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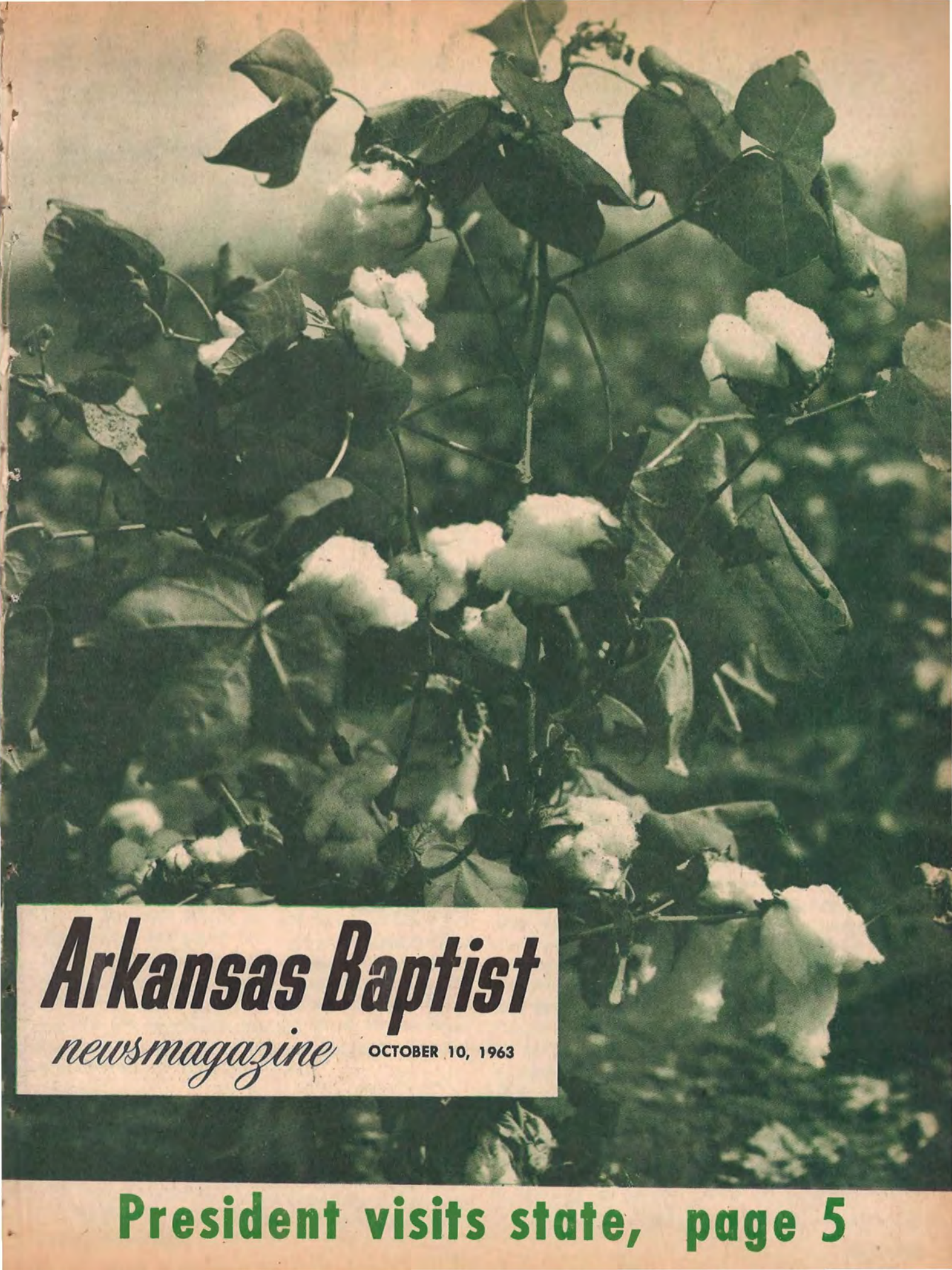
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# personally speaking

## Me and the President

NOW I know how the deer hunter felt who, armed with his high-powered rifle with telescopic sight, got run over by a big buck, while the hunter was on his way to his stand.



THE PRESIDENT

Thursday.

Reasoning that I would be fortunate if I got within 30 feet of the President, I equipped my camera with a telephoto lens. As he was coming to the speaker's platform, I stood up as close as possible with my camera. Then it happened! Congressman Mills brought the President right over to where I was standing to be embraced by Mr. Mills' mother. There I was within three feet of my quarry, and armed with a telephoto lens! Talk about being frustrated!

What a wonderful picture it would have been if I could have got that picture of the President being embraced by Mrs. Mills. But all I got was the President's head, as carried in this column.

"You should be on the platform!" the President said to Mrs. Mills. But every seat was already taken and some of the White House staff members were left standing.

In reporting the President's actions as he moved to the platform, the *Arkansas Gazette* stated: "Mr. Kennedy . . . hugged one woman who was in the reserved section directly in front of the speaker's platform and shook hands with several persons, mostly children, before going to his seat."

Well, I did feel a bit conspicuous standing up there among the small fry and with Congressman Mills' mother, but I finally managed to swallow my timidity and follow the example of the little kids. In fact I had quite a conversation with the President.

"Mr. President," I said.

"Yes?" said Mr. JFK, looking me straight in the eyes and extending his hand.

"I'm Erwin McDonald of the *Arkansas Baptist*," I said. And then, because I could not think of anything better to say: "We are mighty glad you are here."

"Thank you," replied the President, ending the conference.

*Erwin L. McDonald*

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PRESIDENT Kennedy's visit to Arkansas is presented in photographic review by your *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* on page 5.

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BAPTISTS in Yugoslavia will receive relief funds from the Foreign Mission Board. The board's report to the people is on page 14.

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OUR heartfelt thanks go out to Danny Griffin, pastor of Elliott Church, Camden, for his church bulletin comments on the services we try to perform for the Baptists of Arkansas. We're re-printing his remarks on page 18.

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LETTERS, we get letters, and be they complimentary or critical, we are always happy to hear from you. But—we have a request to make of you and you'll find it on page 3.

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THE home, the school, the church, working together can hold a college student upright and straight, says a college town minister of music. "Guy Wires" by Elwyn Raymer is on page 8.

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ARKANSAS BAPTIST

## Thanks, Brother Pastor!

CARRIED elsewhere in this issue is a most generous and kind statement from Pastor Danny Griffin, of Elliott Church, Camden, about the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* and its editor. Needless to say, such wonderful support is greatly appreciated. Since the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* is the official organ of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention a good word for it is a good word for the Baptist program.

The editor would be first to confess his shortcomings. And he does this from time to time personally, in letters, and in meetings such as that attended by Pastor Griffin the other day at Smackover. But it is true of editors and other denominational workers—as it is of pastors and laymen—that an ounce of love and understanding is worth a pound of knuckle-rapping. Most of us Baptists genuinely want to do what is right and earnestly seek truth over error. And the most of us neither claim to have all the answers nor are we willing to bow down before anybody else as having them. We can love and be patient and understanding with one another, if Christ be in us.—ELM

## About anonymous mail

PERSONAL note to “H. L. H., Hot Springs”: We do not consider for publication in our paper unsigned materials. And, naturally, if we do not know who the writer of a letter is, and the writer's correct mailing address, we cannot answer such mail.

As we have stated several times in these columns, each and every letter or other contribution should be signed—and typewritten names do not constitute signatures. Should the writer wish that his letter not be published or that it be published without his signature, he should so state.—ELM

### Guest editorials

## The pastor's income

IT IS now budget planning time in the churches. As congregations consider what to pay the preacher they ought to look—not at what other Baptist churches are doing—but at what

other income groups in the community are earning.

One layman in a state to the north, associated with the Baptist Convention of Maryland, made this comparison. His church is located in an industrial city. He discovered that the average hourly wage earner in one of the major plants in the area earns \$9,000 a year in wages and benefits. By contrast, his church pays the preacher a total of only \$6,500!

When it is remembered that the pastor must visit in the homes of his members, make public appearances and buy suitable clothes, the hardship is apparent.

The church might consider augmenting the pastor's income by increasing his fringe benefits. Since most of these are not counted as income on which the pastor must pay tax the church can make it's money go further that way. Consider these suggestions:

1. The church ought to pay all of the cost of the pastor's retirement plan. The cost is \$400 a year if the pastor's salary is \$4,000 or more. Most churches in our state convention do this.

2. The church ought to provide the pastor with an adequate automobile allowance. This is money that he uses for the work of the church, not for his personal transportation. Most allowances are inadequate.

3. The church should pay the pastor's fuel, water, light and telephone bills as well as provide his house or a housing allowance.

4. The church should strive to provide for the minister's library. The most universal problem cited by ministers of various denominations in a survey in 1962 was the lack of adequate funds for books and periodicals. Money allowed to the pastor for this purpose should return dividends to the congregation in the form of better preaching and pastoral leadership.

Of course improvement in the pastor's income is only one of the financial needs of the church. Faithfulness in Biblical stewardship holds the ultimate answer to all of the church's financial needs.—Gainer E. Bryan, editor, *The Maryland Baptist*

## Newspaper Week

NATIONAL Newspaper Week will unfold October 13-19 and newspapers throughout the state and nation will help promote the role of newspapers in American life.

The promotions will take many forms and

shapes to mark the 33rd observation of the week. The theme for this year's celebration is "News-papers Make a Big Difference in People's Lives."

The observance will serve as a reminder of the fact that a free press is one of the foundation stones of American democracy. The free flow of information to the public is essential to the preservation of our American way of life, yet this privilege is too often taken for granted by people accustomed to individual freedom.

When our forefathers guaranteed the right of

## Know your missionaries

BY JAY W. C. MOORE

### Alvin Wiles

GOD used the influence of a deacon-Sunday School superintendent father, E. E. Wiles, and two

preacher uncles, M. E. and S. A. Wiles, to influence Alvin Wiles, the beloved missionary in Big Creek Association, to Christ at the early age of nine and also to a full surrender to the ministry at the age of 17.



MR. WILES

The past 13 years have found this young man of God busy as a beaver for Christ in his beloved hill country of Northern Arkansas.

His entire ministry has been characterized by his untiring efforts in evangelism in house-to-house visitation, his regular services, revival meetings, summer camps, and in his regular worship services. In the beginning of his ministry he served the Viola church two years, the Bono church one year, and then served two half-time churches, Hopewell and Shiloh, three years. During this time he supplemented his income by teaching in the public schools. His last year as pastor of these two churches he won to Christ and baptized 37 people, a wonderful, blessed record.

He was a marvelous tent maker-preacher, but, when the call came to be missionary of Big Creek, God gave him an opportunity to leave the tent-making and to enter full time the gospel ministry.

Alvin has a very ambitious pro-

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.

### Concerning pastors

RECENTLY I have read in various publications articles that have been very critical toward a pastor in regard to the length of his pastorate and his education.

I realize that there are some pastors in our great denomination that are less fortunate than others who have received just as much a call to preach the Gospel of Christ as those of the more fortunate in the matter of formal education. But, let me hasten to say that every pastor should get all the formal education he can. Some cannot acquire what others can. Yet, even that should not prevent his being able to pastor.

I am of the sincere opinion that whatever degree of formal education a man has, even if that is a degree in theology or whatever it is, that man has not finished his education when he has received his degree. I say this because my

gram of work for the people of God in Big Creek. He is placing special emphasis on several things:

1. January Bible Study. This is one of our greatest teaching ministries.

2. Summer Assemblies. He is going to try to get every boy and girl in his association into some kind of an assembly, either general, RA or GA. Ten times more of our children can be reached in associational and area assemblies than state camps.

3. Study courses and VBS. During his first year in Big Creek he conducted five VBS. A strong emphasis is to be placed on the youth activities, as you can see from this.

