	156	57	
Harrison, Eagle Heights	262	99	
Heber Springs, First	129	69	1
Jacksonville, First	429	200	3
Jasper	65	38	2
Jonesboro, Central	463	190	3
Lavaca, First	207	153	
Little Rock			
First	629	289	2
White Rock	19	13	
Rosedale	182	95	
McGehee First	414	143	
Chapel	86	36	
Monticello	344	173	19
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	508	258	3
Southside Mission	14	24	
Camp Robinson Mission	26	32	
Bethany	140	66	
Mission	10	12	
Berea	80	66	5
Gravel Ridge	129	103	
Highway	162	99	
Park Hill	545	261	5
Sylvan Hills	213	116	
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Piggott, First	319	514	
Pine Bluff, Centennial	182	90	1
Rogers, First	434	142	5
Siloam Springs, First	314	179	1
Springdale, First	444		1
Van Buren			
First	377	155	
Second	40	39	1
Warren, Immanuel	238	110	
Westside Chapel	88	65	

the guiding hand of God in our lives and in the course of history, while preservation points to the fact that God sustains and preserves us by his power. The present generation has lost the personal meaning of providence which was appreciated by the past generation. Strength for life and purpose in life are found in this doctrine.

The recital of God's acts in the past inspired belief in God's providence for the present and the future. Indeed, many Christians find victory over their temporary discouragement and doubt by this same practice of remembering God's blessings in the past. The whole doctrine of "perseverance" or "security of believers" rests not on the staying power of the believer, but on the keeping power of him who cares so much for us that it could be said that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without his knowing it. The greatest blessing one could receive from this lesson is to recapture the idea of providence. Recite what God has done for you, how he has guided you, and you will see why Israel's faith was strong.

Man responds to God in joyful obedience

It was noted that when man was reminded of the constant care and guidance God gave him, he responded in worship and praise to God. Now that the repetition of these events has been completed and the worship expressed in their recital draws to a close, we are again reminded of what belief in God's providence does for man. In 105:43 there is a stress on "joy" and "gladness." Worship motivated by God's care is characterized by joy and gladness.

One other aspect of man's response is mentioned. "That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the Lord" (105:45). Man's purpose in life is to obey God and live for him. To become aware of God is the same as wanting to live for him. Man's ideal response is herein described. Upon learning of God's care for man, man best responds by praising and obeying God.

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Advertising results

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (EP)—Approximately 280,000 inquiries about the Roman Catholic Church were received by the Knights of Columbus' Religious Information Bureau here in the year ending May 1 as a result of its advertising program in major periodicals.

Of last year's totals, almost 36,000 enrolled in the free course of religious instruction provided by mail and conducted by the bureau in St. Louis, Mo.

In announcing last year's statistics, the Catholic fraternal society noted that since the program was launched in 1948 to spread Catholic teachings, inquiries have totaled 4,655,026 and enrollments, 497,257—a ratio of about one enrollment for every nine applications.

Ban slot machines

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (EP)—Gov. J. Millard Tawes has signed into law a controversial measure to outlaw legal slot machines in Maryland by 1968.

The slot machines, introduced in 1941 in four southern Maryland counties, have been bitterly opposed by Protestant and Roman Catholic clergymen concerned with the "immoral" influence of gambling in the area.

The new law calls for elimination of the machines over a three-year period beginning July 1, 1965. The gradual nature of the legislation is designed to lessen the economic impact on the four counties.

The "one-arm bandits" were introduced to bolster the region's sagging tobacco industry, an economic main stay of southern Maryland since colonial times. In recent years about \$14,500,000 has been realized annually through the machines.

Over the years slot machines have come under attack by clergymen and church groups in the state. Political reformers have deplored the influence of gambling interests in the state capital.

In the U.S., only Nevada and the southern Maryland counties have legal slot machines. Recent federal government figures showed that 3,991 Maryland establishments—restaurants, bars, and stores—have the machines. The figures were three times the total for Nevada.

Graham in France

PARIS (EP)—American evangelist Billy Graham opened a major crusade of French cities by preaching in a German-made tent here which seats about 10,000 people.

A spokesman for the evangelist said that between 200 and 300 persons made decisions for Christ following the opening rally. He said that while the crusade did not draw capacity crowds for the first two meetings, busloads of people from suburban communities were expected to boost attendance. About 5,000 attended the first meeting and 3,000 the second.

The opening rally marked the introduction of the first French edition of *Decision*, monthly publication of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

The tent where Dr. Graham was holding his Paris meetings was set up on the fringes of the famous "Flea Market," visited by thousands each weekend in search of antiques and curiosities. Loudspeakers in various parts of the market carried the evangelist's words to the shoppers.

Dr. Graham was expected to preach in Lyons, Toulouse and Mulhouse, while his associate evangelists would visit six other French cities for eight-day rallies.

Clergyman of the year

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Dr. Daniel A. Poling of New York, veteran Christian Endeavor leader and editor of the *Christian Herald*, will receive the 1963 Clergyman of the Year award given by Religious Heritage of America.

An engraved scroll and citation paying tribute to his ministry over the last half century will be presented to Dr. Poling at the closing banquet of the 13th annual Washington Pilgrimage sponsored by the organization on June 20-22.

Associate Justice Arthur J. Goldberg of the U. S. Supreme Court is honorary chairman of this year's pilgrimage.

Church fires in 1962

BOSTON (EP)—Church losses from "major fires" in the United States and Canada totaled more than \$6,900,000 during 1962, double the amount lost in the previous year, it was reported here.

According to the National Fire Protection Headquarters Association, nine major church fires last year were in the "large loss" category, those where damage amounted to \$250,000 or more. There were seven such fires in the U. S., two in Canada.

The \$6,900,000 figure was almost double the \$3,673,500 lost in eight major church and synagogue fires in 1961.

Other NFPA estimates indicate that fires of all sizes annually cost churches in the U.S. about \$22,000,000 and in Canada about \$1,500,000.

Horoscopes rapped

TORONTO, Ont. (EP)—United Church of Canada, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Baptist pastors joined here in condemning newspapers and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for publishing and broadcasting horoscopes.

Dr. W. G. Berry of St. Paul's-Avenue Road United Church, until recently associate secretary of the denomination's Board of Evangelism and Social Service, said a radio program called *Star-scope* "is a disgrace to the CBC." He described it as a "silly program" that bordered on illegality as it told fortunes. "If gypsies did that on Queen Street, they would be locked up," Dr. Berry charged.

Father Frank Stone of the Paulist Catholic Information Center, said: "Airing this information and publishing it is in poor taste."

The Rev. Harvey Denton, of Walmer Road Baptist Church, warned Christians to "stick" to their Bibles. Horoscopes were superstition, he said, "the same as beliefs in the number 13, a black cat and other things."

'Ave Maria' in Russia

MOSCOW (EP)—Sovetskay Kultura, official organ of the Ministry of Culture, has defended a music teacher who was punished in her home city for recommending the hymn, "Ave Maria," to her students. It condemned as "stupid" city authorities in Rybinisk, a community north of Moscow, who had reprimanded Miss Lidia Smirmova.

The teacher, the magazine said, had been threatened with loss of her job for failing "to protect the children from the religious influence of 'Ave Maria.'" Officials in Rybinisk had charged she had also shown "religious tendencies" in class discussions of church choirs of Czechoslovakia and Hungary she had heard while on a tour.

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