[Next week: Conway Sawyers, Liberty Association]

Americans to own and control a printing press without government subservience, they assured us a right often denied people of other countries. It is a right that we must preserve and protect.

The free American press today not only stands as the guardian of freedom, but also as a shield against complacency and indifference.

Arkansas newspapers and newspapermen and women have consistently shown recognition of the great obligations and responsibilities which go with freedom of the press.—The Arkansas Publisher

conviction is that a man must continue his study to better prepare himself to do that which God has called him to do until God says, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." (Matthew 25:21)

As to the short term pastorate, the pastor has been very severely criticized. Let me register myself at least to this extent. Many pastors are forced by the churches to leave because they want a new face in the pulpit, and a new pastor in the pastor's home. A neighbor church calls a young energetic young man, he visits to get acquainted with the field and his members. Then someone says that this is the kind of a man we need. Maybe they have a man equally as well, but like a child with a new toy, someone else wants one like him.

Many the times a pastor has been on the field just long enough to get acquainted, lay a foundation for a program and is where he can really do something. Then someone wants a new pastor, and he has to leave because of the lack of cooperation.

I defend my brother pastor. I cannot believe that a sincere, God fearing, and God called man will just suddenly leave a church because he feels the grass is greener on the other side of the fence.—R. E. Fowler, Pastor, Freeman Heights Church, Berryville

### Colorado prospects

THANK you for your extra kindness in putting the article and picture of our Church in your paper a few weeks back.

You will remember that we were in search of prospects who moved to Colorado. We have received three (3) letters from Arkansas, only one was for our Denver area, but we passed the other two on to other Southern Baptist Churches.

Again, let me thank you for your extra kindness.—Bob McPherson, Pastor, South Denver Baptist Church, 1155 South Washington Street, Denver Col.

### Church name changed

I WOULD like to call your attention to the name change of our church from Carpenter Road Baptist to MacArthur Blvd. Baptist Church, Irving, Texas. The

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# President visits Arkansas



*SENATOR McClellan (above left) presents the President a plaque at the Heber Springs dam dedication Oct. 3. From the Arkansas Basin Association, it was inscribed "in appreciation of your vision and your interest in the development of the Arkansas River."*

*PASTOR Walter Hill of First Church, Heber Springs (above right) gives the benediction as secret service men keep their eyes open. (The top of the President's bowed head can be seen just beyond Mr. Hill.)*

*FOLLOWING the Beaver Dam dedication, a broadly smiling John F. Kennedy (below left) arrives at Little Rock for a speech at the Arkansas Livestock Exposition, surrounded by city, county and state police and the ever-present secret service.*

*STANDING with bowed heads during the invocation which opened the Little Rock ceremonies are Congressmen Oren Harris (a Baptist) and Wilbur Mills and the President.*

—Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine Photos



*Memo  
to  
the  
married*



KENNETH J. Foreman declares, (*From This Day Forward*) "Only a Christian can understand Christian marriage."

Our thoughts in recent columns have been directed toward music appropriate for Christian marriages.

The music and the setting for the marriage are important.

But the meaning and effectiveness of those brief minutes that propose the uniting of two lives "until death do you part" are measured by the quality of faithfulness in which the vows are kept.

Dr. Foreman sets forth a truth that is often overlooked when he says that the one and only reason for having a wedding in a church is that the presence of God may be more fully felt and more solemnly acknowledged.

All too many marriages follow the pattern of friendships described by Ralph Waldo Emerson: they "hurry to short and poor conclusions because we have made them a texture of wine and dreams instead of the tough fibre of the human heart."

Sequels in that pattern make of the wedding vows empty words and mere hypocrisy.

But marriage vows made to God and to each other and faithfully kept fruit in the deepest satisfaction and the most rewarding relationship life has to offer.

It is inevitable that one will learn the mate one has married has "quirks, oddities, strange tastes and weird habits of some kind." Annoyed by the mate's queer

ways, however, one must remember: "You are not quite normal yourself, you know. You seem just as odd to others, in some ways, as they seem to you."

The secret to married happiness has been well packaged in three words: honesty, humor, and harmony.

Listed in one of the manuals on wedding music is this down-to-earth "Memo to the Married," of anonymous but solid origin.

"Never stop courting. Marriage only gives you a chance to court without interruption.

"Never let romance wane. The benediction at the wedding doesn't end the romance. It only gives you a chance to be permanently romantic.

"Never allow both of you to get angry at the same time.

"Never talk *at* one another, either alone or in company.

"Never speak loudly to one another, unless the house is on fire,

"Never find fault unless it is perfectly certain that a fault has been committed. Even then, always speak lovingly.

"Never taunt with a mistake.

"Never make a remark at the expense of each other.

"Never part for a day without loving words to think of during absence.

"Never meet without loving welcome.

"Never let the sun go down upon any anger or grievance.

"Never let any fault you have committed go by until you have frankly confessed it and asked for forgiveness.

"Never forget the happy hours of early love.

"Never sigh over what might have been, but make the best of what is."

If perchance there are ministers reading this column, the third line in the "memo" will remind them of a story.

The one about the young couple who moved from the deep South out to a western ranch.

When they came for their first visit home, after the move, the husband had acquired such a deep tan that his friends hardly recognized him.

He gave this explanation: he and his wife had agreed that when they became angry, one of them would take a walk over their ranch to let the tension subside and the other one grow calm.

In consequence, he was spending the greater part of his time out walking over their ranch! Hence, the tan.

Letters indicate that we have readers who are looking toward marriage.

Choose well your mate. A Christian. One endowed with practical common sense.

Select appropriate music for your wedding.

Take seriously your marriage vows.

Make Bible reading and prayer a part of your daily lives.

Take the rough spots in stride—they come to everybody.

Have fun.  
Stay married!

*Rosalind Street*

Mrs. J. H. Street

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

## Baptists in western Arkansas

NO section of the state was more destitute of missionary work after the Civil War than Western Arkansas.



DR. SELPH

Hardy souls like E. L. Compere and others can be credited with pioneer mission work in this area. Due to the rough terrain and lack of traveling facilities they felt

the Arkansas Baptist Convention was too far away to serve their churches. The Indian Territory lay immediately west of them. They insisted on an organization which could specifically serve this district.

Messengers from churches of that area met at Charleston in Franklin county, Nov. 24-25, 1876, and organized the "General Association of Western Arkansas and the Indian Territory." E. L. Compere, pastor, Charleston, was elected moderator, and F. J. Allen, clerk. R. H. McCorwell served as corresponding secretary and W. S. Buckley, treasurer.

In addition to missions the association established Buckner College at Witcherville. They chartered the school in 1879 but did not open it for students until Sept. 11, 1882. H. S. Worrill served as first president. The first annual report stated that the first two stories of the building were nearing completion. A "good number of students" were attending but no exact figure given. Its "prospects were flattering" according to the report.

For approximately 15 years the college contributed to missions in that area. Without the Western association there would have been no missions. And without men of E. L. Compere's caliber there would have been no association.

The college operated irregularly until about 1900 when the property was transferred to Buckner and

## Baptist beliefs

# REDEMPTION FROM SIN

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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IN the New Testament the word "redemption" translates two Greek words: *lutrosis*, a loosing (Heb. 9:



DR. HOBBS

12); *apolutrosis* (intensive form), a loosing away (Eph. 1:7). The basic verb is *lutroo*, to free by paying a ransom, to redeem (I Pet. 1:18). It might refer to redeeming prisoners or slaves. Two other verbs rendered "redeem" are *agorazo*, to acquire at the market place (Rev. 5:9; 14:3-4), and the intensive form, *exagorazo*, to acquire out of the market place (Gal. 3:13; 4:5; Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:5). But the idea of a ransom is more clearly seen in *lutroo* and its derivatives.

In the New Testament usage of the noun "redemption" the emphasis is upon the intensive form: *lutrosis* three times (Lk. 1:68; 2:38; Heb. 9:12); *apolutrosis* ten times (Lk. 21:28; Rom. 3:24; 8:23; I Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:7, 14; 4:30; Col. 1:14; Heb. 9:15; 11:35, deliverance). The former is used twice of the redemption expected by the Jewish people (Lk. 1:68; 2:38), thus a partial redemption. The context of Luke 1:68, and

Concord associations. In 1904 the Landmark Baptists took over the school and operated it for awhile.

For the sake of unity and in cooperation with Buckner and Ouachita associations and the Arkansas Baptist Convention the General Association of Western Arkansas and the Indian Territory was discontinued in September, 1899.

But it had left a strong influence. Two preachers—Edmondson and Peterson—who led in the associational work held a revival on the site of Oklahoma City when it was but a camp.

possibly 2:38, clearly indicates political redemption. The other use of this word is with respect to the redemption wrought in Christ (Heb. 9:12). Here, however, it is used in comparison with the partial or incomplete spiritual redemption related to Old Testament sacrifices. Even here the author distinguishes or emphasizes it by prefixing the word "eternal." Note that in Hebrews 9:15 he uses the intensive form *apolutrosis*. This word carries the idea of complete redemption. With one exception (Heb. 11:35) this word refers to the complete redemption provided through Christ.

In Ephesians 1:7, and Colossians 1:14 (KJV, not in best Gk. mss) this redemption is described as "through his blood." This thought is clearly expressed in I Peter 1:18. ". . . ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ . . ." Jesus said that He came to give His life a "ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28).

To whom was this ransom paid?

Not to Satan, for this would make God subservient to him. The "ransom" has to do with the satisfying of God's holy nature which is unchangeably antagonistic to sin, and His nature as love which longs to redeem man to Himself. In His death, therefore, Jesus Christ paid the "ransom" in that He, though not sinful, became sin and endured God's wrath against sin. Thus God paid the ransom to Himself as through Jesus' blood He redeemed lost men to Himself.

In addition to the immediate redemption from sin, the New Testament also uses this word to refer to the bodily resurrection (Rom. 8:23), final redemption of the purchased possession in heaven (Eph. 1:14; 4:30), and to the second coming of Christ (Lk. 21:28).



ONE day, Antar, the famous Arabian poet, was traveling through the desert. The sun was unbearably hot and Antar famished for water. With sheer effort and will-power he continued his journey until he reached an oasis. He discovered, to his despair, however, that his rope was not long enough to reach the bottom of the well.

BY ELWYN RAYMER  
MINISTER OF MUSIC  
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In despair, he was on the verge of flinging himself upon the earth to die when he spied a cloud of dust on the horizon. A Bedouin drew near and discovering Antar's plight suggested they combine their two ropes. With eagerness Antar followed the suggestion and drew from the well a bucket brim-full of sparkling water. The lesson is apparent: The value of cooperation.

Other lessons of cooperation and joint effort are all around us. Drive by a TV tower sometime. Note the small, concrete base upon which the huge tower rests for support. All the weight of the tower rests on a tiny area. This tower cannot be held by the small base alone. Where, then, is the real support?

The strong support that keeps the tower upright through all kinds of weather is found in three guy wires attached to three sides of the tower. It takes all three cooperating to hold the tower up straight. If one fails, the other two will destroy the tower with the same force they used to sustain it before!

There is a vivid comparison here. Think of one of these wires as the "home" wire, another as the "school" wire, and another as the "church" wire. Does it not take all three; home, school, and church, working together, to hold a college student upright and straight in college days? Can one build an upright life without the combined efforts of all three?

Contact must be maintained with the wire of home. From this, the student draws upon spiritual values, moral training, the strength of early formative years and community life. He must have a desire to implement this wire, not destroy it. As one of the three guy wires in college days it must be nurtured and maintained.

School is another guy wire that must be given firm attachment to the tower of life. It is here new horizons will be sighted; here that ideas will be accepted, rejected or altered; here that time is spent for the intellect to grow. Everything possible must be done to keep this wire intact.

The church guy wire will serve just as usefully as our other two if we will but permit it. In fact, without it our tower will crumple and fall from the very force of the remaining two. God gave us these three guy wires. It is our task to see that all three are kept in good maintenance and in balance. All three must work together to achieve a straight, upright life! Then it, too, can withstand the storms like the strong tower held securely from all sides.



# GUY WIRES

**T**he Southern Baptist Convention is made up of "messengers" from individual local churches. These duly elected representatives are organized into the Convention. Technically, they become a corporation to function on a legal basis as an operating agency of the churches. They meet in voluntary assembly to find acceptable ways of working co-operatively for the good of all.

There are some rare critics who seem to think that a church is compromising when it co-operates in any way, even within the framework of the Southern Baptist Convention. Thus, there is an occasional written or radio appeal that each church remain aloof, with no affiliation of any kind with any Baptist body.

### Is Co-operation Scriptural?

Does a church lose itself and its identity when it works on a sustained basis in fellowship with its Baptist neighbors of like belief?

Questions like these have been asked by Baptists across the centuries. How can there be the type "system" required to operate a denomination and at the same time guarantee the liberty that is necessary to have a Baptist church?

This very question was asked decades ago. Some Baptist churches went one way and most another. Here starts the history of the present independent Baptist movement. They felt that co-operation, even among Baptist churches, constituted compromise. But does it?

Our own Southern Baptist forebears differed, believing that religious liberty is positive as well as negative. They believed that we as churches can choose as well as refuse to do things together.

Southern Baptists have believed that co-operation is not purchased at the price of local church autonomy or individuality. Rather, every church, while working in the Southern Baptist Convention, is still itself, but a stronger church, with all the liberties and rights the New Testament grants it. That is why the Convention is made up organizationally as it is, and why it functions the way it does.

### Joint Efforts Needed

The practical question is: "How can one local church support a hospital, an orphanage, or a foreign mission enterprise if it remains separate?"

It is unlikely that God would give commandments requiring co-operation unless he expected churches to work together in fulfilling them.

Joint efforts among Christians have been seen through the Scriptures from the time of Christ. When Jesus sent his disciples out two by two, he recognized their interdependence each upon the other, even while they were dependent upon God.

New Testament churches similar in beliefs assisted in strengthening each other and shared their blessings and experiences with one another.

Today, when Christian growth is slower than the growth of paganism, Baptists need more than ever to work on a co-operative basis.

Of course, there are critics who cry "regimentation" or "conformity" every time there is co-operation, but this need not be a result. It would be most regrettable should it ever become so.

### Co-operation Must Not Be Compromise

Of course, co-operation when it is strained or forced is not good. If those who are seeking to work together do not have common Christian beliefs and common objectives, and if they do not work

all animals in a single cage. He commented, "In such a situation you have union but not unity."

The opposite approach is that which Baptists have thought and sought. We have never felt that organizational union among divergent denominations would be good.

We do seek to have Christian unity whereby our purposes and convictions lead us to work toward the same end results spiritually.

Baptists generally do not believe in a super church. The Southern Baptist Convention is not "The Southern Baptist Church." Actions of the Convention are not binding on the churches, but actions of the Convention are binding upon Convention agencies. That is why messengers have such tremendous responsibilities and should come to Conventions with zealous prayer for wisdom and divine guidance.

While churches operate as local democracies, they are also operating in the framework of a theocracy. By democratic processes the body seeks to know and do the will of God.

## FACTS and TRENDS

# When Is Co-operation COMPROMISE?

By James L. Sullivan  
*Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Sunday School Board of  
Southern Baptist Convention*

### Strong Men in Strong Churches

Manpower within churches and among churches must be mobilized for the Master. Too many people of outstanding skill are sitting on the sidelines doing too little for God. The churches have not enlisted and guided them aright. If we lead them to work together diligently and co-operatively, they will be helpful and happier, and the world will be blessed.

Manpower must be discovered, challenged and united; objectives must be set, goals must be worthy, efforts need to be synchronized. This calls for co-operative planning and concerted endeavor. Baptists can do this without a single compromise of a New Testament principle, but for the good of the kingdom.

harmoniously without coercive endeavor, then the basis of co-operation is unsound and cannot last. So the phrase "churches of like faith and order" is not superfluous.

The very genius of our Southern Baptist denominational life grows out of the fact that we have learned how to work together as autonomous churches on a voluntary basis. The denomination's programs, plans and work are projected together. Churches support and follow through with plans according to their own best judgment, because the plans are really theirs.

### Unity Rather than Union

A professor compared the efforts to unite organizationally all of the varying denominations of America to a zoo with

# Arkansas All Over— Old Testament on Telecourse

ARKANSAS Bible Telecourse, Paul Meers, field representative, announces the second year of Bible courses featuring the teaching of Dr. Edward Bauman, of American University and Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.

The new series, Introduction to the Old Testament, follows a course last year in the New Testament. It will be broadcast again this year over Television Station KARK (Channel 4), Little Rock, beginning Saturday, Oct. 12, from 1 to 2 p.m. The lessons will follow at the same hour each Saturday afternoon for 28 weeks.

As last year, Arkansas College, Bates-

ville, is serving as a sponsor of the courses and will give certificates to those who register for the course, paying the \$7 fee, and who pass examination at the end of the series.

Those wishing to enroll for non-certificate courses may do so by paying a fee of \$4 to Arkansas Bible Telecourse, P. O. Box 568, Little Rock, Mr. Meers said.

The course this year makes a survey of the history, literature and religion of the Old Testament period. Recent research will be discussed, including the new light shed on Biblical study by the now famous Dead Sea Scrolls.

## Greene County Association

THEO T. JAMES, MISSIONARY

PASTORLESS churches of Greene County Association are East Side, Paragould; Brighton; Mounds; Third Avenue, Paragould; and Delaplaine.

The youth of Greene County Association meeting monthly has elected officers for next year: Mike Crafton, president; Wilbur Griggs, vice president; Brenda Forsythe, pianist; Burl Noel, treasurer; Wayne Newberry, chorister; Rev. Don McBride, pastor advisor.

Calvary Church conducted revival services, Sept. 15-22. Rev. Lester L. Thompson, the pastor, served as the evangelist. There were nine for baptism and six by letter.

Greene County Association meets in annual session, Oct. 21-22, at First Church, Paragould. Guest speakers will include Dean Rogers, assistant superintendent, Arkansas Baptist Home for Children, Monticello; Dr. Ralph Douglas, associate executive secretary, Arkansas Convention; Felix Goodson, field secretary, Southern College, Walnut Ridge; Dick Bumpas, Baptist Student Union secretary, Arkansas State College, Jonesboro; Dr. Ben Elrod, vice president of promotion, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia. Rev. John J. McCollum is the moderator.

## Homecoming planned

NORTH Crossett Church will have an all-day homecoming observance Oct. 20, with dinner and singing featured.

The first service was held in the North Crossett Church, then a mission of First Church, Crossett, Oct. 13, 1941. Aubrey C. Halsell was pastor of the parent church. The mission became an independent church in December, 1945. Carl Overton, now pastor of Trinity Church, Bauxite, was first mission pastor.

Former pastors and members are invited to attend.

## Beam to Ft. Smith

REV. Richard Beam, who has served Southeast Church, Muskogee, Okla., for three years, has resigned to become mission pastor of First Church, Fort Smith, it has been announced by Jay W. C. Moore, area missions leader.

Before going to the Muskogee church three years ago, Mr. Beam served as pastor for three years of the 600-member Temple Church, South Fort Smith.

The 32-year-old minister received his education at Central High School, Muskogee, Okla., John Brown University, Siloam Springs, and Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. During his four years at Moody Mr. Beam was appointed by the faculty and student body to supervise all of the services conducted by the students in the Cook County Jail, other institutional services, and in many missions on Skid Row.

The Beams have three children, Stephen, age 7; Cindy, age 5; and Timothy, age 4.

Mr. Beam will work with the Third Street and McNeill Missions under the direction of the missions committee of First Church, Fort Smith, with Myres Richesin as chairman. Mr. Beam succeeds the Rev. Lee Lairamore, who is giving all of his time to the new Cavanaugh Mission, which is being sponsored by First Church.—Reporter

## Licensed to preach

MICHAEL Lee Petty, 19, was licensed to preach by First Church, Pochontas, Sept. 4. Rev. Lawrence Ray is pastor.



MR. PETTY

A native of Paragould, Mr. Petty graduated from Pochontas High School and attended the University of Arkansas for one year. He is now a sophomore at Ouachita College.

He preached his first sermon at his home church on the day he was licensed.

## Conference leader

HORACE O. Duke, Jr., pastor of First Church, Tyronza, has been selected as chairman-elect of the Pastoral Care



MR. DUKE

Division of the Southern Baptist Counseling and Guidance Conference, which held its annual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, Sept. 23-25.

Mr. Duke, who served as vice chairman of the 1963 Pastoral Care Conference, will be responsible for planning and moderating the 1965 sectional conference. The 1965 theme will be, "The Distinctives of the Christian Ministry." The 1963 conference theme was "Discipline in Christian Maturity." Feature speakers of this year's conference were Dr. Alan Keith Lucus, professor of social work at the University of North Carolina, and Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Church, Washington, D. C.

The Southern Baptist Counseling and Guidance Conference meets annually at the Southern Baptist Convention Building in Nashville, Tenn., and is sponsored jointly by Home Mission Board, The Christian Life Commission and the Sunday School Department. The conference serves as a workshop for persons in the fields of the pastorate, the hospital chaplaincy and Social Service agencies.

The 1964 conference will be held Sept. 28-30, and will follow the theme "The Helping Ministry." Arkansas pastors who are interested may write Dr. Foy Valentine of the Christian Life Commission, Baptist Convention Building, Nashville, Tenn., or Mr. Duke.

## Hawkins to Conway

REV. GARY Hawkins, has resigned the pastorate of Jasper First Church, to become pastor of Pickles Gap Church, Conway.

During his 19 months at Jasper, the Sunday School enrollment increased from 67 to 113, the average attendance from 45 to 65, with a record high of 90. There were 18 baptisms and the church grew from a total membership of 124 to 159.

## Buckner Association

BY FORD F. GAUNTT,  
SUPERINTENDENT

SEPT. 29 Howard Holleman, Paul Frost and Theron Keener were ordained deacons at Parks Church.

Rev. Ben Hapey, pastor, First Church, Ozark, directed the recent pastor-led enlargement campaign.

Parks Church will be host to the annual meeting Oct. 10-11.

# South McGehee Chapel dedicated



SOUTH McGehee Chapel, sponsored by First Church, McGehee, was dedicated in services Sept. 29. Fred A. Garvin is pastor of the chapel. Mason Craig is pastor of First Church.

The new building is 32 by 96 feet and was constructed at a cost of approximately \$29,500.

The chapel was established in 1956, with Rev. T. F. Eldridge, Jr., as the first pastor. Mr. Eldridge delivered the dedicatory message at the special services.

Others on the program were Rev. O. Phillip May, who served the chapel while a student in New Orleans Seminary; Rev. T. D. Douglas and Association Missionary Noel Barlow, who have served as interim and supply pastors; Mr. Garvin; Dr. C. W. Caldwell, who brought greetings from the Arkansas State Convention; Mr. Craig; Mrs. H. G.

Britton; and George Averett.

P. C. Roberts served as chairman of the building committee.

## Athletes join church

DALE Boutwell and Randy Crowder, starting half back and lineman respectively at Arkansas A&M College, Monticello, recently united with Second Church, Monticello, by letter. At the same time, the pastor, Bill H. Lewis, and the church received the wife of each upon profession of faith and baptism.

In a recent testimonial meeting, Boutwell, who is a prospect ALC AIC selection and little All American, stated, "for a long time I just wanted to play on some pro football team—to be a big time player—now all I want is to be a big time Christian for Christ."

## Unusual day at Lonoke

IT WAS a unique day of worship for members of Brownsville Church, Lonoke, Sunday, Oct. 6.

At the morning services, the congregation heard the famed "coon hunting" sermon of Floyd McCullough.

A chalk talk by Dee Wilson of North Little Rock was the feature of the evening meeting.—Reporter

## Young resigns pastorate

REV. M. E. Young has resigned as pastor of Natural Steps Church, Pulaski County Association, which he has served for three years.

During his pastorate, 51 have been added to the membership. The church in September reached an all-time high in its 50-year history of 117 in average attendance at Sunday School. The Sunday night following the recent revivals ten were baptized.

The church lost its building by fire Jan. 23 and rebuilt at a cost of \$40,000. Only a \$10,000 indebtedness remains. The new building was dedicated Sept. 15.

Mr. Young, who is available for another pastorate or interim work, may be reached through R. V. Haygood, Pulaski County Association missionary.

## Runyon mission organized

RUNYON Mission, sponsored by Gravel Ridge Church and aided financially by the North Pulaski Association, has been organized with 25 members.

The establishment of the mission followed a revival Sept. 22-29 with Rev. Don Aberthany of Sherwood as evangelist. The 25 membership came with 12 by baptism and 13 letter.

A Sunday School and Training Union was organized Sept. 29 with C. K. Marshall as superintendent. Attendance was 22 for both the Sunday School and Training Union.

No pastor has been secured.—Reporter

## Southwestern Seminary enrollment mounts

STUDENTS from Arkansas represent the third largest state group enrolled at Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth for the fall semester.

With a total enrollment of 1,688, including students from 16 foreign countries and all but 10 states, Arkansas has 92 registered.

The 453 new students helped surpass last year's registration figure by 19. Of the grand total, 240 of the students are women.

The School of Theology has the greatest number of students with 1,074. The School of Religious Education registered 489 students and the School of Church Music had 125.

It is the first time that the fall semester has increased in enrollment since 1959. Prior to this year, registration showed a few students less each year.

# New Paragould church building



IMMANUEL Church, Paragould, dedicated its new building, Oct. 6 with Dr. H. E. Williams, president of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, as guest speaker. Others on the program were Rev. John Jump, Griffin Memorial Methodist Church; Rev. Theo T. James, missionary,

## The Cover



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## Cotton pickin' time

IF our cover today seems a bit familiar to you, then you have a wonderful memory! This same photograph by Louis C. Williams appeared on the Sept. 17, 1953, issue of the *Arkansas Baptist*.

Then, as now, it points to a most important time of year for many Arkansans—cotton picking time in Dixie—and we bring it to you again with thanks for the Lord's bounty.

Greene County Association; Joe Taylor, the contractor; Dr. F. A. Poe; Rev. Sammy Stewart, pastor of Finch Church; and George White.

The seating capacity of the auditorium is 400. It has laminated columns, acoustical tiles, mahogany paneling, carpet aisles and vinyl tiling. There are 23 class rooms and assemblies. The building is valued at \$75,000.

Rev. O. C. Wright is pastor.

The dedicatory services opened the first revival in the new building. Dr. George T. Blackmon, professor of Bible, Ouachita College, is evangelist.

## SS workshops underway

SUNDAY School workshop has just been completed at Central Church, Magnolia, and an identical one is beginning today at First Church, Forrest City, continuing through tomorrow.



Dr. Perry Webb of Little Rock is the featured speaker.

Elementary workers, including Cradle Roll, Nursery, Beginner and Primary departments are in conference on the first day. Friday features meetings for Adult and Youth leaders.

Dr. Webb's sermons are scheduled for 3:30 and 7:45 p.m. Thursday and for 11:15 a.m. and 8:35 p.m. Friday.

## New Arkansas Baptist subscribers

Church	Pastor	Association
One month free trial received:		
McArthur	J. D. Hughes	Delta
Monroe	Everett Denton	Arkansas Valley

## Revivals

NATURAL STEPS Church, Pulaski County Association, Sept. 16-22; Rev. Charles Whedbee, Little Rock, evangelist; Bart Moreland, Natural Steps, song leader; 7 additions; 5 by baptist; 2 by letter; Rev. M. E. Young, pastor.

SECOND Church, Van Buren, Sept. 22-29; Paul E. Wilhelm, missionary of Clear Creek Association, evangelist; 1 rededication; 2 professions of faith for baptism; Rev. Robert Morrison, pastor.

MARTINVILLE Church, Hamburg, Sept. 16-22. Rev. Jack Parchman, First Church, Mt. Pleasant, Tex., evangelist; Jamie McElroy, Crossett, music director; Charlotte Walker, Hamburg, pianist; 9 for baptism; 1 by letter; 40 rededications; Dewitt Kelley, pastor.

FIRST Church, Harrisburg, Sept. 23-29; Rev. Paul McCray, evangelist; Rev. Curtis K. McClain, pastor; 11 for baptism; 5 rededications.

MEMORIAL Church, Corpus Christi, Tex., Sept. 16-22; Gary Hawkins, Pickles Gap, Conway, evangelist; Royce Jackson, song leader; 9 additions; 5 by baptism; 4 by letter; 1 by statement; 1 surrendered to the ministry; 9 homes dedicated; C. W. Barnette pastor.

FIRST Church, Magazine, Aug. 10-18, O. Damon Shook, evangelist; William Storts, Singer; 10 for baptism and 2 by letter; Noel Greenfield, pastor.

FIRST Church, Dardanelle, Sept. 16-22; Walter K. Ayers, evangelist; 11 professions of faith; 6 for baptism; 2 by letter. O. Damon Shook, pastor.

## Death claims A. B. Cobb

ALVIS Bernard Cobb, 58, of Little Rock, a member of Immanuel Church, died Sept. 29 at a Little Rock hospital. Services were conducted Oct. 1 by Rev. W. O. Vaught, Jr.

A native of Keo, Mr. Cobb attended England public schools and graduated from Ouachita College. He received a master's degree from Baylor University and did further graduate work at Harvard.

Former president of the Rose City Cotton Oil Company, Mr. Cobb was an active businessman and planter.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. June Rankin Cobb; a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Johnson of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, J. D. Cobb of Keo; and a sister, Miss Elma Cobb of Little Rock, state president of W.M.U. (DP)

## Texans accepting negroes slowly

### Regional music clinic

NASHVILLE—The church music department of the Arkansas State Convention will co-sponsor a regional church music methods and materials clinic Oct. 14-15 at First Church, Joplin, Mo.

Other co-sponsors are the Baptist Sunday School Board's church music department and the music departments of state Baptist conventions in Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

"The clinic is designed to give intensive training and assistance in the use of methods and materials for every phase of the church's music education program," said Clifford A. Holcomb, director of the clinic. Holcomb is associational music consultant in the Sunday School Board's church music department.

Three Arkansans will participate in the clinic. Ernie Adams, pilot project director for Arkansas, Ozark, and Andrew Hall, pastor, First Church, Fayetteville, will speak at the concluding session Tuesday evening.

William McGram, minister of music, First Church, Ft. Smith, will assist in leading simultaneous conferences during the sessions.

Principal speakers include these Sunday School Board personnel: Gomer R. Lesch, director of office of denominational relations; Loren R. Williams, director of field services, LeRoy McClard, young people-adult music consultant, and Bill F. Leach, editor, junior-intermediate materials, all of the church music department.

The clinic is open not only to trained musicians but to everyone who is involved in any way with church music activities, Holcomb said.

### Baptists in Spain

NOTING in a bulletin of the Spanish Ministry of Information that "information for tourists about places and times of evangelical church services must be made available in hotels," Rev. Juan Torras, Baptist pastor in Las Palmas, Canary Islands, had a notice printed in three languages and sent to all hotels, restaurants, consulates, and travel offices in the city. The next Sunday, French and German tourists attended his little chapel, reports the European Baptist Press Service.

Chief of the tourist office run by the Ministry of Information wrote Mr. Torras, expressing gratitude for the notice sent his office and saying it would be posted there as a service to tourists.

"Thanks be to God that the spirit of religious tolerance seems to be taking hold in the minds of our people," says Mr. Torras. He says the small church which he pastors was opened in the city recently without formalities and there has been no official interference.

DALLAS—Southern Baptist Churches in Texas are slowly and quietly beginning to adopt policies that would permit Negroes to attend worship services or join the church, a survey of churches within the Baptist General Convention of Texas has revealed.

A total of 1,259 churches in Texas—about one-third of the 4,000 Texas Baptist churches, replied to the state-wide survey conducted by the Texas Baptist Public Relations Office.

The survey revealed that 747 Baptist churches in Texas have an official or informal policy that would allow Negroes to attend worship services.

A total of 234 Baptist churches in Texas said their policies would permit Negroes to join the churches as members.

Most of the churches, however, had no official policies on (1) allowing Negroes to attend worship services or (2) permitting Negroes to join the church as members.

The survey gives the first accurate picture of racial policies of Texas Baptist churches.

A total of 894 churches had some kind of policy—either informal or official—on Negro attendance. Eighty-four per cent said they would permit Negro attendance.

A total of 412 churches had some

kind of policy on accepting or rejecting Negroes as members. About 57 per cent said they would permit Negroes to join the church.

One hundred forty-seven congregations stated they would not allow a Negro to attend worship services, while 178 churches said they would refuse to admit a Negro as a church member.

Most of the churches adopted the policies this year when the racial crisis was at its peak.

### Church survey made

DOTHAN, Ala.—Results of a Houston County religious survey show 64 per cent of the total population are church members, with another 23 per cent not related to a church in any way.

Total church membership in the county is 19,962, with nearly 14,000 listed as "active", or attending services at least once each month. Baptists led the totals with 55 per cent or 11,094. Methodists showed 3,974 members.

The white population of the county is 38,617.

Director of the activities was Leonard Irwin, secretary of department of survey and special studies for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Associate director was George Ricker, Montgomery, head of associational missions work for the Alabama Baptist State Executive Board. John Chafin, promotional secretary for the Columbia Baptist (Houston County) Association, served as coordinator.

Chafin stated Baptists in the area are following the survey with a Sunday School enlargement campaign to reach the prospects from the survey.

The survey revealed there were 2,175 non-church members listed as having "Baptist preference." These were considered evangelistic prospects for Baptist churches. Another 634 children under the age of nine were also found as Baptist prospects.

### Graham at Houston

HOUSTON—Evangelist Billy Graham will be the principal speaker for Houston Baptist College's religious emphasis week on the campus Oct. 28-Nov. 1.

Graham has given the college, which opened in September as one of brand-new Southern Baptist schools, his acceptance to participate in the emphasis.

Houston Baptist College opened with about 350 freshmen students on its modern new campus in southwest Houston.

He will deliver the principal address on the college campus Oct. 30 at a rally open to the public.

### Arkansans to Alaska

DALLAS—Thirty-six visiting pastors and musicians will lead Baptist churches and missions in Alaska in simultaneous revivals Oct. 20 to Nov. 3.

Directing the crusade will be C. Y. Dossey of Dallas, associate in the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dossey said the churches of Alaska range in size from a handful of members to more than a thousand members. They are scattered over that state's almost 600,000 square miles, extending as far north as Fort Yukon.

The visiting ministers and musicians, representing 12 states, will have their expenses to Alaska paid by their own churches for the most part, and the Alaska churches will pay expenses while they are there.

State represented are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin.

Those taking part from Arkansas are:

Frank J. Baker, Pine Bluff; Prince E. Claybrook, Paragould; Dale Cowling, Little Rock; Robert D. Hatzfield, North Little Rock; Norman E. Lerch, Booneville; Paul Owens, Lake City; Bernes K. Selph, Benton.

# FMB aids Skoplje Baptists with appropriation

BY IONE GRAY

IN its September meeting the Foreign Mission Board accepted the resignation of Rev. Bill B. Cody, an associate secretary in the department for missionary personnel, who will become vice-president and director of administration for Christian Men, Incorporated, a foundation with offices in Dallas, Tex. Mr. Cody has been with the Board since June, 1955.

The Board appropriated \$3,000 from relief funds to aid Baptists in Skoplje, Yugoslavia, scene of devastating earthquakes in late July. The small Baptist congregation (about 10) escaped death and injury in the disaster; however, the Baptist church and pastor's home, purchased two years ago with the aid of Southern Baptists, will have to be entirely rebuilt. At the end of August, Pastor Strahil Grozdanov and his family were still living under a tar-paper shelter.

## 1964 budget prepared

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, reported that the administrative staff is now in the process of preparing the Board's 1964 budget for recommendation at the annual meeting in October.

"Budget preparation is a very extensive responsibility," he said. "It begins on the mission fields where the missionaries, in session, prayerfully draw up their recommendations to the Foreign Mission Board relative to needs they confront. Those needs are always far in excess of the funds available. One of the area secretaries indicates that unmet recommendations for capital needs alone totaled more than \$2,300,000 in his area last year.

"Next year's budget will need to be increased at least \$1,000,000 for operating purposes beyond the 1963 budget. This is made necessary by the fact that the appointment of missionaries in the current year must be followed by long-range provision for their maintenance and work.

"We have been functioning for several years upon the basis of a \$1,000,000 annual increase in the operating budget. We are grateful to our Lord that missionary giving has made possible these increases."

Dr. Cauthen reported that the Board now has four functioning area committees. (At its June meeting the Board divided the area of Africa, Europe, and the Near East to form an area of Africa and an area of Europe and the Middle East.)

Dr. Cauthen asked prayer for the series of evangelistic meetings to be held in the English-speaking Baptist churches of Europe, recently. Rev.

Joseph B. Underwood, the Board's consultant for evangelism and church development, and 24 pastors and musicians from the States are in Europe participating in this effort. "We are grateful for the pastors and music directors who have gone to help in this undertaking through the generosity of their churches, both from the standpoint of making available their leaders for this work and providing the expenses of their travel," Dr. Cauthen said.

## Focus on Vietnam

Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, told the Board that the current political, religious, and war conditions in South Vietnam have had little direct effect thus far on Southern Baptist missionaries and their work in the country.

One limitation placed by the Vietnam Government requires that the missionaries not travel through the countryside; however, they are able to go from city to city by plane. Though the restriction prevents the undertaking of rural evangelistic work at this time, Dr. Crawley said that since Vietnam is a new mission field (entered less than four years ago) the normal approach calls for the missionaries' efforts to first be concentrated in main cities anyway.

He said an indirect effect of the current situation may be the increasing responsiveness of the people to the gospel because of the uncertainties of their daily lives. One Baptist church has been formally organized, and there are a number of chapels and preaching points.

Southern Baptists have seven missionary couples under appointment for South Vietnam—"just one couple for each 2,000,000 people," Dr. Crawley noted. They are stationed in three cities.

Southern Baptists are the only major evangelical denomination at work in the country, the mission secretary said. "This certainly places upon us a greatly increased burden of responsibility," he said. "As world attention now focuses on Vietnam, let Christian compassion and prayer and the dedication of Southern Baptist missionary resources also be focused there!"

## Language schools hit record

"Thanks to an exceptionally fine year in missionary appointments, our language school families in Campinas, Brazil, and San Jose, Costa Rica, are the largest ever," Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, told the Board in his report. He said the Costa Rica family is composed of 56 adult missionary appointees and 67 children.

In addition to sending appointees for various Spanish-speaking countries to Costa Rica to study the language, Southern Baptists have a permanent missionary staff in the country of five couples, two of whom arrived only recently: Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Davis, formerly of Venezuela, and Rev. and Mrs. J. Curtis Brown, Jr., new appointees beginning language study.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Hill work with students, and Dr. Hill directs the Baptist theological institute. Rev. and Mrs. L. Laverne Gregory major on promotional work, which includes radio, television, encampment, and book store ministries. Rev. and Mrs. Sydney L. Goldfinch, Sr., have an "unusual opportunity" through a 15-minute radio program five days a week, called "The Christian Counselor." He answers questions sent in by listeners.

## Goerner takes Africa

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, who has served the Board as secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East since January, 1958, made public his decision to retain responsibility for Southern Baptist mission work in Africa. Upon dividing the area last June, the Board asked Dr. Goerner to choose one of the two new areas as his administrative responsibility and to continue serving as administrative secretary for both areas until such time as a secretary for the other area is prepared to assume his duties. The committee on Europe and the Middle East is expecting to make recommendation to the Board at its full meeting in October relative to the new area.

Dr. Goerner's September report dealt with Europe and the Near East, where he spent several weeks this summer and where he was involved in an automobile accident on July 25. "The experience has deeply impressed upon me the thin line which separates time from eternity and the miraculous nature of the escape which, by the grace of God, Dr. Robert L. Lindsey and I both experienced. . . . For me it was a spiritual experience of tremendous depth. . . . I wish to dedicate myself to Africa and its emerging people, so many of whom in this critical hour need to discover, as have some of us, that 'the eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.'"

REV. and Mrs. Robert S. Franks, Southern Baptist missionaries to Mexico, have moved to Mexico City to work with university students (they formerly were stationed in Chihuahua). Their address is Arequipa 909, Mexico 14, D.F., Mexico. He is a native of Okemah, Okla.; she is the former Sallie Dollins, of Paragould.

### Bible stewardship

TWO things among many others need to be stressed in every Baptist church, namely: the stewardship of money and soul-winning.



DR. DOUGLAS

Everything that Christians do hinges on these two phases of work. Unless we win people to Christ, we have no business existing as a Baptist denomination. But, in this day we'll not win many people to Christ unless we become better stewards of our money. Jesus said, "Show me the tribute money," and they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, "Whose is this image or superscription?" They say unto him, "Caesar's." Then he saith unto them, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." Jesus was saying, "This money has Caesar's stamp or image upon it, so give him his portion. But you have the stamp or image of God in you and you ought to give God that which rightfully belongs to him—your life, your time, and your money."

If somehow we can get this doctrine across to Baptists, we will be more effective Christians at home and around the world.

When it takes 25 or 35 Baptists a whole year to win one soul to Christ, God is not pleased. When Baptists keep 98½ cents of every dollar earned and give God 1½ cents, God is not pleased. It shows that we need to do a better job teaching our people how to become better disciples.

Baptists have money, time, influence, know-how, and everything else we need, except dedication to our task. And the reason we are not dedicated to soul-winning and giving is that they cost time and money.

But, Jesus said, "No man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God." A man who is not fit for the Kingdom of God is not fit to go to heaven and certainly not fit to belong to a Baptist church. Yet, apparently, many have joined our churches without knowing or having a desire to know God's blueprint for a Christian.

It is up to us as leaders to get on to the last part of the Commission, and put it into practice or our people will never be effective "goers" with the gospel.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

ELDER Silas T. Toncray organized the first Baptist church in Little Rock in 1824 and was its pastor until 1829.

### Now HEAR THIS!

YOU ASKED FOR IT! Now you can get it! The Music Men of Arkansas have recorded a 12-inch long-play high-fidelity album!

About four years ago, the Music Men sang for the first time at one of the State Conventions, under the direction of LeRoy McClard. Their singing was so well-received that it became something of a regular feature of the Convention programs, as well as for the Evangelistic conferences.

Every time they sang, many would ask, "Have you fellows made any recording of those songs? Where can we get one?" Until now, the answer had to be, "No, we have not made any recordings nor any plans to record."

Upon learning that Mr. McClard was moving to a new position outside the state, the Music Men felt that this was the time to make a recording. A date was set, the word was spread, and the men gathered in Little Rock for a recording session that lasted five and one-half hours. At the end of that time, 15 songs had been recorded, and the album, "A Steadfast Faith in Song" was ready for pressing.

The numbers were recorded and the albums are being made by Century Recording Company of Fort Worth. The 15 songs make up about 41 minutes of hymns and gospel songs that you have enjoyed at the Conventions. The album includes "The Haven of Rest", "Stars in My Crown", "Blessed Assurance", "Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus", and many others. It will be in a beautiful full-color jacket, with the names of the men in the chorus and something of the story of the group on the back.

These recordings will first be available at the State Convention in Little Rock, Nov. 5-7. If you would like to order one before the release date, write to the Church, Music Department, Baptist Building, Little Rock, and an album will be reserved for you. The price of the album is \$4.—Charles O. Mayo, Minister of Music, First Church, Benton

### Foundation

#### One of a hundred

IN this issue, on another, page, is an appeal by Dr. C. W. Caldwell regarding a revolving loan fund. We would like to ask you to read this page and help in this worthy project. Our goal is \$100,000.

For many years the missions department has been helping these smaller churches to build their houses of worship. The help has been in the form of gifts and this limits their work in other mission projects. With a Revolving Loan Fund, these churches still build and the missions department would be able to enlarge their ministry in other areas.

We believe that there a hundred people

in Arkansas who would like to extend their witness for the Master in this way. Several have verbally committed themselves to do so. The time has now come for more positive action. It is nearing the end of the tax year and such contributions are tax deductible.

Why not write today and say "I will be one of a hundred to give a thousand dollars if the other \$99,000.00 is given." We would like to secure this fund immediately and start its operation by Jan. 1, 1964. Write to C. W. Caldwell or Ed McDonald, Jr., 401 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas.

### Evangelism

#### Construction work

RECENTLY I heard Bro. Marion Fray, at the Sherwood Baptist Church give a devotional in an Adult Sunday



MR. REED

School Department assembly on his experience in construction work. He listed three simple basic rules to follow: 1. Choice of materials. 2. Have a good set of plans carefully checked. 3. Work. In building buildings, a railroad, a canal, a church building or a church program or anything

else, these basic rules need to be followed.

In our Evangelism work we are to follow the New Testament plan of organize, agonize and evangelize. We may organize and agonize but unless we visit the people for whom we pray we shall lose our compassion for them. If we do not visit them we shall not enlist them or win them to Christ.

Recently a member of a Baptist Church and a business man said, "I love my pastor. He is a good preacher but I wish he would visit." In my opinion, nothing can take the place of prayer and visitation.

Many times in our visiting and personal work we get much good material for sermons.

A few weeks ago a pulpit committee went to hear a pastor in view of inviting him to their church as a prospective pastor. When they met with him to discuss the work he informed them immediately that his business was to preach, and that it was the business of the members to visit. Well, certainly the members should visit, and of course his main business is to preach the Word of God but he needs to visit for his own sake and for the sake of lost souls. He needs to set the example in visitation and soul winning.

Oh yes, the committee turned him down.

We may have good material and a good set of plans but unless we work the plans they are no good. How long has it been since you won a soul to Christ? —Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism



## Clearing the picture

by

Robert S. Cook, director of Adult Work; and LeRoy Ford, editor of Adult Lesson courses.

WITH the current introduction of so many new features in Training Union Adult work, some confusion has been expected. Adult Interpretation Clinics, therefore, have been scheduled this fall in states across the Convention territory to interpret the new features and clear up existing points of confusion as desired flexibility is introduced. One item, however, seems to need more immediate clarification. This item is the relationship between the new lesson courses and the union organization plan.

The choice of Adult quarterlies (lesson course materials) is not dependent upon the organization plan to be used by the union; nor is the union restricted to choosing either organization plan because of the quarterly(ies) which it prefers to use.

### THREE QUARTERLIES

There are three quarterlies now available for use in Adult unions: Baptist Adults, Baptist Young Adults, and Training Union Quarterly Simplified. Unions may choose to use one or more of these.

Baptist Adults and Baptist Young Adults contain different units of study, including an undated unit in the back of each quarterly. Unions may use either of these quarterlies, or both, in order to choose between individual units which they prefer in the current light of needs of members and the church.<sup>1</sup>

The Training Union Quarterly Simplified contains the same dated units found in Baptist Adults, but with the type enlarged and the content reduced to its simplest form of expression. This quarterly will be preferred by some unions.<sup>2</sup>

### TWO ORGANIZATION PLANS

There are two organization patterns now available for use by Adult unions: the "Regular" Plan and the "Alternate" Plan. Any union may choose to use either of these.

The "Regular" Organization Plan utilizes the traditional approach with groups and committees and eight to nine officers.<sup>3</sup>

The "Alternate" Organization Plan uses no groups or standing committees and three to four officers.<sup>4</sup>

### MATERIALS AVAILABLE

For complete explanations of the quarterlies and organization plans the following references are listed according to footnote numbers made at the end of descriptions above.

- 1 Free leaflet, "What's New for Adults in 1963-1964?" and Baptist Training Union Magazine, October, 1963, page 17.
- 2 Baptist Training Union Magazine, October, 1963, page 11.

3 Free booklet, "To Help You Work With Adults," and Baptist Adult Union Manual.

4 Free booklet, "Alternate Adult Union Organization," and Baptist Training Union Magazine, October, 1963, pp. 18-19.

ORDER: Manual from nearest Baptist Book Store; Magazine from Church Literature Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville 3, Tennessee; and free printed items from your state Training Union Department.

### CLINIC DATES

The Adult Interpretation Clinic which will serve our state will be held at Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, Oct. 28, 1963, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Workshops for Nursery through Young People will also meet at this same time and place.

PIONEER Baptist preachers of 1814 in Arkansas included George Gill near Batesville and Caleb Lindsey, Jesse James, J. P. Edwards and Benjamin Clark in the Fourche de Thomas section in Lawrence county.

### Brotherhood

## There is still time

YES, THERE is still time to train Brotherhood officers and Royal Ambassador counselors for the new year although the new associational year has already started. It is better to be a little late with the officers training clinic than not to have it at all. For a successful program of Brotherhood work all officers should be trained for their duties. No officer in any organization can



MR. SEATON

be expected to do a good job unless he is trained in the work he is supposed to do. Make some definite plans to hold a clinic for all Brotherhood officers soon. The Brotherhood Department will be happy to help you in securing leadership for the clinic.

If all Brotherhood officers have not been elected, secure them before the clinic if possible. By all means complete the organization so that it may function properly. A car cannot go very far with one wheel missing and a Brotherhood cannot go very far with one or two officers missing. Brotherhood can and will aid any pastor, and church if it is properly organized and the leadership is trained.

### ROYAL AMBASSADOR REGISTRATION

Royal Ambassador chapters should be registered with the beginning of the new associational year. The "Counselor's Planbook" has a registration form to mail to the Brotherhood Department,

or the chapter may be registered by sending the chapter's name, the church, association, RA leader, and addresses, and counselors name and address on a postal card to the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Be sure that each chapter in your church is registered.

### FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

The state Royal Ambassador fellowship supper will be held on Monday night, Nov. 4, at Immanuel Church. The supper is an annual affair and is the only state-wide Royal Ambassador meeting during the fall months. This year the supper will be during Royal Ambassador Week in the churches and will be an excellent kick-off activity for chapter members to attend. More information regarding the supper will be mailed to counselors soon.

The new associational year offers many challenges and opportunities for Brotherhood and Royal Ambassadors in the Lord's work. Let's make it a great year, for the Master and His work.

If the Brotherhood Department can be of service to you, call on us—C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary

## Discard Your Autumn Worries



Autumn can become a nightmare to church Brotherhood officers who think they must plan a new year of programs by themselves.

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All for only \$1 a copy or 85 cents each for five or more.

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Dept. A, Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar, Memphis 4, Tennessee. (Checks should accompany orders of less than \$5. Give name of church and where Handbooks should be mailed. Charge accounts available to churches.)

AN INVITATION TO BE

ONE OF ONE HUNDRED CHARTER MEMBERS

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# REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The Department of Missions and the Foundation are working together in establishing a revolving loan fund of \$100,000 to be used in making loans to new and small churches on their building programs.

## HOW WILL THE FUND BE SECURED?

It is hoped that the initial objective of \$100,000 may be secured by 100 people agreeing to give \$1,000 each and thus become "Charter Members." No individual, agreeing to be

one of one hundred, will be expected to make payment until the entire goal has been reached. It is a case of: "I will if 99 others will."

## WHY ESTABLISH SUCH A FUND?

First, a new church has no credit with lending agencies and thus faces difficulty in securing a loan.

Second, the Home Mission Board of Atlanta which has, through the years, made loans to Arkansas churches is now concentrating mostly on the "Pioneer" areas of our nation. Hence, churches are constantly inquiring if Ar-

kansas Baptists have a loan fund.

Third, by providing a loan for these new and weak churches, it will not be necessary then to make as many outright gifts as is now being done.

Fourth, churches will appreciate a Convention that helped in a time of need and will accept advice on finances and building plans.

## WHO WILL HANDLE THE FUNDS?

The Baptist Foundation, made up of outstanding business men, will handle all funds and approve all loans. The Department of Missions will assist in securing factual informa-

tion on churches making application. The funds will be used over and over again in helping the new and weak churches.

## WILL YOU BE ONE OF ONE HUNDRED?

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Ed F. McDonald, Jr.

C. W. Caldwell

Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark.

**Dictionary of the Bible**, Edited by James Hastings, Revised Edition by Frederick C. Grant and H. H. Rowley, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1963, \$15

The revision of this volume which has been a standard tool of Bible scholars for more than 50 years is a great boon. Incorporated now is much new knowledge which has come as a result of modern excavation, a better understanding of the Biblical languages, and advances in Biblical research in general.

Bible scholarship today affords greater caution in textual criticism than formerly, and there is a heightened interest in worship and in Biblical theology.

As the revision was in progress, competent scholars studied all of the original entries in the Dictionary. Some were continued with no change, others were partly changed, and still others were completely rewritten. Every care has been taken in the interest of ensuring that the information in the new version is accurate and in line with present-day knowledge.

There have been many new entries added, such as the Dead Sea Scrolls, and sometimes with Biblical terms not included in the old editions. Yet, the over-all length of the book has been kept to near that of the original work, so that the reader can still have the Dictionary in one handy volume for ready reference.

The present editors are outstanding Bible scholars—Dr. Grant, of the New Testament, and Dr. Rowley, of the Old Testament.

**Your Child from Birth to Rebirth**, by Anna B. Mow, Zondervan, 1963, \$2.95

Dr. Mow, a retired Church of the Brethren minister, missionary and teacher, deals with such questions as: "What is the basic responsibility that Christian parents have toward their children?"

"Do we as Christians know exactly what it is we want our Children to learn?"

"Exactly what is Christian education?"

She exposes the failures and inadequacies in the Christian education of many children. Real-life illustrations and examples add greatly to the book's readability and value.

**Men Twice Born**, compiled and edited by David R. Enlow, Zondervan, 1963, \$2.95

This is a collection of more than two dozen "remarkable true stories of lives transformed." With each story is carried a picture of the man and his personal testimony. Included are business executives, professional men, athletes, men who come from every area of existence.

THURSDAY afternoon at an associational ministerial meeting at Smackover, I had the privilege of hearing Dr. Erwin McDonald, the editor of our *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, speak to us from his heart concerning his position as a Christian editor. I say to you sincerely that I came away thanking God for this man, his courage, his forthrightness, and above all, his magnanimous, Christian spirit. I have felt for sometime now that our *Arkansas Baptist* is one of the better, if not the best, Baptist newsmagazines in the Convention, and after hearing its editor I am even more convinced of its superior quality.

I thank God our editor has the courage to major on the major issues of our day instead of simply defending a stale status quo.

I have never heard from you anything but appreciation for our *Newsmagazine* and editor, but I want to say to you—if you are ever disturbed by what you read, then do not close your mind and set your paper aside. Plow on, read it, pray about it, then do not become an ostrich and hide from that which disturbs you but purpose in your heart to pray for our editor, thanking God for Dr. McDonald for having the courage, in these days, to express his faith as an individual Christian, editor, and churchman. Then if after prayer and genuine heart searching, you are still disturbed by what you have read, don't spread your disturbance to others, but write to our editor, explain your true feeling, and I promise that Dr. McDonald will answer your questions honestly, for he and he alone can speak for himself, and as a servant of God, he must speak his heart—not to please us, but God.

Let us be thankful for the freedom of press which allows us to express our faith, therefore read carefully each edition of our newsmagazine, searching not for that which will agree with our prejudice or viewpoint but searching for that truth which will expand our hearts, our hopes, our vision, even if it means blasting out of our lives the stumps of preconceived notions, cloudy thinking, and popular opinion. Let our minds and hearts dare to be guided only by the Holy Spirit, rather than by the pressures of theological bias and personal prejudice.—Danny Griffin, Pastor, Elliott Baptist Church, Route 2, Camden, in his church bulletin of Sept. 29.

## Facts of interest

... ON the night of April 22, 1964, a 12-billion-candlepower beam above Flushing Meadows will signal the opening of the New York World's Fair. More than 150 pavilions representing 37 foreign countries, scores of United States industries, two dozen states, and the Federal Government will make their public bow. The billion dollar fair is expected to draw 70 million persons between the opening and closing night, October 17, 1965, after two six-month fair weather seasons.

... Eldon K. Siebel, a Dallas chest surgeon, has said that every cigarette smoked reduces the life span of the smoker eight to ten minutes. He told a symposium on smoking and health of youth in Dallas, Texas, recently that nonsmokers have a 280-1 chance of escaping lung cancer. A pack-a-day smoker has a 10-to-1 chance, and the odds are 2-to-5 against the smoker who inhales two packs a day.

... Lieutenant Colonel Arthur E. Grant, Brooks General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, has reported that ice is being used for numbing pain instead of tranquilizing or relaxing drugs. This treatment enables early exercise of the painful muscle areas. The scientific term for the treatment is cryokinetics—"cryo" referring to cold; and kinetics, to motions.

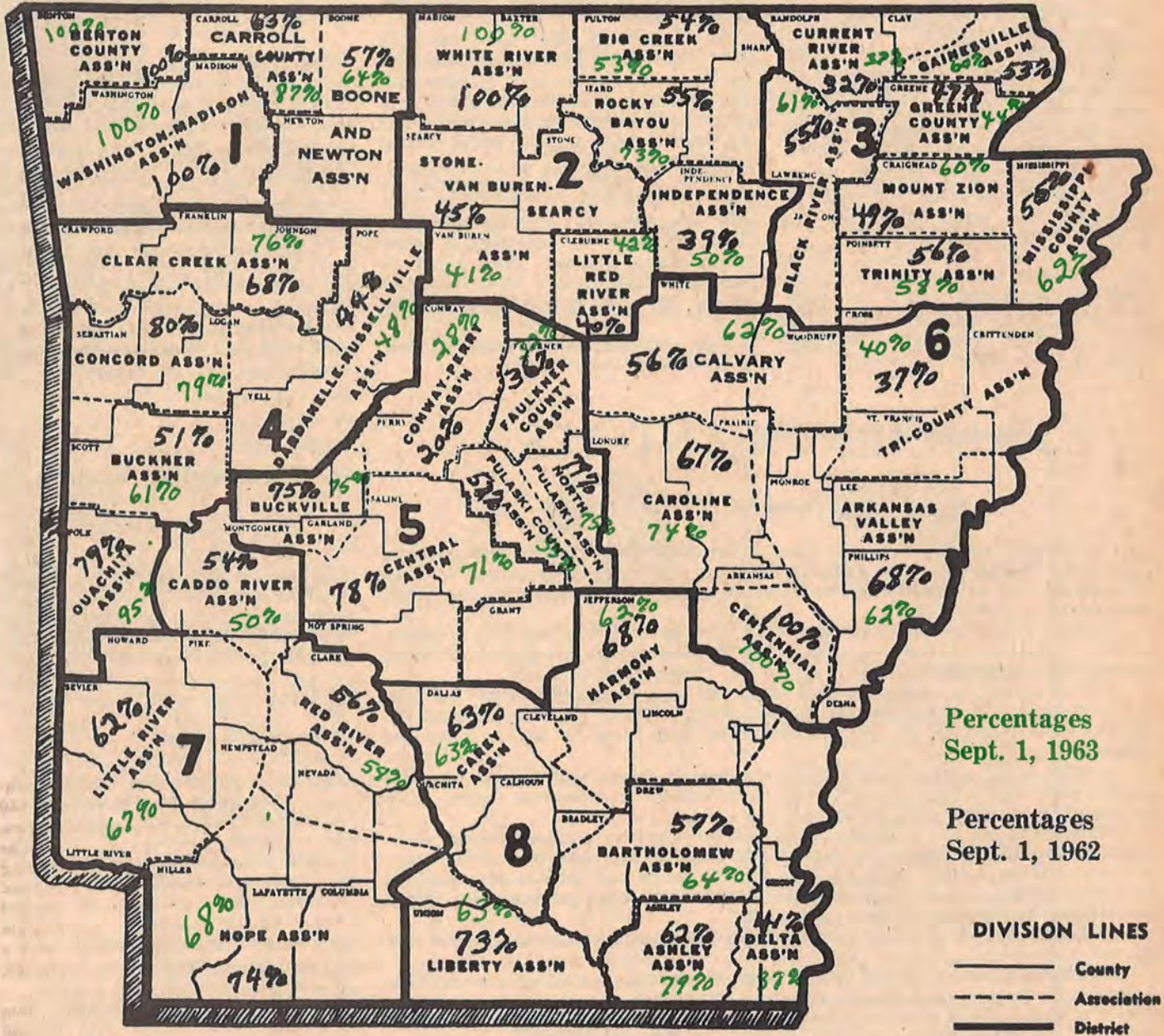
... A series of 63 one-day regional convocations on the "Bishop' Mission on the Parish Ministry" will be held Sept. 23—Dec. 3 by the Methodist Church to promote religious vocations. The first one will be held in Alexandria, La.; and the last one, in Los Angeles. These will be supplemented with convocations in Oregon and Indiana at a later date.—Survey Bulletin.

# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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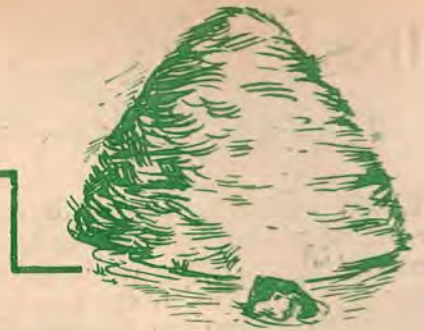
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# OBEYING MOTHER BEAVER



By George H. Clement

FRED and his brother Jack, along with their hound Rex, were enjoying their Saturday afternoon ramble through the woods. A startled red squirrel ran up a tree trunk and from a lower branch flipped its bushy tail as it made a barking sound. Rex looked up and wagged his tail.

"Who said animals can't talk?" laughed Fred. "Why, that squirrel's tail and bark said, 'Don't bother me; go away.' It was as plain as if he spoke."

"And Rex's tail said, 'Come on; let's play,'" added Jack.

The boys had gone through to the other side of the woods and were approaching the river. Suddenly Jack grabbed Fred's arm.

"Look! Three baby beavers are at work on those small trees over on the bank," he whispered.

"Look at that big beaver out in the river carrying branches," exclaimed Fred. "I guess that's the mother."

Just then Jack stepped on a dry limb of a tree. It made a loud cracking noise. Immediately, Mother Beaver slapped her tail loudly against the water. It sounded like a pistol shot. The baby beavers hurried down the bank and into the water.

No sooner did they slide into the river than Father Beaver poked his head out of the water. He kept it there until the mother and babies were safely submerged. Then he went underwater, and no doubt headed for his brush-covered house.

"Well, if that wasn't something to see!" exclaimed Jack. "A beaver talks with his tail, too. The mother said, 'Danger! Hurry to safety!' and those babies didn't hesitate. They didn't do what we often do, ask why. They just obeyed the warning without asking why."

That evening the boys told their parents what they had seen.

Their father said "Doesn't that remind you of what Jesus said about the mother hen and her chickens. He said that she gathers them under her wings for protection. She gives a little warning sound and all the chickens run for safety. He sadly said that he would have acted as a similar shelter for Israel, but the people would not hear him."

"I was reading Isaiah just this morning," added their mother. "He said that the ox knows his owner, but Israel had refused to acknowledge their owner, Jehovah. What a pity that animals show more wisdom in some ways than human beings."

## ANCIENT SANDALS

—By Thelma C. Carter

SANDALS, brightly colored in many different patterns, fill our shop windows. Many have thongs to hold the soles to the feet. Have you ever stopped to think that sandals are not something new? Few of us know how ancient is this simple protection of the feet.

Centuries ago, handmade sandals were worn by cave men and lake dwellers. History tells of ancient foot coverings in the shape of sandals being made of woven grasses, flax, and reeds.

Carved scenes on walls of ancient caves and also stone tablets show warriors, kings, children, and others wearing sandals. Many museums of today have on display valuable collections of sandals, which have been found in ancient caves and buildings.

In Bible lands, sandal makers fashioned sandals from tough leather and soft animal skins. Egyptian craftsmen were clever artists in decorating sandals with mother-of-pearl, ivory, gold, and silver.

Members of the king's household and rich persons were particular about wearing elaborate sandals. Most other persons had plain, simply made soles with thongs of leather. When soldiers were about to go into battle and on military missions, they wore sandals made of tough material combined with iron. Sometimes iron-tipped sandals became weapons of warfare.

In Egypt, sandals often were turned up at the toe. Other designs, rounded and pointed, were worn.

According to custom, people usually removed sandals when going indoors. They seldom wore their sandals during mealtime. Sandals also were removed when a person entered a place of importance or when he was meeting people of title and rank.

Sandals were often referred to as shoes. To cast off the shoes in approaching a place of worship was considered a mark of reverence. When Moses approached the burning bush, the Lord told him to remove his shoes for he was standing on holy ground (Exodus 3:5). In Joshua 5:15, we learn that later Joshua received a similar command.

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## Four-letter names

BY HELEN PETTIGREW

IN this rhymed quiz, some numbers could be answered with more than one name except for the fact that each name in the answers contains only four letters. Can you tell who was:

1. Naomi's "grandson"?
2. Boaz's wife?
3. Jonathan's father, a man of strife?
4. Laban's daughter—the older, we list her?
5. Jezebel's husband?
6. Martha's sister?
7. Cush's grandfather?
8. James's brother?
9. Adam's third son?
10. Obed's mother?
11. Timothy's grandmother?
12. Isaac's son?
13. The son of Jacob who's a priestly one?

## ANSWERS

1. Obed, 2. Ruth, 3. Saul, 4. Leah, 5. Ahab, 6. Mary, 7. Noah, 8. John, 9. Seth, 10. Ruth, 11. Lois, 12. Esau, 13. Levi.

# INNER URGE

By J. I. COSSEY

EVERY one should be thankful for an inner urge. It could easily become your "pearl of great price."

The inner urge is usually started in childhood. It should continue to be a guiding force in our lives.

The seed of success is within us. Each of us should take plenty of time to work out

our own success system. This system should embrace at least three working forces; first, an inner urge to do the job; second, a knowledge of how to do it; and third, do it now.

Don't be ruled by the imagination of inabilities and limitations, but go on—you might be in reach of success. It is wise to be influenced by such success principles as: obedience to parents; obedience to the law of the land; and obedience to every urge to be religious. It is not recorded that any person has proved to be worse off by getting right with God.

We may read success stories and follow the example of those who have succeeded. However, the big success will come only to those who "feel" success within their very being. The winning force is within you. Give it freedom, cultivate it, let it out. Give that inner urge the right of way in your life and you will soon be on top. If you have success on the inside of you, let it out.

Billy Graham is our most outstanding evangelist because he has an inner faith that will not plan failure. He has an inner faith to believe that he can successfully underwrite a million dollar overhead expense for a big city crusade. He succeeds on the inside before he succeeds on the outside. One can usually do whatever he

believes he can do. Men of great faith are men of great victories. When you feel success you will have success.

It is the inner urge to be saved that sends the penitent sinner to his knees in prayerful surrender. It is that inner desire to render service that sends the young convert forward to request church membership and a life of religious activity.

When you go out to work for the Lord, don't come back until you have worked. When you go out to preach a sermon, preach it, don't say it. When you go out to do a thing, don't come back until you have done it.

If you want a better home, make the one you have better; if you want a richer farm, make the one you have richer; and if you want a better church, make the one you have better.

Just what you want may be just around the corner. Go get it.

Whatever you are on the inside,

## Leprosarium continues

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Missionary News Service here reports that the leprosarium operated in Banmethuot, Viet Nam, by the Christian and Missionary Alliance reports an increase of 200 new believers in the Mnong villages, a small Bahnar community turned to the Lord, and seven patients in attendance at a recent short-term Bible school.

When the Communist Viet Cong forces captured Dr. Ardel Vietti, the Rev. Archie Mitchell, and Dan Gerber on May 30, 1962, the work was left without a doctor, without a superintendent and without an agricultural assistant. Residence at the leprosarium was forbidden, the district was declared insecure and travel was restricted.

However, with the gradual easing of restrictions, a medical team is again holding monthly clinics in 22 villages, and 150 patients needing special care are being treated at the leprosarium, which is staffed by tribal personnel trained by the missionaries.

The three missionaries abducted over a year ago are still prisoners of the Communists.

that is what you are. Solomon said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."



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# Christian purity

BY JOHN R. MADDOX, PASTOR  
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Lesson Text: First Corinthians 5-7

THE greatest single hindrance to the on-going of God's kingdom is sin in the lives of professed followers of Christ, for Christians, through impurity in their lives, to drag the church of the living God down into the mire and the mud of sin. Any church can more easily be destroyed by sin from within than from fierce attacks, or persecution, from without. The truth of the matter is that persecution has a way of strengthening the church. This is precisely what churches of the first century experienced (Acts 8).



DR. MADDOX

Paul believed with all of his heart that Christians should live a pure and a separated life.

Let us note three important things concerning Christian purity:

Let us note three important things concerning Christian purity:

## A. Christian Purity Was Lacking in This Membership at Corinth.

THERE was much immorality among the members of this church. This immorality was greater than that among the heathen. In one case it got so terrible that a man took his father's wife (I Cor. 5:1). Though all of this was true, they were still full of pride and did not even remove from among them the man who was guilty of this terrible sin.

Even though Paul was not there with them, through this letter he pronounced them guilty of much sin. There was a great need for that church to discipline those who were so guilty of sin. Church discipline is a Bible doctrine which has just about been forgotten in our churches. However, on many of our mission fields churches attempt to practice church discipline as taught in the Bible. When the Bible way of church discipline is practiced, it will help the one who is disciplined, as well as the entire membership. It will also show to the world that it means something to be a member of a Baptist church.

By our actions we are as guilty today as were the members of the church at Corinth. It is only too true that today a person may retain membership in a Baptist church and be, or do, just about everything the devil wants him to. Most Baptist churches today do nothing about individuals who are living in terrible sin, because we are more afraid to offend some individual, or his relatives, than we are to offend the church, which is the bride of Christ.

Many civic clubs demand higher standards, and allegiance, for their members than is demanded of the members of a Baptist church. This should not be! May God help us to have greater love and respect for the church, the bride of Christ.

## B. Christian Purity is Needed Badly.

THE members of the church at Corinth were even taking their differences and troubles to be settled by the public courts where heathen judges did the judging. Paul felt that it was an indictment upon their Christianity that they did not find among themselves Christians (or believers) who could judge among them (I Cor. 6:1-2). This showed Paul that there was something badly wrong with their individual relationship with Christ (I Cor. 6:7).

Paul reminded them that the wicked would not inherit the kingdom of God. They used to be counted with the wicked, but were now justified through the blood of Christ. Therefore, they were not to use their body for sinful purposes, but were to return to living as Christ would have them live (I Cor. 6:9-14). Paul admonished them to "flee from immorality" (I Cor. 6:18). They belonged to Christ and they should not allow themselves to be immoral, for they would be sinning against their own body (I Cor. 6:19-20).

Today we also need to realize that our bodies have been "bought with a price." We belong to Christ, who has bought us with such a great price, even his precious blood (I Peter 1:19). Jesus gave his life as "ransom" for ours (Matt. 20:28). When we fully realize just how much Christ has done, we will only want

to use our bodies in a way that will bring glory to Christ, our Redeemer.

## C. Christian Purity and the Subject of Marriage.

PAUL now turns from the things which had been reported to him by word of mouth to the things specifically asked him in the letter which he received from the church at Corinth. There were several things they wanted to know about marriage. If we had the exact questions which they asked Paul, doubtless his answers would be even more meaningful to us.

One of the questions had to do with whether or not they ought to marry at all. Paul seems to be saying that in certain situations it is better not to marry. Not being married would preclude no bodily contact between the sexes, thus more fully devoting one's thoughts and energies to the spiritual, rather than the physical things. One would not have the responsibilities and ties which go along with having a family, and thus one would have more time to put directly into the work of spreading the gospel.

Because of strong physical desires, and because of much immorality, Paul said that it is well for each man to have his own wife, and each woman to have her own husband (I Cor. 7:1-2). Paul here seems to be commanding monogamy and forbidding divorce. However, Paul is not specifically dealing with the subject of divorce here. Paul does not command people to marry, but his personal advice (not a specific command from God) is to give permission, or concession, for people to marry. Paul concedes that every man must act in the light of his own "gift of God" (I Cor. 7:7).

A word of instruction which Paul has for those who are already married is that they should not break up the home, but remain married, and this is a command of God, he says (I Cor. 7:10-11). To Paul, marriage is a permanent condition.

Then Paul discusses the problem of a Christian marrying a non-Christian. He said that it would be right and proper to remain married. The idea is brought out that the unbelieving mate is sanctified by the believing mate. This does not mean that one is saved by being married to a believer, but that the marriage itself is holy, and the children are born in wedlock (I Cor. 7:14). There is also a good possibility that if this Christian-pagan marriage is continued, the Christian might have influence in winning the pagan mate to Christ (I Cor. 7:16).

Christian purity will only be attained as a Christian individual will allow Christ to control the whole of his life, including his body, mind, and soul.

September 29, 1963

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alpena, First	89	47	
Osage Mission	87		
Berryville, Freeman Hts.	174	72	
Blytheville, First	726	228	2
Crossett, First	615	181	1
Dumas, First	309	106	
El Dorado, East Main	263	121	1
Fort Smith			
First	988	291	2
Missions	451	152	
Grand Avenue	741	812	25
Mission	25		
Green Forest	141	71	
Harrison, Eagle Hgts.	301	98	
Huntsville, Calvary	44	25	1
Jacksonville			
First	450	242	5
Marshall Road	166	78	3
Second	237	97	
Jasper	68	37	
Jonesboro			
Central	512	198	17
Nettleton	276	127	
Lavaca, First	269	170	
Little Rock			
First	983	343	7
White Rock	33	17	
Highway	207	81	1
Immanuel	1248	457	5
Forest Tower	36	29	
Kerr	31	20	
Rosedale	262	109	8
McGehee, First	434	202	
Chapel	115	62	
Marked Tree, First	164	78	
Monticello, Second	233	180	2
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	780	233	
Southside	44	22	
Camp Robinson	55		
Calvary	450	134	
Gravel Ridge, First	184	100	2
Runyan Chapel	22	22	25
Sylvan Hills First	267	110	
Paragould	493	211	1
Siloam Springs	336	222	
Springdale			
Caudle Ave.	143	82	
First	480	160	
Van Buren			
First	487	156	
Second	72	45	2
Vandervoort First	59	32	
Warren, Immanuel	300	93	
Chapel	75	45	

## Good ole days

"WHEN we were first married you were only too glad to wipe the dishes." "I know, but that was when we had only two dishes."

## Cybernetics

A BUSINESS firm wrote to another corporation, saying, "Our electronic brain has computed that the cost of the work you want done will be . . ."

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## Time Tested

A PERT young steno rushed into the office 15 minutes late on the first morning she reported for work.

"Young lady," the supervisor said, "you're late already!"

"Oh, no, sir," she replied, "I just took my coffee break before I came in."

## Consultation

A YOUNG surgeon received a telephone call from a colleague who invited him to make a fourth at golf.

"Going out, dear?" asked his wife suspiciously.

"I'm afraid so," was the brave reply. "It's a very important case. There are three doctors there already."

## Teacher

A TRAMP paused at a farm house. "Clear out," shouted the woman. "I hain't got no wood to chop. There ain't nothin' you could do around here."

"There is, madam," retorted the wayfarer with dignity. "I could give you a few lessons in grammar."

## Heard round the World

GRANDFATHER was taking a nap, and his little grandson was sent to call him to dinner.

"Was he asleep?" asked his mother when Tommy came back.

"All but his nose," was the reply.

## She's fired

BOSS, to recently hired steno: "Now, I hope you thoroughly understand the importance of punctuation."

"Oh, yes," the sweet young thing replied, "I always get to work on time."

## Beginning of battle

REPORTS from a country newspaper on a local romance:

" . . . and the couple were married last Wednesday, thus ending a friendship which began in their school days."

name change was caused by the recent action of the city council changing the name of Carpenter Road to MacArthur Blvd.

Our pastor, [Jack D. Edmonds] is from Fort Smith, Arkansas and was ordained and licensed by the First Baptist Church in Fort Smith. Many in Arkansas are familiar with this church and we would appreciate note in the Arkansas Baptist that our name has been changed.—Joanne Gardner, Church Secretary, MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church, 2616 MacArthur Blvd., Irving, Tex.

## Preacher's '16 Tons'

LETS wring out the Teachers crying towel, and hang it in the Preachers Kitchen. I have written to rhyme, a few things that "If I were a preacher—I would cry about:"

### Beyond The Call of Duty

or

### Preachers' 16 Tons

With his literature found he ends the search, Picks up his Bible and walks to the Church.

He will answer the phone twenty times today,

And listen to folks with nothing to say! Fatal words—"How are you?" when you speak, 'Cause

They're gonna tell you the rest of the week!

You can feel yourself growing tired and old—

And you know by now the supper is cold;

There are forty nine calls in that many nights

For him to settle the fusses and fights— If you need him don't call 'cause he can't come—

They called him to jail for a skid-row-bum;

A sure cure for ills that turn people sour

Just charge them twenty five dollars an hour!—Etheree Armstrong, Rt. 5, Malvern

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## Winner or loser?

GUEST at wedding reception: "Are you the bridegroom?"

Young man: "No ma'am, I was eliminated in the semi-finals."

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Do you promise to torment, terrorize, desecrate, and defile, so help you God?"



## Bar church building

WARSAW (EP)—Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, who has been making a number of addresses denouncing the Communist government's denial of religious freedom, has now spoken out against restrictions to Catholic church building.

In a sermon at Holy Cross Church near here, he said that parishes in Warsaw which need about 40 new churches have been unable to get permits to build, even though they have sites and construction materials available.

"Someone has been planning that Warsaw shall become a city without God," he declared.

While the Church found no obstacles after World War II to reconstructing Catholic "temples and historical monuments," the Primate said, "since that time something has changed, something has been hardened."

The Communist regime has intensified efforts to weaken the Church's influence on national life, following a period of relative calm between the Church and State.

Recent anti-Church actions by the government have included criticism of Pope Paul VI in the controlled press and accusations against the hierarchy for taking a firmer position against Communism.

A Church-State Commission, set up in 1956, has held a number of meetings to discuss new issues between Catholics and the government. The commission had been inactive for several years.

## In the world of religion

... SEVENTY-one per cent of families in the Greater Detroit Area have at least one member who belongs to a church and who attends services at least once a month. This is the preliminary finding of a poll concluded by the Greater Detroit Religious Survey which covered 156,410 churching and 62,826 unchurched families in Wayne, South Oakland, and Macomb Counties. Roman Catholics accounted for 49 per cent of those families surveyed; Lutherans, 13.3 per cent; Baptists, 9.8 per cent; Methodists, 8 per cent; and Presbyterians, 7 per cent.

... Ralph W. Sockman, prominent Methodist churchman who retired last year as preacher on the "National Radio Pulpit" after thirty-four years, will return to that program to mark the observance of its fortieth anniversary. He will serve as guest preacher for thirteen weeks, beginning Sunday, October 6; and his general topic will be "Questions We Keep Asking."

... Students at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, have begun using the school's new eight million dollar Memorial Library, believed to be the largest college library building in the world. The 13-story structure has a capacity of two million volumes and can seat 4,000 students, or nearly half of the undergraduate body at one time.—Survey Bulletin

## No separation seen

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (EP)—Love of God and love of neighbor cannot be separated, said a prominent German Protestant churchman here at a World Council of Churches' consultation on "The Churches in Mission."

"Religious people can become very inhuman when they forget that love of neighbor is an essential part of the Gospel," said Dr. Martin Niemoeller, president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse and Nassau and one of the six presidents of the World Council.

The speaker cited tragic events in Germany during World War II, when concentration camps were evidence of a lack of man's love for his neighbor. Dr. Niemoeller was imprisoned by the Nazis from 1937 to 1945.

The consultation, at Yale Divinity School, was attended by about 150 clergymen, laymen and women, church board executives, theologians and sociologists from several U.S. and Canadian Protestant organization.

## Test college aid tax

WASHINGTON—Four prominent educators have challenged the constitutionality of Maryland laws that give \$2,500,000 of state tax funds to four sectarian colleges for construction of three science buildings, a classroom building, a dining hall and a dormitory.

Edgar Fuller, executive secretary of the Council of Chief State School Officers, speaking for the Committee on Constitutional Law of the Horace Mann League, explained the objective of the legal action of the group. He said:

"We are not dealing with the politics of education legislation. We are dealing with the constitutional rights of American citizens and taxpayers to have their funds used for public purposes. Our concern is for tax funds for sectarian use. The politics of it are irrelevant. We have a principle here that is not for sale."

## Fair Sabbath law

NEW YORK (EP)—The New York City Council unanimously approved a "Fair Sabbath" law permitting small "mom and pop" stores here to open on Sunday if they close on another day for religious reasons.

Action on the measure came after New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller signed legislation last April giving the city local option on the state's Sunday closing laws.

The new law, which now goes to Major Robert Wagner for signature, replaces a city statute which forbids Sunday trade except between the hours of 4 and 7:30 p.m.

An estimated 2,000 businesses will be permitted to remain open Sundays now under the measure which applies only to stores operated by owners and their immediate families.

The measure had been endorsed by the State Council of Churches, the Protestant Council of the City of New York, and a number of Jewish agencies working through the New York Committee on Jewish Affairs.

Some Roman Catholics had contended that the law would affect the common-day-of-rest provision of state statutes. However, after Gov. Rockefeller signed the enabling legislation, America, a national Catholic weekly published here, advocated adoption of the measure.

Many Jewish civic and religious groups had complained that the old city statute had imposed economic hardship on Orthodox Jewish storekeepers who closed Saturdays in observance of their Sabbath. Seventh-day Adventists also supported the measure.

The law applies, however, to persons of any religious persuasion who close their stores for religious reasons on a day other than Sunday. Police enforcement of the old law had been sporadic.

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